

# West Haven Voice

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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

*"There're a couple important things that I learned. Like having a good network and being able to network is very important."*

~ Marcin Stankevitch

-- See page 11



Submitted Photo

## Varsity 2030

The West Haven Seahawks, teams sponsored by the Ray Tellier Midget Football League, opened the 53rd season of youth football at Veterans Field, Saturday. The opener saw the young flag teams take the field, before the bigger fellows got a chance. The Seahawks swept their opening games and await further action this weekend. See page 13 for more details.



# West Fest 5 takes over the Green

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

The fifth annual WestFest this weekend aims to bring the University of New Haven community and the citizens in the city they live in closer together.

The event, sponsored by the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission, is on Saturday Sept. 7 from 11am to 5 p.m. with a Sunday, Sept. 8 rain date.

Admission is free and proceeds from WestFest benefit WHEAT, the West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce.

A press release from the commission said there will be a large contingent of students organizations helping.

"In addition to over 40 University of New Haven clubs, offices, and organizations, WestFest will feature a wide variety of local West Haven businesses, food trucks, organizations, and artists.

Food trucks participating include Casa Bianca Pizza, Ted's Steamed Burgers, 744 Express, Rita's Italian Ice, among others."

The festival will also have live music and dance provided by groups such as Him and Her, the Cobalt Rhythm

Kings and Top Hat Dance Academy. There will also be games and competitions such as a dunk tank with City Treasurer Michael Last and the University of New Haven's USGA Executive Board in the wet seat as well as the annual pie eating competition.

Carolyn Meyer, Assistant to the Vice President of Marketing & Communications at UNH, said the event celebrates the relationship the city has with the university.

She said WestFest was just one event the university sponsors in the city.

"So, we do try to partner with West Haven for as any fun activities as we

can," said Meyer. "We are a part of the community so we do try to do community events and give assistance where we can."

Meyer said the university tries to be involved with as many things in West Haven as they can. She said in previous WestFests hundreds of students come to partake in the festivities.

"It's a good time," said Meyer, "and it lets our students know that even if they aren't from Connecticut or West Haven, but if you're a student here this is your community. We hope to continue to send those messages forward."

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## Public Meetings

### Weather

**Friday Sept 6** Mostly sunny all day High 91F



Sunrise: 7:03 am  
Sunset: 7:35 pm  
Wind: WSW 10-15  
High Tide: 5:37 am; 5:59 pm

**Saturday Sept 7** Mostly sunny all day High 79F



Sunrise: 7:03 am  
Sunset: 7:34 pm  
Wind: NNW 10-15  
High Tide: 6:36 am; 6:59 pm

**Sunday Sept 8** Mostly cloudy High 74F



Sunrise: 6:17 am  
Sunset: 7:25 pm  
Wind: E 5-10  
High Tide: 7:39 am; 7:58 pm

**Monday Sept 9** Cloudy with chance of showers High 75F



Sunrise: 6:18 am  
Sunset: 7:23 pm  
Wind: SE 10-15  
High Tide: 8:36 am; 8:53 pm



**Juliana Barrios-Ramirez** age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is predicting blue skies and lots of sunshine.

## Things to Do

To have your event featured here email it to: [info@westhavenvoice.com](mailto:info@westhavenvoice.com)

The West Haven Historical Society is sponsoring a Pet "Paw"traits Photo Shoot on Saturday Sept. 14 at the Poli House. Bring your favorite family dog or cat to have a photograph taken by a professional photographer. The event will be held 10-12.

Joy Bush, a well-known photographer, will be available to take a 5 X 7 keepsake photo of your dog or cat for the cost of \$22. All dogs must be on a

leash and cats in a carrier.

There will be raffle prizes available donated by several local pet stores.

All pet owners are invited to bring their dogs or cats to this event which will be held in the backyard of the Poli House at 686 Savin Avenue opposite the Green.

"The Poetry Lounge" will be hosting an Open Mic at The West Haven Library, 300 Elm St., on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30. Sign up starts at 6. Bring your poems, bring a friend and relax. Refreshments and door prizes. For more info contact Sistet Deborah at [swananewhaven00@yahoo.com](mailto:swananewhaven00@yahoo.com).

**Monday, Sept. 9** -- City Council, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.  
Park-Rec -- City Hall, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10** -- Center Fire District, Elm Street Firehouse, 7 p.m.; Allintown Fire District, 6:30. Planning & Zoning, City Hall, 7 p.m.; WHHS Building Committee, meeting room, City Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12** -- WSFD Commission, headquarters, 7:30 p.m.

### On this date:

**1666** -- Great Fire of London ends, leaving 13,200 houses destroyed and 8 dead.

**1774** -- Twelve of the 13 American colonies adopt a trade embargo against Great Britain at the first Continental Congress at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia.

**1839** -- The First Opium War begins in China.

**2017** -- Hurricane Irma becomes the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic Basin region with winds of 185mph.

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# Debbie Collins Team

Debbie Collins



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Dear Residents and Voters,

It has been an honor to serve as your elected Democratic City Clerk for the last 20+ years. My office has always provided first class service to all of you that have passed through our doors in City Hall. As a small business owner for over 30 years with my husband Tim, owner of Tim's Auto in West Haven, I have been able to see the daily burden we face. Unfortunately those struggles are continuing to rise in West Haven. Rather than continue to watch, I have decided to run for Mayor.

I have the necessary government and business experience as well as the vision needed get our city back on the right track again. This city needs a fresh coat of paint, and I will do that! West Haven has to become more business friendly, encourage those who want to invest here, and my team will help and welcome you, not chase you away. We all know and understand that economic development will increase our tax base and provide tax relief, but we must evaluate options if the Haven Mall project does not happen. We need to properly reduce expenses and I will do that! We need to work with the State Municipal Advisory Board on the financial management of the \$16 million dollar bailout provided. I will invest in a financial team to do that!

Rather than arbitrarily raise your taxes, I will establish new partnerships with the University of New Haven and Yale University to provide funding for public safety, and establish a grants application and management team to secure federal and state funding needed to provide us with real tax relief.

Please take a moment to review my Strategic Plan & Vision for West Haven. I need your support and vote to achieve it. Lets do this together on September 10th. Thank you for your consideration.

*Debbie Collins*

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**Polls Open 6am & Close 8pm**

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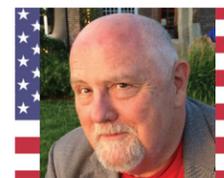


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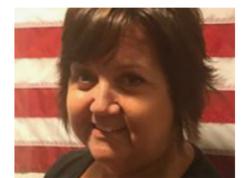
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# Dear Felicia

School is in, Labor Day is over, the politicians are getting ready for the latest round of blood-letting, and things seem to be settling in to "normal." That's what happens this time o' years, around these parts. With the hoopla of summer, comes the stark realization that, with September, things are getting back into their regular routine, and, the fall sales are starting in the dry goods stores. Yew can see it: Out with bathing suits, summer slacks and moo-moos, in with fur-lined collars, heavier material and scarves. It's all kind o' depressing, when yew think about it.

Tennyrate, the Labor Day holiday means the fall election cycle will get into full swing, and that means in the Asylum by the Sea we have a primary. Sammy Bluejay was flutterin' about the burg, and sez that in the matter of the sign war, there is no clear-cut victor in the number o' signs. Sammy, is a bit more selective about

signs. Ysee, effen yew take out the signs that are either on public land, abandoned sites, or the area not on someone's lawn, but the curb, yew get a more realistic picture o' things.

The signs are by and large perty evenly distributed, though one candidate seems a bit more ubiquitous only cuz those signs are on some of the aforementioned areas. It might fool some o' the people some o' the time, and that's what's really up here. Effen yew git one or two people to decide on a candidate cuz it looks like the signs are in his or her favor, all the better.

By next Tuesdee it'll be over, but what remains is a mystery. No one has said it, but some are expectin' that one or two of the candidates might have either made sure the paperwork is in to do a third-party run, or we might get the newest parlor game that has caught on in the last few elections - write-in campaigns.

Now, write-in campaigns are about as successful as finding teeth in hen's beaks. Once in a while, yew might find something that passes, but the chances are slim. Effen that happens, then yew can bet yore bottom greenback the reason for it is not whatcha might think. Write-in candidates in this instance will be not so much to win as to prevent a win.

The Demmies, for example, have had this occurrence in the last few go-rounds, and it was really more about stopping the hated winner from winning, rather than changing things. Effen that happens after this vote next week, Cobina would bet it's to exact some sort of revenge.

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 Meanwhile, the bile that seems to be spewing amongst the Republican faithful may very well be on full display. Steve Mullins and Michelle Gregorio, she being the endorsed candidate, he being the challenger, will faceoff in a debate tonight. It should be interesting, and we hope informative. What is interesting though, from our perspective is the vitriol that this thing has created amongst a perty docile group - at least it was docile over the last few decades. Nelly Nuthatch sez that the side-taking that's happening in the GOP is nothing like it's seen since George I, and she means George H.W. Bush. I've been relating to yew the ins and outs of the campaign. It seems

that whilst Steve Mullins was the foist candidate to announce, the party leaders had something different in mind. We will say this, given Gregorio's strong experience in business finance, she might be able to go toe-to-toe with Mayor Nancy in the dollars and cents department. That might be a pernt in her favor.

Mullins, meanwhile, is campaigning and using the "it's time for a change" mantra. And, nobody really disputes that. This burg would be well suited if it went back to a two-party system, and not jest one party using a revolving door every four or six years to change game pieces - most of which we've seen before.

Sooooo, it'll be veddy interesting to see how the primary in the GOP turns out. The organization has only 3,400 on the rolls, me-thinks, so effen they get 1,000 out that would be a perty good test sampling. Primaries don't usually bring out big numbers, but they do bring out people hungry for one candidate or t'other. We shall see.

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 While all that is going on, schools opened without any hitch. The buses ran, the kids got to class, and so far things are not so bad. Of course, the real winners in this were the moms, who had biiiiiiig smiles on their faces last Tuesday when the doors opened. No so much the kids. They seemed to have some perty sad faces as the reality o' the new year came into focus. Oh well, wait

till they git our ages, hon-eybunch and they yearn for those days.

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 Speaking of realities, Iva Lootey came by and seemed to indicate that the reality of getting charter revision on the ballot in November is fading fast. This ain't good, and didn't hafta happen, except the City Council doesn't seem to be adept at multi-tasking.

The good news is the recommendations they've sent to the Charter Revision Commish for consideration are in the woids of someone who's seen 'em "cosmetic" in nature. The big stuff like the hiring of a City Manager and redefining the districks and allowing more minority representation are gonna be left to the voters.

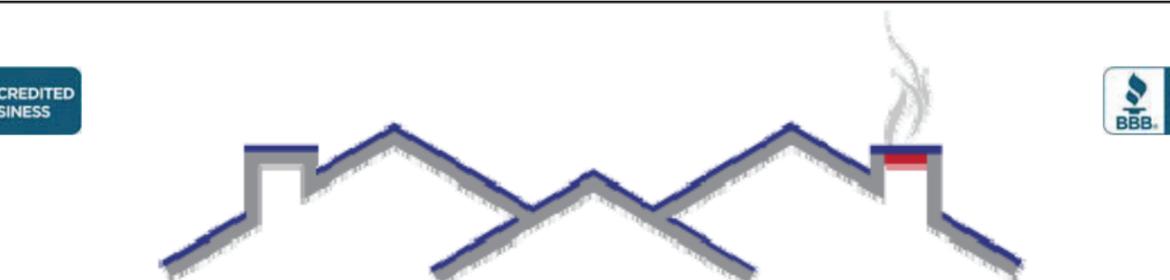
The monkey wrench at this pernt seems to be who'll be in charge come December, when the new mayor is sworn in? That weighs rather heavily right now. Effen this council sets a date for a vote - even if it is next spring - any new administration or new City Council would be bound by it cuz this is a state action, not just a city one. If the council doesn't come up with a date for a vote, then all Hades is gonna break loose cuz that would probably put the nail in the coffin. For all its dawdling, the council is up for the people to decide. There are some in the majority party who do not want to see this thing go through, and could very easily ditch it effen a new council is left to decide. There are politicians in town who like things the way they are and don't wanna hafta play a new game. They like the old one. We shall see. This will be a test for this council and even this administration, win or lose, come next week.

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 Here we are in September and, by my count, about three months since the DOT approved the traffic plan for the Haven, and about two months since the developers put together a plan of action for the City Council... so what's going on? Nothing has happened. We've heard September is the start time - maybe. The homes and businesses that were once there are now falling down on their own, and won't need much of a push from a bulldozer to get flattened. Still there is no word from the developers on what in blazes is going and what is going to happen. That's not being a good neighbor. We are being told the project is gonna go off as planned, yet since this thing was announced, the big shopping center in Norwalk off Exit 15 has been almost completed, and is set to open, probably for the holidays. We're told that Christmas 2020 is the goal. Not at this pace.

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# Fall bulk trash pick-up scheduled

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

The final bulk trash pickup week of 2019 is Sept. 9-13.

Residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sar-

gent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings through October.

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards.

Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets.

To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at (203) 937-3644 or (203) 937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

The city also picks up grass bags until Nov. 22 and leaf bags from Oct. 1-Dec. 31 on residents' weekly collection days, along with brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Grass clippings and leaves must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring their own buckets

and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Department of Public Works will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to city homes.

For electronic items, including TVs, the next drop-off day for e-waste is Sept. 14.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department.

The e-waste drop-off is free for residents who have such items as TVs, hand-held video games, computers, monitors, copiers, scanners, microwaves, toaster ovens and other small appliances.

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## Voters decide Tuesday

Tuesday, Democrats and Republicans will go to the polls to determine which candidates will be the standard-bearers in November's mayoral election. Democrats will choose from a field of three candidates – incumbent Mayor Nancy Rossi, former Mayor Edward O'Brien, and current City Clerk Deborah Collins. Republicans will have the option of choosing endorsed candidate Michelle Gregorio or challenger Steven Mullins.

To say this iteration of the primary process has been inconsequential is to clearly understate it. Except for some initial comments concerning one issue or another, there has not been what one could describe as "energy" in any of the campaigns.

To be sure there is in-fighting, but beyond that, not much else. Democrats have made a spectator sport out of their tripartite squabbling for more than 20 years. Indeed, in the public portion of the City Council meeting last week, there were charges and counter-charges, angst and acrimony. That is to be expected in the city's majority party. What we haven't seen is solid proposals to make the city better from the challengers, just criticism, and some of the personal kind. Meanwhile, the incumbent has offered boilerplate rebuttals to that criticism.

The GOP, meanwhile, is going through its own brand of infighting. The vote that gave Gregorio the nomination was a close one, 24-20. Since then there are reports of anger and threats within the ranks of the party, a Sturm und Drang not seen in the Republican ranks for many a year.

That stated, the fact remains not much has been proposed in a cogent platform that would make the city better under a Republican administration – except "it's time for a change." That might appeal to some, but not many.

What we have in both parties, then, is a popularity contest. Candidates must get out their voters, but we haven't seen anything that would prompt any but the base of any one of the candidates to trek to the polls. That is not only disappointing, it's problematic.

In the last decade, Democratic primaries have been decided by a handful of votes. The party's nominees have been from one or the other factions and got the nod through just squeaking by enough extra votes. This time seems no different – except there are three candidates, and the margin of victory could be in the single digits.

That means the winner will have no mandate, and work at a complete disadvantage in the majority party, with the supporters of the other two not lending their support. The GOP, too, can see this happen, not only by sheer dearth of numbers – the party has only about 3,400 registered – but by a general lack of any dynamism in the campaign.

Next Tuesday will determine who will be the nominees going forward to November, but if anyone is looking for reasons to vote for one or the other candidate, this campaign hasn't provided them. That is very disappointing.

## Voice office moving

The West Haven Voice, which has been at 666 Savin Ave., for its entire existence, is moving. The move is the result of circumstances both within and without the newspaper's management that have resulted in our finding new headquarters. The new address will be 8440 Boston Post Road. The target is the week of Sept. 15. More will follow.

THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE, IN THE HOPES THAT THE RECESSION SOON WOULD BE THERE...



## NY Times: Stop whining

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The New York Times, an organization devoted to gathering and publishing information, doesn't want people to gather or publish information inconvenient to it.

A group of Trump-supporting operatives has been finding -- and archiving -- old social media postings of Times employees and other journalists for use in the ongoing brawl between the president and the press.

There's no indication that this is dumpster diving rather than an effort to scour readily available sources for stupid, embarrassing or offensive things that journalists have said publicly under their own power.

The Times broke the news of the campaign in an alarmed-sounding report. It related that "the material publicized so far, while in some cases stripped of context or presented in misleading ways, has proved authentic, and much of it has been professionally harmful to its targets."

It's not clear what makes this different from what happens in our public life ... every ... single ... day. Headhunting based on past offenses, real and imagined, is the norm, indeed one of the left's favored

forms of ideological combat.

Nonetheless, the press and its progressive allies act as though the First Amendment is being endangered if journalists apologize for past things they've written or -- depending on the decisions of their own organizations -- get cashiered for them.

"The goal of this campaign is clearly to intimidate journalists from doing their job," thundered Times publisher A.G. Sulzberger.

A spokesman for CNN went further, saying that when government officials, "and those working on their behalf, threaten and retaliate against reporters as a means of suppression, it's a clear abandonment of democracy for something very dangerous."

This is the usual hysteria yoked to the usual foggy thinking. The First Amendment is an important protection of press freedom. Yet nothing in it protects members of the press from criticism, let alone criticism over things they have written. Such criticisms are exercises of free speech in response to other exercises of free speech -- i.e., public debate.

If the Times and others don't like the weaponization of foolhardy and untoward social media postings, they can start

pushing back against it across the board.

The left-wing organization Media Matters for America exists to publicize (allegedly) controversial statements by conservative media figures toward the end of getting them fired or ushered off the air. If recirculating the past tweets of employees of liberal news organizations is undemocratic, why isn't the work of Media Matters also dangerously authoritarian?

The Times may say that it won't be "intimidated" by pressure over past postings, but it has readily surrendered to such pressure from the left. The paper pulled the plug on its hiring of tech writer Quinn Norton last year when it emerged that she had tweeted offensive terms about gays and blacks, albeit sardonically.

The hounding of conservatives isn't considered beyond the pale; it's considered sport. Much of the left would be rendered practically mute if it weren't braying for people to be fired. I think it's a bad idea for either side to rummage through old social media postings and writings looking for firing offenses. But the rules of this game were established by the left long ago. It should either change them -- or stop whining.



Dear Eleanore Turkington' I wrote to you the latter part of June complaining of heavy traffic consisting of landscaping vehicles, city buses, extra school buses and all the traffic that uses Canton Street for a short cut to Route 34, etc.

In a recent Gripe Vine column, I indicated to you and my readers that I would be notifying the Councilman or Councilwoman in your area of this condition.

I forwarded your complaint to Councilwoman Robin Watt Hamilton who responded with, "Eleanore, I am following up with you to let you know the "No Trucks" signs have been strategically placed on Dogwood and Farwell Streets at the entries of Canton Street.

Also, on the Post Road en-

try to Tuthill Street. I have made your reader of the posted signs. It is our hope that this will alleviate heavy truck short cuts through this neighborhood."

Councilwoman Hamilton, thank you!

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I am writing this letter regarding the non-residents parking at will, specifically Oak Street and West Haven Beaches. On Aug. 4 I counted 20 non-residents and three parking in handicap spots.

I spoke with the mayor's office on Aug. 5 and was promised there would be a more of a police presence.

The next Sunday it was worse. My friend had to wait for a parking space and was yelled at by a non-resident who wanted the space.



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

The constable leaves at 3 or 4 p.m. There are no police on bikes or walking, and a police car just rides through. Numerous other people have complained with no results. Thank you for any help you can give on this problem.

RL Savin Avenue

## By Eleanore Turkington

Dear RL Savin Avenue: I have notified Councilman Nick Ruickholdt of your complaint. As soon as I hear from him, you will read his response or hopefully, his solution to this problem.

Coming up....more on commercial trucks in West Haven...early morning renovation noises..Allington Clock on the Green...catch basin on Eileen Road...speeding motorcycles

on Ocean Avenue and much more

You can send your gripes to gripevine4wh@aol.com or write to Gripe Vine 666 Savin Avenue c/o West Haven Voice. Please include your name, address and phone number, kept strictly confidential with me. If you fill out the Gripe Coupon next to my column and need more room, you can use a blank piece of paper as well.

### City applying for grant to aid WHPD

The city is applying for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the purchase of equipment for the Police Department.

The goal of the project is to maintain the challenges of emerging technological improvements and their impact on the community.

The requested funding from the 2019 JAG program will buy software to upgrade the Police Department's computer-aided dispatch system.

The upgrade will allow the CAD system to continuously have high availability with connectivity when routine maintenance and/or repairs are conducted.

The improvement will enhance the responsiveness of West Haven's public safety personnel, including police, fire and 911 dispatch, as well as University of New Haven police.

### Diabetes lifestyle program offered

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Group sessions will be conducted at the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St., Room 116, every Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

The program is a weekly interactive one-hour long workshop. The goal of the program is to help all participants to: lose weight (5 to 10% of their initial weight); achieve at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity a week; and reduce stress and adopt healthy eating habits

In order to qualify, all candidates must be at least 18 years old and at high risk for diabetes at the time of enrollment. To determine one's eligibility, simple questionnaire can be completed over the phone with one of Dr. Wade's staff by calling.

Those who have been diagnosed with prediabetes in the past or had gestational diabetes (a kind of diabetes that can happen during pregnancy) also qualify for the program.

The groups are limited in size. Call: (203) 717-2474, (203) 394-7311, (203) 243-2244. Monitor My Health's website is www.monitormyhealth.org.

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



those who sell tranquilizers. I know I that I do it myself. I rush to get up, rush to eat breakfast, rush to clean up the house, rush to get things to go to the cleaners, got shopping for food, trying to rush to Brown Street.

It was built in the pre-Civil War era when New Haven was struggling to compete with the other coast ports for the packet ship trade. At about this time, the Widow Gill came to New Haven. No one knew for sure where she came from or why. She hired two local contractors to build her a mansion.

It had quite an assortment of sliding doors, wall panels, trap doors, and hidden rooms. About 1915 when the house was razed, no one had even proved that smuggling had

gone on, but people asked obvious questions. Why would anyone take such pains to dig an underground passage to the harbor about 500 feet from the house?

Why too, would she have a huge cellar that could hold a warehouse of contraband?

Years ago, a family of Joseph Michele lived there and even then there were lovely old paintings, a library of 1,000 books.

At high tide, one could listen and hear the water in the tunnel. Rats infested it too. While Widow Gill as alive, she entertained people from Boston and Philadelphia, at lavish parties and balls.

When she died in 1890, she left the estate as a home for old ladies, but she neglected

to leave enough money to operate it. As one of the trustees was investigated the place, he disappeared.

He was found two days later in a well in the front yard of the house. Whether he was murdered or suicide was never determined.

There was also a pretty young woman, daughter of the gate-keeper, who stayed in a building a short distance from the house between the present sites of Brown and North Streets. Her name was Charlotte Stevenson.

She dazzled the people around here and she divided her affections between one Steven Richards and Capt. Benjamin Hale. The arrangement worked quiet well for a while.

Hale made mysterious visits to the West Indies.

One time Hale returned unexpectedly and to his chagrin found his love in the arms of Richards. A fight ensued and a shot rang out through the quiet stillness.

Hale lay dead on the floor. Richards put his pistol in his pocket and left the scene, disappearing forever.

For some time after that, little was heard about Charlotte. News filtered back to West Haven and it was said that she died in an insane asylum, an aftermath of the breaking of her triangle.

In the old days, the children and some of the grown-ups pondered the fates of the man in the soggy well, poor Charlotte, and the Widow Gill.

Halloween proved to be a time that gave people a chance to wonder about them, and to think ghostly thoughts about the whole thing.

All of the aforementioned is not any of any local family here, so no one is maligned, I can assure you.

Reprinted from a column by past city historian Harriet North:

The other day I came through Forest Road as I was returning from Westville. To my surprise I noticed that already the big orange pumpkins were outside of the vegetable markets. Here it

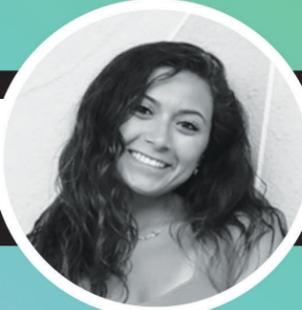
is near the end of September and we are preparing for Halloween, which will be the last of October. Probably we'll see ads for turkeys about the middle of October.

Why are we always rushing the seasons and holidays? Maybe making money for



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Dan Shine is a weekly columnist and former Historian of the First Congregational Church on the Green.

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### New law aids vets

Joined by military veterans, legislators, and advocates, Gov. Ned Lamont signed legislation to establish the *Military to Machinist Program* at the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center. Besides Mayor Nancy Rossi (far left) and State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), Sen. James Maroney (behind), originator of the bill was there at the signing. It was one of three new laws adopted with the intention of expanding the ability of veterans to access certain state services and provide assistance after they have returned to civilian life.



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## Rock & Stroll

The West Haven Community House (WHCH) has planned its annual Rock & Stroll to be held on Saturday, Sept. 21. Rock & Stroll is an all-day event starting with a two-mile stroll along the historic Savin Rock Boardwalk followed by a music festival featuring a variety of local bands, arts and crafts vendors and fun activities for kids. Walk registration is at 9:30 a.m. with a 10:30 event kick-off. There is a \$25 fee to participate in the walk, which features a variety of fun activities. This photo from last year shows the hundreds that took part. See page 22 for details.

## City slates 9/11 vigil

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

West Haven will observe the 18th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on 9/11 with a flag-raising ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradley Point Park flagpole, followed by a candlelight vigil at the city's 9/11 memorial.

The service will begin with a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Color Guard and the flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard and the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

The flag-raising will honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks. Remarks from dignitaries, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will follow.

At 7 p.m., the candlelight vigil will take place at the Richard S. Gabrielle Sept. 11 Memorial on the beach walk next to the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

Members of the West Haven Rotary Club will distribute candles and programs at the granite monument, which was paid for by the service club in 2002.

Gabrielle, 50, of West Haven, was killed during the attack on the twin towers in New York's World Trade Center complex. An insurance broker at Aon Corp., he was last seen on the south tower's 78th floor.

Declared Patriot Day by Congress in 2002, the city will fly flags at half-staff in recognition of the national day of remembrance.

The vigil will feature taps played by retired West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon and a Celtic folk performance by Irish singer-songwriter Liz McNicholl, including the song "The Bravest."



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# Stankevitch has a call to serve

**Josh LaBella**  
Voice Reporter

Marcin Stankevitch has worked under two West Haven mayors and will now be making the journey to Hartford to work in the office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal. He said he has learned a lot from his time as an aspiring political operative.

Stankevitch has lived in West Haven since he was three-years-old. He said he attended St. Lawrence School from kindergarten to eighth grade and then went to Notre Dame High School.

"I graduated and then went to the University of New Haven," said Stankevitch. "[I study] political science. I'm a senior now."

He said he was in the model United Nations at the university for four semesters; playing the role of a delegate three times and a head delegate once. Stankevitch was also a member of the Mayor's Advisory Commission.

"We'd plan events like WestFest or we'd host townhall meetings," said Stankevitch. "Sometimes we'd do a food shuttle for UNH students around West Haven."

When Stankevitch first got to UNH he had yet to declare his major but, after an American Government class with Professor Chris Haynes was motivated to become a political science major.

"I find politics very interesting," he said. "But it's not that I just like politics. We also do a lot of community things."

In the fall of 2017 Stankevitch started an internship in the O'Brien administration. He said he was there mostly as overseeing operations with

## Senior Bash set Sept 13

The Department of Elderly Services will hold its annual End of Summer Bash at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Allingtown/West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St.

The event will feature entertainment by Bob Giannotti and root beer floats provided by Bill Garry of WG Insurance Group.

To attend, call the senior center at (203) 937-3507 by Sept. 10.



**STANKEVITCH**

WestFest. But, after Nancy Rossi became mayor, was invited to continue working in City Hall's third floor.

"It was kind of surprising to me because I had worked for the past administration," said Stankevitch. "I felt like I had to prove myself a little bit. So, the first thing I really did in that office was a Town Hall meeting in January of 2018."

The student described work in the Rossi administration as interesting and fun but also challenging. He said working in West Haven gave him a good perspective regarding local government.

Taking his experience studying local and international government, Stankevitch said he wanted to split the difference and find opportunities in national politics. He said it was for that reason he applied

to an internship in Senator Blumenthal's Hartford office.

"They are going to start me off doing a lot of case work," said Stankevitch. "But I'd like to a little bit of everything because in the mayor's office I did a little bit of everything."

Stankevitch said he enjoys that type of work because

he likes to help people solve problems while using government in a "way that's good." He said he's learned a lot from his time in politics so far.

"There're a couple important things that I learned," he said. "Like having a good network and being able to network is very important. Being willing

to do menial tasks, even if you think you're above them, is very important."

The intern said he has developed a good work ethic and has grown as a person every step of the way. He said he envisions himself staying in Connecticut after he graduates in the spring.

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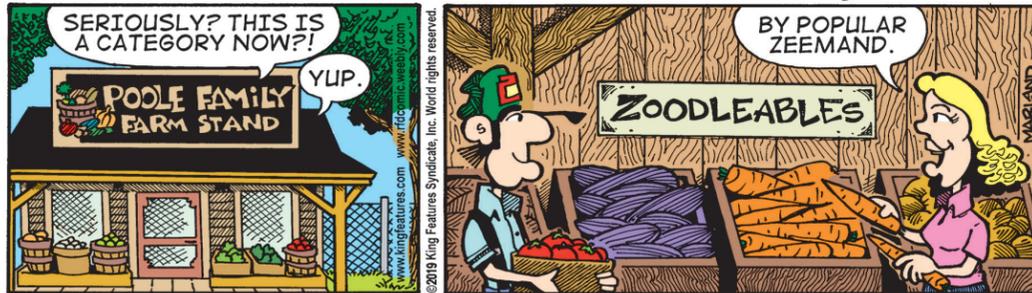
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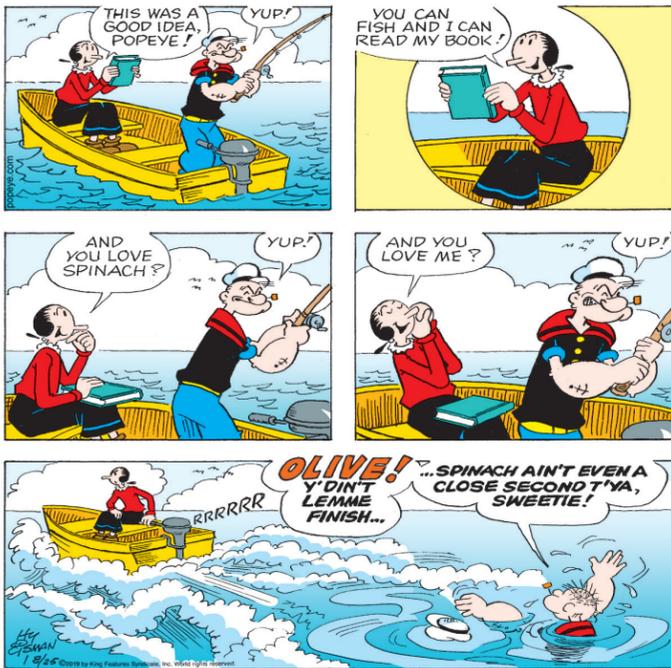
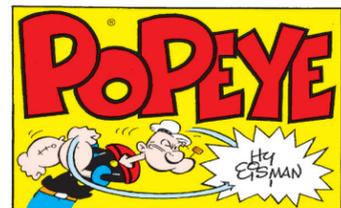
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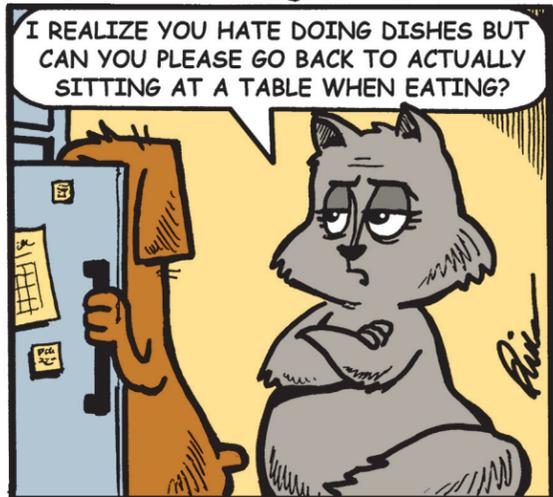
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I believe that public participation in government is vital to our community's success. If re-elected, I will continue to actively seek ideas from our residents and work hard to enhance the quality of life in our community while practicing the fiscal responsibility necessary to protect your hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

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## Tune-up

West Haven and Branford hooked up in a controlled scrimmage over the weekend as a first tune-up for the season, set to begin Sept. 12. The Westies continue their pre-season with a game scrimmage against the Whalers of New London on Friday night, 6:30, at Ken Strong Stadium.



# Seahawks open '19 with a sweep



Submitted Photo

## 'A Hail Nancy'?

The Ray Tellier Midget Football League (West Haven Seahawks) kicked off its 53rd season on Saturday with great weather. Mayor Nancy Rossi threw the first pass to 8U coach Rick Merritt while league president Mike Last and the football and cheer-leading teams and coaches look on.

The Ray Tellier Midget Football League (West Haven Seahawks) opened the 2019 season under bright sunny skies. Mayor Nancy Rossi threw the ceremonial first football to 8U head football coach Rick Merritt to officially kickoff the season.

The flag football (5 & 6 year olds) teams hosted the Hamden Hurricanes to begin the day. The flag program is strictly fundamental and scores are not kept. The teams both looked good. The blue team was led by Colin Watson, Jackson Boynton, Payton Roach. The green team got a great effort from Andrew Loehn, Riley Ortiz and Elijah Vreeland.

The tackle football teams hosted the Naugatuck Hounds.

In the 8U game (7 & 8 year olds), the Seahawk squad raced off to an early start in route to a 32-0 victory over the Hounds, with Majesty Whitaker scoring one of his three touchdowns on the day. Two of the scores were on offense and one on defense as he had an interception for a score.

Tristian Crawford added  
See Seahawks, page 14



Submitted Photos

Top -- The Junior Pee wee cheerleaders and the Challenger (spirit) squad perform at halftime during opening day. 14U player Javar Smith (7) makes a big run setting up a score. The Seahawks pulled away for a 39-24 victory. Below -- The Seahawk defense swarms a Naugatuck runner in a 32-6 Seahawk victory

## Seahawks: Squads sweep in openers

Continued from page 15

two scores including an electrifying 99-yard touchdown run. The offense of line was led by CJ Schlauder, William Pastore, Jayden Potter, Jacari Harris and Mason Booker. A strong defensive effort was led by Jaden Spell who had an interception and six solo tackles.

The 10U Seahawk team (9 & 10) topped Naugatuck, 32-6, after falling behind in the first quarter.

Quarterback Mason Wright accounted for four touchdowns, one rushing and three passing. Caden Stanley caught one touchdown pass and Joseph (JJ) Lugo caught passes for two more scores. TJ Stevenson also had two rushing touchdowns in the win. An aggressive and good tackling defense was led by Arthur Rossi and Azriel Pizarro.

The 12U game (11 & 12) saw two teams that matched up well and the game did not disappoint the fans. The Seahawks pulled away late in the game for a 21-2 win, but the defenses for both teams played well.

The Seahawks scored first with quarterback Nick Conlon hitting receiver Teriq Mallory for a touchdown. Running back Aedan Coe had two long touchdown runs. Anthony Dorsi and Bryan Tillman added the extra points. Jovon Williams, Joey Copela, Delaney Fludd and Lindell Jaynes led the defensive effort.

The 14U Seahawks (13 & 14) beat the Naugatuck Hounds, 39-24, in a competitive back-and-forth game.

The Hawks pulled away late in the 4th quarter. Damari Barker accounted for five touchdowns on the afternoon and Javier Smith added his own 38-yard score. Quarterback Dylan Whitlow threw the ball well, hitting key passes including a 40 yard strike to receiver Xavier Fernandez.

Fullback Trysten Dos picked up key first downs while controlling the clock late in the game. Amber Militrano executed an onside kick in the fourth quarter with the score 25-24.

The Seahawks are back home at Veterans Field on Saturday will host the Stratford Redskins.

The flag game will start at 8:45 with the 8U game at 10, 10U at noon, 12U at 2 and the 14U game at 4.



# Wizards prepare to defend title

The Yankee League Champion West Haven Park-Rec Wizards are set to begin their 2019-2020 fall season on Monday Sept. 16, and registra-

tion is now open at the Park-Rec Dept.

The Wizards fall swim team is a winter-long competition season open to children of all

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All swimmers will compete in meets and are encouraged

to focus on self improvement, team spirit and having fun.

A mandatory informational meeting and tryouts for new swimmers and any members of the spring team that have not participated on the fall team will be held at the West Haven High School Pool, Monday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Returning swimmers will begin the season on Sept. 17 at

the same practice time they ended the 2018-19 season.

The first day of practice is Sept. 17.

Practice runs Monday through Friday, with a minimum attendance requirement of three practices per week.

For more information please contact Coach Sean McCauley at whwizards@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.wes-



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## On the move

Riley Ortiz carries the ball against Hamden. The Pop Warner season opened with a slate of games on Saturday at Veterans Field.

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### Getting the legs in shape

A West Haven runner takes it around the right side in a controlled scrimmage against the Hornets of Branford, Saturday. The Westies had some of their first action against competition with the visiting team. Both squads open up Sept. 13.

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## Collins' deficits more than dollars

City Clerk Deborah Collins has had a deficit in her budget results in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018, of a cumulative total of (\$97,155). Ms. Collins claims it is for Election expense but yet the Election Day Expense line item has been within budget for the same years. The line items that are in deficit are Regular Wages and Other Contractual Services. The cumulative deficit amounts are (\$18,854) and (\$102,073) respectively.

If a department head cannot manage the Regular Wage Account that is mismanagement. Why would the Regular Wage Account be in deficit? Overtime has a separate account and vacations are charged to a different line item in the City budget and are not charged to the individual departments.

Other Contractual Services has a much larger deficit and the City Clerk has used it as a catch all for expenditures in her department whether authorized or not. There is also a process outlined in the City Charter, if a line item is expected to go into deficit, the Department Head, Ms. Collins, should apply for a transfer and bring it before the City Council. No credible evidence has been brought forward from Ms. Collins showing denial of transfers by the City Council. It appears Ms. Collins didn't bring transfers forward to the City Council for approval, a direct violation of the City Charter.

Certified Public Accountants look at much more than the bottom line, they look at all the numbers, the policies and procedures and in this case the governing laws of the City of West Haven, which is the City

Charter. Ms. Collins challenged me for the details and the whole story; I have complied with her request. Should Ms. Collins not understand this and need more clarification, I would be happy to discuss this.

Nancy Rossi  
Mayor

## City's educators should keep seats

As any Westie knows Sept. 10 is Primary Day. The Board of Education has five incumbents who are running to keep their seats. They are Democrats Patrick Leigh, Karen Pacelli and Susan Walker, and Republicans, Patricia Libero and Robert Guthrie. All five have served for the past four years and have done an excellent job. Each one brings his own area of expertise to table. Throughout the past four years this board has rolled up its sleeves and gotten the work done. Budgets have been balanced, curriculum has been reviewed, technology has expanded throughout the entire district and Board Members have routinely visited schools and attended after school activities. Meetings have taken place the first and third Mondays of each month and not once has a meeting been cancelled for lack of a quorum. This is a board of adults from all different backgrounds who work together for the sole purpose of our children. We are a board who agrees to disagree but always manages to work well together.

Robert Guthrie and Pat Libero have both been endorsed by the Republican Party. The three Democratic candidates have not been endorsed by their party, but are running

on Debbie Collins' ticket. The lack of endorsement causes me to wonder why? All five of these members have worked tirelessly for our children. All are competent, honest and have integrity, but yet only two received endorsements. This is a board that works so well together and has been successful. It makes me ask the question, why would we change course now if all the incumbents are willing to run and serve again? Why would we intentionally dissolve a Board that has a proven record of success? There was never an explanation given, which leads me to assume that it is political. This is a very dangerous slope to go down. The Board of Education's main focus should be on providing quality education not political advancements.

Rosemary Russo  
Chairman, BOE

## City's educators endured setbacks

We are Westies! We support one another!

Through everyone's efforts, our system endured and survived unbelievable loss. We supported one another, we cried with one another, we laughed with one another, reminisced with one another and then said: We are Westies! In memory of all those we lost, let us continue to be kind and caring. Let us show one another that they matter.

For the new hires: Welcome aboard! You will soon witness the power of being a Westie and the love and kindness that goes with it. We look forward to you also loving the Blue and White!

Here's to another successful year! You make me proud every day.

ery day.

Pat Libero

Proud former WH educator  
Present BOE member,  
honored to serve

## Rossi deserves a second term

Mayor Nancy Rossi deserves another term as mayor. The mayor has made major accomplishments in a short 21 months.

The financial condition of the city was and continues to be the top priority for Mayor Rossi and her administration. As a result the city has had two balanced budgets; a fund balance (rainy-day fund) for the first time in 14 years and our bond rating outlook was upgraded from negative to stable. This is the first step to getting an overall bond rating upgrade. Just the outlook upgrade will save taxpayer money on future borrowing costs.

Economic development projects are moving forward and small businesses are opening and expanding throughout the city. "The Havens" was stalled and needed both federal approval (Bayview Park) and state approvals (grant funding and transportation), all of which have now been received. The Parkview development in Allingtown was stalled because of an infrastructure (sewer pipe) issue, Mayor Rossi obtained a \$1.5 million state grant to replace the pipes so the project could continue and is now making excellent progress. The Yale New Haven Regional Operations Center was awaiting approvals and permits. The project was pushed through the permit process and the building is complete and will open soon. Many investors

and developers were sitting on the sideline to see if West Haven could turn its financial situation around—and now that we have shown good progress, we have gained their confidence, and they are now at the table to discuss projects. The grand list grew by \$30 million in 2018, and future increases look promising.

The West Haven High School (phase one) opened last week, which was on schedule and below the authorized budget. The construction schedule and construction costs have been closely monitored. A state grant will provide our students with computers. The investment in our school facilities and upgrading student resources will help attract commercial investors and positively affect our community.

Our city parks and beaches have been well maintained and continue to be enjoyed by our residents, and visitors alike. After the city pays off the Savin Rock Festival's past cumulative debt, the mayor will appoint a board to bring back the event again in 2020 to celebrate our city's valued history. The Savin Rock Festival will be just as much fun, but it will pay for itself using corporate sponsorships and the charging of fees to vendors.

West Haven is on the right path and I am asking our Democratic voters to support Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and all the endorsed Democratic candidates on Row A on Sept. 10 to keep West Haven moving forward! ROW A ALL THE WAY!!!

Michael P. Last  
City Treasurer  
Chairman, Democratic  
Town Committee

# Coalition plans Skeleton Festival

West Haven will host its first-ever Skeleton Fest from Oct. 12-31. The festival will highlight fun Halloween activities in a citywide celebration as part of the ongoing sustainability efforts to become certified under the SustainableCT initiative.

Skeleton Fest West Haven will include all of the activities that normally take place in the city in October—including the Historical Society's Haunted Graveyard Tour and West Haven United's Halloween Party on the Green—as well as some new ones like the Skeleton Fest Kick-Off Party. Events will take place on the three weekends leading up to Halloween on Thursday, Oct. 31.

"Skeleton Fest is a great event for West Haven for a number of reasons," said Heather Scutti, host of the West Hav-

en—Why Not? Facebook page and a newcomer to the city. Originally from Detroit, Scutti suggested the event because

she saw the success that its neighboring town of Marshall, MI, experienced with its Skeleton Fest. "It will bring differ-

ent groups of people together in a fun, family-friendly way; it promotes local businesses and other organizations; and ultimately, it helps to build a positive image for West Haven."

In addition to Heather, the Skeleton Fest West Haven committee members include State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115), Marie Cox, Jane Whelan, and Marilyn Wilkes.

Local businesses are encouraged to sponsor a skeleton and/or one of the activities being planned. Sponsorship packages range from \$50 to \$1,000. A calendar of events and sponsorship packages are listed at [skeletonfestwesthaven.org](http://skeletonfestwesthaven.org).

Skeleton Fest is being planned as a "placemaking" event to align with one of SustainableCT's recommenda-

tions for building community and contributing to economic wellbeing by using arts and culture by diverse partners to strategically shape the physical and social character of a place. The initiative offers Connecticut municipalities a voluntary certification program that provides a wide-ranging menu of best practices aimed at helping them become thriving and resilient. West Haven adopted a resolution to join the initiative in May of 2018.

For Sponsorship Information, contact Heather Scutti at [heatherscutti@gmail.com](mailto:heatherscutti@gmail.com). To Volunteer, contact Jane Whelan at [jfwhelan4@hotmail.com](mailto:jfwhelan4@hotmail.com). Organizations planning a Halloween-themed public event can contact Marilyn Wilkes at [whskeletonfest@gmail.com](mailto:whskeletonfest@gmail.com) to list it on their website.



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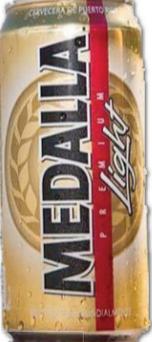
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# Food & Fig Festival returns to Savin Rock

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice  
The second annual International Food & Fig Festival will celebrate the city's diverse heritage of figs.  
On Sept. 14, organizers will once again feature the popular fruit on the lawn in front of Savin Rock, off Captain Thom-

as Boulevard.  
The festival is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will showcase vendors buying, selling and trading figs or fig trees.  
Free parking is available in the parking lot of the nearby Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.  
The multicultural event will

even include a fig demonstration, fig farmers market and fig tasting, organizers said.  
"It is exciting to welcome back a unique festival that celebrates West Haven culture, food and, of course, figs," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.  
For the second year, Dr. Charles R. Vossbrinck, an as-

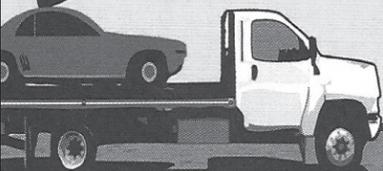
sociate agricultural scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and a self-proclaimed fig enthusiast, will speak at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. about propagating and overwintering figs in the state.  
Vossbrinck is growing the fig varieties in 25-gallon self-watering pots both outdoors

and in high tunnels.  
The station, based in New Haven and operated by the state, engages in scientific research and public outreach in agriculture and related fields.  
Vossbrinck and his team are also trying to grow figs outdoors, a difficult task because of Connecticut's cold winters.

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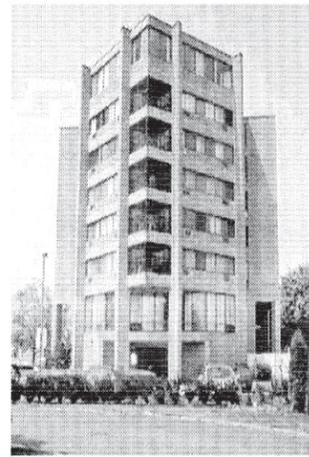
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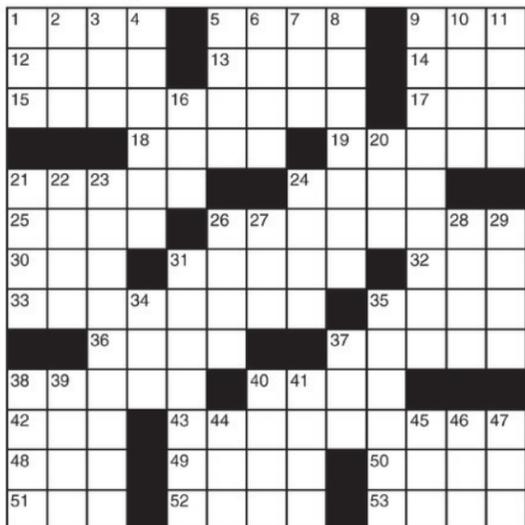
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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**CAMILLA'S CAPS**

ALL OF "CAMILLA'S CAPS" should look alike. Alas, she received a batch of "seconds" and only two of them are exactly alike. Can you find these two in one minute flat?

Answer: Caps 5 and 11

**AN ALPHABET PARTY!**  
If all of the letters in the alphabet were invited to a luncheon party, which six letters would arrive late?

Answer: The letters U, V, W, X, Y and Z, because they only come after T. (100)

**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "REGENT." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds

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Answers: (Across) Get, era, ear, fan. (Down) Goat, coral, bear.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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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!

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend



**THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER**  
Starting with the given word LIBERATED at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with LIBERATED.

1. To set free (given).
2. One who decorates cars.
3. What the bloodhounds did.
4. A long, angry speech.
5. When an event is broadcast.
6. Very, very dry.
7. To free from.
8. A psychology term.
9. Me, myself and ...?

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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Answers

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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# WHCH Rock & Stroll on the docket

The West Haven Community House (WHCH) announces its annual Rock & Stroll to be held on Saturday, Sept. 21. Rock & Stroll is an all-day event starting with a two-mile stroll along the historic Savin Rock Boardwalk followed by a music festival featuring a variety of local bands, arts and crafts vendors and fun activities for kids.

Food will be available for purchase. Walk registration is at 9:30 a.m. with a 10:30 event kick-off. There is a \$25 fee to participate in the walk, which features a variety of fun activities along the route where participants receive free chances to be entered in a raffle.

"This walk is unique in that there are a variety of fun activity stations along the route

including corn hole, limbo, hopscotch, bowling and more", said Patty Stevens, Community House executive director. "At the end of the walk, each participant turns in their earned raffle tickets for a chance to win some great prizes, which include a toys, games, concert tickets, gift cards, and more."

The walk is followed by a music festival in collaboration with organizers John McCarthy of Rock House School of Music & Johnny Ziada of Z's Corner Cafe.

"We are excited to add music to our established fall fundraising event in order to showcase and promote Teach Kids Music (TKM) programs that have been intertwined with the Community House's pro-

grams for preschoolers and school age children," Stevens said.

The Community House hosts monthly TKM Youth Open Mic Nights where young musicians and singers, 19 and under, play and listen to music and get the opportunity to interact with other musicians. The open mic nights play an important role in helping children express themselves in a safe, creative atmosphere. In addition to performing, many local children come to watch and get inspired creating a positive community experience.

Parents are always welcome to come and get involved.

"As the owner of Rock House School of Music and founder of TeachKidsMusic.org

(TKM), my main mission is to help children learn music. By providing instruments and instruction, we are able to guide these kids to be creative and start a lifelong music journey," said John McCarthy, founder of Rock House School of Music and the TKM. "Working with the West Haven Community House has been a pleasure. They are forward-thinking when it comes to providing music instruction to young children. The Rock House Ukulele course and Clap, Tap and Sing program is used as part of their program."

The music festival, which is free and open to the public, begins at noon on the lawn of the conference center and ends at 5. People are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs and sit

back and enjoy the music featuring local bands playing on the Savin Rock bandstand. In between the bands there will be children's performances on stage.

Music Festival LineUp:

The Navels: CT's premier Rock Band covering songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

Tears Fall Down: 2017 and 2018 Winner of CTNOW Best of CT Punk/Alternative band.

Fiction: An original local blues rock band just back from summer tour.

Shot Down: A high energy country music band.

McCarthy Zipay Band: Featuring John McCarthy, owner of Rock House School of Music and virtuoso guitarist and Carla Zipay, local vocalist. Together they will blend a unique style of rock, metal, funk and blues.

CT All Stars: An "All Star" Lineup of talented musicians coming together to rock the Savin Rock stage including:

Carmine Appice: Former drummer for Vanilla Fudge who set the grooves for the groundbreaking band's psychedelic debut, influencing and inspiring a generation of Rock and Heavy Metal drummers.

Paul Nelson: Grammy Award winning blues/rock guitarist for Johnny Winter.

Rob Liptrot: A bass guitarist from 'The Brotherhood Funk Band'.

Kevin Lawless: Lead vocalist for Ozzy Osbourne tribute band, Ozzy America, and local CT band 'Liplok'.

Rich Weber: Former drummer of 'Mean Carlene' and West Haven's Carrigan School principal.

Jordan Giangreco: Keyboardist for 'Psychedelic Breakfast'

John McCarthy: The Rock House School of Music

Chuck Peterson: Drummer with Sandoval Band and Eliot Lewis from Hall and Oates. Damiano Christian: Guitarist who played on ABC's American Idol tv show.

All proceeds from the event will benefit West Haven Community House and its programs including Head Start pre-school, Community Connections' day and residential programs for adults with intellectual disabilities, and Children & Youth before and after school child care programs located in the West Haven public schools and the TKM programs.

For more information about the event, sponsorship opportunities and/or to register, please visit [www.whcommunityhouse.org](http://www.whcommunityhouse.org) or contact Kathy Hart-Jones at (203) 934-5221 x 131 or via email: [kathyhartjones@whcommunityhouse.org](mailto:kathyhartjones@whcommunityhouse.org).

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# Around Town

## Senior Center trips

Join the West Haven Seniors on the following scheduled trip: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center:

**Wednesday, Nov. 6** -- MGM Springfield. Cost is \$30 per person. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:30 a.m. Trip includes \$20 free slot play and \$10 food coupon. Payment due by Oct. 4. Registration information for M Life Card to be completed at time of reservation. Those who have M Life Card need to just give their M Life number at time of reservation.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22** - The Log Cabin presents OKTOBERFEST with the Schnitzel Brothers.

Enjoy the colors of Fall on our ride to the Log Cabin in Holyoke, Ma. Where renowned pianist Jeff Barnhart will lead the quartet in German music and polka parodies. Menu includes Welcome Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary glass of wine or glass of beer, rolls and butter.

Family style: Jaeger schnitzel, knockwurst and bratwurst, sauerkraut & sauteed red cabbage, German potato salad, apple strudel coffee decaffeinated coffee and tea. Cost is \$72 bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 9:30. Departs Log Cabin at 3:15.

**Monday, Dec. 9** -- The Westchester Broadway Theatre - "The Edwards Twins" New Holiday Themed Show! Direct from Las Vegas identical twins Anthony and Edward make musical legends come alive for this holiday performance. Sonny & Cher, Neil Diamond, Johnny Mathis and Barbara Streisand just to name a few of the acts re-created by the talented twins. Enjoy lunch at the theatre before the show. Cost \$90 due by Nov. 1. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center 9:30. Departs Westchester approximately at 3:45.

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.

## Hillhouse '59

Hillhouse Class of 1959 will celebrate its 60th Year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the New Haven Country Club, Hamden. Luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30P.M. Any question? Visit the website: hillhouseclassof59.com.

## Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Club of West Haven, organized in 1962, will host a Coin Show on Sunday, Aug. 18, Oct. 20, and Dec. 15, at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission is free. Anyone with an interest in buying, selling or collecting coins, or with questions about coins, is welcome to attend. Expert dealers and collectors will be on hand.

## Al-Anon group

An Al-Anon meeting group invites new members to attend its meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 52 George St. For information, call (203) 506-1464.

## Society kickoff

The West Haven Historical Society will hold its September Meeting Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Poli House.

Speaker for the evening will be Cathie Iaccarino who will discuss her participation in the Native American dig that took place at the Platt Avenue site. Iaccarino, a local resident and teacher, will also share her knowledge on some of the key artifacts that were found at the local Native American site.

Her talk follows up on the recent exhibit on Native Americans that the Historical Society presented in June that was well received.

The public is invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## Poetry Lounge

"The Poetry Lounge" will be hosting an Open Mic at The West Haven Library, 300 Elm St., on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30. Sign up starts at 6.

Bring your poems, bring a friend and relax. Refreshments and door prizes. For more info contact Sistet Deborah at swananehaven00@yahoo.com.

## Dog obedience class

Are you a dog owner looking for a "paw-sensitive" approach to handling your canine?

The Department of Recreation's dog obedience program, designed by Evelia Rivera, a certified professional dog trainer, is geared to all types of canines, including puppies and adolescent, rescue and older dogs.

The department is offering two six-week training levels - Basic 1 for dogs at least 6 months old; Basic 2 for dogs that completed Basic 1 and need continued work - Saturday mornings, starting Sept. 21, in the parking lot behind the department's Painter Park office, 190 Kelsey Ave.

The fee is \$85 for residents and \$95 for nonresidents.

Visit [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) for registration details and requirements for dogs and handlers.

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