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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"It humbles you, Life is very fragile and you should enjoy every moment."

--Scott Silver

--See page 9



Photos by Josh LaBella

Movin' in

West Haven High School administrative staff began the labor-intensive task of moving into the newly completed first section of the West Haven High School. The main office and main entrance, which now faces the student parking lot, was turned over to the school system by Gilbane Construction this week. Facilities Manager Chris Evverone talks with a staff member during the move into the new main office. See page 11 for more.



Council mulls delay on charter vote

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

The City Council tried to navigate its way through the changes suggested by the Charter Revision Commission in meetings last Wednesday and Thursday.

The major changes seen in the revision will require approval or further recommendations from the city's legislative body.

The responsibility will then transfer back to the commission, who will submit a final draft for approval back to the City Council. Then it will be voted on a final time and sent to the state for approval.

If the state approves it, the city will put the changes on a ballot. It is not likely residents will see the revised charter on November's ballot.

"There is an incredible amount of work that needs to be done for the council to do its due diligence," said

Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani. "It's quite possible it won't be on November's ballot."

While there are a number of changes in the revision, the main three are the ones the council debated the most. The addition of a city manager, extension of terms from two years to four, and the reduction of voting districts from ten to three are central parts of the commission's recommendations.

Frequently, all roads led back to the addition of a city manager. Several council members said they wanted the city manager to either be a West Haven resident or for it to be mandated that the person hired for the position to be required to move to the city.

Commission member John Carrano said that was the most controversial issue the body discussed, but they decided not to include that in writing so as to not limit the applicant pool. He said for that reason they gave the coun-

cil the ability to create the employment contract.

Third District Councilman Aaron Charney said he was concerned adding that provision would limit the pool of applicants. He added that the position is central to the new charter.

"The most important issue, which we should have tackled first but didn't, is the City Manager," said Charney. "This provision impacts a lot of other charter provisions. If the council would recommend its removal, which I feel would be unwise, then the council would have to make significant changes everywhere else."

Quagliani asked Carrano about the commission's rationale for switching government types – saying that even if it was to avoid political decision making, the manager would still need to bring their proposals to a very political body.

"It's time for a professional," said

Carrano. "We are under state control for a second time. This isn't Sim City. People go to school to run a city; there aren't a lot of them."

Carrano said it was clear that something was not working so the commission is trying to give the city something that does.

The council spent the time asking questions to Carrano and, occasionally, Commission Chairman Ed Granfield. They also had Corporation Counsel Craig Sullivan sit in on the meeting to answer any legal questions.

The council requested data which supported the recommendations the commission made.

Quagliani said the topic was very complicated and took the commission a year to work on.

"I am fine if tonight is just a question and answer," said Quagliani, adding this was not something they should

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Public Meetings

Tuesday, Aug. 13 -- Center Fire Commission, Elm Street Firehouse, 6:30.
 Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall, 7.
 WHHS Building Committee, City Hall, 7.

Thursday, Aug. 15
 City Council Public Hearing - Charter Revision - See Leagl Notice on page 18

Monday, Aug. 19 -- Board of Education, City Hall, 6 p.m.

Weather

Friday Aug 9 Sunny skies High 83F



Sunrise: 5:55 am
 Sunset: 7:59 pm
 Wind: WNW 10-15
 High Tide: 7:02 am; 7:25 pm

Saturday Aug 10 Mostly sunny High 82F



Sunrise: 5:56 am
 Sunset: 7:58 pm
 Wind: WNW 10-15
 High Tide: 8:03 am; 8:22 pm

Sunday Aug 11 Sunny with some clouds High 81F

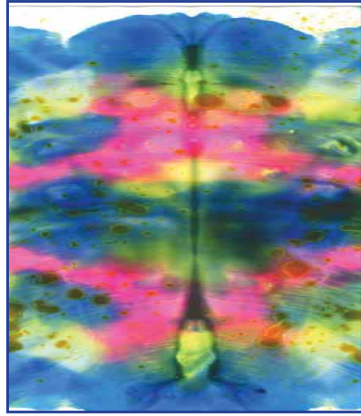


Sunrise: 5:57 am
 Sunset: 7:56 pm
 Wind: WNW 5-10
 High Tide: 9:00 am; 9:16 pm

Monday Aug 12 Partly cloudy High 82F



Sunrise: 5:57 am
 Sunset: 7:55 pm
 Wind: WSW 10-15
 High Tide: 9:51 am; 10:06 pm



Kids' Forecast

Deverton Darden-Morris, age 2, a student at West Haven Child Development Center, predicts cloudy weather with thunderstorms.

Things to Do

To have your event featured here email it to: info@westhavenvoice.com

West Haven High School Class of 1969 will hold its 50th reunion on Friday, Sept. 27, at Seasons located at 990 Foxon Road, East Haven, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

There will be music provided by a DJ, a plentiful cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour, buffet dinner along with open bar. Cost is \$75 per person. Checks should be made payable to Charlene Morgal and mailed to 18 Shumway

St., West Haven, 06516, before Aug.15.

More information can be found on our Facebook page: WHHS Class of 1969- 50th reunion, or by emailing chazbo40@aol.com /203 494 7379 or sandee110@aol.com /203 494 7730.

Join the Harugari's annual German Bierfest and Pig Roast on Sunday, Aug. 25, under the pavilion. The time is 1 p.m. rain or shine. The Adlers will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The Harugari Schuhplattlers will also perform traditional German folk dances. German food and bier will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5 for adults, Under 18 free.

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On this date:

1974 -- Nixon Announces His Resignation. The 37th President of the United States, Richard Nixon's resignation came as a response to the Watergate Scandal.

1969 -- Photographer Iain Macmillan Takes an Iconic Photograph of the Beatles. One of the most recognizable images of the 20th century, the photograph was taken in the middle of Abbey Road in London and showed all the members of the popular rock band, **1908** -- Wright Brothers Publicly Show Off Their Flying Machine For the First Time. The human air flight pioneers displayed their flying machine and its capabilities at a race-course at Le Mans, France,



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Scholarship winner

Councilman Nicholas W. Ruickoldt, (D-2), the son of the late Susan Ruickoldt, presents a \$2,000 check on behalf of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program to Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund recipient Emily Cummings on Aug. 1 at City Hall. The fund was founded 17 years ago in memory of Ruickoldt, a city schoolteacher who died of breast cancer in 1997, and awarded to a female high school senior from West Haven. Cummings, a 2019 graduate of West Haven High School, will attend Southern Connecticut State University.

Council: *Revisions stalled*

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rush. "I'm okay with getting our feet wet."

In a series of articles, the commission has attempted to lay out its case for the structural changes it proposes. This week it is calling upon the council to put the block of changes before the voters in November as one question (See page 5).

The chairman, Ed Granfield, and majority leader, John Carrano penned a column this week saying they understand the council's treading lightly because of the state-mandated deadlines, but to postpone the vote will cost the taxpayers money and not be good for the process.

"The CRC remains steadfast in its support of our proposal," Granfield and Carrano wrote. "The legal review is complete, the back-and-forth between the two committees will be opinion based but can potentially kick the can down the road far enough that this may not be on the November ballot."

Despite the political fallout, both Granfield and Carrano see the proposal as ready for voters to ratify or reject. The work, they say, is done.

"Whether you may love it, hate it, or you may not be sure about it, this proposal is ready to go and in our opinion its fate should be decided by the voters in November."



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Dear Felicia

Well Honey bunch, don't look now, but the summer is movin' fast. In three weeks the kiddies will be back in class, and the new academic year will be in full swing. The increase in news to our little office shows it. Where jst a few weeks ago things started to slow down, the number of notices has been on the increase. That means the year is moving on, and before you know it, the snow will be falling. Think about that the next time yore wonderin' when the heat and humidity will stop.

Meanwhile the wag came in t'other afternoon after he attended the two public hearings on the city charter proposals made by the commish of the same name.

It looks like the naysayers may have called this one correct. If the effort or lack thereof by the City Council members at the first two so-called charter revision meetings are any indication, sez the Wag, they have no desire to take any real

action on the matter and are making every effort to drag this out. That means they'll miss the deadlines necessary to put this proposal on the November ballot.

More than one casual observer of the City Council has called these meetings "embarrassing" with most of the membership completely unprepared to deal with this; in fact, it was questioned whether most of the membership had even glanced at the report, given the inquiries that were attempted. The only exceptions have been Councilman Aaron Charney and Chairman Ron Quagliani, who seem to have at least read the report and done some research on their own. The council only has 45 days to take action but it took close to 30 just to convene a meeting.

This effort started with the council almost 18 months ago. For them to be so unprepared only makes the case for government reform even stronger

in the eyes of more than the usual suspects. Unfortunately, the legislative body has complete control of the process now and it seems that the only plan in place is to torpedo it. Anyone thinking they will get a chance to vote on this in November might be in for a big disappointment.

Needless to say, this is not making the people on the commish very happy. Most o' them are just plain Joes and Janes who wanted to help. They are getting a good dose of the fact that some of the political bosses in town like things the way they are, and don't wanna see things change. That would seem more of a reason to "damn" those torpedoes and, like the saying sez, go "full speed ahead."

Our friend A. Nony Mouse sent this in, and I thought you'd be interested to hear it. It's how some are lookin' at the machinations in the city's minority party.

"You keep barking about how the GOP leadership was wishing to save some kopecks for the general election. In a perfect world, pooling the party's paltry buckeroos and moving forward with a unified front would have been considered utopian by some. However, Mr. (Steven) Mullins, defeated for the same post in 2009 and 2011, had a different idea to primary---which he has every right to pursue. Maybe three times is the charm? Not if Ms. (Michelle) Gregorio has her way.

In any case, the GOP is offering up a sometimes combative competition between a financial lady and a justice of the "peace." Kinda ironic, huh? But I digress...

"Now the main issue the party is struggling with is the showcasing of candidates. It hasn't been as beneficial as we or others had anticipated. My dear, word on Campbell is that the Grand Old Party is getting showcased just like the Demmies and that ain't a good thing. This petite party of 3100 is now bleeding. What was once small, barely noticeable bruises has become open sores. Evidently, all-out character assassination being made by and to members of their own party - just like the Demmies.

"The GOPers haven't had a primary since whenever. I'm guessing that some think a primary is akin to a Miss Congeniality contest. Some are getting their skivvies in a knot at the slightest skirmish. My advice: toughen up! Lots of bluster by some social media desk jockeys, as well as too many, overly sensitive thin skins if you ask me. Talk about possibly snatching defeat from the potential jaws of victory.

"Some actually thought this would be a prim-and-proper competition. Hold on please...I'm wiping my tears of laughter before they smudge the ink on my papyrus."

Cobina has been hearing that the social media sites are aflame with some of the vitriol that is usually hoarded by the Democrats. This time the once-placid GOP is get-

ting into the act. It would seem that people seem to think staying anonymous on some Internet site is a license to be nasty. Sign of the times, I guess.

Meanwhile, here we are in Awgus, and no sign yet as to when or whether the owners at the Haven are gonna begin work. It's been a month since the Dept. of Transportation approved the traffic plan, and you'd think the city would be pullin' out all the stops to get things underway as far as the permit process is concerned. But jst another week o' nut-hin'.

As I've told you, Sammy Bluejay has been flutterin' about the berg and tellin' Cobina that the people in the neighborhood are chompin' at the bit waiting for something to happen over there. Fires have occurred in three for four instances, and until the land is cleared, it's a worry as to whether something serious will happen over there.

The developers have been very tight-lipped about what they are gonna put over there. It has been noticed that descriptions of the project have been less specific than they used to be, witch has even people in the Actors Colony wondering.

This is a place we've been before with other developments. Unlike other towns, we are in the position of being bystanders, not participants in the process. We'll find out when the developers wanna tell us, and not a minute before.

Nelly Nuthatch was by the high school t'other afternoon, and, circling back to school startin' in a couple weeks, it seems the crews over there are makin' a real attempt to git the first part o' the building ready for opening day. In fact, that attempt seems to be spot on, cuz the late-breakin' news was the administrative offices and some o' the other departments, like the cafeteria, will be open when the kiddies darken the doors of the building later this month. Our scribe, Josh LaBella, was over there, and it would seem that the thing is on schedule.

There is still lots to do, but the big wing that was under construction was said to be almost done, and the plan was to git it turned over to the B of E in time for classes. It looks like that's gonna happen, according to Nelly.

It's been a long slog, but it actually seems like some good things are happening. Iyam told that the main office will be moved over there - if it ain't been already - and that the new media center will be open. We shall see what we shall see.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this week mitt luff und kizzez,

Cobina

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Charter revision is ready for vote

By Ed Granfield and John Carrano

The time has come for the City of West Haven to take a long hard look at itself and consider three simple but serious questions: 1) Are you satisfied with the status quo? 2) Do you believe West Haven needs to change? 3) Are you willing to vote for that change?

Back in February 2018 the mayor and City Council agreed to open the City Charter for review and revision. A group of nine out of more than 40 applicants was selected to conduct this work, and to the City Councils credit, none of the group had strong ties to any one political faction.

We had 16 months to complete this task and submit our report to the council. During that period of time the commission considered 143 potential changes, some subtle in scope, others more dramatic, and just about all of them integrated to a degree.

This was not a simple nuts-and-bolts effort, historical and philosophical debate went on for weeks, especially on the big ticket proposals like restructuring city government, four year terms, credentials for city department heads, re-districting, professional city management, and ethics and compliance just to name a few.

At the end of February 2019, we turned over our preliminary draft to the city's corporation counsel for legal review. They, in turn, brought

in a second law firm to assist in their effects and the chairman brought his own legal team to conduct a review for a total of three legal teams. Upon completion of the legal vetting process, the CRC made all of the legally required adjustments and submitted a comprehensive report on behalf of the citizens of West Haven to the City Council on July 5. Per state General Statutes, the fate of this effort lies with the City Council as it is up to it to review our recommendations and decide if and when, some, all, or none of this will ever get on to the November ballot.

The problem here is the state's mandated process. The

CRC had 16 months to develop this comprehensive proposal for change, on behalf of our community, and the City Council only has 45 days to review it. State-mandated deadlines are looming large if we have any chance of voting on this in November.

Honestly, we could have 13 Rhodes Scholars sitting on the City Council, reviewing the changes in this timeframe will take a massive effort. Political and human nature can and will come into play with the review and opinions will always vary! Now, some folks could argue why should the City Council need to conduct a review at all? They opened the charter, selected a committee

who conducted the work and submitted a report that was reviewed by three legal teams, what is there to discuss? This proposal is ready to go, let the voters decide!

The City Council has until Aug. 19 to complete its review and submit a list of recommendations, if any, for the CRC to consider or reconsider. The CRC remains steadfast in its support of our proposal. The legal review is complete, the back and forth between the two committees will be opinion based but can potentially kick the can down the road far enough that this may not be on the November ballot. Whether you may love it, hate it, or you may not be sure about it, this

proposal is ready to go and in our opinion its fate should be decided by the voters in November.

If you feel the same way, please reach out to your local City Council member and let them know that you want the chance to vote on this in November, One Question – One Vote! The CRC respects the process and appreciates the council's efforts in conducting a review. However, they should trust the results of our legally vetted report and send it to the people for a vote. The time and opportunity for real change in West Haven has come, if not now, when? One Question, One Vote! LET'S GO!

Poet laureate

hosting reading

Tony Fusco, the city's poet laureate, will host a poetry reading from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Main Library, 300 Elm St.


Fusco, a lifelong resident who in April was appointed the honorary position of poet laureate by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will read poems from his upcoming books, "Westies" and "Don't Make Me Laugh."

The free event, open to the public, will include light refreshments and an open microphone after the reading.

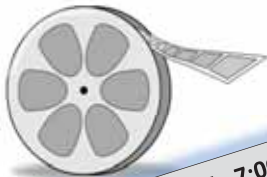
As the city's first official poet, Fusco will appear at readings and conduct workshops as an advocate for the reading and writing of poetry.

He has written four books of poetry, including "Java Scripture," featuring poems about his youth, Savin Rock and Allingtown. His poetry has won many awards, including the Sunken Garden Poetry Prize.

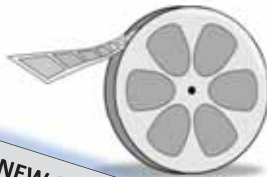
A graduate of West Haven High School, Fusco has a master's degree in creative writing from Southern Connecticut.



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Obama's scandals will be historic in their scope

The former occupant of the 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue once made the assertion, echoed by his vice-president, who is now running for president, his administration was without scandal. The fact Barack Hussein Obama was able to say that with a straight face is mind-boggling: Fast and Furious, the IRS targeting of conservative groups, Benghazi. The list is long. But the scandal of scandals is on the horizon, and not even the slick-talking Obama will be able to schmooze his way out of responsibility.

The weaponizing of the bureaucracy and intelligence operations to spy on the campaign of President Donald J. Trump is becoming more and more obvious. That anti-Trump operatives in the FBI, Department of Justice, National Intelligence office, and CIA conspired in a take-down effort is becoming clearer. It was a quiet coup to stop a candidate thought unfit for office (read: not one of them), and once elected, morphed into an effort to unseat him.

Indeed, using the large federal bureaucracy as a weapon against political enemies began almost immediately after Obama became President. Under Attorney-General Eric Holder hired left-wing ideologues into positions in the bureaucracy of the DOJ and FBI, and his homey, Obama did the same in the intelligence agencies. Holder left and the left-wing bent of DOJ was continued under Loretta Lynch.

It is now beyond question that the only Russian conspiracy to effect the election of 2016 was stirred up by the DOJ, Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton Campaign, with the cooperation of the intelligence agencies, which farmed out the espionage to allies, like DI-6 in Great Britain. The entire "Steele Dossier" was used as a pretext for an investigation to discredit Trump, and keep the election going Clinton's way.

What no one imagined was Trump would win. What became a smear campaign to help Clinton became a smear campaign to unseat the President, and in the process, hide what had been done. That was the reason for the Mueller investigation: hide the antics of the "deep state," protect Clinton, and give Democrats in Congress a way to impeachment.

With the revelation, last week, that Inspector-General David Horowitz will make a criminal referral concerning former FBI Director James Comey, and further uncovering of evidence by Judicial Watch of the events, the sordid affair finally will be unmasked and people will be indicted. Attorney-General William Barr will soon be de-classifying information that will further show the complicity of the Obama Administration, and the pains it took to emasculate a Trump presidency. It almost worked.

So, Mr. Obama, rather than being head of one of the cleanest administrations in history will have his name right up there with Harding and Buchanan. Golden words will not smooth over the corruption he oversaw, nor the infestation of political vermin he allowed.

The current toxic nature of the political climate is aides, to be sure, by the blunt words of Trump. But the lunatic reaction to those words, the sheer violence of the opposition is a product of the Obama presidency. He worked hard with his gaggle of America haters to "fundamentally transform" the nation. Instead, he will be relegated to the dustbin of history as a political miscreant and attempted destroyer of our traditions, laws and national identity.



Left embraces McCarthy

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

There was a time when the left considered McCarthyism the worst of all political tactics. That was before it became useful to question Mitch McConnell's loyalty to his country.

The Senate majority leader's offense is blocking Democratic-sponsored election security bills, which has occasioned the sort of charges that Democrats have spent the better half of the past 50 years ruling out of bounds.

The Washington Post headlined a column, "Mitch McConnell is a Russian asset." It wasn't tongue-in-cheek. "Let's," urged Post columnist Dana Milbank, "call this what it is: unpatriotic. The Kentucky Republican is, arguably more than any other American, doing Russian President Vladimir Putin's bidding."

Rep. John Sarbanes, D-MD, said supporting the bills was an opportunity for McConnell "to do the right thing in terms of demonstrating his patriotism." A CNN national security analyst declared, "I believe the only reason Mitch McConnell is doing this is that he believes Donald Trump cannot win without the Russians' help." MSNBC host Joe Scarborough dubbed McConnell "Moscow Mitch," a moni-

ker that trended on Twitter and substituted alliteration for thought.

The occasion for the assault on McConnell was a naked and cynical political setup. After Robert Mueller's testimony, Democrats tried to get so-called unanimous consent for election security bills in the Senate. This procedure is reserved for uncontroversial items that, as you might guess, have unanimous support. While everyone in the Senate agrees we should combat Russian interference, not everyone agrees on how to do it.

One of the Democratic bills would mandate the use of paper ballots as a fail-safe against hacking. This may well be the best practice, but running elections is the responsibility of states and localities, not the federal government. As supporters of state prerogatives, Republicans could be expected to oppose the bill, and sure enough it only got one Republican vote in the House.

Another bill would require campaigns to report offers of foreign assistance, a superficially appealing idea. Yet, the more comprehensive such a bill is, the more likely it is to sweep up minor and innocent interactions that fall far short of the infamous Trump Tower meeting (that itself came to

nothing).

There's no need to reach for extravagant explanations for why McConnell would oppose these bills (He's a tool of the Kremlin! He hopes his Moscow minders will put Trump over the top in 2020!). The Kentucky senator has an extensive record as an opponent of federal activism and of poorly drafted campaign reform bills.

What the case against McConnell comes down to is the usual sophomoric Washington argument that if you don't want to do this one specific thing, you don't want to do anything and have the worst possible intentions.

McConnell supported the \$380 million to aid in election security funding that passed Congress. And he supported the bipartisan Senate Intelligence Committee investigation into election interference that produced an alarming public report late last month.

As McConnell pointed out in a peppery defense of his record on the Senate floor, he's been a Russian hawk going back to the Reagan administration, and has continued to call out Putin since 2016.

He doesn't need lessons from anyone about how to be clear-eyed about Russia, let alone how to be patriotic.



Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

Last month, June, Gripe Vine received a complaint referring to a speed limiting machine at Third Avenue and Wood. According to my reader, while the sign was up reminding motorists of their car's speed, issues appeared to be diminished. However, apparently, as soon as this sign was removed, readers told me, the speeding continued.

District Councilman Aaron Charney received a complaint from Gripe Vine on this gripe and here is his reply:

"I emailed Sgt. D'Amato at the beginning of June regard-

ing the following issues:

"Speeding that seems to be rampant on a few roads, but especially First Avenue, south of Main Street is especially bad. People are blowing the stop signs. I don't know if it's possible, but the movable speed radar sign (don't know the exact name of the device) might help scare some people over there -- Brown, Second, Peck, Third and Union. I also, have heard speeding concerns.

"A few residents have raised parking issues along Washington. People are parking in the No Parking area in front of the laundromat at the corner



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

of Washington and Brown. People are also parking on the 'grass' area on Washington at

the corner of Washington and Main.

"I've had a resident ask about how to turn a road into one way or little parking on one side, specifically Monahan Place.

"Another concern that isn't in my district, but I have heard, regards big rig parking on Church Street at the Green. It's impacting the churches.

"Sgt. D'Amato did put the speed trailer on Brown and is looking into the other issues. I followed up in the beginning of July."

Gripe Vine Readers who live in the areas mentioned in Councilman Aaron Charney's letter let me know if there are any improvements here.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a pothole straight on turning onto Greta Street. It is a foot deep and has been there for years.

Greta Street Resident

Dear Greta Street Resident:

I alerted Councilwoman Portia Bias of this condition. She

replied, "I have made the Public Works Department aware of this issue."

Gripe Vine Readers:

In a recent Gripe Vine column, I wrote of heavy truck traffic complaints on Meloy Road. A request for assistance with this problem to Councilwoman Portia Bias produced some action. According to Councilwoman Bias, "I have spoken to the West Haven Police Department Traffic Division, regarding this issue. I will, once again, follow up with another update for you."

Coming up...porta potties on the Green..plastic shopping bag complaints...littered parking lots and much more.

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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



The West Shore Library branch, circa 1925.

**The West Shore Chronicles,**  
As written, 1925

*Thanks to Kathy Granfield for making this possible-*

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The territory known as the Western District has an interesting history extending back to Colonial Days. Lying as it does between the old towns of Milford and New Haven it is certain that the white settlers were familiar with the territory in very early

days.

There is every evidence that the Indians knew of the excellent supply of clams, oysters and fish in the nearby waters of Long Island Sound. This is especially true in the Oyster River section where many Indian relics have been found. It is supposed that the Indians cooked huge quantities of clams by filling a hole in the rocks with water in which the clams were placed; the water was then boiled by throwing in stones heated in a wood fire. The legend goes on to say that the Indians, like many people of today, would eat too heartily of the sea food and suffer accordingly.

Most of the District was originally a forest. Under the

labors of sturdy farmers fields were gradually cleared. The cutting off of considerable tracts of lumber near Aimes Point, also back of Rocky Beach and Woody Crest and in the Colonial Park section will be remembered by many of the present residents.

The road across the dyke from Cox's was not built until 1868. Prior to that time the only entrance to the District from West Haven was by the Waverly Grove Road which is now Platt Avenue. Early settlers going to Savin Rock forded Cove River across the flats to Bradley Point, the water many times being higher than the bottom of their wagons.

Jones Hill Road runs, after the fashion of early New England roads, in almost a straight line up hill and down dale. From the top of the hill an excellent view of New Haven and West Haven is obtained. This road is used by many now as a short cut from Oyster River to West Haven. If ever made into a good road it will, together with the improvement of Platt Avenue, carry a heavy traffic and relieve Ocean Avenue of some of its congestion. Shingle Hill Road, once famous as the scene of automobile races conducted by the Yale Automobile Club, is not much travelled at present. The view from its summit is no doubt the finest in the District. At the foot of the hill lies Shingle Hill Park, recently fitted with fireplaces and a pure water supply. On a quiet night a person looking from the park out across the reservoir might well think themselves in the Adirondacks. Such is the advantage of living in West Haven, Shore and country combined. Ocean Avenue for many years extended only as far as the old Tyler farm near Colonial Inn. In 1852 a road was built from the shore at Colonial Inn across to Jones Hill Road. This road is now called Tyler Street. Ocean Avenue was extended to Oyster River in about

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Dan Shine is a weekly columnist of the West Haven Voice and the Historian for the First Congregational Church.

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# Silver doing Challenge for kids

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

When a West Haven resident has a fallen tree in their backyard, Scott Silver said they should do the natural thing: call their pharmacists so he can chop it up and sell the wood to raise money for charity.

Silver, who has lived in the city since 1989 but grew up working here in his family's landmark drug store, said he has been cutting, splitting and delivering cords of wood for several years in order to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"They do something called the Trailblaze Challenge," said Silver. "You hike a marathon at Bear Mountain in New York. It's a 26-mile trail. To participate you have to agree to raise \$2,500."

Silver said participants in this year's Trailblaze Challenge, set for Sept. 7, have raised almost \$90,000 so far and added that a lot of money "pours in at the end."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a non-profit which raises money in order to grant children with critical illnesses a "wish." Wishes granted cost thousands of dollars and can range from a family trip to Disneyworld to being an airline pilot. According to its website, Make-A-Wish grants a child's wish in the United States and its territories every 34 minutes.

Silver said seeing what the organization does for the children and their families is amazing. He said it's one good story after another. Raising the money is only part of the goal for Silver.

"I can afford [to write a check] but you want to get involved in it," said Silver. "You want come up with a creative way to fundraise. So, I created Wood for Wishes."

According to Scott, he is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys the solitude and exercise that comes from splitting wood. He said people who need firewood will call him and he will stack a half a cord of wood in his Ford F150 and deliver it to them.

"People ask how much it costs and I tell them there is



Photo courtesy of Dan Shine

Scott Silver poses with a beautiful backdrop as he prepares for his hike/Marathon on Sept. 7 at New York's Bear Mountain. The entire enterprise is to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

no price," said Silver. "It goes by donations. I ask for roughly \$75 to \$100 for half a cord of wood. If you were to buy a cord it would cost you between \$180 and \$250."

Silver said he has raised al-

most \$3,000 so far by making one delivery at a time.

His tree-cutting sideline has gained him a bit of a reputation.

He said people know to call him if they have a tree down on their property so he can continue to fundraise. Silver uses word of mouth and so-

cial media to get the word out about it.

Silver said he meets people all the time who have had their lives touched by Make-A-Wish. He said all the charity does is bring smiles to children's faces. He said he has a lot of respect for the families and what they go through.

"It humbles you," said Silver. "Life is very fragile and you should enjoy every moment."

Silver said he likes being involved in the community and helping other people. It gives him personal satisfaction.

"I was always brought up to help others," said Silver. "That's what life is all about."

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## Historian

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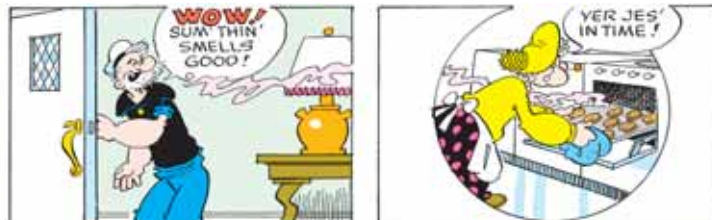
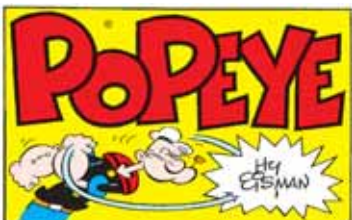
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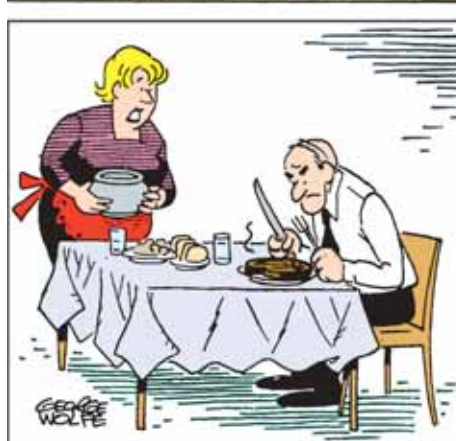


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# HS administration moves into new digs

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

West Haven High School Principal Dana Parades and other high school admin began their move into the newly built high school wing today.

Parades said the move was “a long time coming” and said she and the staff are “extremely excited and can’t wait to get in.” She added they were hoping to move in the first week of August and happy to see it came to fruition.

Parades said they should be finished moving into the newly constructed

Photo by Josh LaBella

section by the end of the week.

A tour with Superintendent Neil Cavallaro and High School Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney saw construction crews hard at work on the classrooms, vocational shop classrooms, the cafeteria and media center which are slated to be finished handed over by the Aug. 19.

Carney said none of the progress would have been possible without the cooperation of all parties involved. He thanked the Board of Education, the Rossi Administration, the building

committee, the city building department as well as the fire department.

According to Carney, he and the building committee were completing the project ahead of the deadline and under budget. He said they had saved half a million dollars on furniture and equipment and another \$5.5 million on bids which allowed them to expand the cafeteria.

“At 39 percent completion our contingency was up from 4.7 percent to 6.6 percent,” said Carney.

Walking through the new building,

Cavallaro said the climate control and natural lighting are “what struck him the most.” With the Cafeteria being finished soon, Cavallaro said they may host their next Board of Education meeting there.

When touring the kitchen, Sodexo General Manager Meg Kingston said she and her team were “so excited to get to work there.”

She added the kitchen she and her team use in the old building has not really changed since she graduated from WHHS in 1981.

## Cafeteria

School officials began the task of moving into the initial wing of the West Haven High School reconstruction this week. The new main office, located where the courtyard used to be will house the administrative staff, auditorium and cafeteria as well as the new media center. At right is the new dining area for students. Plans call for a piecemeal reconstruction of the complex, including new gymnasiums, classrooms and support facilities. Expected completion date is 2022.



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### Dog Days

West Haven's Jack Hay delivers against West Springfield in a game at Noyes Field this past weekend attain the New England Western All-Stars. Above -- West Havener Ron Bernardi drops a well-directed bunt against West Springfield at Noyes Field. The Post 71 15-U team recently completed its 2019 Legion schedule and played a few extra games. The summer sports season is winding down in preparation for the high school fall season, which begins at the end of the month.



Submitted Photos

### Gold rush!

It was a sweep by the Gold Team when the season completed for the Park-Rec Summer Basketball League at the Veterans Field courts, Sawmill Road. The league, celebrating its 20th anniversary, saw the Gold teams in both the 7-10 division and the 11-14 division take the championship. Both teams posed for the traditional pictures following their wins.

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# Letters -- *We get letters!*

## Charter revisions are bold, new step

The City Council is now deliberating the new West Haven City Charter. The Charter Revision Commission has worked long and hard to research and then develop this new charter which puts West Haven on a bold new course.

The new charter would put West Haven on a City Manager-model of government. According to the Charter Revision Commission, this model has worked well for other municipalities of our size and has been very successful in Connecticut. The City Council now becomes like the Board of Directors of a corporation-setting the broad strategy which the city manager then executes. The city manager will be a hired employee, hired by the City Council. In this model, the mayor becomes the chairman of the City Council and would be the chief strategist for West Haven. The mayor is Chairman of the Board; the City Manager is CEO.

I would like to address some of the recent criticisms of the new model. First, that under the new charter West Haven citizens would lose control of the executive branch of government, because the head of the executive branch is no longer elected. True, the executive branch would now be all hired employees, no longer 'headed' by the mayor. But to have both a mayor AND a city manager in charge of the executive branch would in effect

give you two CEOs of the city, or else a lame duck city manager. It cuts off the legs of the new model. The whole point of the city manager-model is to delegate operation of the city to the city manager, who is trained in Public Administration. If the city manager fails to carry out the vision of the City Council and the mayor, he or she can be removed.

Another criticism of the new charter is the added expense of the city manager's salary. However, it is impossible to predict what the OVERALL savings or expense will be in the new model, because the new City Charter gives the city manager the flexibility to restructure the administration. The language in the new charter says that we "may have" rather than "shall have" certain city departments, allowing some departments to be combined, eliminated, or augmented. Through attrition there is opportunity to streamline, over time, so that no one loses their job. This is a brilliant change.

Another criticism of the city manager is that it puts the hiring decision of the city manager in the hands of the entire City Council, rather than in the hands of just the mayor. I don't see this as a negative. With good City Council people and the deliberative process, why can't the City Council make a good choice? If necessary a search firm can help. The citizens of West Haven remain in ultimate control: the people elect the City Council,

and the City Council (headed by the mayor) hires the city manager.

The mayor retains a powerful position-he or she is head of the City Council, is able to set direction and strategy, retains appointment power over most committees, has final say over ordinances, and is able to steer West Haven's ship. Day-to-day administration is handled by the city manager, who ultimately answers to the citizenry. Obviously there will be a close working relationship among the mayor, the city manager, and the City Council.

This is a bold new direction for West Haven but is in no way critical of the current mayor, who actually got the ball rolling on this charter revision. But future generations will have a much wider pool from which to hire a city manager. Prior administrations have put us under state control twice. Let's try something new.

*Patricia Bollettieri*

## Vote Michelle

It has been a long time since West Haven has had a Republican primary and I think it is great. The choice in this primary is very clear and I urge all registered Republicans to show up and vote for Michele Gregorio to represent our party.

In the decade or so that I have come to know Michele, she has impressed me with her work ethic and determination to make West Haven a better

place for us all. Her past professional experience negotiating contracts with unions and managing budgets will serve the taxpayers of West Haven well. I got to see first-hand her grasp of financial issues facing West Haven in her service on the West Haven Board of Finance. Identifying spending overruns and recognizing where important cuts needed to be made seemed to come as second nature to Michele. As a candidate, Michele will bring tireless dedication and enthusiasm our party needs for a mayoral candidate. She will be so much more than simply being "not a Democrat."

In 2009, the Republican Party put together a full ticket of candidates that had a real chance to revive the party and regain a voice in West Haven politics. The entire ticket and campaign fell to ego, arbitrary decisions and unfounded proclamations. If the party is ever going to regain a legitimate seat in city politics, we cannot do it with a repeat of a decade's old failure.

*Vote for Michele.*

*Kevin Corcoran*

## Park-Rec marks its own milestone

As everyone knows by now the United States landed on the moon 50 years ago. But do the people of West Haven know the Parks and Recreation Department also has some milestones it has crossed in the year 2019.

The first Parks and Recreation Commission was established on Aug. 1 1919. The members were Edward Gagel, President; Charles Treat, Vice-President; and Dr. Charles Phelps, Secretary. The main function of the commission back then was the acquisition of property to be used for parks and recreation purposes. Some of the properties they acquired by do-

nation, purchase or by back taxes included Shingle Hill Park (1919) Painter Park (1920) Barney Hill Park (1928) just to name a few.

Other milestones Warley Softball Field at Morse Park 30 years old in April. It was named after one of our long-time co-worker and our own historian, Edward Warley. The Wooden Playground opened 25 years ago in 1994. It was one of the greatest undertakings of volunteers in West Haven history. Hundreds of people donated their time to build this wonderful playground for the kids in just one week. It was recently refurbished with help of the people of Lowe's Home Improvement Store. It was renamed Maureen's Dream after Maureen Blake who lead this undertaking along with her husband late Tom (Tinker) Blake, the late John Sullivan, Gerry Bonini and many, many, others that helped to make this dream come true.

Also 50 years of the Painter Park Day established in 1969 by then Parks and Recreation Director Bob Tingley and with the help of Ed Warley it was the first all-day camp and continues to this day with over 150 kids each session and eight weeks long. We have made changes and improvements over the years but it's mostly about the kids and how much they enjoy it. That's what keeps it going.

One big part of the Painter Park Day Camp was the huge oak tree that stood next to the day camp office that just fell one September night last year. Nothing weather related or anything else it was just old. It was estimated to have stood well over 100 years. It was always the go to place in the morning when the kids got dropped and the same place to be picked up at the end of the day. It's why the name of the main office is named "Tall

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The city's new Storm Drain Marking Project aims to educate the public on the connection between storm drains and local waterways and to remind them that storm sewers are for water, not trash or toxic materials.

West Haven's reputation and community health depend on the quality of its shoreline waters.

Storm drain stenciling is done on residents' schedules, with them deciding how

many drains they want to stencil. Scout groups, middle school-age students — with adult supervision — and high school-age students, as well as civic and church groups are potential participant teams.

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# Performance to benefit Gabby Murillo

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

A performance of Cinderella will be hosted Aug. 23 and Aug. 24 in the high school auditorium to help raise money for Gabby Murillo.

Murillo was a month into her dream internship at Disneyworld when she got into

a car accident that put her in the hospital. She and her friend, who was driving, were stopped at a red light when another car hit them from behind. Murillo fractured her vertebrae which severed her spinal cord and paralyzed her from the neck down.

Murillo has spent weeks in

intensive care and has already undergone three surgeries. She was recently airlifted from her Florida hospital to a rehabilitation center in Georgia. Her family has been told her first year medical expenses will exceed \$1 million.

In response to the tragedy, Simply Dance will be per-

forming a rendition of Cinderella "with a modern twist." A press release to the Voice said the show will incorporate jazz, tap and ballet.

The show, which will take place on a Friday and Saturday at 6 P.M., will cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Tickets are being sold online

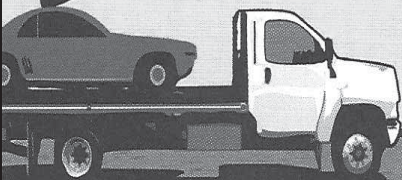
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- ACROSS**
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  - 5 Meadow
  - 8 "So be it"
  - 12 Hay storage area
  - 13 Plant bristle
  - 14 Trademarked symbol
  - 15 Emanation
  - 16 Corral
  - 17 Stench
  - 18 Third-place medal
  - 20 Honolulu's island
  - 22 Waste time
  - 26 Unexpected victory
  - 29 Started
  - 30 Nay opposer
  - 31 Recording
  - 32 Crazy
  - 33 Pack away
  - 34 Rd.
  - 35 One of the Brady Bunch
  - 36 Starts
  - 37 Jerry Herman musical
  - 40 Comic Jay
  - 41 Brother of Andrew and Charles
  - 45 Reed instrument
  - 47 Pal of Wynken and Blynken
  - 49 Wings
  - 50 Gloomy
  - 51 Run-down horse
  - 52 Frost
  - 53 Connect the
  - 54 Exist
  - 55 "SportsCenter" airer
- DOWN**
- 1 Thick slice
  - 2 Serve tea
  - 3 Frizzy hairdo
  - 4 Strap hanger
  - 5 Boutonniere site
  - 6 Ram's mate
  - 7 Peeved
  - 8 20-Across greeting
  - 9 Vary, as a tone
  - 10 Freudian con-
  - 11 "Neither snow ..."
  - 19 Pimple
  - 21 Toss in
  - 23 Grassy plain
  - 24 French city
  - 25 Some conifers
  - 26 Hexagonal state
  - 27 Macadamize
  - 28 Make absolutely plain
  - 32 "Material Girl" singer
  - 33 Computer security threat
  - 35 Garfield's owner
  - 36 Antiquated
  - 38 Lecherous looks
  - 39 Sill
  - 42 Muhammad and Laila
  - 43 Freeway access
  - 44 TV chef Paula
  - 45 Peculiar
  - 46 Scary cry
  - 48 Rowing tool

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Boycott
- Income
- Potpourri
- Twitter
- Broom
- Merry
- Pottery
- Winterize
- Country
- Peppermint
- Queen
- Zipper
- Courtier
- Popcorn
- Retirement

**HTATVLEE**

**ISLRSE**

**ERHACET**

**BATTER UP!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

**SIX OF ONE, HALF A DOZEN OF ANOTHER!** You have 66 seconds to rearrange the numbers in the square so that the sum of any row, column or the two diagonals shall total 6.

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

**1 IRE**  
**2 IRE**  
**3 IRE**  
**4 IRE**  
**5 IRE**  
**6 IRE**  
**7 IRE**  
**8 IRE**

**TIME FOR ANGER MANAGEMENT!**

- Try to keep from blowing your top while identifying these "anger" words. Each one contains the word IRE. Using the following hints, see if you can cool things down in less than five minutes.
1. Having dreadful consequences.
  2. To be stuck in the mud.
  3. When you're connected to the Internet.
  4. Part of many churches.
  5. Loud noisemakers.
  6. To strive toward an end.
  7. Seen on summer evenings.
  8. To have refereed.

- 1 ANTE
- 2 FAT
- 3 EDIT
- 4 CAP
- 5 DATE
- 6 BUMP
- 1 ION
- 2 RICE
- 3 ABLE
- 4 KIN
- 5 HERS
- 6 LOPE

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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|   | 7 |   | 4 |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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**OER** **TOADS** **TOO**  
**FERN** **SITS**  
**ADORE** **ZILCH**  
**KNEE** **PUNY**  
**ETC** **PAINS** **YOU**  
**GRASS** **CLIPPERS**  
**AFLAME** **ELATE**  
**SOLES** **CESS**  
**EMS** **TAT**

**— TROUBLE**

**F** **U** **O** **H**  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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## Legal Notice

### West Haven City Council Notice of Public Hearing for Charter Revision

In accordance with Rule #11 of the Rules Governing the actions of the City Council, Chairman Quagliani has called a Public Hearing of the West Haven City Council to be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 15, 2019, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 355 Main Street (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor).

#### Agenda

- 1.) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.) Roll Call
- 3.) Clerk to read call of Special Meeting
- 4.) Public input on the proposed recommended changes to the West Haven City Charter as transmitted by the Charter Revision Commission.
- 5.) Chairman's Comments
- 6.) Adjournment

Stacy Riccio  
Clerk of the Council

## Festival seeks artists

Interested in connecting with the arts? City-Wide Open Studios, a monthlong festival of visual arts, is returning to Greater New Haven, including a weekend event in West Haven. Organizers are seeking artists, volunteers and sponsors to participate in the festival, in its 22nd year, from Oct. 4-Nov. 3. Artists have until Sept. 1 to register for the festival, which is open to all state residents and presented by Artspace, the nerve center of New Haven's contemporary arts scene.

Artists across all media can choose from three weekends in October and November to share their work and creative process with an arts-friendly community. Organizers will consider all artists for curator visits. For information, go to <https://artspaceneewhaven.org/cwos-home/>.

Area businesses are invited to celebrate the creative talent that helps the business community thrive by supporting City-Wide Open Studios. This year's festival theme, "Older but Younger," explores society's changing attitudes about aging and longevity.

Program ads are accepted until mid-September at [https://artspaceneewhaven.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/AS-29\\_SponsorshipDeck\\_R2.pdf](https://artspaceneewhaven.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/AS-29_SponsorshipDeck_R2.pdf). Business card sizes are available by contacting Elinor Slomba, executive producer of CWOS, at [elinor@artspacenh.org](mailto:elinor@artspacenh.org).

For the second year, CWOS will hold its Alternative Space Weekend from noon-6 p.m. Nov. 2-3 at Yale University's West Campus in West Haven.

## Letters -- We get letters!

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Oaks" because of that lone tree separated from the others providing tons of shade and the breeze blowing through it that we always get off the sound up there on the hill. The kids struggle now to find shade at the end of the day so you are always reminded that it's not there anymore. It is sorely missed

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### WHHS '64

WHHS Class of 1964 will be holding its 55th year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 5 at App's Restaurant, Captain Thomas Boulevard.

### Used Book Sale

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly used book sale and Clothes Closet opening on Saturday, Aug. 10, between 9-2. As usual there will be a large selection of gently used books, including many children's, mysteries and romances, for sale and clothing available at very low prices. For more information, call (203) 933-6291.

### Karaoke Night

The West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Karaoke night with "Terroke Entertainment," on Friday, Aug. 16, from 7-11 p.m., at the club, 85 Chase Lane.

Proceeds will go to the Ladies Auxiliary so they can continue to contribute to local organizations and others in need. \$10 entry, includes 1 food item. There will be food, raffles and a cash bar.

### Pig Roast

Join the Harugari's annual German Bierfest and Pig Roast on Sunday, Aug. 25, under the pavilion. The time is 1 p.m. rain or shine. The Adlers will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

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perform traditional German folk dances. German food and beer will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5 for adults, Under 18 free.

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### Senior Center trips

Join the West Haven Seniors on the following scheduled trip: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center: Monday, Aug. 19 "Holiday Hill" -- statewide annual senior picnic 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person with unlimited buffet all day. This trip is in conjunction with The West Haven Housing Authority. Pick up times are: Morrissey Manor 8., Savin Rock Conference Center 8:15, Surfside 8:30, Union 8:45, and John Prete 9. If you are being picked up at Housing Authority sites please make reservation with Yolanda (203) 933-9449. If you are being picked up at Conference Center please register at the West Haven Senior Center or call (203) 937-3507. Payment is due no later than Aug. 1.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, Aqua Turf - Rob Zappulla Celebrates the Music of Frank Sinatra \$67 per person Rob has performed to sold out audiences of all ages across the country and headlined performances at the Lincoln Center in NYC and Foxwoods Casino to name a few. Menu includes coffee and donuts upon arrival, door prizes, complimentary glass of wine or beer. Family style luncheon: salad, penne bolognese, chicken florentine, baked scrod, vegetable, potato and dessert. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center 10 a.m. Payment is due by Friday, Aug. 30.

Wednesday, Sept. 25- The Big E "New England's Great State Fair" in Springfield Trip cost is \$45. Scooter rental available for \$50 and must be paid in advance of the trip by check or credit card along with reservation form available in the office. This trip is in conjunction with Savin Rock Communities. Pick up times are: Morrissey Manor 8 a.m., Savin Rock Conference Center 8:15, Surfside 8:30, Union 8:45, and John Prete 9. If you are being picked up at Housing Authority sites please make reservation with Yolanda (203) 933-9449. If you are being picked up at Conference Center please register at the West Haven Senior Center or call (203) 937-3507. Payment is due no later than Sept. 1.

A flyer with further details is available at the office at the West Haven

Senior Center 201 Noble St. or you can call the Senior Center (203) 937-3507.

### Library sale

The Friends of West Haven Library will hold the 16th annual Book Sale on Friday and Saturday Sept. 6 and 7 in the Connie Sacco Room of the Main Library, 300 Elm St. Donations and Volunteers are needed. Please bring your new and used books, DVDs and Music CDs to the Main Library Circulation Desk. All Donations should be in good condition; no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias. Volunteers are needed to prepare for and staff the book sale. Sign up at the Circulation Desk for help beginning Sept. 3 either from 10-noon, or 1-3.

### Ziti Dinner

The West Haven Italian-American Club, 65 Chase Lane, is hosting a benefit Ziti Dinner for the Sette family, who tragically lost wife and mother, Lisa, to cancer. The event is on the lower level, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5-7 p.m. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested.

### Poetry Lounge

The Poetry Lounge Open Mic is returning to West Haven Main Library, 300 Elm St., Monday, Aug. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. All poets and listeners are welcome. There will be light snacks and door prizes. For more info, contact Deborah at [swananehaven00@yahoo.com](mailto:swananehaven00@yahoo.com).

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