

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR PERMIT

This is to give notice that I, LESLIE E. FORBES, of 30 SO. TURNPIKE RD., WALLINGFORD, CT 06492-3458 have filed an application placarded 04/10/2025 with the Department of Consumer Protection to add live entertainment for my existing NON PROFIT CLUB LIQUOR permit located at 23 PRINCE ST., WALLINGFORD, CT 06492-4119. The business is owned by: MAJOR RAOUL LUFBERRY VFW POST #591. Live Entertainment Added: Disc Jockeys.

Sen. Cicarella, Calls for AG Tong to Investigate Possible Civil Rights Violations

Senior Deputy Senate Republican Leader Paul Cicarella (R-North Haven), member of the Government Judiciary Committee, has urged Connecticut Attorney General William Tong to investigate possible civil rights violations at Yale University, where pro-Palestinian protesters allegedly blocked Jewish students from accessing Beinecke Plaza and directed insults at them.

"Over the past days, there have been multiple reports and videos on social media that have surfaced depicting harassment and intimidation of Jewish students on Yale's campus at the hands of agitators. Yale's administration has gone on to revoke the status of the student protest group involved. It is clear that this is a problem. Attorney General Tong has a history of taking legal action on a wide range of issues, and launching investigations on matters less egregious than what we saw this week at Yale. If Jewish students were harassed or blocked from moving freely on Yale's campus, then it is the Attorney General's duty to act decisively. He has the opportunity to send a clear message that hate and harassment will not be tolerated," he said.

In 2021, the legislature adopted legislation (PA 21-128) pushed by Attorney General Tong that, among other provisions, allows his office to "investigate, intervene in, or bring a civil or administrative action" whenever any person has engaged in conduct that:

- Subjects other persons to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the constitutions or laws of this state or the United States; or
- Interferes, or attempts to interfere, by threats, intimidation or coercion, with the exercise or enjoyment by other persons of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the constitutions or laws of this state or the United States.



State Senator Paul Cicarella

2025 College Scholarships



Hamden: Play More Chess Academy (PMCA) and Hamden Chess Club (HCC) offer the following college scholarships:

Up to two \$500 College Scholarships will be available in Spring of 2025. A student is eligible to apply for this college scholarship if they are a class of 2025 graduating high school senior and are planning to attend college in Fall 2025. Successful applicants will have had at least some involvement with PMCA and/or HCC programs over the years (i.e. classes, lessons, summer program, casual play or tournaments).

Applicants should submit the following to info@playmorechess.com:

1. A high school transcript showing a 3.3 GPA or higher
 2. An essay (minimum 250 words) on what chess means to them.
- Please include, either as part of the essay or separately, any ways in which applicant has been involved with PMCA and/or HCC over the years (i.e. classes, lessons, summer program, casual play or tournaments).

If notified that you have been selected to receive an award you would then need to submit a photo of yourself to be used in the announcement of the annual scholarship winner(s). Scholarship winners will receive notification by June 1, 2025. Application deadline May 15, 2025.

Scholarship funds are made possible through the generosity of friends and family who made contributions to honor the memory of David Ringold (1956-2022). The scholarship program funding is sustained and increased with both individual gifts and purchases of refreshments at Play More Chess Academy, Home of the Hamden Chess Club. Previous scholarship winners are listed on the PMCA website.

Photo release: By applying for this scholarship you give permission for an image of yourself, if a scholarship winner, to be used solely for the promotion of chess education and program activities of Play More Chess Academy and the Hamden Chess Club, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Mayflower Society Founders' Annual Celebration Banquet



North Haven: The North Haven Mayflower Society founded in 1895 would like to invite you to attend this year's Founders' Celebration Banquet, an annual North Haven event! This is the 129th consecutive year that North Haveners have gathered to honor their shared history – be a part of it! The banquet will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 4 PM. It will take place at The Bistro, Wallingford Country Club, 195 Long Hill Road in Wallingford. The cost is \$55 per person inclusive of the \$5 annual membership and includes appetizers, a turkey dinner, and dessert and coffee. There will be a cash bar.

This year's speaker will be John Proto, Executive Director of the Shoreline Trolley Museum. He will entertain us with stories of the trolleys that traveled to and from North Haven.

For more information, please call 203-239-7722 or email nhhist-soc@gmail.com. You can make reservations by mailing payment to: Mayflower Society Secretary / Treasurer 27 Broadway, North Haven, CT 06473.

I WAS JUST THINKING.....

By Sally J. Buemi
Selectman, Town of North Haven

I was just thinking about the proposed budget for next year, but first, once again I would like to express my best regards to First Selectman Mike Freda. It is my understanding that Mike continues to recover from a medical episode. All of our citizens, and especially those of us in town government, look forward to Mike's return.

On April 16th, the Board of Finance (BOF) finalized the budget proposal for the next fiscal year. The referendum will be on Tuesday, May 20th, with all voting at the rec. center.

In my last column, I was hopeful that the BOF would adjust this proposed budget, especially on the revenue side. We have 44 sources of revenue in our budget. By far, the largest source is from your property tax dollars. However, approximately \$16 million comes from other sources. Increases in some of these other sources will ease the burden on the taxpayers, and the mill rate goes down. This is what I have been advocating. During public comment at the BOF meeting, fellow democrat David Cohen accused me of doing nothing to advocate for this budget. Clearly, he has no understanding of the revenue side of the budget and its impact on the mill rate.

In my last column, I said "I think the BOF will do their best to finalize a budget that might have a better chance of passing at Referendum." The Republican controlled BOF did nothing. In fact, the expenditure side of the budget increased by \$12,300. The proposed budget is \$137.6 million, an unprecedented \$9 million increase over the current year.

Your taxes will be going up, on average, by \$1,250. This will be the third significant tax increase in a row. Last year, a budget that increased taxes by \$600 was defeated. At the April 7th public hearing, Mr. Freda gave this proposed budget a 50-50 chance of passing. I give it much less of a chance.

It is easy, but misleading, to blame this huge tax increase solely on revaluation. Yes, the reval. is partly to blame because residential property values went up at such a higher rate than the other components of the grand list, such as commercial and business property. But let's be clear, the \$9 million increase in spending is also a significant factor.

I was disappointed, but not surprised, that the BOF took no action to revise this budget. Half of this \$137 million is for Education (BOE). On February 1st, during the BOE workshop (at 1 hour, 11 minutes for those who want to watch the video), Mr. Freda said "I support the BOE budget. I am impressed with this budget." In my opinion, this was an inappropriate comment because the budget workshop process was not over – 6 more departments still remained to present their requests. Mr. Freda effectively removed any deliberation of the Education budget. The Republican BOF members will never, EVER, drift from the party line.

Last Year's budget referendum defeat should've been a lesson. Sometimes in government, you must give a little to avoid losing a lot. Last year's initial budget increased the mill rate by 2.65 mills, an unsustainable amount. Therefore, to lower taxes and increase the chances of budget approval, I proposed spending reductions. Last year, I proposed a \$250,000 reduction in the BOE's budget request (which would still have given them a \$3 million increase) and a \$1.5 million dollar reduction on the town side. My proposals were ignored, and some fellow democrats accused me of not supporting education. So, what happened? The budget failed, and the BOF reduced Education by \$950,000. Again, you must give a little to avoid losing a lot. This year, the BOF failed to learn from last year's mistakes.

There will be a Budget Town Meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM at the high school auditorium. Because the BOF made no changes, don't expect anything different from what you heard at the April 7 Public Hearing. The BOE budget is still 4.5 million higher, the town budget is still \$4.5 million higher, and your taxes will still be, on average, \$1,250 higher.

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North Haven Resident Inducted Into Stonehill Honor Society

Juliana Mascia of North Haven, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2026, was recently inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma, Stonehill College's honor society.

The organization recognizes outstanding juniors and seniors who have demonstrated an excitement for both learning and sharing their knowledge. Visit Stonehill College's website for more about this year's Scholars Celebration.

The Great Give Event - May 7 & 8

North Haven: "Celebrating its 16th year in 2025, The Great Give is returning on May 7-8. This 36-hour, online, community-wide giving event was created by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to raise visibility and resources for nonprofits serving Greater New Haven. Last year, thanks to the generosity of thousands of donors, the efforts of participating organizations, and sponsorships, the event

raised an impressive \$3.87 million for a record number of 553 local nonprofits."*

Peter's Rock Association is participating on this site (www.thegreatgive.org). The park's bridges are in need of repair/replacement. Donating is easy, go to the above site, locate Peter's Rock Association in the search bar, and DONATE. 100% of donations are applied to the park and appreciated.

*Taken from the Community Foundation's website.

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 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.

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