all about kids

Sunny Side Up
Early Care Learning Center
Visit our website at www.sunnysideupearlycare.com
Select openings for 3 and 4 Year olds available
76 Maple Ave., North Haven (203)239-7395



Building toys like good elves do,
join us at Sunny Side Up and you can too!
PreK openings. Call for a tour!

The Gray Squirrel

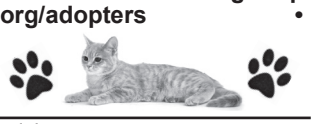
• There are about 200 species of squirrels and inhabit most continents except Australia and Antartica.
• Fluffy, fast, comical and acrobatic.
• Squirrels are related to the chipmunk and prairie dog, and are in the rodent family.
• They are equipped with sharp claws, sharp teeth and long tail.
• A squirrel's tail provides balance, warmth and communication.
• Their diet consists of nuts, berries, seeds, fruit, certain vegetables, bugs and even an occasional frog.
• Predators of squirrels include snakes, foxes, coyotes, bobcats, owls and hawks.
• Squirrels have caused many power outages by chewing on power lines.
• They have two litters a year and live up to ten years.
• Gray squirrels are consumed by man and it is said they make a wonderful stew.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

Animals Looking for Homes

THE ANIMAL HAVEN, INC. has a variety of homeless and abandoned kittens, puppies & dogs looking for safe, loving homes with owners willing to make a lifelong commitment. Animals have been spayed or neutered, vaccinated & tested; (203) 239-2641 •

THE GREATER NEW HAVEN CAT PROJECT has many kittens, adolescent and young adult cats seeking loving, permanent homes. Vet checked. www.gnhcp.org/adopters •



Tail To Paw Animal Support

Tail To Paw Animal Support is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity that provides owners with access to free or low-cost basic medical assistance, food, vaccinations and other care regardless of their housing or income insecurity. By providing more easily accessible resources to the disabled, veterans, homeless, seniors and low-income, Tail To Paw helps to keep animals with their owners and reduce abandonment and surrender to shelters and the streets.

Tail To Paw assists owners to keep their companion animals with them, by offering services through multiple programs:

• Access to pet food and supplies at no cost or subsidized pricing
• Access to vaccinations, spay/neuter, basic medical or emergency medical at no cost or subsidized pricing
• Case management for all participants to assist with other benefits including, but not limited to SNAP, energy assistance, etc.
• Public education regarding TNR and feral colonies

Tail To Paw Animal Support's website is https://www.tailtopaw.org containing information about case management and assistance programs, as well as fundraising programs Tail To Paw is also on Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok.

FOR SALE: Kitchen table, formica top, 38x59, 4 rolling chairs, very good cond. $50; (203) 915-4155 •

Get To Know Your Soccer Referee



North Haven: At North Haven Soccer Club, we believe that respect and positivity are the cornerstones of our community. That's why we're thrilled to continue our 'Get to Know Your Referee' series! This initiative highlights the amazing young referees who work tirelessly to ensure our matches run seamlessly. By sharing their journeys, we hope to inspire a deeper appreciation for their dedication and uphold our strong stance against any form of referee mistreatment. Join us in celebrating these incredible individuals and the essential role they play in our soccer family!!

For the latest installment of the series, we're very excited to introduce you to Selim!

Referee's Name: Selim, Age: 13, School: North Haven Middle School, Grade: 8th Grade. Favorite School Subject: Mathematics, Favorite Soccer Team(s): Besiktas and Barcelona, Favorite Soccer Player(s): Paolo Maldini, John Terry, and Lionel Messi, Other Sports/Hobbies: Fishing and biking, Favorite Food: Fried Chicken, Favorite Movie or TV Show: The Miracle in the Andes, Favorite Book: Society of the Snow.

Fun Fact or Unique Talent: I take high school Geometry in Middle School.

What does he enjoy most about being a referee?: I enjoy being a referee because I love working with younger soccer players and seeing their growth over the soccer season.

Why did he become a referee?: I became a referee because it is WIN-WIN-WIN situation. I am giving back to the community by supporting North Haven's young players, having fun, exercise and earning money, and this is also great leadership and communication experience.

The next time you see Selim officiating a match, take a moment to acknowledge his dedication and the positivity he brings to every game. His commitment and passion make him an integral part of NHSC, and we are lucky to have him as part of our team!

TAG SALES
Garage, Rummage, Estate Sales, Flea Market

WALLINGFOR/MERIDEN

ESTATE SALE: Sat. & Sun., Dec. 7 & 8, 8am-3pm, 147 Clifton St., Wallingford. Lots of things, reclining chairs, dishes, dressers, dolls, clothes, too much to list.

Area Craft Fairs, Bazaars, Festivals, Auctions, Rummage, Flea Markets & Tag Sales

Craft Fairs/Bake Sales

EAST HAVEN/BRANFORD

BRANFORD COMPASSION CLUB will hold a **Holiday Cookie Sale & Gift Fair** on **Sat., Dec. 7th,** from 11am-2pm at the American Legion Hall, 243 North Main St., Branford. Featuring homemade cookies - make your own dozen, other baked goods, crafts, gifts for sale, raffle, vendors, spin the Roulette wheel to win a prize, and hot spiced apple cider. Proceeds to benefit Branford Compassion Club's Feline Rescue & Adoption Center. https://branfordcompassionclub.org.

HAMDEN/CHESHIRE

THE SAINT PAUL VI COLUMBIETTES Christmas Cookie Walk will be held **Sat., Dec. 21st,** 11am-2pm in the Saint Rita Parish Hall, 1620 Whitney Ave., Hamden. No time to bake this Holiday Season? Looking for festive treats for your Christmas gatherings without all the work? Come choose a variety of freshly baked, homemade Christmas cookies to share with family and friends. Cost is $12 per pound. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Saint Ann's Food Pantry.

Crafters/Vendors Wanted

NORTH HAVEN

MONTOWESE BAPTIST CHURCH, 201 Quinnipiac Ave., North Haven will hold a **Christmas, Craft Fair & Auction** on **Sat., Dec. 7th,** from 10am-2pm. ***Crafters Needed!*** Tables available for $25. Call (203) 824-1170 and leave message. Festivities include light lunch, bake sale, silent auction with trees and other items, and homemade crafts! The Thrift Shop will also be open Friday and Saturday, 10am-3pm for the holidays. During November 30% off all dishes and glassware.

Tag/Rummage Sales

NEW HAVEN & SURROUNDING TOWNS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR TAG & BAKE SALE at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 280 Humphrey Street, New Haven on **Sat., Dec. 7th,** from 11am-3pm.

FOR SALE: Wicker desk with matching chair, white, exc. cond., has keyboard drawer $60; (203) 248-1718

FOR SALE: Sofa, chaise attachment, brown fabric, very good cond. $75; (860) 573-3210, Hamden •

WANTED TO BUY:
Antiques & Collectibles, furniture, jewelry, silver, toys, advertising items, old signs, doorstops, garden items, fishing, military, clocks, Hummels & Lladró, linen, pottery, glass, etc.
Clean Out Services
(203) 641-0307 Northford

Buying Costume Jewelry



Call Jude (203) 868-1816

WANTED TO BUY

GRASSY HILL AUCTIONS, an Estate Sale, Liquidation, Attic & Basement Cleanout Company is Always Buying and providing services all over Connecticut. These are just a FEW of the things we are looking for: Antiques, Collectibles, Old/ Vintage Toys, Musical Instruments (Saxophones, Trumpets, Violins, Flutes, Clarinets, Trombone & SO MUCH MORE) Advertising Items, Wristwatches (Broken or Not), Pocket Watches, Tools (Machinist, Woodworking, & MORE) Doorstops, Clocks, Oil Paintings, Old Signs, Old Photographs, Old Postcards, Brewery Items, Hunting & Fishing, PEZ Dispensers, Costume Jewelry, Broken Jewelry, Gold & Silver Jewelry, Gold & Silver Coins, Military Items, Swords & Bayonets, Helmets & Patches, Medals & Uniforms, Pocket Knives, Lighters & Pipes, Fountain Pens, Mechanical Pencils, Fraternal Order Items, Religious Items, Industrial Items, Winchester Items, Sikorsky Items, Pratt & Whitney Items, Colt Items, Native American Items, Vintage Electronics, Slot Cars, Toy Trucks, Matchbox & Hotwheels, Barbie's, Folk Art, Statues, Bronzes, Trains, Cameras, Mid Century Modern Furniture, Straight Razors, Shaving Items, Political Items, Comic Books, Sports Cards & Autographs…& THE LIST GOES ON! So please give us a call at your earliest convince. **Grassy Hill Auctions (203) 868-1816; GrassyHill Auctions.com**

Upcoming Area Shows

CLASSIC SHOWS, LLC is having a **Train and Toy Show** on **Sun., December 8th,** from 10am-3pm at the Annex YMA Hall in New Haven. The Hall is located off I-95 exit 50 northbound or I-95 exit 51 southbound. The GPS address is 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. the show features new and old trains of all gauges from manufacturers such as American Flyer, Lionel, LGB, and more. Diecast vehicles and vintage toys will be for sale. American Flyer parts will be available. There will be a portable O gauge train running on display. There is also a multi gauge test track. Admission is $6.00. Children 15 and under are free with an adult admission. For more information, visit our official website www.classicshowsllc or call (203) 926-1327.

Entertainment

ST. JOHN'S MUSIC MINISTRY will present a **Free Christmas Concert** on **Sun., Dec. 8th,** 3pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place, North Haven. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the Organ Fund. For further information: (203) 239-0156.

WANTED: Collector wants to buy early historic New Haven County related items, maps, books, engravings, paintings, paper items or actual products; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: Texaco 1930 Denver style filling station, handpainted porcelain, 6"Wx7"H $25; Wings of Texaco model airplane $20; (203) 239-8060 •

Worth Tasting Culinary Tour 2024

New Haven: The remaining date for "Worth Tasting," a downtown culinary walking tour in New Haven is Sat., Dec. 7 (holiday tour). Spend an afternoon on a food tasting adventure with Stephen Fries, food columnist, Professor Emeritus of Hospitality Management and board member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

The four-hour tour includes stops at 7-8 different restaurants and eateries in the Elm City. The tour begins at 10:30am from the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale, where guests will receive a goody bag. Ticket price for the December tour is $82.

Reservations are required. http://stephenfries.com/culinary-tours (203) 415-3519.