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**Spring Glen Garden Club Honors National Garden Week**



**Pictured:** Pat Sabosik at a recent meeting of The Spring Glen Garden Club. Her presentation of "Pollinators" was very informative.

**Hamden:** The Spring Glen Garden Club will have a booth at the June 6th Hamden Fest. Please stop by.

In honor of National Garden Week members of the club will host a tea at the Miller Memorial Library on June 9th, from 2pm-5pm, please stop by, get a treat, and learn more about our community projects.

The Club is looking for new members who are interested in increasing their knowledge of gardening and horticulture, enhancing their knowledge of floral design, promoting, and aiding in the preservation of natural and native resources and participating in civic beautification and community action projects.

If interested, please contact Dorothy at 203.934.5975.

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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 Unsigned letters will not be published.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.

**"Crafters Care" Event to Honor National Cancer Survivor's Day**

To The Editor: May 28, 2026  
 The National Cancer Survivor's Day Foundation defines a survivor as anyone living with a history of cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life. In honor of National Cancer Survivor's Day on Sunday, June 7th, I would like to invite the community to a handmade artisan market on the North Haven Green from 11am to 3pm.

This "Crafters Care" event will feature various vendors, a large raffle, and a food truck. All proceeds benefit Looking Forward, part of the YNHH Auxiliary, which funds integrative services such as yoga, massage, reiki, and wig fittings. Founded in 1994 by former resident Ellen Swirsky, Looking Forward continues to provide hope and comfort to those undergoing cancer treatment.

Please join us for this rain-or-shine event to celebrate life. Survivors are encouraged to check in at the Looking Forward table to receive a free gift.

Sincerely, Kimberly Yates Carew,  
 Chair, Looking Forward, YNHH Auxiliary

**Oppose Harmful Cuts to BOE Residents Urged to Vote "Yes" June 9th**

To The Editor: May 28, 2026  
 Our family chose to live in North Haven specifically for the strong reputation of its public school system. As a parent of two children who have come up through North Haven schools, I am deeply alarmed by the significant budget cuts facing the Board of Education.

If these cuts are approved, we risk stripping away the very programs that make the North Haven school system excellent. One of my children is graduating this year and heading to college for engineering. His success is a direct result of the opportunities provided by North Haven schools—opportunities now in jeopardy.

Thanks to dedicated teachers and reasonable class sizes, he took numerous AP classes and passed every exam. He also completed four years of a foreign language by starting in middle school. That head start was critical, as his demanding high school schedule would not have allowed him to fit in an extra year.

The proposal to eliminate all foreign language classes at the middle school level is particularly shortsighted. Selective universities, including UConn, typically expect three to four years of foreign language study. Removing middle school programs puts future North Haven students at a clear disadvantage in college admissions.

Reduced funding will also lead to overcrowded classrooms and limited access to AP courses and specialized programs. My daughter attends North Haven High School while participating in the ACES Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) magnet program. She is thriving because of this opportunity, but budget cuts threaten similar chances for future students.

Good schools are the lifeblood of a community. They attract young families, support property values, and strengthen our tax base. We cannot afford to diminish the quality of education in North Haven. We must support our outstanding teachers and staff—some of the best educators my children had were their foreign language teachers.

I urge all North Haven parents and residents to vote yes on Tuesday, June 9th, and strongly oppose these harmful cuts to the Board of Education budget. Let's invest in our children and their futures.

Jennifer Feinberg, North Haven

**A Clear Message to Slow Down Rate of Spending & Tax Increases**

To The Editor: May 29, 2026  
 I was just thinking about the budget. I would like to thank the 3,467 people who voted in the North Haven Budget Referendum on May 19th. It was the largest turnout in recent memory—900 higher than last year. Please folks, let's keep this level of participation going. The budget was defeated 2,095 to 1,372. The turnout and result is a clear message that taxpayers want to slow down the rate of spending increases (and tax increases) that we've seen in recent budget cycles, like last year's \$9 million spending increase. Even with 900 more voting, those voting "yes" went down by 300 compared to last year. Last year's budget passed 1661-915 with the help of a Popsicle Party. And yes, there was another Popsicle Party this year, but it failed to have any impact this time. Let's hope that will be the end of referendum day gimmicks. A reasonable budget should pass, and an unreasonable budget should be defeated.

I think the vast majority of residents realize that spending must increase every year. However, the May 19th proposed budget spending increase was \$8.8 Million. After the extra \$9 million in spending last year, enough was enough. Prior to the May 19th referendum, some folks, including Third Selectman David Cohen, said that if the budget was defeated, there would be a \$7.7 million spending reduction to get to a zero tax increase and our town services would be in ruin. That argument was used to convince people to vote "yes" but this logic shows a total lack of understanding of our budget process. That was yet another scare tactic, and we saw lots of scare tactics, to get people to support an unreasonable spending increase.

As a result of the budget defeat, the Board of Finance proposed a revised budget, with a \$2.7 total spending reduction (a very far cry from a \$7.7 reduction). The Education budget was reduced, a bit

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more than I expected, however, the BOE is still getting \$3.1 million more than the current year. The revised total budget has a spending increase of \$6.2 million, and that equates to a 4.5% increase which is much more reasonable than the 7% increases we've seen in recent years. Yes, there will still be a tax increase, but in my opinion, a much more reasonable increase of 1.1 mills, and I support this revised budget. The Budget Town Meeting will be on June 2 and the Referendum will be on June 9. Please Vote!!

I would also like to respond to a recent letter from Eileen Stabbe. Ms. Stabbe voiced her concern for her perceived attacks on the integrity of school leadership. Not all criticism is an attack on integrity. Calling the BOE's initial 11.1% budget increase request "outrageous" is a legitimate opinion, especially when it was later disclosed that a 7.1% increase was enough to keep all teachers and programs. And I would also like to say that concern for integrity is a two-way street. I heard no complaints from Ms. Stabbe when I was called a liar and my personal character was attacked, for political purposes, at the June 5, 2025 Board of Selectmen meeting. I heard no complaints from Ms. Stabbe when DTC Chair Tim Gabriele said that Dave Yaccarino is a friend of businesses doing shady work in Connecticut. I do not agree with all of Mr. Yaccarino's votes in the Legislature, but I know that Dave is a man of the highest character, honesty and integrity.

Please vote in the Referendum on June 9th.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Sally J. Buemi, North Haven

**Catstock Concert Fundraiser**

**Northford:** The Greater New Haven Cat Project (GNHCP), Inc. is excited to host Catstock, its annual benefit concert, on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 5-7pm at The Greater New Haven Cat Project Center (1874 Middletown Avenue, Northford).

Hosted by Pam Landry of WOW Radio.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance online or

at the door. Visit [www.gnhcp.org/catstock](http://www.gnhcp.org/catstock) to learn more and to buy your tickets today.

For more information about this event, please contact events@gnhcp.org or (203) 782-2287.

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**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD NOTICE OF MEETING**

**TO RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that the Blight Prevention Appeals Board will hold a Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Mildred A. Wakeley Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, Conference Room #2, North Haven, Connecticut at 7:00 PM, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 2 Grasso Avenue, North Haven.
2. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 8 North Avenue, North Haven.
3. On 9 Pleasant Drive, North Haven, the Blight Prevention Officer will provide a status update.
4. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 50 Rock Road, North Haven.
5. To consider and act upon a recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer to issue a Citation to the property owner(s) of 356 Washington Avenue, North Haven.

**JAMES D. NESDALE, SECRETARY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD**  
 A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS ON FILE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

**TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NORTH HAVEN ADVISOR ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:**  
 Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Please forward the bill and Affidavit to the Public Works Department, North Haven Town Hall Annex, 5 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT 06473.