Probus Club Donates Dolls to Boys and Girls Village in Milford



New Haven: We continue to expand our Comfort Cuties program – by delivering eight more dolls to the Boys and Girls Village in Milford. Pam Nichols was thrilled to accept these for the reintegration of families children's programs. We have been fortunate enough to assist the Village in the past with socks, blankets, and other donations. They have also come up to Bethany for shopping (for clothing) for residential programs, and incoming students. This doll program has been successful in donating close to 200 plus of these handmade dolls for many assisted living programs, for their dementia patients. The dolls have been given to SOME first responders, using them for children in distressful situations. Our Bethany location has become a donation center for adult, men, women and children's clothing for many agencies supporting the homeless, the at-risk families, veterans, and many others. For more information on Greater New Haven Probus and our many programs in the community - email us at GNHavenprobus@gmail.com

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QU School of Education Faculty/Staff Craft Handmade Blankets to Welcome Refugees



North Haven: Quinnipiac University School of Education faculty crafted handmade blankets to welcome refugees through a national initiative. Kristen Bourgault, right, associate teaching professor of education at Quinnipiac University, and Hamlet Hernandez, assistant teaching professor and director of the Education Leadership Program at Quinnipiac University, worked together to create a handmade blanket as part of the Welcome Blanket initiative.

Welcome Blanket is a national, crowd-sourced art and advocacy initiative that transforms the often abstract and divisive issue of immigration into a tangible, human-centered act of welcome. Participants from across the country create handmade blankets—knitted, sewn, quilted, or crocheted—and include personal notes sharing their own family stories of immigration, migration, or relocation. These blankets are then exhibited in museums and community spaces before being gifted to newly arrived refugees and immigrants through partner resettlement organizations, offering both symbolic and practical warmth.

Now in its fourth year, the Quinnipiac University School of Education's participation reflects an ongoing commitment by faculty and staff to foster empathy, inclusion and community engagement through meaningful, hands-on service. By contributing blankets that will be shared with newly arrived refugees and immigrants, the effort underscores the school's dedication to preparing educators who not only teach, but also model compassion and global citizenship-hallmarks of Quinnipiac's mission and values.

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Registration Open for the Energize CT eesmarts™ Student Contest

The Energize Connecticut Sponsors, Eversource and Avangrid, Inc., subsidiaries United Illuminating (UI), Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG), and Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG), announced that registration is open for the 21st annual eesmarts™ Student Contest.

Through the eesmarts Student Contest, K-12 students are encouraged to discover how energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable solutions can impact our world through grade-level-appropriate prompts. ***Contest registration is open until March 20, and project submissions are due on March 27.***

Student prompts for Grades K-8 include a poster (Grades K-2), limericks (Grade 3), an outdoor billboard (Grade 4), a fictional story with an energy-saving character (Grade 5), a persuasive letter (Grade 6), a comic strip (Grade 7), or a social media post (Grade 8).

High school-age students (Grades 9-12) are asked to produce a persuasive image in words or pictures, such as a short poem (125 words or less) or a cartoon strip (12 cells or less) that advocates for an energy-saving or sustainability topic. Entries will be evaluated based on scientific validity and concise and convincing imagery.

All work must be completed by the individual submitting the entry. No group projects will be accepted.

Finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at a special awards ceremony to be held in May at the Connecticut Science Center in Hartford. Winners will receive a certificate and a gift card.

For more information about the contest, visit EnergizeCT.com/student-contest.

WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: Worx trimmer and leaf blower, exc. cond. $40 with accessories; (203) 747-9883 •

NHHS Held It's First Community-Wide Ramadan IFTAR Dinner

North Haven: On Saturday evening, March 14, in the North Haven High School hall, there was a great friendly Ramadan dinner, sponsored by the North Haven Students and the Family of Ali Baba's Kitchen, from 6:30pm to 8pm. The food was enjoyed by all and consisted of lemon chicken, ginger chicken, basmati rice, bean stew, pita bread, pizza, coconut cake, baklava, mini chocolate cake, fresh dates, and fresh fruit plus coffee, tea, water and juice. So many had attended this event and the students of North Haven High volunteered setting up tables with water, fresh mixed fruit and fresh dates. After a prayer and speech, adults and children went up to the large table set up with food.

It was a great night making new friends and enjoying a delicious dinner together. I enjoyed the night with my friend Lousia. After dinner three games of Ramadan bingo were played and the winners won a gift.

Ali Baba restaurants are located on Washington Avenue in North Haven, and on Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. *Story by Jo Ann Buccetti*

"The Web They Wove" Historical Society Program



Pictured: The Web They Wove: Women & Their Wardrobes During New England's Revolution | North Haven Memorial Library.

North Haven: The North Haven Historical Society & Museums is excited to announce that they will be co-sponsoring "The Web They Wove", a program describing the roles of clothing, fabric, and the women who worked with them during the American Revolution. This event is presented by Dirty Blue Shirts, a group who provides living-history programming in southern New England. It will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 2 PM in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library. The library is located at 17 Elm St. in North Haven, CT. The event is free and open to the public; please register here to attend:

For more information, please call 203-239-7722 or email nhhistsoc@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Spring Bulk Pickup

North Haven: The Department of Public Works, Field Operations, wishes to advise residents that the bi-annual Bulk Pickup begins the week of April 13-17 and April 20-24. Bulk items will be picked up on residents' regular garbage collection day.

Bulk Trash is Not Intended for Whole House Cleanouts. The Department reserves the right to deny pickup of bulk materials in excessive quantities. For whole house cleanouts and excessive amounts, residents will need to obtain a dumpster at their own expense.

Please follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information - Town of North Haven, Public Works, Field Ops. • • • •

FOR SALE: Shower fixtures, Moen, bronze curved arm, head, rough in valve, trim $100; (203) 215-6002 •

FOR SALE: 3 bikes, mountain style $120 ea.; 3 brand new prehung ext. doors $120 ea.; 4 tennis racquets $25 ea.; (203) 887-7377 •

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NAME(S)	ADDRESS	EVICTION DATE
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Dominique Williams	23 Edwards St. 3rd fl.	02/26/2026

Anyone wishing to reclaim their belongings must do so by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Call Ace Van & Storage at 203.271-1555.

Items not claimed by that time will be sold at auction on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9:00 am at Ace Van & Storage, 210 Realty Dr., Cheshire, CT.

Auction will be by lot only, with a minimum bid of $25.00. Bids must be paid in full by cash at the conclusion of the bidding process. Successful bidder must have items cleared by 4:30pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Items not sold will be disposed of immediately after the auction. Anyone owing fees to the Town of Hamden are prohibited from bidding in this auction. Anyone purchasing orders must have appropriate transportation for immediate removal.