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North Haven Memorial Library

17 Elm Street, North Haven

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL KICK-OFF TO SUMMER READING

Save the Date! You are invited to North Haven Memorial Library's Annual FREE Kick-Off to Summer Reading Fest on **Sat., June 14**, from 11am-2pm (Rain or Shine!).

Kick off your summer with an afternoon of family fun, games, crafts, balloon animals, food trucks, and live music from School of Rock's House Band! There is something for everyone, and it is all free! At the event, you can sign up for one of our Summer Reading Programs and you could win a cool prize just for joining!

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Town of North Haven

REFUSE COLLECTION: MEMORIAL DAY

The North Haven Public Works Field Operations wishes to advise all North Haven residents that the refuse and recycling collection for the week of May 26th, will be **Delayed By One Day**.

The Recycling Center will be closed on Mon., May 26.

The Recycling Center will be open Tues.-Fri., 8am-noon and Saturday, 8am-1:45pm.

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North Haven Garden Club May Market Fundraiser 2025



Pictured Top: Set up crew- Maria Yankura, Wini Collerna, Lee Fermo, Poonam Karnwal, Cindy Golia, Gerri Girodano, Marge Quinn, Gail Chillemi holding the pre made baskets. **Right:** Jane and Meghan Dinneen.

North Haven: The North Haven Garden Club held its annual May Market Fundraiser on May 10th from 9am to 1pm at the Parks and Recreation gym. The weather started out drizzly but quickly changed to a sunny but windy day. This year the club featured a raffle that was run by friend and supporter of the club Janie Dinneen and her daughter Meghan. Jane also donated a bonus basket that featured her home made cookies, a child's gardening set with gloves and a \$50.00 gift certificate to Bell Nursery. The vendors at the market also donated an item to the raffle table and club member Cindy Golia made 3 baskets. New this year the club had a table featuring pre made baskets with either flowers or herbs which made a wonderful gift for Mothers Day. The club's big hit are always the hand dug perennials from our members yard. A variety of hanging basket, annuals, herbs, veggies, and tomatoes rounded out the sale. As in years past the Key Club Kids were there to help set



up, assist vendors and customers, and take down the market. We thank them, they all worked really hard. Look on our Facebook page for over 30 more photos from the day.

Don't forget to check out The North Haven Garden Club on Facebook for lots of useful and entertaining information and pictures of all our club does in our great town of North Haven! For membership information please email Italia at italia_a@comcast.net.

Article and photos by Cindy Golia

Hamden Rotary Club Day of Service Clean Up



Pictured: Are Lee and LynnCampo, Zayed and Mohammad Elahee and Paul Begemann. Missing from the photo is Betsy Gorman.

Hamden: The Hamden Rotary Club joined Rotary Clubs around the world for a day of service on Saturday. This year the group chose Putnam Avenue and Gallagher Drive for a cleanup of trash and debris.

Free Wash Events to Celebrate "National Laundry Day"

Hamden: Laundromax is celebrating its first anniversary in Hamden at 852 Dixwell Avenue, with a series of free community

laundry events! To show appreciation for the local communities' support, Laundromax invites everyone to enjoy complimentary laundry services at three special events in honor of National Laundry Day. Each event will run from 12:00 noon-8pm on **Tuesdays, May 27 & June 17.**

Don't miss out on this chance to save money and make laundry day a little easier.

Pre-registration is required, but you can also register on-site. Please visit: <https://laundromax.com/events/free-wash-ct> to sign up online.

Lunch With The Bunch



Pictured: Pat DeMatties, Elaine Silengo and Jo-Ann Idone.

North Haven: Retirees from the North Haven Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 16th at the Pacific Buffet and Grill at 20 Ives Rd #301C in Wallingford. Social at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00.

The group raises scholarship monies for graduating seniors from North Haven High School whose relatives have or had worked for the North Haven Board of Education.

2025 recipient is Mia O'Connor, a Sacred Heart Academy senior. Mia also attended Clintonville and North Haven Middle School. Mia plans to attend Southern New Hampshire University to major in Business. She also signed to play Division II Soccer there. Her mother Stacey teaches at Ridge Road Schools.

Call in reservations before June 13th to Pat DeMatties in North Haven at 203-239-5115, Tina Snyder in North Haven at 203-891-5025 or Judy Cody at 203-265-6432. Pre-registration is essential to secure seating. For more information, please contact Ellie Tessmer at 203-269-2653.

Photo by Ellie Tessmer

North Haven's Music Under The Stars 2025

Opening Concert is Tuesday, May 27th

Rich DiPalma at 7:00PM

North Haven: Local vocalist Rich DiPalma is known throughout Connecticut primarily as an Italian American Tenor. Rich will display his musical versatility by performing a variety of songs from many different genres, oldies, doo-wop, and songs of crooners like Sinatra, Dean Martin and Bobby Darin. Rich and fellow singer Kaite Corda put a modern twist on classic songs of yesteryear.

Tuesday, June 3rd "Rhythm City" is a high-energy dance band. They have a versatile repertoire that spans everything from the timeless classics to today's hottest hits. With a passion for music and a dedication to creating unforgettable experiences, Rhythm City is more than just a band—they are a musical journey that unites audiences through the power of rhythm and melody. Their talented line up of musicians have been in the music scene for decades and each of them brings a unique set of skills and vibrant personality to the stage.



North Haven Democrats Welcome Passage of Town Budget

North Haven Democrats welcomed the successful passage of the new Town Budget Tuesday. By a record-breaking vote of 1661 "Yes" votes to 915 "No" votes, more residents showed up than for any budget vote in the last ten years.

"North Haven Democrats rallied their friends and neighbors to pass this budget," said Tim Gabriele, North Haven DTC Town Chair. "Our committee voted to publicly endorse the 'Yes' campaign, and our members worked hard to find places where awareness of the importance of this critical vote was low and drive turnout in those populations."

Democratic Board of Education member Genevieve Cabre highlighted the advocacy of PTA's in the effort. "As a member of the Board of Education, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible PTA's for all the work they did to get out the vote. Their dedication made a real difference. I'm so glad the budget passed — it means we can continue to provide the services our students and families rely on. This is a win for our schools and our entire community."

North Haven Democrats made extensive use of Instagram and Facebook pages to share personal endorsements and voting information.

"It's notable that our organization worked as hard as we did to support a budget that was passed by Republican majorities on the Board of Education and Board of Finance," said DTC Vice Chair Steve Gifford. "I'm confident that our Republican friends will look at this turnout and margin, and work with us to include more popular Democratic priorities in future budget proposals."

Democratic Economic Development Commissioner Brandi Mandato expressed concern around the tax impact of the approved budget. She noted that the budget protects essential services that make North Haven a great place to live, but added, "the accompanying tax increase will hit hardest for those on fixed incomes — our seniors and low income neighbors." To offset these costs, Mandato urged town and state leaders to fight for a more fair share of state and federal funding.

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Looking Forward Virtual Golf Event



Wallingford: Celebrate 30+ years of Looking Forward and help raise funds to directly benefit Smilow Cancer Hospital patients. The Looking Forward Virtual Golf Event & Cocktail Party presented by Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, June 4th from 5-8:30pm at Back 9 Social, 805 Colony Road in Wallingford.

"After my breast cancer diagnosis in 2019, I received the benefit of services provided by the Looking Forward Program," said Kimberly Yates Carew, YNHH Auxiliary board member and chair of Looking Forward. "I could never pay back the comfort these services brought me, but I can pay it forward so that others undergoing treatment are comforted."

To participate you can still make pledges to "designated drivers" which include both Carews (Jamie in support of his Mom) or you can attend the cocktail party. The event will include great food, a huge raffle and silent auction plus a friendly driving contest between Laura Hutchinson and John Pierson from WTNH. John "Cadillac" Saville is our Master of Ceremony for the evening.

To pledge or purchase tickets go to: LFGolfEvent.GiveSmart.com

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TUESDAY, JULY 22

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Tuesday, July 15th - Sponsor Night

CANCELATION / SITE CHANGE POLICY - Please assume the concert will be on the green, no matter what the weather is. If you become concerned about the weather you should call the Recreation Center Info-Line (203-672-0541) after 5:00 p.m. If the recording under "Special Events" says there are no cancellations or changes, then you should assume the concert is on the Green regardless of the weather. You can also visit the North Haven Recreation Facebook Page for concert cancellations or changes. If the concert is moved to North Haven High School the information will be on the Recreation Info-Line and the Recreation Facebook Page. Please be advised there is limited seating at the High School. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Food and beverage including water are not permitted in the High School.

Food vendors will be on site most nights



Happy Memorial Day to All!

Thank you to those who have served to keep us free!



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LARGE ESTATE SALE: Many different items. Something for everyone. From automotive to houseware items. Too many items to list. **Cash Only Sale.** Date of Sale: Thurs., June 5 thru June 8th, 8am-4pm or until everything is sold. Location of Sale: 22 Nancy Lane, North Haven.

NORTHFORD/NORTH BRANFORD

MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE: Sat., May 31, 8:30am-1:30pm, 42 Augur Rd., Northford. Rain date: Sun., June 1, 8:30am-12:30pm. Vintage Barbies, Steiffs, household, decor, clothes, crafts, toys, many new items, cookware, sourdough & baking. Don't miss this one!



Scheduled Bus Trips

A FEW TICKETS LEFT TO SEE "RAGTIME" at Goodspeed Opera House on **Thurs., June 12th** for the 2pm performance. Bus leaves Commuter Lot - Hartford Tpke. & Devine St., North Haven at 10:30am. \$160 includes bus, driver's gratuity, orchestra seats and lunch at the Gelston House. Call Sue, (203) 530-4561 or Helen, (203) 281-1221. **MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Monday, June 30th.** Pick up at Miller Library, Hamden at 8:30am, leaving the Casino at 3:30pm. Cost is \$35. Please call Arlene at (203) 248-8936 for information and reservations.



Golf Tournaments Summer/Fall 2025

The Advisor welcomes Non-profit organizations to submit their Golf Tournament announcements for the coming season. They will be printed FREE OF CHARGE.

NORTHFORD/NORTH BRANFORD WOMEN'S CLUB will be hosting their **Annual Charity Golf Tournament** on **Sat., June 21st**, 11am at the Twin Lakes Golf Club, located at 241 Twin Lakes Road, North Branford. After the tournament, please join us at Arturo's, 53 School Ground Rd., North Branford, for lunch and raffle baskets. 100% of our proceeds go to charity. Cost is \$50 per person to play. Please make checks made out to: Northford Women's Club. PO Box 264, Northford, CT 06472 or VENMO: @NorthfordWomens-Club with a note mentioning the Golf Tournament. Please text (203) 214-0147 for more information!

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Victoria DeSimone

Hi! I will be 12 years old on May 30th. I'm in 6th grade and I play lacrosse for North Haven. I am also a cheerleader for North Haven tackle football in the fall and I play basketball in the winter. I am on the North Haven D12 Competition Cheer Team. Our team went to Florida last December and completed on the National level. This was the fourth time we went to Florida and we are hopeful to make it again this year. I love playing in all my sports. I have an amazing group of friends and have made many new friends at the Middle School and in all the sports I play. I love my mom, Pam and my older brother Dominic very much! Hugs to my Auntie Valerie and cousin Scarlett Joyce in Vermont and my cousin, Brandon. Much love to my family in heaven - Especially my father Anthony, Mima Joyce, Poppy Ed, Grandma Marge, Grandpa Charlie and Uncle Charlie. I miss them all deeply and you all are in my heart.

Children's Birthday Notice

Birthdays celebrated from Sun., May 25, 2025 to Sat. May 31, 2025 MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY Thur., May 29, 2025 to appear in our next issue FREE of charge. Digital photos are gladly accepted emailed, NOT printed out.

Meriden Humane Society to Hold

Annual Shred Event

It's time to shred all those papers, files and receipts!

Location Change!! The Meriden Humane Society's 6th Annual Shred Event will take place at 400 Research Parkway, Meriden, on Saturday, May 31, 9am-12pm.

Place boxes in your trunk or backseat prior to arrival. First 50 cars will receive a free gift bag! MHS swag will be available for purchase.

\$10 suggested donation per box - all proceeds will benefit our animals at MHS.

Please, no 3-ring binders or electronic media.

Staples/paper clips do not need to be removed.

ProShred is partnering with MHS to provide our community with a safe and secure way to destroy personal documents while helping our furry friends!

North Haven Dog Licenses & Tags 2025/2026

The North Haven Town Clerk's Office would like to remind all North Haven dog owners that June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025 is the time to purchase/renew dog licenses & tags:

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 22-338 and Public Act No. 03-103, ALL dogs six (6) months of age and older MUST be licensed and vaccinated by the end of June 2025 to qualify for a license/tag. The new renewal license will cover the time period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Licenses & Tags may be obtained from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday (with a break between 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., and except legal holidays), at the Town Clerk's Office, located at Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Payments can be made in cash, check, bank check or money order, payable to "North Haven Town Clerk".

Licenses & Tags may be obtained by mail **IF** the following information is provided: Dog owner's name, address, and phone number in addition to the dog's name, age, sex, color and breed, along with proof of CURRENT rabies vaccination. You must also provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of all original documentation to you, along with the dog Licenses & Tags.

For your convenience, we have posted an application on the Town's Website. Please visit: www.town.north-haven.ct.us, under "FORMS" on the Town Clerk's page.

NOTE: If you find you need a copy of your license in the future, feel free to request this form from our office; there is a \$1.00 per page charge for copies.

COST: \$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dog (a certificate of proof that your dog has been spayed or neutered MUST be shown to qualify for this charge); and \$19.00 for those dogs NOT yet spayed or neutered.

REQUIREMENTS: A CURRENT rabies certificate MUST be presented to obtain a new/renewed license/tag.

LATE PENALTY: Licenses/Tags obtained AFTER June 30, 2025 will be assessed a late penalty at the rate of \$1 per month, in addition to the fees noted above.

If you have any questions, please contact the North Haven Town Clerk's Office at 203.239.5321 x 630. Thank you!



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Tag/Rummage Sales

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MONTOWESE BAPTIST CHURCH BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP, 201 Quinpiac Ave., North Haven (located in the back of the church). All are welcomed to come and enjoy the lovely items that our friends, families and neighbors have donated. We will be open from 10am-2pm Friday and Saturday to shop or donate at your convenience. Remember someone else's items may be a new treasure for you. **NO BULK ITEMS PLEASE!** Easter items, while they last, will be on sale at 50% off and winter clothing, gently used or still with tags, will be offered at a 50% discount help us help others. Questions for Blessings Thrift Shop call Pauline (203) 824-1170. All proceeds help pay the bills at Montowese Baptist Church! Worship hours are 10:30 on Sunday. Please join us. All are welcome. Check us out on FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Montowese-Baptist-Church/100086603520221/#>

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH in North Haven is holding a **Tag Sale** on **Sat., June 7th** from 8am-1pm. A variety of household items, toys, and other items will be available for sale. Something for everyone!

Tag Sale Space Available

NORTHFORD/NORTH BRANFORD

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 6801 is looking for vendors to fill spaces 15'x28'D at their **Annual Spring Giant Tag Sale/Flea Market** on **Sat., June 7th** (rain date: Sunday, June 8th) at Augur (Poco) Field, 298 Forest Rd., Northford (change of venue) across from the new Police Station. It will run from 8am-3pm. Free admission and parking. To reserve a space, call (203) 484-9737. The cost is \$35 per spot. \$30 for returning vendors. Vendors must provide their own tables.

Express yourself in our Letters to the Editor



To submit a letter: Letters to the Advisor should include the writer's name, address and phone number. The writer's signature should appear at the end of the letter. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters will be accepted through Wednesday at 5pm. We will extend the deadline if circumstances allow and providing we have space available. Letters must be no longer than 400 words due to space limitations. The Advisor does not edit letters which are published as they are received. If a letter is questionable, the writer will be contacted for verification. The Advisor reserves the right to not publish letters that may be personally offensive.

North Haven Planning and Zoning Power Grab

To The Editor: May 21, 2025
North Haven residents need to fight the power grab by our Planning and Zoning Commission.

Last fall, North Haven's Planning and Zoning Commission voted to make cannabis dispensaries illegal in town. They did this along a party line vote at 11:30 at night, after a public hearing that was not publicized. A petition from more than 100 residents did not change their minds, and the company that wanted to open this new business is now suing the town.

North Haven has traditionally been a town that seeks community input on most decisions. Our entire town votes on our budget every year. When new Senior Housing was being discussed near Clintonville School, there were community meetings and mock-ups showing the project and its impacts. We even had a town meeting in January about new trash cans!

And yet, Republicans on the Planning and Zoning Commission decided that they didn't need to hear from North Haven voters before making their decision. There are more than thirty cannabis dispensaries in Connecticut already, but these three P&Z members decided that this kind of business isn't welcome in town.

Planning and Zoning Commission members will be on the ballot this fall. When you vote, ask: does this candidate want to represent me? Or do they want to make rules for the whole town in the middle of the night?

Steve Gifford, North Haven

A Win For Our Town

To The Editor: May 22, 2025
Passing the North Haven budget is a win for our town. We collectively approached this budget cycle with a sense of urgency. Turnout was higher than it's been in years, lines were out the door most of the day.

I spent the day at the polls talking to voters and asking them what they thought about this year's budget and the direction of our town. Responses ranged from concerns about rising costs to services being cut and the desire to invest in our future. What emerged from this vote is a bipartisan coalition of parents, teachers, seniors, working class voters, small business owners, public servants and Democrats, Republicans and Independents joining together to support this budget and the long term investment in our town.

Good investments pay dividends, and there is no better investment than one in ourselves. There's a reason why North Haven is such a desirable place to live and why so many choose to call North Haven home generation after generation.

I am proud to call North Haven home.

Sincerely,

David Cohen, North Haven

Keep Showing Up and Coming Together For Our Community

To The Editor: May 22, 2025
On May 20th North Haven voters turned out to the polls in record numbers, the highest in over a decade. Almost twice as many voters showed up to this referendum as did last year at the first budget vote. Over five times more showed in 2025 than in 2022. We've still got a long way to go to engage the full voting public in the participatory budgeting process, but this is movement in the right direction.

When voters show up as they did this week, it's clear they are looking to ensure our town continues to invest in its residents, its infrastructure, and its services. This spirit was on display both inside the polling places, where lines stretched out the door (perhaps a first for a referendum vote) and outside, where parents shepherded their little ones from the polls to the town green to get a popsicle from the PTA and encourage future participation in the democratic process. This sense of community engagement and participation was inspiring and uplifting, a testament to a town who takes its civic responsibilities seriously and shows up to maintain its quality of life.

That being said, many will have difficult days ahead. For far too long the municipal burden on funding things like education has been heavy, and North Haven is at a particular disadvantage, ranking 139 out of 169 CT towns in per pupil state money by the School Finance Accountability Project. The tax burden in our state disproportionately falls on folks who can't afford to pay more. Our state representatives consistently vote against the interest of working families who need higher wages and the job security that comes with strong unions, consumer protections from scams and price-gouging, access to affordable housing or cheaper rent, and relief in the form of better access to healthcare or better-regulated utilities. Nation-wide tariff-induced squeezing is right around the corner.

All of these costs make today's dollar go a shorter distance than it used to. That's why we've got to keep coming together, as North Haven did this week, to demand better from our town, our state, and our country. We've got to keep showing up for our friends and neighbors in need, lending a helping hand, and giving back to a community that offers us so much. The future is ours if we continue to show up to meet it.

Sincerely, Tim Gabriele

Chair, North Haven Democratic Town Committee

A Creative Idea With a Simple Message

To The Editor: May 22, 2025

I'm writing this letter to thank the North Haven PTAs for their creative idea of sponsoring a Popsicle giveaway on the Town Green on May 20th. Their message was simple, parents please vote at the Rec Center and then bring your child to the Town Green for a popsicle.

Every year, the town referendum consistently results in a low voter turnout and thanks to the PTAs' energy, thoughtfulness and planning, our town showed a much higher turnout (15%). As a retired teacher, I would like to comment. Thank you, PTAs for the up-close and best civics lesson that you provided for our children and future voters! Well done.

Dorothy Logan, North Haven

700 Popsicles to Sway Votes?

To The Editor: May 22, 2025

Last Tuesday a significant percentage of registered voters came out to vote on the 25-26 budget. With a difference of about 700 votes, the citizens of this town approved the budget. This is a bittersweet decision yet a very good one going forward. I understand there are those facing a significant rise in taxes that may be difficult, for them I hope there can be a path created in the future that assists them in meeting their obligation. For others the burden of increased taxes is also difficult, however the investment in operations, services & education is a value option that, in the long run, will show benefits. I would also like to believe an increase this year will "catch us up" where next year's budget may reflect a modest increase designed around the rate of inflation. Time will tell.

There is a small unfounded conspiracy theory being revealed by some folks that the Montowese PTA used the children in town as bait for votes by giving away free popsicles to those parents that voted. Claims have been vocalized that a yes vote was required to attain said popsicle, though there is no way to prove that yes vote, seems a silly notion to me. To validate the point, pictures and/or video being taken of the children at the event, while not being illegal, is in very poor taste especially without parental knowledge. Another misguided stone throw to usurp the right to vote against their slanted agenda. Besides, I highly doubt there were 700 popsicles available to sway the vote, if you talk it through, it seems implausible.

Maybe at the end of the day, the majority of voters did not believe your reasoning to oppose so let the crying and whining of disappointment be reserved for upset young children not for middle aged bureaucrats.

Michael Nappe, North Haven

Sally Buemi With Anthony C. Greco At World War II Ceremony In Hartford



Pictured: Third Selectman Sally Buemi with World War II Veteran Anthony C. Greco, of North Haven.



Pictured: Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz presents Anthony C. Greco with a Victory Medal and Certificate.

North Haven: On May 19th, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz hosted the Connecticut World War II Veterans Recognition Ceremony at the State Armory in Hartford. The ceremony celebrated the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Seventy World War II veterans from Connecticut attended this wonderful event. Mr. Anthony C. Greco, of North Haven, was one of the honored veterans. Mr. Greco is 101 years old and he served in the US Army with the Armored Engineers. He served in the European Theatre including France, Holland and Germany. Mr. Greco has lived in North Haven since 1960. His three children, Karen, Stephen and Robert were proud to be with their Dad at this ceremony.

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Earth Day "Thank You" To All Who Participated

The **North Haven** Conservation Commission would like to thank all of the organizations and students from the high school Key Club and the Leo's group who participated in our Earth Day 2025 Celebration at the North Haven Park & Rec Center on Sat., April 26th.

It was a fun and informative day for all those who attended with lots of hands-on activities. We appreciate the many individuals who volunteered their time to make the event a success.

Thank you, from the North Haven Conservation Commission who sponsored the event.

Senator Cicarella Supports Responsible Budget Practices, Opposes Breaking Spending Cap

Senior Deputy Republican Leader Paul Cicarella (**R-North Haven**) opposed an additional \$284 million in Medicaid spending that exceeds the state's spending cap for the current fiscal year.

The measure, HB 6863, is a deficiency spending bill that bypassed traditional legislative scrutiny and allocates funds above the state's spending cap to address a shortfall in the Medicaid program.

"There is no crisis, and there is no need for Democrats to renege on the bipartisan promise of fiscal controls for our budget. Yes, Medicaid is important, and it's important that we address that shortfall. However, this need could have been fulfilled through Republican suggestions to use money that's already been allocated—instead of breaking the spending cap, a concept that Democrats once called 'sacrosanct.'

"Spending increases now will lead the way to future taxes on already overburdened middle-class families—we've seen this time and time again. We offered a commonsense, reasonable approach to address the problem. Every day, families face tough financial decisions. That means cutting items where appropriate or adjusting how they spend. The state government should do the same," he said.

Senate Republicans offered an amendment to de-allocate funds from state departments that are under budget—resulting in \$136 million in savings alone.

Locally, Sen. Cicarella supported the Senate Republican amendment that also included a provision enabling parents of unmarried state workers killed on the job to receive their child's death benefits. This was inspired by the tragic 2024 death of Andrew DiDomenico, who was struck and killed in Wallingford while working in a CT DOT work zone by a drunk driver.

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Wallingford Senior Center (203) 265-7753

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY

Mon., 5/26: Center Closed.
Tues., 5/27: 9:30am: Veteran's Coffee House.
Wed., 5/28: 10am: Book Signing - Meet the Authors Greg Armstrong and D.W. Alder.
Thurs., 5/29: 5pm: Lake View Dinner; 6pm: Mulan Dancers.
Fri., 5/30: TRIP: 7:30am - NY 1000 Islands; 9:30am: Morning Hike at Wharton Park; 10am: iPhone Workshop; 12:30pm: Movie: "American Graffiti."
Sat., 6/1: 4pm: SCOW School of Music Recital.

MAY 2025

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; 9am-4pm: Club 60 Plus, Billiards; 9:30am: Texas Hold'em, Canasta Lessons, Body in Motion; 10am: Canasta; 10:15am: Beginner Tai Chi; 10:45am: Workout with Sue-ZOOM; 11am: Total Fitness; 12:00 noon: Healthy Moves, Art Appreciation; 12:45pm: Chair Yoga; 1pm: Cards/Nickel-Nickel, Chess Club, Harmonica Club.
Tuesday: 8:30am: Workout with Sue - ZOOM; 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; 9am-4pm: Club 60 Plus, Billiards; 9:30am: Total Fitness, Basic Social Dance; 10am: Bocce, Ballroom Dance Lessons; 11am: Strength and Balance; 12:00 noon: Bridge; 12:30pm: Bingo; 1pm: Quilting, Parkinson Fitness, Mah Jongg; 2pm: Silver Sneakers Classic.
Wednesday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; 9am-4pm: Club 60 Plus, Billiards, Cards; 9am: Setback; 9:30am: Body in Motion; 9:45am: Guided Meditations; 10:15am: BOOM Silver Sneakers; 11am: Shuffleboard; 12:30pm: Acting Club, Dominoes; 1pm: Cribbage, Cards, Crafters Corner; 2:30pm: Basic Group Drumming.
Thursday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; 9am-4pm: Club 60 Plus, Billiards; 9:30am: Total Fitness, Basic Social Dance; 10am: Bible Discussion; 10:15am: Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga; 11am: Total Fitness; 12:30pm: Bingo, Artists' Studio; 1pm: Parkinson Fitness, Mah Jongg, Scrabble; 2pm: Silver Sneakers Classic; 3pm: Gentle Yoga.
Friday: 9am-1pm: Lake View Café; 9am-4pm: Club 60 Plus, Billiards; 9am: Tap Dance; 10am: Mah Jongg Lessons, Tai Chi, Mah Jongg; 10:30am: Workout with Sue - ZOOM; 11am: Strength and Balance, Bridge; 12:30pm: Pinochle, Movie Matinee; 1pm: Knit & Crochet, Cornhole; 2pm: Senior Jammers.
Subject to Change. We will make every effort to reschedule any activity that has been cancelled.

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Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center

189 Pool Rd., North Haven
Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm
Phone: (203) 239-5432

The following programs are held at the Joyce C. Budrow Senior. For information and to register for programs, call (203) 239-5432 or stop by the office. View the newsletter online at www.town-north-haven.ct.us.

WEEK OF MAY 26-30

Mon., 5/26: Senior Center Closed in Observance of Memorial Day.
Tues., 5/27: 9:30: & 10:45am: Better Balance; 10:30am: Rummikub - New!, Setback - New!; 12:00 noon: Oil Painting Class; 1pm: Bocce, Mahjong.
Wed., 5/28: 9:30am: Fitness Fun; 11am: Diamond Art Painting; 12:00 noon: Pinochle; 12:30pm: Bridge; 1pm: Bingo; 2:30pm: Pool School.
Thurs., 5/29: 9:30 & 10:45am: Better Balance; 9:45am: Departure for "Waitress" in West Springfield, MA; 10am: Knitting/Crochet Class; 1pm: Balance Through Strength with Tom, Bocce, Dominos, Mahjong; 6pm: Estimate Return from Trip.
Fri., 5/30: 9:30am: Fitness Fun, Scrabble; 12:30pm: Bridge; 1pm: Bingo, Bocce.

Programs/Activities

Qigong and Tai Chi: NEW!

Qigong is the original form of Chinese exercise and the foundation of Tai Chi. This class combines the active and dynamic movements of Qigong and Tai Chi to allow healthy energy to flow through the organs, digestive, circulatory, and nervous system reducing blockages that can lead to inflammation and pain. This class helps to improve balance and flexibility as well as building strength and muscles. This introductory class will begin on Mondays starting June 2 at 11am. Cost for residents is \$25. Non-Residents may participate for \$35. Registration is open now for North Haven Residents and Non-Residents. Check payment ONLY, payable to Treasurer-Town of North Haven.

Goal Setting 101 with Marisa: Tues., June 17 at 1pm. Our favorite dietician from ShopRite is back for this FREE wellness presentation on goal setting. Learn about different ways that you can meet your health and wellness goals that will work best with your lifestyle. North Haven Residents may register now, and Non-Residents may register beginning June 2. Registration ends on June 13.

Create Your Own Personalized Mug: Thurs., June 26 at 1pm. Join us for a fun, hands-on craft session where you'll design a one-of-a-kind mug to keep or give as a gift to a loved one. No experience needed. Whether you have a favorite quote, a cherished family photo or a picture of your beloved pet, you can bring your ideas to life. Space is limited for this craft, so sign up today. Cost is \$5. North Haven Residents ONLY. Registration ends May 30.

Last two trips of the season!

• **Charles Riverboat Cruise and Cheesecake Factory:** Boston, MA. Wed., Sept. 10. Bus departs North Haven Senior Center at 8:45am with an estimated return of 6:45pm. Cost is \$143 pp for Residents, \$153 pp for Non-Residents. Check payment only, payable to Friendship Tours. Cost includes round trip coach bus, lunch at the Cheesecake Factory in Boston, followed by a Riverboat Cruise on the Charles River. **Payment and registration due by August 1.** Call (203) 239-5432 for more information.

• **Kenny & Dolly - A Smoky Mountain Christmas:** Wed., Dec. 10 at Aqua Turf in Plantsville. Bus departs North Haven Senior Center at 10:45am with an estimated return of 4:15pm. Cost is \$134 pp for Residents, \$144 per person for Non-Residents. Check payment only, payable to Friendship Tours. Cost includes round trip coach bus, family style dinner, and show. **Payment and registration due by Oct. 10.** Call (203) 239-5432 for more information.

Termites 101

A pesty insect which causes millions of dollars of damage each year. Termites can have wings or be wingless and anyone who stores wood around their house or foundation is asking for trouble. They also like tree stumps as well, and can tunnel from the ground into your house almost undetected.

We, in this area, have to mainly deal with the "Subterranean Termite" and in the southern states the "Formosa Termite." These are only two of the 2,000 termite species that have been identified.

Recently, I found termites in my backyard under a flower pot and also under a brick that I picked up, so do an inspection around your house.

I am currently using a remedy to eradicate this insect, which I found on YouTube and there is also information on identifying this insect before it gets into your home.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

Memorial Library Spring 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.**

ALL MONTH LONG! Staff Pet's Scavenger Hunt: Mon., June 30, All Day. All Ages.

Must See Movie - Merchant Ivory: Mon., June 2, 1:30pm-3:30pm. No Registration Required.

German Conversation Group: Tues., June 3, 4pm-5pm. Come practice your German speaking in an informal group.

The Challenges of Aging - Why "Growing Up" is So Tough: Tues., June 3, 6-7:30pm. Explore the challenges of aging, especially its losses, griefs, and fears.

Online Author Talk - Smithsonian's Extinctopedia: Wed., June 4, 2-3pm, Virtual. Join us as Smithsonian scientists highlight information found in the Smithsonian's book,

Teen Advisory Board (TAB): Wed., June 4, 3pm-4:30pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration is Encouraged.

Knit So As To Turn Water: The History of New England's Maritime Knitting: Wednesday, June 4, 6:30-7:30pm.

Thursday Morning Book Club: June 5, 10:30-11:30am. For the month of June, we will be discussing *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood.

Tai Chi with Debbie: Thurs., June 5, 1:15-2:15pm. You will be taught the Sun style, please do not register. No equipment required. Reminder: Upon registration you are automatically registered for each session in this 5 week series.

Lit Lounge - Book Club at the Brewery: Thurs., June 5, 6-7pm. Location: Off Site. Ages: 18+. This chill new book club is designed for adult readers of young adult (YA) literature. Want more of Lit Lounge? Let us know by calling the library at (203) 239-5803.

Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: <https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/> or call (203) 484-0469.

Children and Digital Devices: Wed., May 28, 6-7pm. Last of four discussions on the effect of digital devices on children, based on the bestselling book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. Topics include: impact of a phone-based childhood; loss of play; how to work with schools, other families and community. The program is a collaboration of the North Branford Public Libraries and the North Branford Public Schools. School and library staff will facilitate.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: June 2, 6-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

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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

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Red Cross Blood Drive

The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805 will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Mon., June 2, from 10am-3pm at Hope Christian Church Hall, 211 Montowese Avenue.

Help us contribute to the blood banks for the summer by making an appointment! Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Two-Year Turtle Rescue Culminates In Celebratory Release At Masonicare's Ashlar Village



Pictured: "Bowser" the turtle was rescued on a loading dock at Masonicare's Ashlar Village senior living campus two years ago. After caring for Bowser for two years, the community released him back into their pond on Friday, May 23, in celebration of World Turtle Day.

Wallingford: Masonicare at Ashlar Village is renowned for its diverse senior living options, carefully designed to maximize independence and quality of life for today's seniors. From independent living to memory care, residents can thrive with access to Masonicare's extensive continuum and exceptional services.

But the chance to thrive at Masonicare is not just for older adults, it seems.

"Bowser" the turtle, aptly named for the iconic Mario Bros. character, was the size of a quarter when he was found on a loading dock at Ashlar Village in 2023. It was December, with temperatures around 22 degrees, and Ed Hutwagner, Director of Dining Services, happened to notice him.

"I thought it was a toy on the ground," Hutwagner said. "I didn't think he would last a week."

Feeling optimistic, Hutwagner decided to give the tiny common snapping turtle a second chance. Despite not eating for over a month, Bowser slowly began to adjust to his home at Masonicare, increasing in size and outgrowing three

FOR SALE: Lane solid cedar hope chest, 45"x16" factory docs, good cond. \$100; Jerry, (203) 804-8400
WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750

FREE: Regulation ping pong table, fair condition. Have to pick up. (203) 269-9639

enclosure tanks. Each morning, he would greet the Masonicare staff, swimming like a puppy, for his breakfast.

"We were hesitant to release him last year because he was only the size of a donut. He's now about the size of a book and in a hard-to-clean 60-gallon tank; it's time for him to go," Hutwagner noted.

After caring for Bowser for two years, saying goodbye wasn't easy. Masonicare residents and staff had grown quite attached to the tiny turtle. Residents stop by Hutwagner's office daily to check on Bowser and see how he was doing. Staff from all across the campus frequently stopped by to check in on him, impressed by how much he had grown.

"He had really become the mascot for our Ashlar Village dining services department," Hutwagner admits. "We love the little dude, but it was time for him to head back to the pond."

The Ashlar Village senior living community had a special release event for Bowser on Friday, May 23. Fittingly, the event coincided with World Turtle Day, a yearly observance that aims to raise awareness about the importance of turtles and their disappearing habitats worldwide.

Members of the press were invited to attend the event for Bowser's release on May 23 at 11:00 a.m., which featured a brief gathering of residents and staff at the pond located on Masonicare at Ashlar Village's campus at 74 Cheshire Road, Wallingford. For press inquiries, please contact Marissa Salvessen at msalvesen@masonicare.org or 203.225.5021. To inquire about independent living, assisted living, or memory care options at Ashlar Village, please contact Kim Fiore at kfiore@masonicare.org or 203.679.6400.

Specially-abled Adults Perform Original Songs



Hamden: Play with Grace Expressive Arts Programs, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit located in Hamden, Connecticut serving specially-abled adults. Their mission is to improve the life of specially-abled adults through education, respite, travel retreats, special events, expressive and healing arts programs and other group social activities. The vision of Play with Grace Expressive Arts Programs is to expand programming throughout Connecticut, including the acquisition of property with indoor space, and land to build gardens and greenhouses with space to accommodate and serve a larger population of specially-abled adults.

Songs of Life: Summer Jubilee Expressive Drama performance will take place Saturday June

21, 2025 at 2pm at the Thornton Wilder Auditorium located at the Miller Memorial Library, 2901 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. The show features original music written by singer-songwriter Carmelina Mosher and musician James Hayes; the songs inspired by our special Stars who are supported on and off stage by parents and community volunteers. There is a \$20 donation and our performance is open to the public.

Founder, artist/therapist Carmelina Mosher's Expressive Drama program has engaged wide and diverse participation throughout Connecticut for over 25 years. Due to a widespread interest in having this program available to those with special needs (Downs Syndrome, Autism Spectrum, Pervasive Develop-

mental Disorder, etc), Carmelina enlisted the help of a Board of Directors including team of parents and advocates, many of whom are also arts and human services professionals to custom-design programs like Play with Grace Expressive Drama, including a bowling league, multi-media arts courses, healthy cooking, sign language, and special events designed to serve this community of extraordinary people.

This innovative program provides participants a unique opportunity to discover a new set of interests and talents, the opportunity to make lasting friendships and to build skills and self confidence.

In this theatrical arena among fellow creative souls, miracles happen!

Hamden Woman's Club Celebrates Cinco de Mayo-olé!



Hamden: The International Lunch Bunch, a social subgroup of the Hamden Woman's Club, meets on the third Tuesday of each month at a different ethnic restaurant to learn more about other cultures and customs via new foods, drinks, and atmosphere. This fun group is always eager and ready to share new and exotic recipes with their companions.

Last week, a large group of fifteen "señoritas" visited Torito Mexican Restaurant in North Haven to celebrate el Cinco de Mayo in style - and everything was "fantástico y delicioso!" A wonderful "fiesta" was enjoyed by all! "Muchas gracias" to International Committee Chairperson Donna Cifaldi for organizing these fun luncheons, and to the manager and staff of el Torito. ¡MAGNIFICO!

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, is open to any woman over eighteen years of age who

would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! We are a civic, educational and social organization that was organized in 1950 (75 years ago!) and joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, Inc.(GFWC) in January, 1951. We are proud to be a 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" Book Club that meets monthly at a local restaurant, this "International Lunch Bunch" and also our "Dinner Divas", an evening dining group.

You do NOT have to reside in Hamden to join - and we are very pleased that our membership has grown to fifty (50) members and we won the Best in Membership

Award" for the GFWC-CT Southeast District this year! Most meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June, at the Hamden Senior Center (located in the rear of the Miller Memorial Library). OUR NEXT MEETING will be on Wed. JUNE 4 - and NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings. PLEASE JOIN US! After a brief business meeting and guest speaker, we will enjoy a variety of delicious homemade STRAWBERRY DESSERTS to celebrate June and our final official meeting until September. We urge anyone interested in learning more about the HWC to please contact Sharon Nolan @ 203-248-2538 or @ Snolan_06514@yahoo.com. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. - for more information and fun photos of our friendly club!

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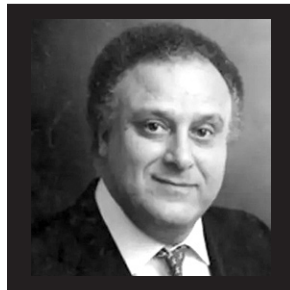
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Dominic Blace Schioppo, M.D., 89, of Cheshire, formerly of Woodbridge and Northford who passed away peacefully on May 9, 2025 with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Corinne Bernasconi Schioppo. Dr. Schioppo was born in New Haven on December 8, 1935, son of the late Dominic and Mary Grace Miserendino Schioppo, and served in the US Army Reserves. Father of Dominic B. Schioppo, Jr. (Michele) and Gia (Schioppo) Calistro, Esq. (the Honorable Eugene Calistro, Jr.) Grandfather of Dominic B. Schioppo III (fiancé Lisa Ferguson), Danielle (Schioppo) Schweidenback (Jordan), Davia Schioppo (fiancé Brandon Spadory), Christian Calistro (fiancé Kate McAllister), Gianni Calistro (Gabrielle Porter) and Kelly Calistro. Great grandfather of Mia Schweidenback, brother-in-law Louis Bernasconi and sister-in-law Linda Kovach. Also survived by many dear nieces, nephews and former patients for whom he cared deeply. Predeceased by his brother Dr. Peter J. Schioppo, sister Eleanor Lockery, brother-in-law Eugene Lockery and sister-in-law Mary Schioppo. The family would like to thank his caregiver Jamie Gatta and the entire staff of Elim Park, Post Acute Care Unit and the Rehabilitation Center for their compassionate and dedicated care.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to All Saints Academy (formerly Saint Francis School), 423 Ferry Street, New Haven 06513 or the Amity Charitable Trust c/o The Schioppo Family Trust, P.O. Box 8603 New Haven CT 06513.

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Dennis Aldo Angelotti, 77, a lifelong resident of Hamden, passed away on May 19, 2025, at St. Raphael Hospital, surrounded by the love of his family. Born in New Haven on April 26, 1948, he was the cherished son of the late Aldo and Dorothy Marcheggiani Angelotti.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Christine Ryan; his sons, Anthony Angelotti and Bret Zielanski; his treasured grandchildren, Christopher, Tyler, Cameron, Justin, Mason, and Madison; his great-grandchildren, Noah and Brooke. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Linda Flesher and late husband, Harris Flesher and Joyce Paquette and husband, Donald Paquette, as well as many extended family members and lifelong friends who were like family to him.

Should friends desire, donations in Dennis's memory may be made to the Kidney Fund at www.kidneyfund.org.

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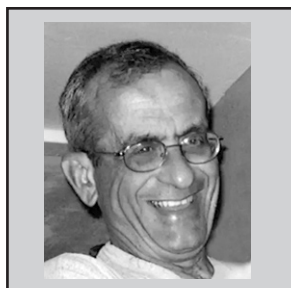
Daniel J. Rubertone Jr., born October 31, 1949, passed away peacefully at home on May 16, 2025, at the age of 75. A lifelong resident of Hamden, he graduated from Hamden High School in 1968. He is survived by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Michael Earley of Hamden, and his cherished nephews, Justin Michael and Zachary Ryan (fiancée Caroline Berkovich) who will forever hold dear the memories of time spent together. He is also survived by many cousins who were like siblings, and lifelong friends. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. Daniel was predeceased by his parents, Daniel J. Rubertone, Sr. and Marion Fuggi Rubertone. He was also predeceased by his brother Robert Anthony Rubertone and by several very special aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Should friends desire, donations in Daniel's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org), American Lung Association (www.lung.org)

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Douglas D. Harnois, 82, formerly of Chicopee, MA and most recently of Wallingford, CT, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2025, with his loving family by his side. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, loyalty, and devotion, especially to his beloved wife of 55 years, Linda (McNair) Harnois, who was the center of his world. He was born in Holyoke, MA on July 24, 1942. Doug was the cherished son of the late Jennie (Wojciechowska) and Rene Harnois. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

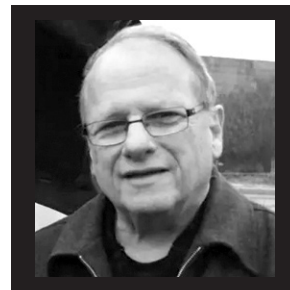
Doug's deep love for animals, especially his cat, Shiemi, reflected the gentle and caring spirit that those closest to him knew so well.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Linda, and their children: Michael Harnois and Danielle (Boyle) Harnois of Wallingford, Michele Harnois and Travis Gouvin of Cheshire, and Nicole Chirico and Tommy Chirico of Southington. He was a devoted grandfather to Parker, Ellie, and Annabelle, who brought him immeasurable joy. He is also survived by his niece, Christina Personius, nephew Rene Harnois, extended family in New Salem, MA, and his beloved friend, Dee Kennedy. Doug was predeceased by his brother, Rene Harnois, and sister-in-law, Marie Harnois.

Should friends desire, gifts in his memory may be sent to Meriden Humane Society 311 Murdock Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450 www.meridenhumanesocietyrescue.com

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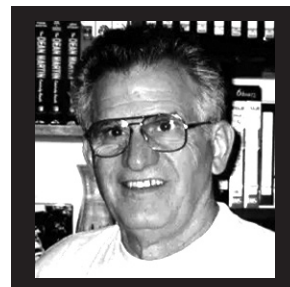


Michael J. Guidone, 83, of Wallingford passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at the Connecticut Hospice, Branford with his family by his side. Michael was born in New Haven on November 27th, 1941, and was the son of the late Thomas and Winifred Herman Guidone. He served his country faithfully in the US Navy during the Vietnam war. Father of Justin T. Guidone (Kimberly), Michael Guidone and Brittany-Guidone O'Reilly. Beloved Poppa to Nathan Guidone. Brother of Dennis Guidone, Raymond Guidone (Elizabeth), Mary Cacace (the late John), Joan Spring (the late Jerry), Al Guidone (Valerie), Vera Lauren (Walter) and the late Virginia Guidone Corbin, Franklin and Thomas Guidone. Brother-in-law of Dr. Alan Corbin and Jeanne Guidone.

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Anthony G. Pilla of Forest Hills, NY, formerly of Wallingford CT, passed away on May 9, 2025, following a brief illness. He was born in Wallingford, CT on March 9, 1933, the son of the late Guy T. Pilla Sr. and Lillian (Gerace) Pilla. Anthony aka Tony was educated in local schools and graduated from Lyman Hall High School in 1952. He was a U. S. Army veteran.

Tony was predeceased by his parents and his only sibling, Guy T. Pilla Jr. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins too numerous to mention.

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Paul Joseph Cestaro, 82, of North Haven passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025 at St. Raphael's Hospital. Paul was born in New Haven on July 27, 1942 to the late Umberto and Dorothy Anna Prokop Cestaro. Paul grew up in New Haven and was a North Haven resident for many years. He was a member of the United States Navy from 1962-1966.

Paul lovingly leaves behind his daughters: Lisa (Anthony) Masi Jr. of Trumbull, Dawn Cestaro (John Romanik) of Loris, South Carolina, and April Keating of Bonita Springs, Florida; four grandchildren, Joseph Greco, MSgt USAF (Lindsay TSgt USAF), Anthony Masi, III, Daniel Keating and Cristina Masi; and one great-grandchild, Vincent Greco.

Should friends desire, please consider a donation to your local Red Cross blood bank, www.redcross.org.

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Josephine Irene (Tondalo) Criscuolo, 86, of West Hartford, CT, formerly of North Haven, CT departed this life on Thursday, May 15, 2025. She was born in New Haven, CT on November 20, 1938. She leaves behind three children and nine grandchildren. After living with her daughter Jennie she moved to Brookdale Chatfield Assisted Living of West Hartford. While there she made many loving friends, her best friend being Linda. We would like to thank all the staff for their kindness and compassion for our mother. A special thank you to Sasha who took such good care of her.

Services were held at the **WASHINGTON MEMORIAL**
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Mary Lou Louth Morgan, 82, of North Haven, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, at Yale New Haven Hospital/St Raphael Campus. She was the beloved wife of over 50 years to the late James L. Morgan. Mary Lou was born in West Haven on July 7th, 1942, and was the daughter of the late John and Viola Sennett Louth. Mary Lou is survived by her children, Tim (Sarah) Morgan, Valerie Morgan, and Laura Webb, as well as her grandchildren, Dakota and Vanessa Morgan, Alexander and Gabriela Moreno, and Tessa and Ryan Webb.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Animal Haven, Inc. 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473.

Services were held at the

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Scott Edward Mellor 66, of Hamden, passed away on Friday, May 16, 2025. Scott was born in Meriden, February 22, 1959, a son of the late George Mellor, Jr. and the late Lorraine (Dalton) Mellor. Scott spent his childhood on a small Wallingford farm with his parents and four siblings. For many years he lived in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Scott leaves behind his siblings: Christine Mellor Sirois, George Mellor III (Chip) and his wife Linda Mellor; and Bonny Mellor Pappacoda and her husband Nick Pappacoda; nieces and nephews: Joel Sirois, Jean Mellor, Jody Mellor, Andrew Mellor, Mario Mellor, Bryan Mellor, Abbey Rae, Amy Crook, and Jillian Crook; several great-nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. Scott was predeceased by his sister, Sandra Mellor and his nephews John David Horta and Jared Mellor Sirois.

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Father's Day Pie Sale Fundraiser

Wallingford: A Father's Day Pie Sale, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Pinta #5, partnering with Oronoque Farms is available through June 1st. This fundraiser helps to fund three scholarship awards of over \$2,000 given out each year to local students entering college or trade school.

*Voted Best Apple & Apple Crumb Pie in CT by CT Magazine! Frozen Unbaked Pies are \$20 each.

Pies Available: Apple, Apple Crumb, Blueberry, Blueberry Crumb, Cherry, Cherry Crumb.

Mail Checks Payable to: K of C Wallingford Pinta Council #5, P.O. Box 516 Wallingford, CT 06492, or they can be placed in offertory basket in an envelope marked: Knights Pie Sale.

Check your bulletins or end of Mass info for orders.

All orders/money due by: June 1st. Delivery: Pick-up 10am-12 noon, Sat., June 14 at Most Holy Trinity Church, 84 N. Colony St., Wallingford.

For more information, contact Mike DeMusis at mikedekim@att.net or call (203) 410-6117.

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew's Parish Hall.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.

PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost \$12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O. Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.

Set-Back Event

Hamden: St. Paul VI Parish will hold a Set-Back Event on Fri., May 30, 7pm (Registration starts at 6pm), at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall, 2819 Whitney Avenue. Park in the area near the 5-bay garage.

Cost: \$15 per person - single play - no partner needed.

Refreshments, Prizes, 50-50. Questions, please call Chuck Aprea, (203) 506-3076.

St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service

North Haven: You are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place (at the top of the North Haven Green) for Sunday Service (Holy Communion) at 9am.

Visit our website: <https://www.stjohns-northhaven.org/>

Follow us on Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church, North Haven, CT.



Sunday Service

Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

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Find us on Facebook: Northford Community Church or Northford Congregational Church.

North Haven Congregational Church

Upcoming Bingo Night

Bingo is coming to the North Haven Congregational Church on Saturday, June 7 (doors open at 6pm).

Games start at 7pm. Prizes include: 6 Designer Handbags, or \$100 gift card. Door prizes, raffle gifts, 50/50 raffle.

Bring your own snacks and non alcoholic beverages!

\$35 includes 1 Bingo card, 6 games, 1 second chance drawing ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased at the door! Daubers available for use or bring your own! Lots of chances to win!

Reserved tables for 6 or more, or purchase tickets in advance! Call (203) 213-9124.

All proceeds go to parking lot paving project.

North Haven Congregational Church is located at 28 Church Street, across from the Green, and is handicapped accessible with ample parking.

Fine Arts, Flowers And Verse



Wallingford Garden Club will host a Flower Exhibit called "Fine Arts and Flowers and Verse" co sponsored and held at the Wallingford Senior Center on June 6 and 7. Twenty members of the Wallingford Garden Club will complete floral designs that will interpret paintings and sculpture. Poems will accompany both the art and flowers and will be provided by the Saturday Morning Poetry Group from the Wallingford Public Library. This show honors the late Marilyn Ollayos who left generous bequests to the Senior Center, Garden Club and Library. Also senior artists art show of mixed mediums.

The Show is free and open to the public on Friday, June 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 and Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 to 1:00. The Wallingford Senior Center is located at 238 Washington Street. For more information, please call 203-269-2653.

Photos by Ellie Tessmer.

Book Launch And Signing Event At Masonicare At Ashlar Village

Wallingford: Members of the community are invited to Masonicare at Ashlar Village on Thursday, June 19, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for a book launch and signing event celebrating the release of "The Heart Remembers," by Mary Moynihan Underwood. Told from both the perspectives of a devoted family caregiver and a seasoned professional in the field of Alzheimer's and dementia care, this heartfelt and insightful new book explores living with and caring for a loved one diagnosed with dementia.

Join us for an evening of connection, compassion and community as we honor the release of a book that speaks to the emotional journey of caregiving - and the enduring power of love and memory. Guests can enjoy book readings and reflections, light refreshments, and an opportunity to meet the author, purchase books, and have them signed.

The event will be held at Masonicare at Ashlar Village's Pond Ridge North community, located at 74 Cheshire Road in Wallingford. Please RSVP by June 12th to Michelle Bloom at mbloom@masonicare.org or 203-679-6460. For more information about the event or to learn more about Masonicare's independent living, assisted living, and memory care options at Ashlar Village, please contact Michelle using the information listed above.



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Spring Glen Garden Club Earth Day Celebration



Pictured: The Ladies of The Spring Glen Garden Club at the recent Hamden's Earth Day Celebration.

Hamden: Look for members of The Spring Glen Garden Club at Hamden Fest on Sat. June 14, 2025.

Also look for club members around town beautifying Hamden at the Dickerman House, Lock Keeper's House on the Farmington Canal Trail Line, the gardens and planters in Spring Glen Center, at the Miller Library and The Hamden Government Center.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is celebrating a hundred years of beautifying the town of Hamden. Look for our celebratory activities:

1. Week of June 1-7 is National Garden Week. Stay tuned for activities of that week.
2. June 14, the Club will have a booth at Hamden Fest, stop by and say hi.
3. July 1, Founders Day. Our activities are still in the works.
4. Aug 6, Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. The Club will have a

booth highlighting our community involvement and our passion in the lovely Bird and Butterfly Garden.

This promises to be a wonderful year for the Club, please join us in this historical milestone.

For anyone who is interested in joining our club, please call Dorothy at 203.934.5975 or 475.434.8017.

Please stop by our historical display in hail outside the Miller Library in front of the Thorton Wilder Auditorium.

Bedazzle A Book



Pictured: Everyone who bedazzled their book, Melinda Landino is in the back holding up a book you can't see her.

North Haven: On Wednesday, May 21st at 6 p.m. at the North Haven Library, programmer Melinda Landino put on a beautiful program gluing rhinestones/ gems on a paper back book. There were so many beautiful rhinestones, all the patrons had so much fun and enjoyed decorating their book and were happy with what they did. There was also a movie called Legally Blonde playing while everyone decorated their book. The next event for Bedazzle A Book is June 25th. Melinda always has great programs and she enjoys what she does. Thank you Melinda for having these great programs, it gives people something to do that gives them pleasure. Story and photo by Jo Ann Buccetti



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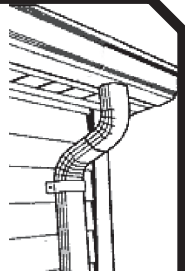
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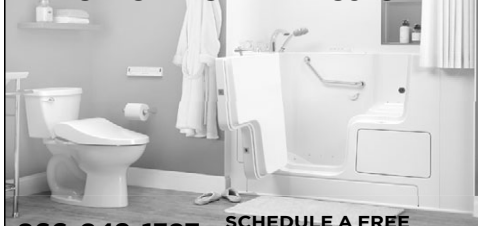
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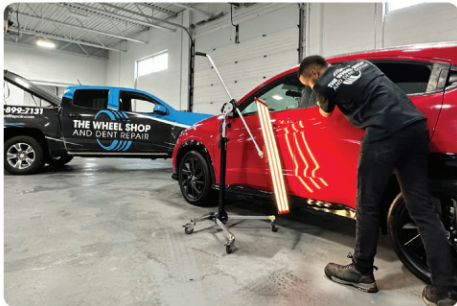
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