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FOR SALE: 6-step ladder, aluminum $20; (203) 248-2839 •

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.

WANTED: Old tools, musical instruments, military, Winchesters, Colts, antique guns & old hunting & fishing. We buy gold & silver coins and jewelry. Anything related to vintage jewelry. Call Joe, (203) 488-7271 •

Second Saturday Food Pantry Needs for April 11th

The **North Haven** Lions Club invites the community to take part in its Second Saturday Service Project on Sat., April 11, from 10am-1pm at the North Haven Congregational Church (28 Church Street, across from the Town Green). This monthly initiative supports local charitable causes and strengthens community bonds.

During the event Lion Club members will be collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit local food pantries and the North Haven Food Bank.

Requested items include canned vegetables and fruit. Recycled glasses and pet food are also needed. These donations will help combat food insecurity and provide essential support to North Haven families in need.

About the North Haven Lions Club. Since 1952, the North Haven Lions has been dedicated to serving the local community through impactful service projects and charitable initiatives. As part of Lions International, the world's largest humanitarian service organization, the club focuses on five key areas: Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Awareness, the Environment, Hunger and Vision.

Community members are encouraged to stop by, donate and make a difference.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Jim Bennett at pdgjim98@gmail.com or lionjoanbennett@gmail.com.

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD NOTICE OF MEETING

TO RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the Blight Prevention Appeals Board will hold a Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Mildred A. Wakeley Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, Conference Room #2, North Haven, Connecticut at 7:00 PM, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 174 Manomet Avenue, North Haven.

2. On 8 North Avenue, North Haven, the Blight Prevention Officer will provide a status update.

3. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 16 Patten Road, North Haven.

4. On 9 Pleasant Drive, North Haven, the Blight Prevention Officer will provide a status update.

5. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 376 Quinnipiac Avenue, North Haven.

6. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 112 Sackett Point Road, North Haven.

7. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 190 Sackett Point Road, North Haven.

STEVEN M. MILLER, SECRETARY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD

FOR SALE: Sears battery charger 6/12 volts (lead acid batteries) cars, trucks, lawn mowers $8; (203) 606-0932

WANTED: Collector buying old photographs from the 1800's on glass, tin or paper, of people, places or things; (203) 915-7662

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN Proposed 2026-2027 BUDGET

A Public Hearing to hear any and all who wish to be heard on any and all items in the proposed Budgets will be held in the North Haven High School Auditorium, Elm Street, North Haven, Connecticut on Monday, April 13, 2026, with theTown Government Budget to be presented first beginning at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Board of Education Budget, to begin no later than 8:00 P.M.with general discussion to follow, as may be warranted.

The following expense estimates as requested by various Town Officials, reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and revised by the Board of Finance, are submitted for the carrying on of Town Business during the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Copies of the Town Budget will be available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's web site starting on Friday, April 3, 2026.

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN 2026-2027 BUDGET

	Actual * 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026	Est. Exp 2025-2026	Request 2026-2027	Percent % Change	Total Dollar Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Selectmen	$ 298,562	$ 323,623	$ 323,623	$ 332,562	3%	$ 8,939
Town Clerk	$ 200,561	$ 229,851	$ 229,851	$ 237,021	3%	$ 7,170
Election	$ 143,932	$ 238,670	$ 238,670	$ 176,943	-26%	$ (61,727)
Legal	$ 234,633	$ 274,846	$ 274,846	$ 276,500	1%	$ 1,654
Probate Court	$ 7,226	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	0%	$ -
Public Libraries	$ 1,352,573	$ 1,425,615	$ 1,425,615	$ 1,459,360	2%	$ 33,745
Cemetery Commission	$ 59,108	$ 76,500	$ 76,500	$ 76,500	0%	$ -
Treasurer-Finance	$ 803,937	$ 1,052,405	$ 1,052,405	$ 1,065,189	1%	$ 12,784
Board of Finance	$ 5,765	$ 3,900	$ 3,900	$ 3,900	0%	$ -
Tax Assessor	$ 270,738	$ 368,635	$ 368,635	$ 372,911	1%	$ 4,276
Tax Collector	$ 202,311	$ 246,253	$ 246,253	$ 233,761	-5%	$ (12,492)
Board of Assessment Appeals	$ 4,393	$ 2,450	$ 2,450	$ 2,950	20%	$ 500
Insurance - General	$ 2,090,338	$ 1,416,392	$ 1,416,392	$ 1,600,000	13%	$ 183,608
Central Facilities	$ 424,277	$ 469,687	$ 469,687	$ 488,720	4%	$ 19,033
Central Supply Services	$ 596,447	$ 616,205	$ 616,205	$ 630,892	2%	$ 14,687
Personnel Policy Expenses	$ 726,728	$ 728,409	$ 728,409	$ 702,609	-4%	$ (25,800)
Audit	$ 95,163	$ 100,573	$ 100,573	$ 121,646	21%	$ 21,073
Information Technology	$ 527,543	$ 550,907	$ 550,907	$ 593,231	8%	$ 42,324
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$ 8,044,235	$ 8,132,921	$ 8,132,921	$ 8,382,695	3%	$ 249,774
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	$ 8,857,186	$ 9,670,970	$ 9,670,970	$ 10,025,206	3.7%	$ 354,236
Animal Control	$ 187,875	$ 198,637	$ 198,637	$ 219,055	10.3%	$ 20,418
Fire	$ 6,847,277	$ 7,238,589	$ 7,238,589	$ 7,370,561	1.8%	$ 131,972
Civil Defense / Emergency Management	$ 20,458	$ 61,658	$ 61,658	$ 36,950	-40.1%	$ (24,708)
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	$ 15,912,796	$ 17,169,854	$ 17,169,854	$ 17,651,772	2.8%	$ 481,918
LAND USE						
Economic Development	$ 15,884	$ 20,500	$ 20,500	$ 20,500	0%	$ -
Land Use Administration	$ 320,674	$ 343,548	$ 343,548	$ 351,572	2%	$ 8,024
Planning & Zoning	$ 14,305	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	0%	$ -
Inland Wetlands Commission	$ 10,596	$ 11,752	$ 11,752	$ 11,752	0%	$ -
Zoning Board of Appeals	$ 6,612	$ 8,300	$ 8,300	$ 8,300	0%	$ -
Building Inspection-Permits	$ 516,042	$ 587,920	$ 587,920	$ 602,962	3%	$ 15,042
Engineering	$ 288,172	$ 319,254	$ 319,254	$ 322,687	1%	$ 3,433
TOTAL LAND USE	$ 1,172,285	$ 1,311,274	$ 1,311,274	$ 1,337,773	2%	$ 26,499
PUBLIC WORKS						
Public Works Admin	$ 385,951	$ 413,643	$ 413,643	$ 421,066	1.8%	$ 7,423
Streets & Roads	$ 2,966,609	$ 3,190,127	$ 3,190,127	$ 3,304,730	3.6%	$ 114,603
Sanitation	$ 1,962,881	$ 2,207,394	$ 2,207,394	$ 2,241,963	1.6%	$ 34,569
Transfer Station & Recycling	$ 682,980	$ 754,093	$ 754,093	$ 768,523	1.9%	$ 14,430
Maintenance	$ 358,762	$ 399,303	$ 399,303	$ 410,158	2.7%	$ 10,855
Parks	$ 343,742	$ 429,550	$ 429,550	$ 431,000	0.3%	$ 1,450
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	$ 6,700,925	$ 7,394,110	$ 7,394,110	$ 7,577,440	2.5%	$ 183,330
Sub-total	$ 31,830,241	$ 34,008,159	$ 34,008,159	$ 34,949,680		
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES						
Community Services	$ 630,893	$ 668,971	$ 668,971	$ 711,305	6%	$ 42,334
Regional Health District	$ 181,332	$ 186,102	$ 186,102	$ 197,038	6%	$ 10,936
Regional Visiting Nurse Agency	$ 10,605	$ 17,800	$ 17,800	$ 2,000	-89%	$ (15,800)
Welfare	$ 1,200	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	0%	$ -
Senior Center	$ 367,214	$ 416,457	$ 416,457	$ 425,664	2%	$ 9,207
Recreation	$ 644,948	$ 703,024	$ 703,024	$ 740,064	5%	$ 37,040
TOTAL HEALTH&HUMAN SERVICES	$ 1,836,192	$ 1,996,854	$ 1,996,854	$ 2,080,571	4%	$ 83,717
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
Pension - Social Security	$ 8,313,948	$ 9,056,415	$ 9,056,415	$ 9,374,883	3.5%	$ 318,469
Insurance - Employees	$ 9,529,845	$ 10,783,852	$ 10,783,852	$ 11,928,630	10.6%	$ 1,144,778
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	$ 17,843,793	$ 19,840,267	$ 19,840,267	$ 21,303,513	7.4%	$ 1,463,247
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal & Interest - Bonds & Notes	$ 10,122,056	$ 10,514,000	$ 10,514,000	$ 10,250,000	-2.5%	$ (264,000)
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	$ 10,122,056	$ 10,514,000	$ 10,514,000	$ 10,250,000	-2.5%	$ (264,000)
MISCELLANEOUS						
Miscellaneous	$ 125,428	$ 133,180	$ 133,180	$ 142,250	6.8%	$ 9,070
Utilities	$ 1,350,194	$ 1,386,000	$ 1,386,000	$ 1,430,000	3.2%	$ 44,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	$ 1,475,622	$ 1,519,180	$ 1,519,180	$ 1,572,250	3.5%	$ 53,070
Sub Total	$ 31,277,663	$ 33,870,301	$ 33,870,301	$ 35,206,334		
TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT BUDGET	$ 63,107,904	$ 67,878,460	$ 67,878,460	$ 70,156,014	3.4%	$ 2,277,554
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET	64,022,728	68,495,858	68,495,858	72,845,345	6.3%	$ 4,349,487
CAPITAL	$ 854,668	$ 933,000	$ 933,000	$ 2,117,036	126.9%	$ 1,184,036
RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	$ -	$ 300,000	$ 300,000	$ 300,000	0.0%	$ -
TOTAL RECOMMENDED 2026-2027 TOWN BUDGET	$ 127,985,300	$ 137,607,318	$ 137,607,318	$ 145,418,395	5.7%	$ 7,811,077

Garden Club Community Grants

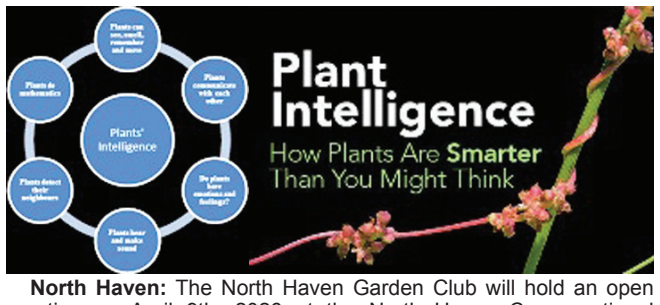
The Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire is accepting applications for the 2026 Community grants initiative. Cheshire individuals and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funds for projects that support our goals to:

- Encourage interest in all phases of gardening
- Promote better environmental practices and conservation of natural resources
- Increase knowledge in the artistic use of plant material in design and landscaping
- Assist in Cheshire community beautification and civic involvement through participation, contributions and charitable activities

If you have a potential project that relates to one or more of these goals, please complete the application. The form can be found at https://www.cheshire-gardeners.org/ The process began on April 1st and ***the deadline is April 30, 2026.*** Grants will be awarded by June 15, 2026.

Applications and questions can be sent to grants.sgc.cheshire@gmail.com

North Haven Garden Club's April Meeting Presents "Are Plants Intelligent, Just What Do They Know"



North Haven: The North Haven Garden Club will hold an open meeting on April 9th, 2026 at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, across from the green, at 7:30PM. A $5.00 guest donation is suggested. The program "Are plants Intelligent? Just What Do They Know?" with Peter and Barbara Rzasa.

Peter and Barbara are nature photographers with a goal of encouraging people to look closely at the natural world. In 2015 they were presented with the Ellen Carder Memorial Award by the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut for their horticultural education.

In this program we will find out what plants can do - and what they can't. We will learn about the role mycorrhiza plays in plant communication and how a plant's cell receptors form the chemical basis for its senses. Plants share many of the same senses that humans possess. They have the ability to see, hear, and feel.

Hostesses for the evening are Sandy Ginter and Katie Fritzel and the table arrangement will be created by Carmen Sealy.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

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Submitted by Cindy Golia

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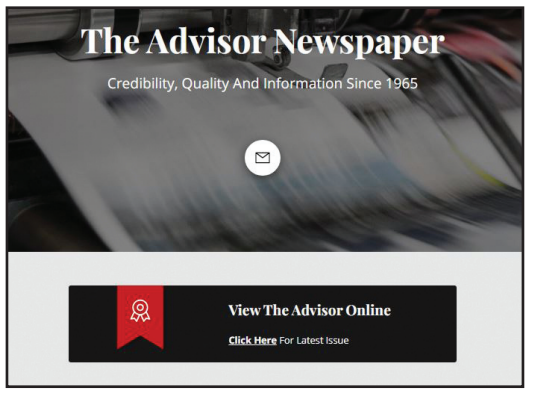

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