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Get to Know Your Soccer Referee



At the North Haven Soccer Club, we are re committed to creating a positive and respectful environment on and off the field. As part of this effort, we are excited to continue our "Get to Know Your Referee" series! This initiative highlights the faces behind the whistles-local youths who dedicate their time to keep our games running smoothly. By sharing their stories, we hope to foster appreciation for their hard work and reinforce our zero tolerance policy on referee abuse. Let's celebrate these young officials and the important role they play in our community!

For the latest installment of the series, we're thrilled to introduce you to Kayden!

Referee's Name: Kayden, Age: 14, School: Luralton Hall, Grade: Sophomore. Favorite School Subject: Math, Favorite Soccer Team(s): US Women's National Team, Favorite Soccer Player(s): Alyssa Naeher, Other Sports/Hobbies: Basketball and Track and Field, Favorite Food: Cheeseburger, Favorite Movie or TV Show: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and The Hunger Games.

Fun Fact or Unique Talent: I started playing soccer at 4 years old. Why did she become a referee?: I became a referee so that I could continue to support the sport I love even if I stopped playing.

When you spot Kayden on the pitch this weekend, take a moment to thank her for the energy and dedication she brings to every game. Her commitment plays a big part in keeping things running smoothly week after week, and it wouldn't be the same without her!



Hamden Woman's Club Holds "Spooktacular" Trunk Or Treat



Pictured (L-R): Sue Centone, Linda Bishop, and Carole Passarelli. The Hamden Woman's Club's annual "Trunk or Treat" Celebration was held on Thursday, October 24, for one hundred happy students at the Hamden Children's Center. Members of our dedicated Homelife Committee assembled Halloween bags filled with small school supplies, small toys, goodies and wrapped candles - which were delivered in a brightly decorated car trunk. All the students, faculty, and HWC members always look forward to this fun and "spooktacular" event.

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, is a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950! Our Motto is "A Group that Cares and Shares" - which we demonstrate by our many charitable activities. It is part of the largest volunteer organization in the world, and we continually develop new projects to improve the quality of life within our community.

The HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We have a "revised" monthly Book Club that meets monthly at a local restaurant. We also have a seasonal choral group, holiday parties & annual banquets, short trips, a new "Dinner Divas" evening dining group, Military Whists and Bingo Nite, and many other fun activities.

The HWC is open to any woman over the age of 18 who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! You do NOT have to live in Hamden to join - many members live in area towns. We are so pleased that our membership has grown exponentially recently, so PLEASE JOIN US! Our next meeting is on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, at 6:30pm. in the Hamden Senior Center, located in the rear entrance to the Miller Memorial Library. The agenda will include a "Piece of Cake Contest", in which our HWC bakers will present their favorite cakes (with recipes). A judge and our members will get to sample these delicious delicacies and vote on the winners. Prizes will be awarded!

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings & we encourage anyone interested in learning more about HWC please contact Sharon Nolan @ 203-248-2538 or Snolan06514@yahoo.com. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. for more articles, projects, and lots of fun photos of our friendly club!

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Peter's Rock Brush Fire Under Control Thanks to Fire Departments Staffs

To The Editor: October 30, 2024
On Saturday, October 26th, a brush fire erupted in Peter's Rock Park. Although 10 acres burned, the situation could have been so much worse! The Board of Peter's Rock would like to say "thanks" to the staffs of both the North Haven and North Branford Fire Departments for their prompt arrival to the park and getting the fire under control. The Park is a treasured part of the town that allows all to hike and picnic, taking advantage of both physical and mental health benefits. Please take care when in the Park to respect Nature.

We would also like to extend thanks to the neighbors of the Park who called into the fire dept. Without your due diligence more than 10 acres may have been lost. Again the Board says "thanks and go HIKE the Rock."

Best, Joanne Chvisuk - Board Member, North Haven

Wrong Location for QU Campus Expansion *Voice Your Opposition at P&Z Meeting*

To The Editor: October 30, 2024
Quinnipiac University is once again planning to expand their campus. This time into the residential neighborhood of upper Ridge Road near the intersection with Mt. Carmel Avenue.

The plan is to build an "Education Center" and a 94 car parking lot at 5100 Ridge Road that will be open from 7:00am-10:00pm 7 days a week. That is 15 hours a day, 7 days a week. This neighborhood and its families will be subjected to an endless stream of traffic and people. As a result of this endless stream of traffic and people, it is likely there will be increased noise, increased crime, increased automobile exhaust, increased trash, and increased safety concerns.

Even North Haven Police Chief Kevin J. Glenn in a letter dated October 3, 2024 stated, "In my professional opinion, I do not believe this project would be in the best interest of the surrounding residents and individuals traveling in the area. The increased traffic and a request for stop signs at a nearby intersection would create potential for vehicular accidents."

For anyone who lives or travels near upper Ridge Road and Mt. Carmel Avenue, this will likely be a traffic nightmare and may require a regular North Haven Police presence to manage the volume of traffic. Will the taxpayers of North Haven foot the bill?

Furthermore, this "Education Center" offers no benefit to the residents of North Haven. It will not generate property tax revenue, nor will it offer programming or opportunities to North Haven youth or adults. The entire plan is ill-conceived and inappropriate for a residential neighborhood.

North Haven residents, please come to the next Planning & Zoning meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Park & Recreation Center gymnasium and voice your opposition to this wrong time, wrong location for Quinnipiac University to expand their campus into a residential neighborhood. Your neighborhood could be next on the list!

Jim Johnson,
Born, Raised and Worked in North Haven