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A Leader Who Understands and Supports Our Senior Population

To The Editor: September 10, 2026

Most seniors I know want the same thing: the ability to remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

Unfortunately, rising costs, healthcare expenses, transportation challenges, and housing concerns make that harder every year.

Dr. Kathleen Kimball understands these challenges.

Her focus on supporting seniors, improving access to healthcare, and building communities where people can age with dignity is one of the reasons she has earned my support.

As an emergency veterinarian, Kathleen spends her career helping families navigate difficult situations with compassion and practical solutions. Those are exactly the qualities I want in my state representative.

Connecticut's population is aging. We need leaders who recognize that supporting older adults is not good policy -- it's an investment in our communities.

That's why I'll be voting for Dr. Kathleen Kimball, Democratic Candidate for State Rep, 87th District.

Sincerely, Ziv Quinzel, Commission on Aging

Responsive and Effective Representation

To The Editor: September 9, 2026

I wanted to take a moment to recognize Dave Yaccarino, our State Rep, who is up for reelection this year. This is a simple example of how responsive he is to his constituents. I knew this was really not his lane but he wanted to help and he jumped right on our issue and resolved it.

Two days before Thanksgiving last year, I discovered that my family had run out of propane. Because of a logistical and communication issue with my account, I could not get through to anyone at the propane company.

With a large group of family members coming to my home for Thanksgiving dinner, I was worried the problem would not be resolved in time. Without propane, how would we prepare our Thanksgiving meal?

I called State Representative Dave Yaccarino for help. Within eight hours, the miscommunication had been cleared up and the propane was delivered. Thanks to Dave's quick response, my family enjoyed a hot, delicious meal and a wonderful Thanksgiving together.

This is what responsive and effective representation looks like. When a North Haven resident needed help, Dave Yaccarino answered the call and got results. I am grateful to have him representing our community.

Sincerely, Pat Libero, North Haven Resident

Unparalleled Dedication to the People of 87th District

To The Editor: September 10, 2026

It is my privilege and pleasure to once again support David Yaccarino for re-election as State Representative for the 87th Assembly District. I write "re-election" because it goes to prove what an effective representative he has been. He not only continues to be the most qualified person to run for this seat, he deserves to occupy this seat. His record since 2010 is unmatched. A one hundred percent voting record for 16 consecutive years. He has experienced leadership; his record stands high and above other legislators. It is amazing in scope what he has accomplished since 2010. Dave has a solid record of reliability. His dedication to the people in this District is unparalleled, he being accessible to all the residents whom he represents. He is thoughtful and solid in his decision-making, realizing how the votes in the Legislature will impact the lives of the citizens of CT. He is committed to making the State of CT a better placed to live, work and raise families. Civic groups and programs appreciate the 100%support Dave gives to them.

The words I would use to describe Dave are a man of character, integrity, commitment, dedication, honest and true, hard-working, both in his popular local business and his position in the Legislature. Anyone who knows him will earnestly and absolutely agree. The respect and admiration for Dave is unquestionable.

Sandra A. Piontek
49-year Resident of North Haven

How Much More Can Hamden Taxpayers Take?

To The Editor: September 11, 2026

Hamden residents are once again being told that our schools need another $5–$6 million to address HVAC problems, while less than $500,000 remains for building repairs. We're told the buildings are old and need work. Fine. But here's the question taxpayers deserve to answer: Where did all the money go?

Hamden has already spent—and borrowed—millions on its schools. Bear Path received $14.28 million in improvements. Alice Peck received approximately $6.5 million. Hamden High School, Hamden Middle School and other schools have received millions more through capital projects and bonding. 1Yet here we are again.

Another crisis. Another multimillion-dollar price tag. Another potential bond. Another bill ultimately landing on the backs of Hamden homeowners. This is becoming an endless cycle: spend, borrow, repair, discover another problem, then ask taxpayers for more.

Meanwhile, property taxes continue to squeeze homeowners. Seniors on fixed incomes, working families and people struggling simply to keep their homes cannot magically produce more money every time town government discovers another multimillion-dollar need. We absolutely should maintain our schools. But maintenance is not a blank check.



Taxpayers deserve to know why millions previously spent haven't prevented today's crisis. They deserve a comprehensive accounting of past capital expenditures, an honest assessment of what was accomplished, and a long-term plan that doesn't continually return to the taxpayer for another check.

Hamden doesn't have a revenue problem. It has spending, planning and accountability problems. Before politicians ask homeowners for another dollar, perhaps they should first explain why the millions we've already paid haven't been enough.

Ron Gambardella
Hamden Resident and Fed-Up Taxpayer

FOR SALE: Garcia Mitchell spinning reel with pole, fresh/salt water, model 307, good cond. $25; (203) 248-0891

FOR SALE: Lannister dual power reclining sofa, brown, 79" long, Goof Proofed, exc. cond. $400; (203) 623-7742

Connecticut's Kid Governor Tessa Hallinan And Cabinet Members Visit Libraries As Part Of Statewide Tour



Pictured Above: Connecticut's 2026 Kid Governor Tessa Hallinan and members of her Cabinet.

North Haven: Connecticut's 2026 Kid Governor Tessa Hallinan and members of her Cabinet will visit libraries across the state this month as part of the annual Kid Governor's Library Circuit. They will speak with fellow students, families, teachers, and the public about their platforms, how kids can get involved, their terms in office, and how fifth graders can participate in the Kid Governor® program. The events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The 2026 Library Circuit schedule is:

- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm - North Haven Memorial Library. Kid Governor Tessa was accompanied by Cabinet Member Ajla Reci of Wethersfield.
- Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 11:00 am - Ridgefield Library. Kid Governor Tessa was accompanied by Cabinet Member Samuel James of Hartford.
- Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm - Newfield Branch Library, Bridgeport. Kid Governor Tessa was accompanied by Cabinet Member Alyvia Stoddard of Stafford.
- Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:00 am - South Windsor Public Library. Kid Governor Tessa will be accompanied by Cabinet Members Dylan Ellis of East Windsor and Myra Ruparel of Ellington.
- Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 12:30 pm - Raymond Library, East Hartford. Kid Governor Tessa will be accompanied by Cabinet Member Nana Appau of Manchester.

This year, Tessa has been focused on advancing her "Everyone Belongs" platform which addresses inclusion for students with disabilities. Her Cabinet members have been eagerly advancing their own platforms that address community issues important to them.

"Kid Governor Tessa and her Cabinet Members have been working hard on their platforms to empower kids to make a difference in our state," said Linda Preston, Connecticut's Kid Governor® State Coordinator at



The Connecticut Democracy Center. "Visiting these five libraries is a unique opportunity for kids and adults alike to meet these student leaders in person and to learn how they too can serve communities throughout Connecticut!"

Connecticut's Kid Governor® is an award-winning civic education program created by The Connecticut Democracy Center in residence at Connecticut's Old State House. This ground-breaking approach to civics education immerses fifth-grade students in learning about state government, elections and voting, and civic participation through a real-life election for their state's Kid Governor. Registration is now open for the 2025-26 program. For more information, visit CT.KidGovernor.org. Support for the 2025 Kid Governor's Library Circuit is provided by the Gawlicki Family Foundation, Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation, Connecticut Community Foundation, James H. Napier Foundation, Citizen Travelers, David Alan Hospitality Group, PeoplesBank, and Victus Coffee.

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

Generation Power

Generation Power and Energy Assistance are two different programs with different requirements and Income limits. You may apply for both.

When to Apply (Generation Power):

CPCT has (3) emergency energy assistance cycles and only accepts applications during the established application cycle window, as listed below.

Cycle 1: *(Application cycle window has expired.)* [All decision letters emailed no later than November 13, 2026.]

Cycle 2: December 1-15, 2026 [All decision letters emailed no later than February 12, 2027.]

Cycle 3: March 1-15, 2027 [All decision letters emailed no later than May 14, 2027.

Income Limits:

Earn up to 75% of Federal Poverty Level, for example a household of 1 can earn up to $59705, household of 2 earn up to $78076 per year based on household size (all members over 21 years of age) and gross income.

Informational flyers listing requirements are available in the Lobby of the Office of Social Services (1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford), both public libraries and on the town's webpage. Please pick up a flyer prior to applying. You may apply with this office or online at www.gpct.org.

North Haven's Fall Bulk Pickup to Begin

Bulk Pickup begins Mon., September 14th, and will continue through the week of September 25th.

Our crews will complete their regular daily sanitation and recycling routes first. Bulk pick up will begin AFTER all regular routes are complete using different vehicles. Please be patient if your bulk items are not picked up immediately on your scheduled pick up day.

As a reminder, regular household garbage and recycling, as well as bulk items, should be placed at the curb the night before your regular pick up. Also, please take advantage of our Recycling Center, open year-round, located at 90 Elm Street (Mon.-Fri., 8am-12 pm; Sat 8am- 1:45pm).

Bulk Items Include: Mattresses, box springs, furniture, metal, plastic, tires (limit 2, rims removed), refrigerators, stoves, washers/dryer (doors must be removed), lawnmowers/tractors (gas must be removed).

Bulk Items DO NOT include: Construction & demolition materials such as sinks, toilets, counter tops, doors and windows; yard waste, any hazardous materials.

Wood Items: Wood items are not considered bulk and can be placed at the curb weekly on your regular sanitation day. Wood and branches (must be bundled) must be cut up to 3-4 foot sections.

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.