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North Haven: Celebrate with us on Sunday, July 19 at 2 PM on the North Haven Green as we commemorate the day North Haven first learned of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

On July 17, 1776, a local paper printed the announcement and full text of the Declaration of Independence. The North Haven Historical Society & Museums, in collaboration with the Town of North Haven, the North Haven Congregational Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and the North Haven Mayflower Society, will honor that historic time with ringing church bells, marching and music by Lancraft Fife and Drum, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence by First Selectman Freda and Third Selectman Cohen. Master of Ceremonies Sally Buemi will preside over the afternoon and provide some historic background about the occasion.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the beautiful North Haven Green as we celebrate our nation's founding. This event is free and open to all; for more information, please call 203-239-7722 or email us at nhhistsoc@gmail.com.

Photo courtesy of North Haven Historical Society Archives.

North Haven Library July Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. ***Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.***

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., July 9, 10:30-11:15am. Ages: Birth-2. Registration is highly recommended but not required. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

***Volunteer Opportunity* Teen Tech at the Senior Center: Thurs., July 9, 10:30am-12:30pm at North Haven Senior Center.** Grades: 9th-12th. Tech-savvy teens will help adults with their phones, computers, email addresses, general tech questions, and more.

Library Science Squad: Thurs., July 9, 6-6:30pm. Ages: 6-11. Throw on your lab coats and get ready to experiment with Miss Sheila! We'll learn some cool science facts while making a fun craft.

Beaded Succulents: Thurs., July 9, 6pm-7pm. Grades: 9th-12th. Join us for a chill evening as we make mini succulents using beads, wire and plastic pots.

Sit & Stitch: Thurs., July 9, 6pm-7:30pm. Age Group: Adults. Bring your current projects, yarn, and tools to work with other fiber artists and chat! Some guidance, tools, and yarn can be provided, but participants should bring their own supplies.

Booktime Boogie: Friday, July 10, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-5. We'll read stories, sing songs and play instruments in this loosely structured, storytime.

Teen Hangout: Fri., July 10, 10:30am-12:30pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration Encouraged. We'll play games and work on a craft. July's Craft: CD Scrapbooks.

Must See Movie - *H is for Hawk:* Friday, July 10, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Age Group: Adults. No Registration Required. After losing her beloved father, Helen finds herself saved by an unlikely friendship with a stubborn hawk named Mabel. Rated: PG-13.

Parent Playdate: Monday, July 13, 10-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones, and check out all that the library has to offer!

Sketchbook Club: Monday, July 13, 2pm-3pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration Encouraged. Bring your sketchbook, tablet, or whatever you like to sketch on. We'll listen to chill music and chat while we work on our drawings.

Dungeons and Dragons-Seeds of Adventure: Monday, July 13, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Age Group: Adults. Over the course of multiple sessions, you'll step into a pre-made character, join a party of fellow adventurers, and shape a shared story full of mystery, danger, and discovery.

Picnic and Performance - John Higby - Yoyo Guy: Mon., July 13, 6-7pm, Front Lawn. All Ages: No Registration Required. This family show is great for all ages with an interactive performance including yo-yos, a unicycle and a giant yo-yo that John walks on!

Dance Party: Tues., July 14, 10:30-11:15am. Ages: 2-5. Join us for this loosely structured dance party to burn off energy, sing, dance and play with instruments.

***Volunteer Opportunity* Teen Tech at the Library: Tuesday, July 14, 10:30am-12:30pm at Teen Haven.** Grades: 9th-12th. Tech-savvy teens will help adults with their phones, computers, email addresses, general tech questions, and more.

Drop-In Tech Help: Tues., July 14, 10:30am-12:30pm, Café. Age Group: Adults. Registration Encouraged. Bring your device and tech questions to one of our two drop-in tech help events!

Guided Meditation: Tues., July 14, 2-3pm. Age Group: Adults. Join Johanne Vannelli as she leads us through a mindfulness and meditation session.

LEGO Club: Tues., July 14, 3-4pm. Ages: 4-12 yrs. No Registration Required. We provide the LEGOs™ and you provide the creativity!

Online Author Talk - Karin Slaughter: Tuesday, July 14, 7pm-8pm, Virtual. Age Group: Adults. Join us with acclaimed author Karin Slaughter as we chat about her *North Falls* series, consisting of *We Are All Guilty Here*, and her upcoming sequel, *The Secrets We Hide*.

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Advocating for Tax Fairness

To The Editor: June 30, 2026

Property taxes continue to rise. Families pay more for necessities. Meanwhile, some of the biggest corporations and wealthiest individuals continue to benefit from a system that often feels tilted in their favor.

That doesn't seem fair.

Brandi Mandato is talking about tax fairness in a way that resonates with me. Her position is simple: working people should not bear a disproportionate share of the burden while those with the greatest resources contribute less than they should.

Reasonable people can debate tax policy. But I think most people agree that the system should work for everyone, not just those at the top.

Brandi's willingness to advocate for tax fairness, invest in communities, and support public education is one of the reasons she has earned my support.

Connecticut succeeds when working families succeed. We need leaders who understand that.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Magnuson, North Haven

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, July 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 50 Rock Road, North Haven.

JAMES D. NESDALE, SECRETARY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS ON FILE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.