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*An in-depth feature*

Juneteenth celebrated  
at 2nd festival

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## Neighborhood, church group aid Point make-over

A large group of Vertical Church members performed what could only be described as a "Makeover" when they descended in force this past weekend to cleanup numerous gardens that had become seriously overgrown at the Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary on Beach Street.

Approximately thirty members, all wearing distinct, bright red tee shirts with a "Vertical Church" logo, arrived shortly after 9:00 Saturday morning and didn't leave till they finished their work shortly after noon that day. They worked collaboratively the whole morning, appearing like a "sea of crimson" in their matching tee shirts. They were equipped with rakes, lawn and leaf bags, weed whackers and gloves. The Sanctuary had been maintained in previous years by neighborhood volunteers. Unfortunately, two of the primary volunteers taking care of the Sanctuary each experienced health issues this last year that had prevented them from doing this important work.

Pastor Paul Bronson of the Vertical Church, having recently moved into the neighborhood, had noticed the gardens in the Sanctuary were overgrown, and he wondered if his church could do something to help. He reached out to City Councilwoman Melissa Garthwait (R-2) who had known the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association was growing concerned about the conditions there and welcomed Pastor Paul's call. She had also been familiar with the significant community service/mission work the Vertical Church had performed throughout the community in the past. Pastor Paul then spoke to Senior Pastor Ken Vance who agreed to commit the necessary resources and encouragement to arrange for the massive cleanup on June 11. Ron Sell, Outreach Director for the Church, coordinated the logistics and scheduling to assure everything would run smoothly.

Sandy Point Neighborhood Association President Michelle Coletti commented on the day in this way: "As a small community organization, we depend heavily on groups like the Vertical Church to partner with us to help achieve our goals. The Association sees the Bird Sanctuary as one of the major assets of this neighborhood and we wanted to see it properly maintained." A number of volunteers from the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association joined in the cleanup effort on June 11 as well.

The Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary has become one of the most significant locations for coastal birding in the State of Connecticut, providing a natural setting that has become home to endangered piping plovers, least terns, and rare bird species, such as Ospreys, American Oyster Catchers, Egrets,

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Above-- Vertical Church members working hard at restoring Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary gardens to their former glory. Middle -- One of nine (9) gardens at the Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary that was thoroughly weeded and mulched this past weekend in this before and after picture. Below -- In addition to weeding all nine of the Sandy Point gardens, volunteers planted several colorful annual flowering plants that had been donated by the Savin Rock Surf Shop on Captain Thomas Boulevard to create an appealing entryway to the Bird Sanctuary.

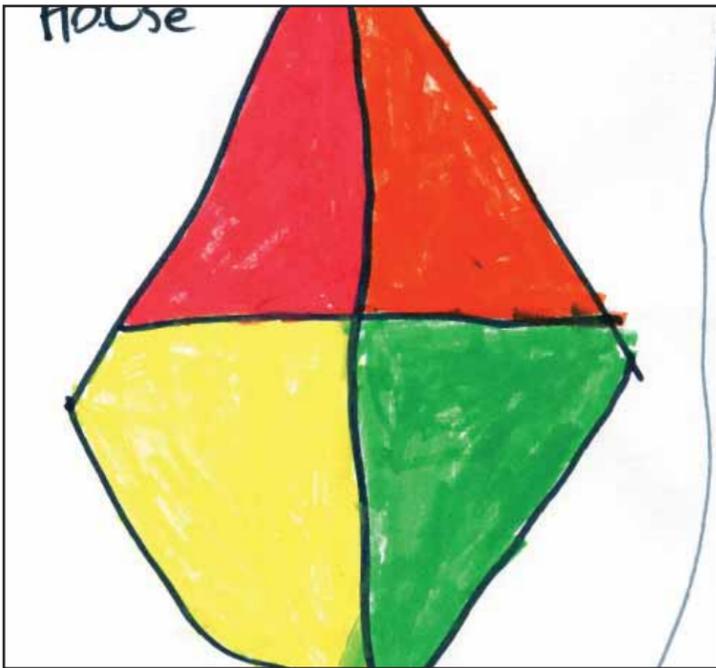


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The artist called Gavin, a fourth grader at Forest School, and part of the West Haven Community House After-School Program sees great weather for kite flying.

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## On this Date

**1991** -- Brioni Declaration is signed. The agreement was signed by Slovenia, Croatia, and Yugoslavia on the Brioni islands in Croatia.

The agreement marked the end of hostilities that began with the Slovenian War of Independence. Also known as the Ten-Day War, the conflict began after Slovenia declared independence from Yugoslavia.

**1985** -- Boris Becker becomes the youngest person to win Wimbledon at age 17. The German tennis player beat American Kevin Curren.

**1981** -- Sandra Day O'Connor is appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Appointed by President Ronald Reagan, O'Connor is the first woman to be appointed to the highest court in the United States.

**1958** -- President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Alaska Statehood Act into law. Under the law,

Alaska became the 49th state of the United States of America on January 3, 1959.

**1947** -- Roswell UFO sighting. An object crashed into a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico raising speculations that the object was an extraterrestrial spacecraft containing alien life forms.



Photo by Dan Shine

## Boardwalk VIP

Tony Orsini walks his beat on the Boardwalk mornings at 6 a.m. He refers to himself as "The Mayor of the Boardwalk." All the dogs know him and come to him for dog cookies. You can see Tony and the other Sunrise Curmudgeons most mornings, weather permitting. He was a longtime employee of Sikorsky's.

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### Patronal feast

Members of the Annawon Lodge, 115, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Haven, under the leadership of Worshipful Master Johnny Garcia celebrated the Feast of Saint John the Baptist at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit last week at the parish's 9 a.m. Mass. John the Baptist is one of two patron saints of Freemasonry worldwide. The other is Saint John the Evangelist. In Masonic circles, they are known as the "Holy Saints John of Jerusalem. The guest celebrant for the mass was the Rev. Kathryn Greene-McCreigh of Christ Episcopal Church in New Haven.

### Spellbound set to perform at Grove concert tonight at 7

The West Haven Summer Concert Series continues in Old Grove Park at 7 p.m. today with classic rock and pop hits performed by Spellbound.

The two-hour concert is free and sponsored by West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc. The rain date is Monday at 7 p.m.

For rescheduling information, go to the Department of Parks and Recreation's website at <https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>.



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# Dear Felicia

As I always tell yew, sweets, once yew git by May, the rest of the year jest flies. Here we are in July already, with lotts things happening in our little corner of the universe known as the Asylum by the Sea. The turn o' the calendar means that as of last Friday, Fiscal Year 2023 began, and that means new kopecks for the boys and girls who run this burg. It's also about this time that murmurings about money that was misused began to circulate. Hard to believe, but that's the case.

Tennyrate, with the July 4 holiday, the Mystick Maidens of the Marsh decided to hold this year's festivities at the Sandy Pernt sandbar and beach. With the good work that group has done over there, cleaning up, and getting things nice and tidy, we thought we'd traverse there. It was a great time, with the

Grand Maiden herself, Tina Peckingham, regaling us with many stories...and she's got lotts to tell.

With the Municipal Accountability Review Board giving the OK on the budget jest a couple o' weeks back - finally understanding that there was some misinformation sent their way - the administration was able to take a deep breath and git into the new FY. Soooo, that means, ultimately, that things are perty much the way they hashed out during the budget-making that ended in May.

That was only one thing that happened in the run up to the new year. Buried under a lotta goings-on here and elsewhere, the City Council voted to investigate the forensic audit that caused a heap o' consternation here weeks ago. The CohnReznick audit the state ordered on the city's use of

Covid funds had the Actors Colony in an uproar effen yew remember.

According to Sammy Bluejay that angst didn't subside with the passage of time. The audit said the city misused thousands and didn't have paperwork to back up things. Almost at the outset of its publication, people in City Hall were angry. They said paperwork given was cited, and paperwork that had wasn't requested; hence, the damning report was flawed.

Effen yew think people were gonna let that go, think again. There was a lotta blame to go around concerning some expenses, but the hue and cry heard after that has really been a thorn in the side of many inside and outside City Hall.

The City Council is gonna be looking into the whole audit process and maybe the panel will be able to make heads or tails outta what transpired. In all our years of comminting on the shenanigans at the Colony, I kin tell yew that Cobina ain't seen this kind of pushback in many a moon. It'll be interesting to see what happens from here on in.

*Nutcherly, the lack of July 3 fireworks this year is still stuck in the craw of many. Almost immediately this papyrus got complaints from people. They pay a*

*lotta taxes and want a few crumbs thrown their way on occasion. Well, the fack it's gonna be on Labor Day weekend ain't setting well with the natives, even now.*

*Of course, the bit reason was the overtime costs and other costs associated with the night, and the fack that usually more than 100,000 people find their way to the beach, with many thousands coming from nearby towns. Things might be getting better in town, but the uptick in incidents during the night gave a few people pause as well.*

*St. John Vianney/Our Lady of Victory canceled its annual carnival, ostensibly, said the Wag, cuz there might be outsiders causing trouble. Security is a big concern. Now with the city opting to move the fireworks, one wonders effen the organizers were even told about the possibility of the move, thus eliminating some of the security concerns. Probably not.*

After seven months plodding through the courts, a New Haven Superior Court judge did what many of us thought was gonna happen. Barry Lee Cohen, Republican candidate for mayor, sued the city, claiming - rightly in some cases - that the way ballots were handled, and other irregularities called into question his loss by 32 votes.

Iva Lootey, who has been follying the case perty closely, wasn't surprised by the decision to drop the suit. The chances the court was gonna overturn an election seven months after the fack was perty slim - and the longer it dragged on the slimmer it would be.

Iva said something interesting, though. He believes that effen the court was really concerned, it would have checked even more closely the ballots, and maybe could have found the requisite 33 votes that were violations. That's not generally what happens, though. Let's face it, the court was very critical of the way the ballots were handled - something that has been a cause of uproar in the past. In fact, the judge was all but agreeing with Cohen, it seemed, up to the pernt that there may have been cause to think more votes could have been found.

But, that ain't what courts do. Unless it's in open sight, the courts leave the results alone. Imagine the tumult a decision to overturn would have caused?

Meanwhile, Herroner may have her third term given an imprimatur, but one wonders effen the last few months have made her give thoughts about her future.

Let's face it, honeybunch, it's been one set of headaches followed by another set almost

continuously for quite a while.

The reason I ask the question is that names are popping up on the Demmie side as possible successors to Mayor Rossi. In the last week or so, we've heard one or two council members who have privately expressed interest in running for the third floor. Should Rossi determine she wants a fourth term, that might change the calculus a bit, but effen she says she's had enuff of the cauldron that is city politics, it could throw the whole succession question wide open - and maybe even give the GOP a chance at a resurgence. Remember, Cohen lost by 32. People have already determined they're not enamored by the way the city is run.

Keep yore eyes peeled, hon. The next little while is gonna be interesting. Starting in the fall the picture will be clearer as to who might look to run, who might decide to run, and whether Mrs. Rossi wants to give it another two years. The wild card might be who the GOP gets to be the standard-bearer.

Effen they run another strong candidate, we might see an end to one-party rule after more than 30 years.

The fack that some demmies are looking at their prospects, though, is usually the foist sign that the political winds are starting to change for the incumbent...maybe not this next time, but certainly in the near future. We shall see.

*We see the city is looking to repurpose the Arts Center into some type of community center... ain't that what an Arts Center is, or at least a component of it? The wheels of justice turn slowly, but things in this burg make justice look like an Indy driver. Over the years the city could have been looking at more grants and not just from the state to put that center together.*

*Cobina's question is this: will making it a community center push the process along? After all it's only been 14 years since it was announced, and we're about 20 percent into the project. Second question: one of the reasons given for the Arts Center is the effort to bring people into the center of town, will this goal be met with a change of purpose?*

*We hope that effen a decision is made to go this route a space for the arts can be made. A performance space might is still needed, especially with some of the new efforts we're seeing here at the papyrus in that vein.*

*One can only hope, but yew know what they say about "live in hope..."*

*With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzes,*

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

My husband and I enjoy walking on the beach in the evening. We have found a majority resident parking spaces in the lots are taken by non-residents. They do not display paid parking tickets. This is particularly bad on the weekends after the constables leave. The Bradley Point and Where Angels Play parking lots are particularly bad. I realize that our Police Department are stretched thin, but I wish legal parking could be enforced.

*TY Slightly Annoyed Resident*  
**Dear TY:**

A number of gripes from other readers have arrived on my desk containing similar misuse of parking violations. I was able to locate some helpful information relating to your gripe that I feel sure my other readers will find interesting:

Effective July 1, the city's five beach parking lots for non-residents will accept cash only because the lots 1 parking meters are out of order.

According to Police Chief Joseph S. Perno, who's department oversees the parking meters or kiosks, the coronavirus pandemic has caused a shortage of parts and service technicians, preventing the kiosks from being repaired.

Chief Perno indicated that private security personnel will monitor the nonresident parking lots and collect the daily cash fees from motorists, including \$20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and \$10 after 3 p.m.

The nonresident lots are Sea

Bluff, Bradley Point, Palace Street, Morse Park and Sandy Point as well as the April Street boat launch. The city has also announced that its new three-year beach parking stickers have been mailed with the tax bill, but are unlikely to reach residents by Thursday, June 30 when the current stickers expire.

Going on with additional city notifications, to accommodate those who have yet to receive the 2022-2225 windshield stickers, the 2020-2022 stickers will be accepted in all beach parking lots for residents and the boat launch until further notice.

The residents lots are South Street, Dawson Avenue, Rock Street, Oak Street and Altschuler Boulevard. Chief Perno also said driver's licenses and vehicle registrations are not accepted in the resident parking lots or at the boat launch; a valid, affixed beach sticker is required. All other beach parking restrictions will apply, he said.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Non-residents are using the parking lots at Bradley Point and Where Angels Play particularly on weekends when the constables leave.

*CO Annoyed*

**Dear CO Annoyed:**

I have forwarded your complaint to Councilman Mel Garthwait who replied, "I am bringing forward a plan to help reinforce parkin. As soon as I meet with the Police Commission., I will be able to respond about what the City



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

can do for parking issues like this."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

We need more trash cans down near the Bocci Court entering from the parking lot. There is only one trash can for the entire lot. No wonder there is trash everywhere.

I live across from the Lake Street Beach. Usually by Memorial Day weekend there are two trash cans by all the beach entrances /exits along this busy stretch of beach. Now, there is only one trash can for the entire lot producing an accumulation of trash. At this writing there are 250 to 300 people at the beach. Why can't the city be proactive and be prepared?

*ATB*

**Dear ATB:**

Your gripe was sent to

Councilperson Meli Garthwait who responded with, "I have copied Public Works Department for this request."

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

I have heard from a number of people who complained that their UI bill is much more this month than last month, and these folks cannot account for the increase.

If you would like to submit your complaints to Gripe Vine, send them to me at gripevine-

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Coming up: ..banners at City Hall...abundance of cats... paving of Savin Avenue... masks needed on bus....pot-hole response from Councilperson Boras...White Street blight...illegal parking at baseball field and much more.

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Another of the garden areas created by the neighborhood association and members of Vertical Church.

## Make-over: *Groups work to spruce up Sandy Point*

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Blue Herons, etc. In 2021, the Connecticut Audubon Society bestowed a "Share the Shore" Award to the City to recognize the importance of the Bird Sanctuary, one of only two awards given that year.

To finish their work – and to assure the gardens would remain in good shape – the Church volunteers spread yards of fresh mulch throughout each garden to discourage the further growth of weeds and invasive plants. And, to make things even better, the Church has plans to return to the Sanctuary once a month through the summer to keep the weeds under control and the gardens looking attractive.

*Pictures in this article were provided by Pastor Paul Bronson of the Vertical Church, and Kim-Marie Mullin, Kathie Hebert and Dave Killeen of the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association.*

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. --

Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyr-

anny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these states; for that purpose obstructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migration hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

- For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

- For protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states:

- For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

- For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

- For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury:

- For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offenses:

- For abolishing the free system of English laws in a neighboring province, establishing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule in these colonies:

- For taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments:

- For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the

head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare, is undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. *In Jefferson's draft there is a part on slavery here*

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to

disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.



# Letters, we get letters!

## Insurance program

Connecticut's healthcare system is home to best-in-class hospitals and major players in the insurance industry. This is great news, but we still have work to do for our system to thrive. Importantly, we must ensure each and every one of you can access affordable, high-quality healthcare with coverage that meets your needs. The good news is that you might be eligible for free healthcare coverage through a new program, and I wanted to make sure that my neighbors in West Haven heard about it from me.

My name is Lou Gianquinto, and I am president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut. We are committed to simplifying healthcare and given my roots in West Haven, I wanted to reach out to share information about Covered Connecticut, a new health program that offers free coverage to eligible families.

If you qualify, the State of Connecticut will pay your part of the monthly premium for a health plan. They will also pay all your cost-sharing amounts (deductibles, copays, coinsurance, and maximum out-of-pocket costs). Anthem is proud to offer a plan as part of this program. The Anthem plan you can choose is the Silver PPO Standard Pathway health plan, which gives you access to a large network of doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare professionals, as well as benefits such as access to virtual primary care through our Sydney<sup>SM</sup> Health app.

The enrollment period will open by July 1, 2022, and this year, the Covered Connecticut program will include expanded benefits such as dental coverage and rides to the doctor at no cost.

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contact a broker for free, or call Access Health CT at 855-805-4325, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you qualify, tell them you want the Anthem Silver plan – it would be our pleasure to serve you.

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*Lou Gianquinto*

**President, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut**

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Functioning as a free-of-

charge consultant more than as a proprietor, George Ghaly explains the problems, fixes it on the spot where possible, and when he has no choice will order new parts with little or no mark-up. I am not aware of any other computer and iPhone repair shop in West Haven, and certainly none with a proprietor as fair and patient as George.

*Ellis Ratner*

## Subtle message<sup>s</sup>

West Haveners have been instructed to separate out their grass clippings and yard waste from their regular rubbish, put it into large paper bags, designed for that purpose, and place it at the curb on the day or night before their regular rubbish and recyclables collections.

In an attempt to be a good citizen, I and most others throughout at least West Haven's West Shore area, seem to do just that. The bags, how-

ever, never seem to get picked up, and, instead, languish for sometimes an entire week or more allowing the organic matter therein to decompose and concomitantly breakdown the integrity of the paper bags as well as to look rather unsightly along the city streets.

The subtle message, of course, is to forget about putting your grass cuttings and yard wastes into the paper bags that you have purchased, and, instead, co-mingle them with your regular household rubbish and garbage, and they will be picked up by the city's contractors in a timely manner, and go to some landfill or trash-to-energy plant, instead of West Haven's compost site.

*Ralph Lawson III*

## Meters take cash only at beach sites

**By Michael P. Walsh**  
Special to the Voice

Effective July 1, the city's five beach parking lots for nonresidents are accepting cash only because the lots' parking meters are out of order.

Police Chief Joseph S. Perno, whose department oversees the parking meters, or kiosks, said the coronavirus pandemic has caused a shortage of parts and service technicians, preventing the kiosks from being fixed.

So until further notice, Perno said private security personnel is monitoring the nonresident parking lots and collecting the daily cash fees from motorists, including \$20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and \$10 after 3 p.m.

The nonresident lots are Sea Bluff, Bradley Point, Palace Street, Morse Park and Sandy Point, as well as the April Street boat launch.

The city has also announced that its new three-year beach parking stickers were recently mailed with the tax bills but were unlikely to reach all residents by June 30, when the current stickers expired.

To accommodate those who have yet to receive the 2022-25 windshield stickers, the city is accepting the 2020-22 stickers in all beach parking lots for residents and at the boat launch until further notice.

The resident lots are South Street, Dawson Avenue, Rock Street, Oak Street and Altschuler Boulevard.

Perno said driver's licenses and vehicle registrations are not accepted in the resident parking lots or at the boat launch – a valid, affixed beach sticker is required. All other beach parking restrictions apply, he said.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICES ONLY

Notice to be published forthwith by the town clerk of each town within the geographical jurisdiction of the state or district office in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town. CGS Section 9-433.

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Office	Party	Candidate	Address
Secretary of the State	Democratic	*Stephanie Thomas Maritza Bond	81 William St., Norwalk, CT. 06851 784 Quinpiac Ave., New Haven, CT. 06513
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State Assembly 116th	Democratic	*Trenece McGee Joe Miller	52 Eagle Place 19 Richards Street

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this \_\_\_23\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

DENISE W. MERRILL  
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 9, 2022. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES	VOTING DISTRICT
Church of the Holy Spirit 28 Church Street	1
Savin Rock School 50 Park Street	2
Washington School 369 Washington Ave	3
St. Pauls Church 898 First Avenue	4
Simchat Yisrael 870 First Avenue	5
Forest School 95 Burwell Road	6
Molloy School 225 Meloy Road	7
Mackrille School 806 Jones Hill Road	8
Seth Haley School 148 South Street	9
Pagels School 26 Benham Hill Road	10

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following location 355 Main Street

Dated at West Haven, Connecticut, this 23rd day of June, 2022

Town Clerk \_\_\_Patricia C Horvath\_\_\_\_\_

Town of \_\_\_West Haven\_\_\_\_\_

1 Include only when central counting has been designated under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-147a.

Photos by Michael P. Walsh/ CCM



Far Left -- West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Planning Director Christopher Soto show the city's "2022 Silver Certified Community" plaque at City Hall on June 22. . Left -- Soto receives the city's "2022 Silver Certified Community" plaque from Connecticut Economic Development Association Board President Kristen Gorski at CEDAS headquarters on Long Wharf Drive in New Haven on June 8.

## City cited for work in developing

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Planning Director Christopher Soto celebrated the city's new economic development certification by displaying West Haven's "2022 Silver Certified Community" plaque at City Hall on June 22.

West Haven was among 12 cities and towns certified by the Connecticut Economic Development Association on April 28 for exemplifying best practices in economic development and land use.

CEDAS Board President Kristen Gorski said the certified municipalities participated in a "rigorous" application review process that required documentation of procedures for development projects, community engagement and consideration of economic development strategies.

The application consisted of four components: communications and marketing, coordination and collaboration, organizational capacity and strategy, and policies and programs.

"Projects like the raising of Beach Street, the renovation of the Allintown Green and the opening of New England Brewing Co. demonstrate the leadership and innovation of West Haven as a model municipality in Connecticut," Rossi said. "I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Chris Soto and the leaders of our community who have paved the way for this honor and to CEDAS, which has been recognizing sustainability, development and best practices since it began the certification program in 2019."

West Haven was one of eight municipalities certified as a Silver community, joining the neighboring towns of Guilford, Hamden, North Branford and Woodbridge.

Three others earned Gold certification, and one received Bronze status. Gorski presented the etched glass plaque to Soto at CEDAS headquarters on Long Wharf Drive.

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United States Senator	Republican	*Themis Klarides	66 Governors Way, Madison, CT. 06443
		Leora R. Levy	59 Pecksland Rd., Greenwich, CT. 06831
		Peter Lumaj	745 Mill Plain Rd., Fairfield, CT. 06824
Secretary of the State	Republican	*Dominic Rapini	4 Mariners Way, Branford, CT. 06405
		Brock Weber	17 Lancewood Ln., Wolcott, CT. 06716
		Terrie E. Wood	50 Saint Nicholas Rd., Darien, CT. 06820

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Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia C Horvath \_\_\_\_\_

Town of \_\_\_\_\_ West Haven \_\_\_\_\_

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## Farmers Market opens at Oak Street location

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The Tony Inzero Farmers Market will open its 2022 season today in the Oak Street Beach parking lot off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The "Start of the Season" celebration will feature food trucks and live music by West Haven's Howie Horvath.

Through Oct. 15, the market, nestled on the right side of the Oak Street parking lot, will include state farmers selling home-grown fruits and vegetables and crafters selling wares from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays.

It will also include more than 20 different vendors, crafters, organizations and food trucks throughout the season.

Parking is available in the Oak Street municipal lot and on Palace Street. Oak Street is on the senior shuttle route and the CTtransit route. In addition, a van will run from the West Haven Senior Center, 201 Noble St., to Oak Street on Thursdays.

The Department of Elderly Services will start distributing farmers market vouchers to eligible city residents next week. For information on the voucher program, call the department at 203-937-3507.

The farmers market is sponsored by the city and has operated since 2000. It was dedicated in 2010 in memory of Anthony F. "Tony" Inzero, a leader in the downtown business community who co-owned Flower Affair on Campbell Avenue for many years and was a founding member and longtime president of the West Haven Business Association.

To participate in the farmers market or for information, contact Killian Gruber, the market's manager, at [kgruber@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:kgruber@westhaven-ct.gov) or (203) 937-3518.

For the latest news on the market, go to <https://www.facebook.com/WestHavenFarmersMarket>.

### Stamp Club meets Tuesday evenings

The New Haven Stamp Club meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at 62 Clark Road, North Haven.

There is a stamp and coin show on the fourth Sunday of each month. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 554 Woodward Ave., East Haven.

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West Haven Tree Warden Leo Kelly tends an American white oak as Mayor Nancy R. Rossi throws a shovel of mulch to dedicate the tree planting at Painter Park's Kelsey Avenue entrance during the city's Arbor Day observance June 23.

# 'Tree tenders' mark Arbor Day planting oak at Painter Park

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

Throwing shovels of mulch, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, city officials and volunteer "tree tenders" dedicated the planting of an American white oak at Painter Park's main entrance during West Haven's Arbor Day observance June 23.

The event, organized by Tree Warden Leo Kelly, was

the first of many tree plantings planned for parts of the city under the auspices of Kelly and his tree tenders.

The group of volunteers — about 30 in all — is tasked with helping the city implement a \$10,000 grant from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to plant and maintain trees in urban areas of West Haven.

Kelly said many city trees have been lost because of storms and utility projects and have not been replaced or replenished. The tree tender initiative hopes to change that, he said.

Rossi marked the annual tree-planting ceremony, held at the park's Kelsey Avenue entrance, by reading a mayoral proclamation declaring Arbor Day in West Haven.

Reading the proclamation, Rossi said the white oak, one of the preeminent hardwood trees native to eastern and central North America, "is a long-lived oak whose name comes from the color of the finished wood. It can reach a magnificent height and can develop into a massive broad-topped tree with large branches striking out at wide angles."

The tree was recommended by Kelly and paid for by the city.

"The spirit of Arbor Day remains strong and underscores the importance of planting trees to provide us with clean air and water, habitat for wildlife and endless natural beauty — all for a better future," Rossi said.

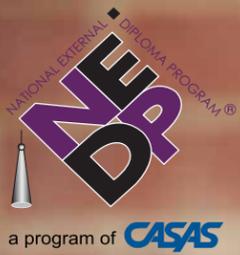
At the tree planting, Rossi and Kelly were joined by Republican Councilwoman-at-Large Colleen O'Connor, Parks and Recreation Director Mark E. Paine, Jr., and tree tenders Dawn Evans, Jeanne Lisosky, Marie Oberempt, Jenny Reed-Haggans and Claire Zoghbi.

The ceremony also recognized West Haven's recent designation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

For a sixth time, the city earned the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City distinction by meeting the program's four requirements: forming a tree board or department, creating a tree care ordinance, having an annual community forestry

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### ***GOP food distribution***

Saturday, June 18 the West Haven Republican Town Committee hosted a food distribution on Forest Road in Allingtown. Twelve pallets of non-perishable food and water were delivered by a donated eighteen wheeler from Anthony Augliera Moving and Storage Company. Goods were distributed to over 400 West Haven residents that day. Numerous candidates helped out, led by Republican gubernatorial nominee Bob Stefanowski and his wife Amy. Also State Senate candidates John Carlson (10th) and Kim-Marie Mullins (14) and House candidates Representative Charles Ferrero (R-117) and candidate Aaron Haley (116th). Shown -- GOP gubernatorial nominee Bob Stefanowski Carrie's a case of water for a resident during the distribution in Allingtown.

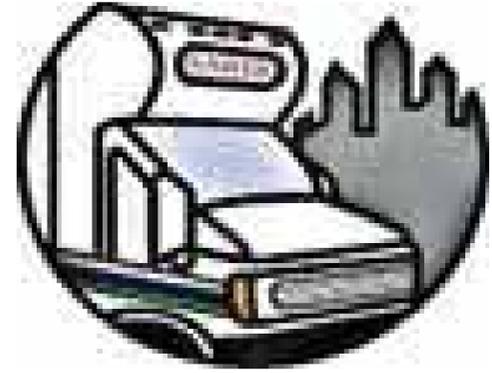
### Center plans Newport trip

The West Haven Senior Center will offer a bus trip Aug. 3 to the Newport Playhouse in Newport, Rhode Island. The trip includes lunch and the suspenseful comedy "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a love triangle set in a Howard Johnson's motor lodge involving a woman, her lover and her husband.

The trip costs \$125 and includes transportation, admission, lunch and all gratuities. Payment is due June 24. For reservations, call (203) 937-3507 or register at the senior center, 201 Noble St., upper level.

The bus will depart at 8:45 a.m. from the Savin Rock Conference Center parking lot, 6 Rock St., and leave at 5 p.m. from Newport.

Newport Playhouse's COVID-19 policy requires patrons show proof of full vaccination, which verifies they have received a second shot at least 14 days before the event. Proof of vaccination must show a name that matches the government-issued document. for the person seeking entry.



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The Heavenly Stars Singing group rocked the crowd at West Haven's Juneteenth Celebration at Brent Watt Park in Allingtown. Left -- West Haven Juneteenth Celebration organizer Councilwoman Robbing Watt-Hamilton, (D-5) speaks to the crowd.



## Juneteenth celebrated at 2nd annual festival

The city celebrated its second annual Juneteenth commemoration on Saturday, June 18, at Brent Watt Park in Allingtown. The festivities included food, entertainment, booths and food.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved black Americans.

"The Juneteenth Celebration is important in West Haven because it adds to the city's history of celebrating culture," said event organizer, City Councilwoman Robbin Watt-Hamilton, (D-5). "It provides another opportunity for the West Haven community to come together to learn and enjoy the diversity that exists all over our City," she said.

The event, sponsored by the West Haven Seahawks and State Rep. Trenee' McGee attracted hundreds of people. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi read a proclamation declaring "Juneteenth" in the City of West Haven.

Entertainment included the Nu Groove Band, the Heavenly Stars Singers, the West Haven Juneteenth Choir, poetry and step dance groups.



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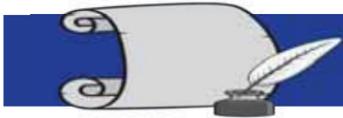
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## West Haven Speedway

It is hard for anyone who visits Savin Rock today to imagine that an entire amusement park and a place called "Hot Dog Alley" were packed into those few grassy acres—and it is nearly impossible to imagine that on top of all that, there were a baseball field and a famous racetrack there as well! The baseball field was known as Donovan Field, in honor of "Wild Bill" Donovan—a popular manager of the New York Yankees during 1915-1917—who was killed in a train wreck in 1923.

Donovan Field became the home field of the West Haven Sailors, and an oddly-shaped 1/5 mile racetrack was eventually built around its perimeter. When the racetrack opened in 1935, it was merely a dirt track; but later that year, the track was paved. From then until 1941, the racetrack was the site of midget auto races; and later, it was the scene of weekly stock car races and various featured events.

During the World War II years, gasoline, tires, and auto parts were scarce, so auto rac-

ing paused for a while; but once peacetime was restored in 1945, the racetrack immediately returned to operation.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the popular drivers were Johnny "King" Cambino, "Wild Bill" Greco, Frank Belbusti, Bobby Rich, Tommy Sutcliffe, Billy Boston and Johnny Porto, to name just a few. After every race, the drivers would sign autographs for their fans. In fact, Johnny Cambino was so popular, that when he was married, a mock wedding was staged at West Haven Speedway for his fans.

The mechanics who provided their talent for these races came mostly from Greco's Auto Parts and from Marshall's Garage.

Every Saturday evening during the warmer months, a steady stream of cars would make their way down Kelsey Avenue to the West Haven Speedway, which was located at the east corner of Rock Street and Savin Avenue (now Rock Street and Captain Thomas Boulevard). Spectators lined up and paid a dollar to watch the races, and those

without the money hopped the fence or sat in the "cheap seats." At that time, Kelsey hill came all the way down to Savin Avenue—there are condominiums there today--and provided a good vantage point for most of the racing action—hence "cheap seats."

Meanwhile, at the east corner of Kelsey Avenue and Savin Avenue, just across the street from the racetrack, the drivers and mechanics arrived with their race cars and prepared to race. The noise of those cars with their un-muffled exhausts was deafening.

And one who watched all of this and was thrilled was an eight-year-old who often went, alone and against his parents' orders, and who would one day set down these words and memories for others to enjoy.

As the races got underway, the noise could be heard all the way down the West Shore and up into West Haven center. Meanwhile, it is said that if one stood at the top of Meloy Hill, it was possible even there, to hear the noise and see the smoke rising as

the races went on.

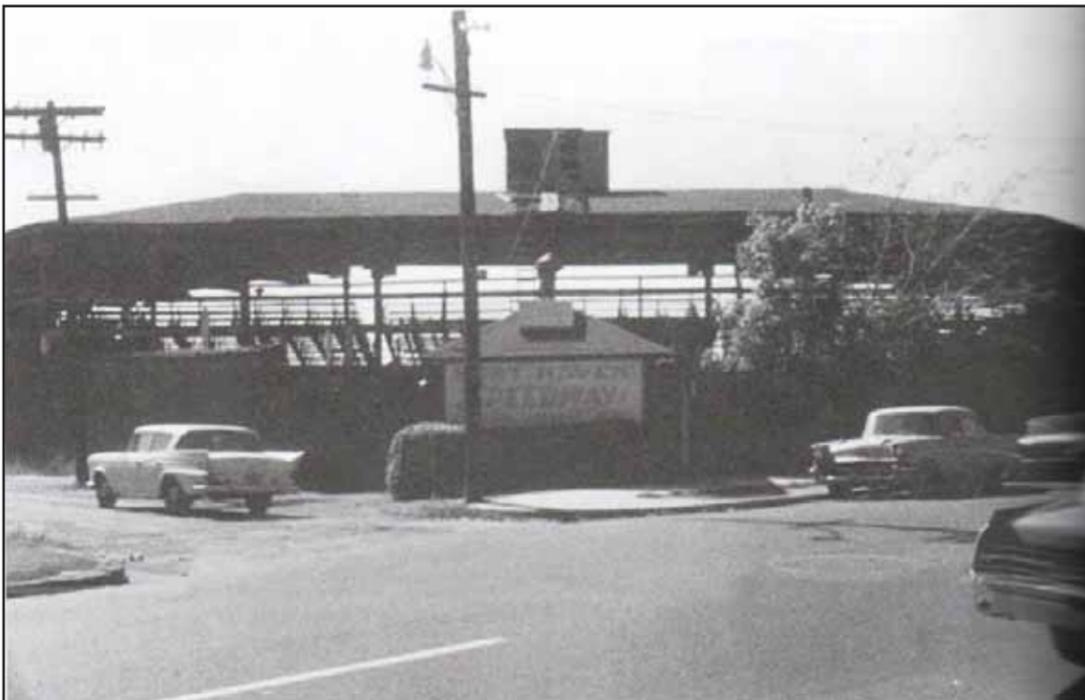
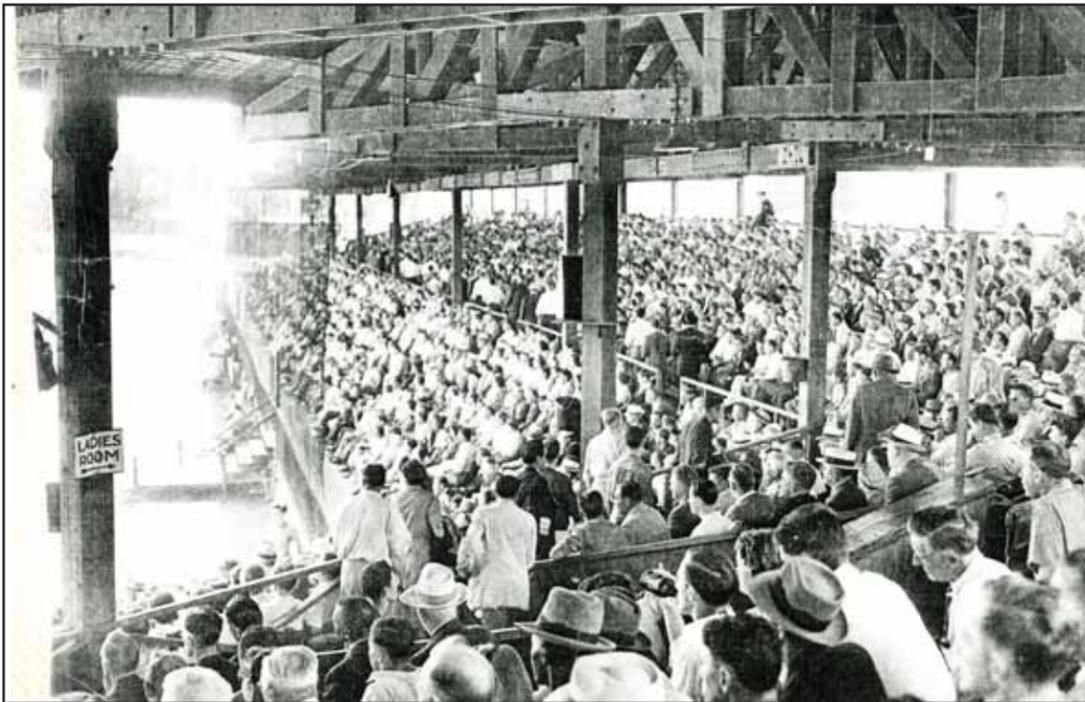
There were one hundred lap races with breathtaking finishes; and there were crashes; and there were demolition derbies; and there were "powder puff derbies" for the ladies, where all of the cars were driven only in reverse.

But by 1960, a movement had begun in West Haven to raze every structure in Savin Rock, in order to clean up the area.

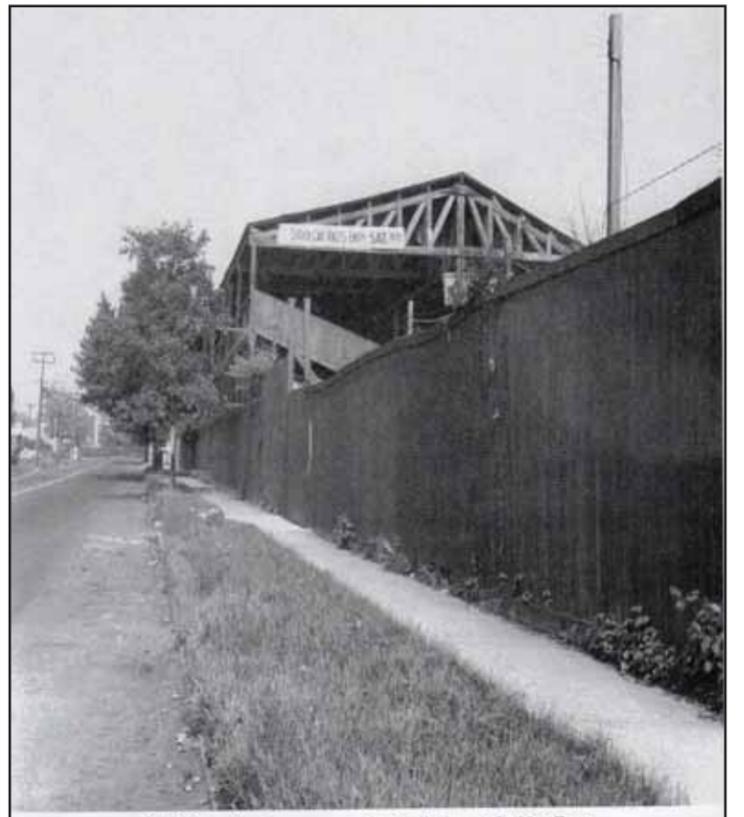
Following a referendum, demolition began, and in 1967, West Haven Speedway was no more. And with it went all the noise, smoke and excitement that were to be experienced on a warm summer night at Savin Rock.



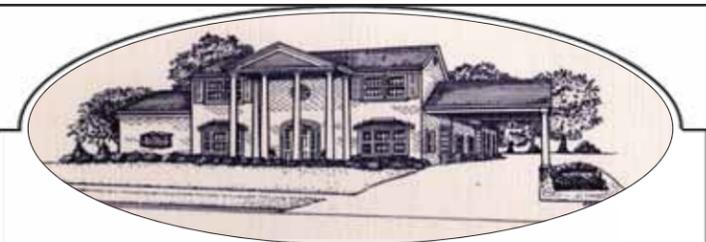
Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff



Donovan Field was the original home of the West Haven Sailors, and became a stock car venue until its demolition in the mid-1960s.



The West Haven Speedway/Donovan Field was a landmark in the Savin Rock neighborhood.



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## 20 years marked

Retired officers of the West Haven Police Dept. recently celebrated 20 years in retirement with a dinner at Lorenzo's restaurant. Pictured above are (seated ) Chief George Carpenter, Deputy Chief Bill Conlan, Deputy Chief Ron Zuk. Standing Detective Sergeant Dave Ricci, Chief Tom Tranquilli, and Chief Joe Innamorato.



## Arbor Day: tree planted

Continued from page 10 budget of at least \$2 per capita, and holding an Arbor Day observance.

The Tree City program, established in 1976, is sponsored by the Lincoln, Nebraska-based foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Rossi has been working with Kelly and the Tree Commission to improve West Haven's tree inventory process and implement a sustainable and safe treescape.

"Leo Kelly is a tremendous resource for the Department of Public Works and the city," Paine said. "And it's not just because he's a good steward of parks and trees, he engages the public and makes them a part of the process."

Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by Julius Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

By the 1920s, each state had enacted public laws mandating an Arbor Day observance. The customary observance is to plant a tree.

On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, more than 1 million trees were planted.

## Land Trust sets contest

The Land Trust of West Haven (WHLT) is holding its first annual Photo Contest to celebrate and showcase the natural beauty of the city. It is seeking photos that feature nature and open spaces, as well as native plants and animals found in West Haven. The contest begins June 1 and photos can be submitted until July 15 through the online portal.

It is free to participate and open to the public. Local amateur photographers and children are encouraged to enter.

Details, official rules, and entry form can be found here: [bit.ly/whlandtrustphotocontest](http://bit.ly/whlandtrustphotocontest) The winning photographs will be featured on the WHLT website, social media, and a fundraiser calendar for 2023. While there is no cash prize, the photographers' names will be included in the calendar with their photos and each will receive two calendars as a memento of their achievement.

A panel of WHLT judges will review submissions in July 2022 and choose the best six photos to be in the calendar. The public will "vote" for the remaining six winners. Those with the most "likes" and "shares" at 9 p.m. on Sept. 2, will be included in the calendar. Winners will be announced on or before Sept. 6 on the Land Trust's Facebook page.

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# Post 71 has success in early Legion year

The West Haven Post 71 American Legion baseball team has opened the season in impressive fashion with eight wins in its first nine games. The Westies opened with eight straight wins, before falling at Hamden.

West Haven opened the season with an 8-5 road victory over New Haven.

Anthony Constantinople went the distance on the mound, allowing seven hits and three earned runs, while striking out 12 and walking one.

Dan Izzo and Anthony Rubin led the offense with two hits and two runs batted in each, while Mike Madera scored twice.

Post 71 took a 1-0 lead in the first when Ray Gilbert singled and scored on Rubin's double. The Westies increased the lead to 3-0 in the second when Jacob Fowler reached on a fielder's choice, Madera reached on an error, and K.J. Harp walked to load the bases, before Izzo singled to score Fowler and Madera.

Leading 3-1, West Haven opened the game up with a pair of runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. In the fifth, Rubin tripled to score Izzo, before scoring on a wild pitch. In the sixth, Harp singled to score Madera, before later scoring on a passed ball.

The Westies improved to 2-0 with a 16-5 victory over New Haven in the second game of the series in West Haven.

In a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule, Jack Hay pitched three innings for the win, allowing three earned runs on three hits, while walking four and striking out three. Evan Jones pitched the final two scoreless innings, allowing just two hits

and striking out one.

Tyler Jones led the offense with two hits, three runs scored, and two runs batted in, while Izzo had two hits, scored three times, and drove in one run. Ray Gilbert also had two hits, scored twice, and drove in a run.

West Haven took a 3-0 lead in the first, before blowing the game open with 10 runs in the second. In the first, Rubin's sacrifice fly scored Izzo, Gilbert scored, and Tyler Jones stole home for a 3-0 lead.

In the second, three New Haven errors led to a 7-1 lead, before a single by Fowler, a triple by Izzo, and a double by Tyler Jones produced three more runs.

Post 71 swept the series with an 11-0 victory in New Haven in a game stopped after five innings.

Chase Supan pitched a no-hitter, walking four and striking out 10.

Constantinople led the offense with three hits, four runs batted in, and two runs scored. Gilbert had two hits and two runs scored, and Haygen Axelrod had two hits and two runs batted in.

The Westies took control of the game with three runs in each of the first three innings. In the first, Constantinople singled with the bases loaded to score Supan and Gilbert, before Axelrod singled to score the third run.

In the second, Gilbert doubled in a run, Constantinople singled to score Supan, and Josh Osborne singled to score Constantinople.

West Haven improved to 4-0 when it defeated Milford 5-4 in the opener of a three-game series. The Westies trailed 4-3, before tying the game in the seventh and winning in the

ninth.

Trailing by a run in the seventh, Tyler Jones was hit by a pitch with two outs, and Gilbert walked, before Tyler Jones stole third and home to even the game.

In the ninth, Madera led off with a single, and scored on Izzo's long double to right for the 5-4 final.

Post 71 evened the game at one in the first when Tyler Jones scored on an error. West Haven took a 2-1 lead in the second when Evan Jones singled and later scored on an error. Trailing 4-2 in the fifth, Tyler Jones tripled to score Madera to get the Westies within 4-3.

Four West Haven pitchers combined for the victory with Axelrod pitching a scoreless inning of relief to pick up the win.

The Westies improved to 5-0 with an 8-5 road victory over Milford. Cam Cruz led the offense with two hits and two runs batted in, while Supan had two hits and two runs scored. Tyler Jones, Rubin, and Evan Jones each had two hits and a run batted in.

Trailing 5-1 in the seventh, the Westies scored four times to even the game, before winning with three in the ninth.

In the seventh, Gilbert was hit by a pitch with one out and scored on a triple by Rubin. Evan Jones singled to score Rubin, and Cruz singled to score Supan and Evan Jones to even the game at five.

Post 71 won the game in the ninth when Harp reached on an error to score two, and Tyler Jones doubled to score Harp for the 8-5 win.

The Westies completed the sweep of Milford to improve to 6-0 with a walk-off 7-6 victory in West Haven.

After Milford scored three in the seventh to take a 6-4 lead, Post 71 responded with three of its own in the bottom of the inning. Supan doubled with one out and scored on a triple by Evan Jones, Cruz evened the game with a single to score Evan Jones, and Izzo singled to drive in Cruz with the winner.

Post 71 took a 2-1 lead in the first as a pair of ground outs by Gilbert and Rubin plated a pair. The Westies took a 4-1 lead in the fourth when Izzo tripled to score Axelrod, and scored on a wild pitch.

West Haven's seventh victory was a 9-0 road decision over North Haven. Hay tossed a complete-game four-hitter, walking one and striking out three.

Gianni Gambardella singled to score Tyler Jones in the first, before Supan scored on a wild pitch and Axelrod scored on a fielder's choice by Izzo for a 3-0 lead in the second.

The Westies took a 6-0 lead in the third as Supan singled to score Gambardella, Axelrod singled to score Harp, and Cruz reached on a fielder's choice to score Supan. Tyler Jones doubled and scored on a single by Gambardella in the fourth, Gilbert and Izzo drove in single runs in each of the final two innings.

The Westies won their eighth straight with an 11-9 victory over North Haven in eight innings. Trailing 4-0 in the second, Harp and Axelrod singled to lead off, before Madera singled with one out to score Harp with the first West Haven run.

North Haven took a 6-1 lead in the bottom of the inning, before West Haven rallied back with four in the third. Rubin singled to score Tyler Jones,

Harp delivered Gilbert with a sacrifice fly, Rubin scored when Cruz reached on a fielder's choice, and Supan scored on a wild pitch.

West Haven took an 8-6 lead in the fourth as Izzo walked and scored on a double by Tyler Jones, Gilbert doubled to score Jones, and Rubin followed with a double to score Gilbert. A single by Gilbert in the fifth extended West Haven's lead to 9-6 before North Haven evened the game with three in the fifth.

Post 71 won the game in the eighth as Tyler Jones led off with a single, Gilbert singled, and Rubin doubled to score Tyler Jones. Harp reached on a two-out error to score Rubin for an 11-9 lead.

Izzo pitched the final four innings in relief of Axelrod, allowing one run on five hits, while walking three and striking out two.

Gilbert led the offense with five hits, two runs scored, and two runs batted in, while Rubin added three hits, three runs batted in and two runs scored.

Izzo and Tyler Jones each had a pair of hits, with Jones scoring four times and driving in one, and Izzo also scoring once.

West Haven suffered its first loss of the season with a 3-1 decision at Hamden Sunday evening. Izzo led the offense with two hits, but the Westies could not put together an attack until late in the game.

The Westies loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth, but could not capitalize. Post 71 did not quit as the team loaded the bases in the seventh and got within 3-1 on a run-scoring single by Tyler Jones, but the Westies could not get closer.

## Jays continue skein; top Orioles, Reds in Little League action

The West Haven Little League PG Sports Blue Jays beat the Orioles, 10-3. Anthony Gagliardi pitched four innings, with 5 strikeouts, with a hit with 2 runs scored. Colin Watson led the offense with a double, single and 2 RBI's. Jaxson Florio had 1 hit and 2 RBI's and played great defensively at catcher. Luciano Chambrelli had a hit, 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored.

Watson pitched for the first time and struck out 7 in four innings to lead to Jays to a 13-3 win against the Reds. This is the third straight win for the Blue Jays. Colin Watson had a double, single and 3 RBI's to help himself. Anthony Gagliardi made a triple play

in the field and had a triple, single and 3 RBIs at the plate. Jackson Ryan had a great defensive game as catcher for the first time and had a hit and 2 runs scored.

The Jays won their fourth game in a row beating the Orioles, 12-8. Luciano Chambrelli led the Blue Jays going 4 for 4 with a triple, 2 doubles and a single with 4 RBIs and 5 runs scored and closed the game in relief with three strike outs to seal the win and get the save. Jackson Ryan had 2 hits and 2 RBIs and was incredible behind the plate catching.

Colin Watson had 2 hits and 3 RBIs with 2 runs scored and Antwan Dumas had 2 hits and an RBI.



Photo by Mike Madera

Cam Cruz (r.) gets the force at second with Gianni Gambardella (7) against Madison, last week, won by the Westies, 9-3. Post 71 has been the team to beat in the early going of the Zone 2 season, beating teams by big scores, using timely hitting and great pitching.

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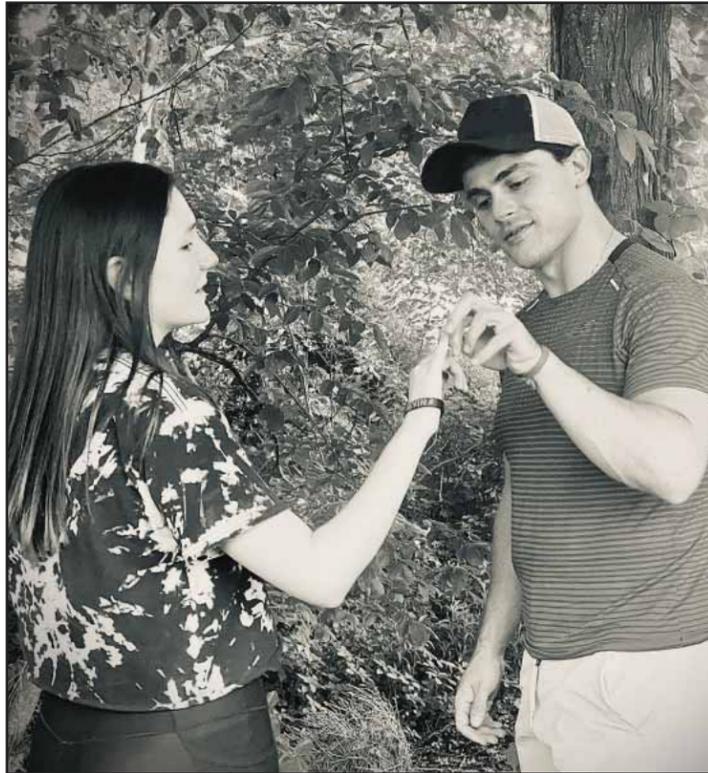
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Abigail Page (Wendy) and Andrew James Bleidner (Peter Pan/Slightly) in a scene from "Lost Girl."

## FUSE cast readies for show July 23

FUSE Theatre of CT will present Kimberly Belflower's play "Lost Girl" on July 22 and July 23 at Gateway Christian Fellowship, Bull Hill Lane.

"Lost Girl" is a new play by the award-winning, up-and-coming American playwright Kimberly Belflower, based on the continued story of Wendy Darling of J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan."

Years after returning from her adventure in Neverland, Wendy remains fixated on her beloved Peter and the childhood magic she left behind. Can Wendy face finally leaving her nursery and learn what it really means to grow up?

"Lost Girl" is a lyrical exploration of finding love, overcoming trauma and entering adulthood.

BroadwayWorld says it "draws the audience in through this story we've heard a dozen times before, then winds up bringing the high-flying fantasy back to solid ground. It's refreshing, bold, and brave to take such iconic characters into a new and very real place, teeming with the big, wild emotions of adolescence."

For further information and to purchase tickets, visit [fusetheatrect.org](http://fusetheatrect.org).

Tickets are \$15. Seating is general admission. We offer a \$10 discount for purchases of more than five tickets. "Lost Girl" will be performed Friday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 23 at both 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Gateway Christian Fellowship is located at 129 Bull Hill Lane.

Masks will be required for all audience members.

Fuse Theatre of CT's "Lost Girl" is directed by Lara Morton. It features original underscoring by Lydia Arachne, costume design by Jake Egan O'Hara and movement by Susan Dresser. Keona Gomes serves as assistant director with C.J. Burdo stage managing. "Lost Girl" is produced by Noah Golden and Elizabeth Santaus.

The cast features Abigail Page (as Wendy Darling), Andrew James Bleidner (as Peter/Slightly), DeMarie Lopez (as Nibs/Detective), Emma Blanchette (as B/Callie), Riley Arenberg (as Mother/Nina), Serena McFarland (as C/Krista), Emma Bender (as Curley/Doctor), Gwen Gersick-Seward (as A/Cora), Dyllan Siegmund (as Tootles/Therapist), and Justin Wargo (as Boy).

"Lost Girl" by Kimberly Belflower is a Samuel French title, presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

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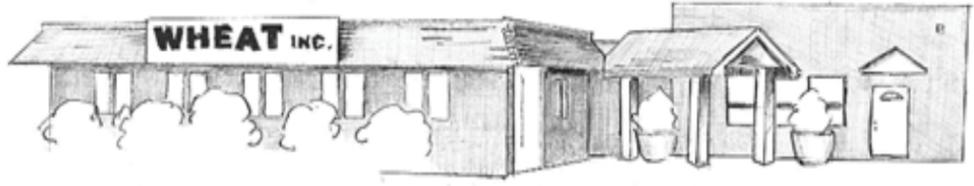
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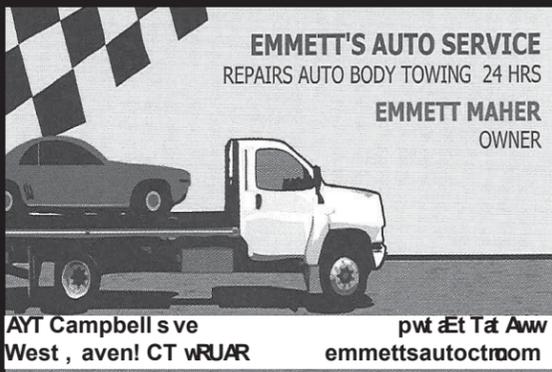
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by Linda Thistle

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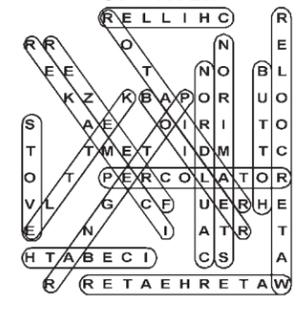
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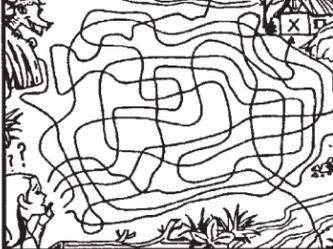


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## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



**DISCRETION**

STARTING with the word DISCRETION (see left), remove a letter and rearrange those that remain, to form a new word in each step.

**Definitions:**  
1. DISCRETION (in place).  
2. North, south, east or west, for example.  
3. The Monroe —.  
4. Happened to see.  
5. Public sign.  
6. Builder-upper potion.  
7. Involved with.  
8. Large amount.  
9. Opposite of yes.  
10. Irish surname letter.

Remember, a letter is dropped and those remaining are rearranged in each step.

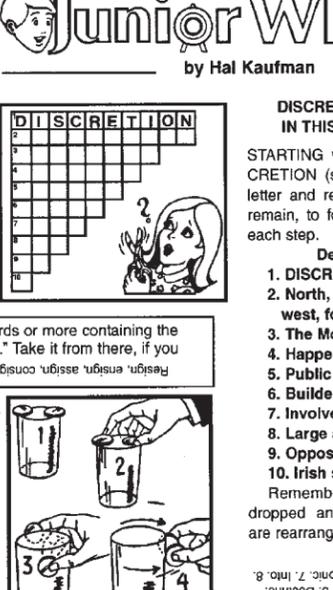
1. Discretion, 2. Direction, 3. Doctine, 4. Notice, 5. Notice, 6. Tonic, 7. Into, 8. Ton, 9. No, 10. O.

## COIN WRAP!

Balance two coins atop the rim of a glass (see figure 1, at right). Challenge someone to remove the coins in unison, without having them fall into the glass or drop to the table ... using just one hand.

**Secret:** Hold thumb and forefinger over coins (fig. 2). Press down on coins simultaneously (fig. 3). Press coins to sides of glass, and bring them together in fingers (fig. 4).

Practice makes perfect, natch.



# HIDDEN GEMS

## Cooperative Effort between the Voice and the West Haven Economic Development Commission

It's summer, and we all know what that means - we're going to frolic outside. Kids get to spend the days playing tag (yes - I am showing my age), blowing bubbles, splashing in backyard pools or running through the sprinkler, chowing down on ice cream at the playground...and the evenings catching fireflies. Those higher on the age scale indulge in athletic pursuits or laze on the patio with a cool drink in a frost-dappled glass (or both). And what about those other members of the family? I'm speaking of the kind with fur and feathers...especially those whose first language is Bark. They love Outside too. Now's as good a time as any to make sure they feel and look their best before those long summer trips and romps.

West Haven boasts professionals who love taking care of your pet. Angel Animal Hospital and Pet Hotel has been caring for our beloved beasts for the past 41 years. Dr. Adel Saleh was a member of the second graduating class of the veterinarian program at Cairo University, a program started there by Oxford University. Coming to Philadelphia in 1977, Dr. Saleh worked with a practice there and after passing the boards, learned that Connecticut needed veterinarians. He worked at a practice in Fairfield, then opened his own practice in 1981 right here on Elm Street near Campbell Avenue.

On any given day there's a pile of felines, canines and sometimes other critters in the doctor's waiting room, being entertained by the African Grey and several other loquacious parrots (one of whom seems to enjoy repeating "Hello" even if he gets an answer). Dr. Saleh's son, who works at the practice along with his wife, explains that the place is popular because of the strong dedication to transparency. "We explain everything, we would never just say 'give him this' - we explain the entire situation so the client understands." People also appreciate the fact that "we won't do anything that's not necessary" - e.g., those extras that might be nice, but aren't needed, and add up. "Economical is a good way to put it," he continues.

Economical doesn't mean basic, however. Angel does it all, including wellness checks and vaccines, internal medicine (cardiology, digestive, respiratory and urology), orthopedics, bone and liga-

ment reconstruction, cancer treatment and chemotherapy, dental, obesity management, dermatology, and behavioral therapy (for anxiety, fear, aggression, isolation and spraying). And of course there's the Pet Hotel where your friend can be comfortably boarded if your summer fun takes you somewhere he or she can't join you.

Dr. Saleh treats dogs, cats, and birds, along with ferrets and rabbits and other small animals (the only pets not

treated there are reptiles and amphibians). And every one of those creatures will be treated professionally and greeted warmly with Dr. Saleh's trademark "Hello my friend!" Oh, and of course, the hello from the resident parrot.

Taking a right onto Campbell from Angel Animal Hospital, and continuing almost to the shoreline, one arrives at DeTails Dog Grooming, where Heather LeClaire is putting the finishing touches on pooches large and small.

Heather has been grooming pups for 22 years. "I started after leaving art school," she says. "My father told me I needed to figure out what I wanted to do, or get out of the house." She laughs. "I was working at a mom and pop pet shop at the time." The shop was considering adding grooming to their offerings, so Heather looked into it - and while the shop never added it to their repertoire, she certainly did.

As for why Heather chose

West Haven as her base of operations, she explains that she was working at the West Haven Animal Clinic and she wanted to stay in town "near the water!" because she liked it so much. She's been at her current Campbell Avenue location across from Biagetti's for almost three years.

DeTails is a full service groomer; the basic package includes a bath with all-natural shampoos (including specialty shampoos for dermatological  
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