

Sen. Cicarella, CT Republicans Offer Plan to Provide Consumers Relief on Electric Bills


State Senator Paul Cicarella

As Connecticut residents are opening their January electricity bills, Senior Deputy Republican Leader Paul Cicarella **(R-North Haven)** and Connecticut Republicans today unveiled a detailed six-point plan to bring about stability and relief for consumers.

"People across our district and state have had enough. Republicans are once again offering specific ideas to bring much-needed relief for Connecticut families, businesses, and seniors," said Senator Cicarella.

"Throughout the summer and fall, I've heard from thousands of constituents either in person or who've reached out to my office. Energy affordability is their top concern. My Republican colleagues and I are once again inviting majority party Democrats to consider our solutions for relief. I encourage them to join us and do what is right for the people of Connecticut," he said.

The Republicans' plan would:

1) remove Public Benefits Charges from electric bills
2) prohibit agreements that buy electricity at 150 % above the wholesale price
3) redefine "Class I renewable energy source" to include any electricity generated from a hydropower or nuclear power generating facility
4) separate PURA from DEEP
5) eliminate any incentive program that increases electric demand, including, any electric vehicle rebate program
6) study ways to increase the supply of natural gas

North Haven Memorial Library Jan./Feb. 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., Jan. 30, 10:30-11:15am. Ages: 0-24 months. No Registration Required. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

OK, Chef! Thurs., Jan. 30, 6-6:45pm. Age Group: 6-9 yrs. Bring your imagination (and taste buds!) and learn to decorate a special seasonal treat!

Readers & Writers for Homeschooled Teens: Fri., Jan. 31, 10:30am-12 noon. Age Group: 13+. Join us for this creative writing/book club combo. We'll share our favorite books, chat about our latest writings, and get those creative juices flowing with fun activities.

All Month Long! Conversation Hearts Scavenger Hunt: All Ages. No Registration Required. Love is in the air. This month's scavenger hunt is one sweet treat (just don't try to eat)! Can you find all 10 conversation hearts hidden in the Children's Department?

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Sat., Feb. 1, 10am-12 noon. Ages: 0-12 yrs. No Registration Required. This world-wide program encourages parents/caregivers and their children to explore all that their library has to offer. This year you can enjoy: Lego Club, Bookworm bookmark craft, Conversation Hearts Scavenger Hunt with special prizes from our treasure chest!

A Place Called Hope - Live Birds of Prey: Sat., Feb. 1, 2-3pm. All Ages. The audience will get to see three live birds of prey in this awesome animal program. Learn all about common characteristics of each species and how they became ambassadors of a rehabilitation center! Plus, identify conflicts wildlife faces and learn some simple solutions for preservation.

Parent Playdate: Mon., Feb. 3, 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!

Teen Debate Club: Mon., Feb. 3, 3pm-4:30pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration Encouraged. Debate Topic: TBD. Over these next three weeks, we'll define our key terms and find research that supports each side. By our third meeting, we'll be ready to debate. Bring your thoughts and a friend!

Lego Club: Mon., Feb. 3, 6pm-6:45pm. Ages: 4-12 years No Registration Required. We provide the LEGOs™ and you provide the creativity!

Bilingual Storytime: Tues., Feb. 4, 10:30-11am. Age Group: 12-24 mos. to 5 yrs. It's time for some fun with stories, songs, and nursery rhymes in both English and Spanish.

Online Author Talk - Sabrina Sholts: Tues., Feb. 4, 2-3pm, Zoom. Join us for this enlightening presentation with Smithsonian curator Sabrina Sholts as she talks about how the very fact of being human increases our pandemic risks—and gives us the power to save ourselves.

German Conversation Group: Tues., Feb. 4, 4pm-5pm. Come practice your German speaking in an informal group.

Switch Party: Tues., Feb. 4, 6-6:45pm. Age Group: 6-11 yrs. Grab your controller and join us at the Library for a gaming party where we will play some fun multi-player switch games together! *We have limited switch controllers here so please bring your own from home to jump in the fun.

Yin Yoga: Tues., Feb. 4, 6:30-7:30pm. In this class, students will get to explore the physical benefits of Yin Yoga as well as how it can help us energetically, emotionally and mentally. *Students must bring their own yoga mats.

Toddler Time: Wed., Feb. 5, 10:30-11am. Age Group: 2-3 yrs. Parent/Caregivers and their toddlers will interact with books, learn fingerplays and sing.

Guided Meditation: Wed., Feb. 5, 10:30-11:30am. Join Johanne Vannelli as she leads us through a mindfulness and meditation session.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB): Wed., Feb. 5, 3-4:30pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration Encouraged. At TAB, members share their ideas for new programs/services, help the Teen Department plan special events, and overall work to make our library a better place for teens.

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., Feb. 6, 10:30-11:15am. Ages: 0-24 mos. No Registration Required. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

Teen Librarian Office Hours: Thurs., Feb. 6, 3-4pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Interested in volunteering at the library, but not sure where to start? Sign up to chat with Emily, our Teen Librarian. She'll help point you in the right direction toward getting involved and being in-the-know with your library.

The Health Benefits of Dark Chocolate: Thurs., Feb. 6, 3pm-4pm. Join Marisa McCoy, a Registered Dietitian from the ShopRite of Wallingford for a presentation of the health benefits of dark chocolate!

Are You Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Tutor Job?

New Haven: If so, become a tutor at Springs Learning Center in New Haven. We are an educational Center supported and established by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. We provide a holistic literacy program for underserved adult learners with an emphasis on English as a Second Language.

The overall goal of the Center is to provide individual tutoring in basic literacy skills. The commitment is one hour a week and the learners are most grateful for the assistance. All training and materials are provided. If you can speak English, you can teach English!

To reach the Center, please call (203) 787-1025 or email annemarie.chuckrey@oppeace.org for further information. We encourage potential tutors to make an appointment and fill out an application.

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at Amarante's, New Haven.

For more information and updates: Facebook group **NBHS Class of 1975.** Please send your contact information (name, address and email address) to **NoBranfordHSClassof1975@gmail.com**.

Please share this information with other classmates.

NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

North Haven High School classmates of 1975, come join us in celebrating our 50th Year Class Reunion of the maroon & white. Dining, dancing, connecting with old friends, and celebrating our youth.

Save the Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025; 6pm-10pm at Terrace on the Green at Traditions Golf Club, Wallingford.

We are looking to reach as many of our classmates as possible. We need your help to make this a night to remember. Please contact: Elaine - erjpiano@aol.com; Bruce - ktzman@aol.com; Patti - patti-mac@comcast.net; Dan - Daniel.fiasconaro@ya hoo.com with your information.

Pass this "save the date" information along to your friends so they can contact us too. Follow our Facebook page: North Haven High School 50th Reunion for updates.

Come join in the fun, enjoy reminiscing our memories and creating new ones. Formal invitations will follow. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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FOR SALE: Gulf gasoline price sign number 29, number 17 $55; Gulf motor oil, 2-gallon can $25; (203) 239-8060 •

WANTED: Antiques or collectibles, highest prices paid for paintings, furniture, glassware, pottery, documents, photographs, bottles, anything old, one piece or entire estates, cash paid; (203) 915-7662 •

Upcoming Reunions

NORTH BRANFORD H.S. CLASS OF 1975

Save the Date: August 22, 2025 from 6pm-10pm - The North Branford High School Class of 1975 will hold their 50th Class Reunion

LEGAL NOTICE

JANUARY 2025 MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE TO THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN FOR THE 2023 GRAND LIST

(Pursuant to C.G.S. § 12-145)

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES for the Town of North Haven are due JANUARY 1, 2025 (SECOND INSTALLMENT). Further, SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES are due JANUARY 1, 2025 (IN-FULL). ***Supplemental bills are issued pursuant to*** C.G.S. § 12-7. *NOTE: FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX (C.G.S. § 12-130). BILLING STUBS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF BOTH REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE IN JANUARY WERE INCLUDED IN THE JULY BILLING PACKET; WE DO NOT PROCESS A SECOND BILL.*

If taxes are not paid by end of the grace period, February 3, 2025, the taxes will become delinquent as of February 4, 2025: Interest will accrue at the rate of 1½ % per month or fraction thereof (18% per annum) on all unpaid taxes on the 2023 Grand List, computed from the original due date of January 1, 2025. Each addition of interest shall become due and collectable and shall be figured on the original amount of tax. *INTEREST CANNOT BE WAIVED (C.G.S. §§ 12-145 & 146).*

If BACK TAXES are due, payments will be applied to the oldest outstanding bill first; fees, interest, and liens will be paid before principal (if applicable). (C.G.S. § 12-144b). On each tax bill that becomes delinquent, a minimum interest charge of $2.00 will be collected. (C.G.S. § 12-146). All delinquent motor vehicle taxes requiring a release for motor vehicle registration should be paid by cash, bank check or money order. Payments made with a check and/or online require a waiting period of ten (10) business days for clearance, which will delay your ability to register with DMV. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A DMV RELEASE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU COME IN TO PAY.

THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ACCEPTS CASH IN THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF $1,000.00 PER TRANSACTION.

Please make all checks payable to: Tax Collector, Town of North Haven.

PAYING BY MAIL: PLEASE INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF THE BILL, AND WRITE THE LIST/BILL NUMBER [Example: 2023-MS-XXXXXXX] ON YOUR CHECK. *NO STAPLES PLEASE.* IF YOU PAY WITHIN THE GRACE PERIOD *(TIMELY PAYMENT):* FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AN ENVELOPE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN WHICH TO MAIL YOUR PAYMENT *(ADDRESSED TO: TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN, P.O. BOX 900, HARTFORD, CT 06143-0900).* IF YOU PAY AFTER THE GRACE PERIOD *(LATE PAYMENT)*: PLEASE MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE DIRECTLY, LOCATED AT MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 18 CHURCH STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473. REQUESTS FOR RECEIPTS SHOULD INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

PAYING ONLINE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY YOUR TAX BILL(S) ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT: ***www.town.north-haven.ct.us*** IN THE SECTION FOR ONLINE SERVICES: YOU WILL CLICK ON "VIEW AND PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE". YOU WILL THEN BE DIRECTED TO A SECURE PAYMENT SITE. PLEASE BE ADVISED, THERE IS A FEE TO USE THE ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM, DEPENDING UPON THE PAYMENT INSTRUMENT UTILIZED: *CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, .50 FEE PER TRANSACTION; DEBIT CARD, $3.95 FEE PER TRANSACTION; AND CREDIT CARD, 3% FEE PER TRANSACTION.*

PAYING IN PERSON: The Tax Collector's office is open daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., except for weekends and legal holidays.

DATED AT NORTH HAVEN, CT ON THIS 22 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024
J. STACEY YARBROUGH
TAX COLLECTOR & TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS
MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 18 CHURCH STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473
203.239.5321

New Collection Method for Bulk Trash in Hamden

The Town of Hamden has moved towards a new method of collecting residential bulk trash by appointment-only.

The appointment-only bulk trash pickup program took effect January 1st.

Moving forward, residents may receive one (1) free appointment-only bulk trash pickup between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025. Residents may receive two (2) free appointment-only bulk trash pickups within each of the subsequent contract years, from July 1 to June 30 of each year, e.g. July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and so forth.

To receive a bulk trash pickup, Hamden residents should make an appointment by contacting All American Waste at (203) 503-3782 no later than 1pm on the day prior to your regular trash collection day. Please place your bulk trash at the curb for collection before 6am.

All American Waste will maintain a record of all resident bulk trash pickup requests and will provide the Town with this information on a weekly basis.

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