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Peggy Connor &
Julie Bessette

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453-2331

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Board:
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Kathy Cahill:
262-298-0865

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Mark Cahill:

Any non-profit group event that is open to all members of the community can be listed in the Community calendar. Contact the Town Office: 453 - 3516

Clerk News: Happy New Year to you all! Hoping the New Year brings good health and happiness.

It is that time of year again when those of you considering running for office need to submit your Nominating Petition in order to get your name on the ballot, and turn it into the Town Office by Monday, January 26, 2026. This petition only requires 1% of the registered voters signatures, so you only need 13 signatures. Any questions, please call the Town Office @ 802-453-3516.

The following elected positions will be open in March:

- ◆ Library Trustees: 3 yr. terms (2 positions open)
- ◆ Library Trustee: 1 year term
- ◆ Lister: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Lister: 1 yr. term
- ◆ MAUSD Director: 3 yr. term
- ◆ Moderator: 3 yr.
- ◆ Selectboard: 2 yr. term
- ◆ Selectboard: 3 yr. term

Appointed positions open: The Planning Commission and the Development Review Board each need one more member. Please consider serving your community on one of these boards; reach out to our Zoning Administrator, Peggy Connor for more information.

Dog Licenses - now is the time to register your dog(s). All dogs need to be licensed on or before April 1st of every year. Cost for licensing is \$11.00 spayed / neutered and \$15.00 unspayed / unneutered. Fees go up after April 1.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Public Hearing on New Haven's Amended Town Plan

Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

New Haven Town Office, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT

Following the adoption process leading to voter approval in March 2025 of the New Haven Town Plan, the Addison County Regional Planning Commission later determined that in order to be regionally approved, the Town Plan should include the following elements, which have subsequently been incorporated into the New Haven Town Plan:

Element 2: A Land use Plan consisting of a map and statement of present and prospective land uses (pp. 37-38)

A description of New Haven's forest blocks and land use goals related to forest blocks, and also re-label Habitat Map to read "Forest Block Map" (pp. 29-32)

Element 7: An Implementation Plan (pp. 49-51)

Element 8: A Statement of Compatibility to indicate how the plan relates to development trends and plans for adjacent municipalities (pp. 4-5)

NOTE: While a duly adopted plan can be used to guide development and serve as evidence in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings, only municipalities with *regionally-approved* plans are eligible for Municipal Planning Grants.

The amended Town Plan with highlighted changes is available on the Town's website:

[Official Website of New Haven, Vermont](https://www.newhavenvt.com/official-website-of-new-haven-vermont)

The public hearing on the amended New Haven Town Plan will be held as a hybrid meeting, either in person at the Town Clerk's office, or by remote:

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://zoom.us/j/98387642466?pwd=V0VYazNjU2plSHBzU2ltaDFNQW43QT09> Meeting ID: 983 8764 2466 Passcode: t0MFty Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Meeting ID: 983 8764 2466 Passcode: 570414 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/axMqGlxYB>

New Haven Comes Together- Meeting #2

Thank you to those who attended the New Haven Comes Together Meeting on December 6 to set priorities for the future! At that meeting, participants reviewed a list of our brainstormed ideas, chose two priorities for action, and signed up for Task Forces that will advance work in each area.

Based on the community vote, Task Forces will work to:

- **Expand Housing Options**
- **Create Community Gathering Spaces**

Whether or not you've joined the meetings so far, you're welcome to join one or both task forces! **Learn more about the Task Forces and sign up here-** <https://sites.google.com/vtrural.org/new-haven-comes-together/join-a-task-force>,

What's next? Join your neighbors for the final meeting in the process **on January 15 from 6:00-8:30 pm**. At this meeting, we will break out into Task Forces for the first time to build action plans and identify resources to move this work forward. Each group will work with a Resource Team of visiting regional and state service providers. We'll share more information about that meeting and ways to invite other community members in the coming days.

Thank you for stepping up for the future of your community! We're excited for the good work to come in New Haven!!

Depot Update:

First of all, I wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you had a Merry Christmas! I'm pleased to announce that I have received our first donation to the Train Station. My sister, Linda Dupoise Verba, graduation class of 1966 donated \$5000.00 towards the renovation project. If anyone wishes to donate, the checks at this time should be made out to Preservation Trust of Vermont with the notation in the memo line as New Haven Village Trust Initiative, or VTI for short. PTV is handling all donations until we have our 501 C 3 tax filing done. All donations are tax deductible. While the doors and windows are being refurbished, we will be looking into insulation to see if the funds we have available will be enough to have it done this spring/summer. I wish you all a safe and healthy winter. Steve Dupoise

Food Closet:

The Food Closet would like to express our deepest gratitude for the support we have received this past year. The overwhelming generosity has helped us continue our mission of providing assistance to those with food insecurity in our community. We would like to acknowledge the following for the positive impact they are making: Village Green Market, Barbara Rodgers, New Haven Volunteer Fire Dept, Beeman Elementary School, Snake Mountain Cruisers, Brendon P Cousino Med 47 Foundation, 100+ Women of Addison County, Patti Welch and Garland Gates, Sully's Place/Josh Sullivan, Smith Family Beef, Lalumiere Farms, Kayhart's Homegrown Meats, Wayne and Shela Marcelle, Rachel Smith, Misty Knoll, Whiskey Bandit Motorcycle Club, Shaw's Middlebury, Latter-day Saints Church Middlebury, Layn Farms and all of the members of the New Haven Congregational Church and community who continue to give generously. You have our most sincere appreciation! The January Meat and More will be January 10th from 11 – 1. Cathy DeMers Wall/Co-Coordinator nhccfoodcloset@gmail.com, 802-345-6578

OUR TOWN :

Sponsored by the New Haven Historical Society

The New Haven Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town Offices. All are welcome.

"This month, rather than sharing a historical photo of New Haven, which are difficult to come by, for your entertainment, courtesy of archivists at Middlebury College, the link below will take readers to a page that allows anyone to look at and read online all the issues from Vermont Life Magazine, from 1946 to 2018, free of charge.

<https://archive.org/details/vermontlifemagazine?sort=title>

Enjoy!"

Townwide Reappraisal Continues:

New Haven residents, this is a friendly reminder that our Outside Appraiser, Spencer Potter is still out and about in our town as he works his way to the finish line for the Townwide Reappraisal.

Spencer drives a white Honda, with Vt plates. First he is inspecting the outside of each property, he will leave a card with instructions on making an appointment for him to return to inspect the inside of your home. To make an appointment for interior inspection, please use this link: <https://VermontAssessor.as.me/NewHaven>



Happy New Year

New Haven Volunteer Fire Department



All You Can Eat **Pancake Breakfast**

Jan. 25 - Feb. 22 - Mar. 22

Plain or Blueberry Pancakes, French Toast,
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Homefries,
and Pure Vermont Maple Syrup
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Orange Juice

7:00 am - 10:30 am
at the New Haven Town Hall

Thank You for supporting the
New Haven Vol. Fire Department.

Upcoming Programs at New Haven Community Library:

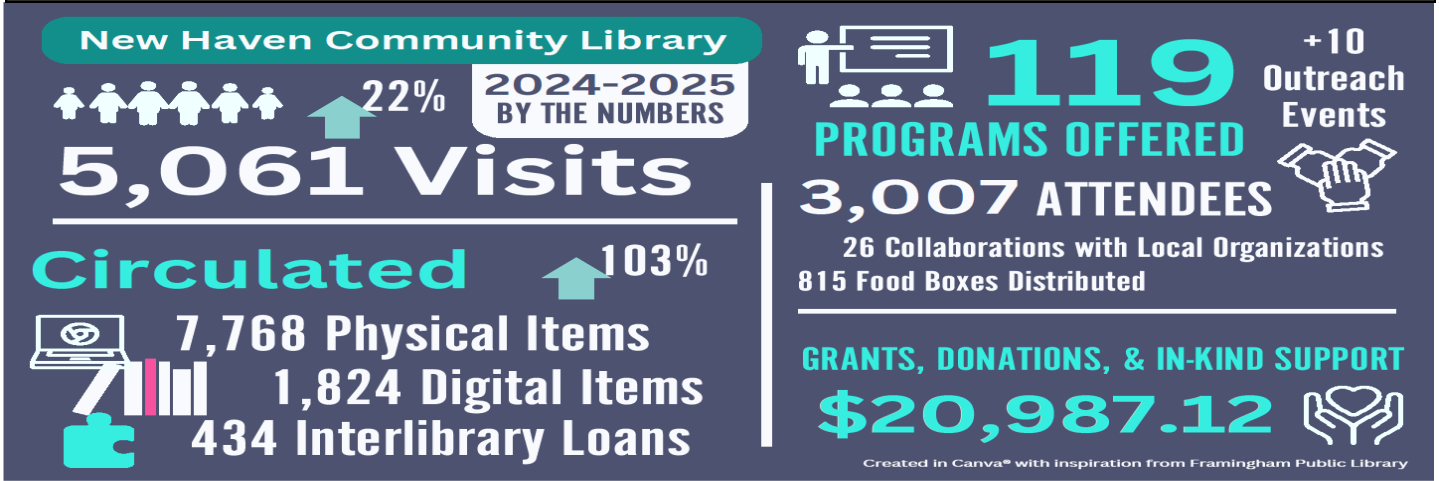
- **Stories and Play Times at the Library** - Restarting Jan 6, every Tuesday at 10:30 am
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** - Thu Jan 8 at 6pm
- **January Book Club: Good Poems for Hard Times** - Wed Jan 14 at 6 pm
- **Cookbook Club: Books From Our Collection** - Thu Jan 22 at 6pm
- **Community Craft Time** - Wed Jan 28 at 5:30-7pm

...and stay tuned for more programming announcements!

Two new library services:

We are very excited to say that we are again offering **Kanopy** (after trying a different service last year that didn't seem to work as well for our community) for film streaming. Go to <https://www.kanopy.com/en> to get started with streaming. We are also piloting a way that you can **directly request inter-library loans**. Go to <https://www.nhcl.org/ILL> for details.

Fiscal Year 2024-2024 Data - We have been busy!



January 2026 New Haven Community Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|--|---|---|-----|---|
| | | | | 1 Happy New Year! | 2 | 3 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Selectboard Public Hearing Amend Town Plan & Reg. Mtg. 7PM TO | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices |
| 11 | 12 Planning Commission Mtg 7PM | 3 | 14 Historical Society Mtg 7PM TO | 15 Final New Haven Comes Together 6-8 pm TH | 16 | 17 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices |
| 18 | 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Town Office closed | 20 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO | 21 Conservation Comm. Mtg via Zoom 7 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices |

Location of Events Key: Town Hall= TH Town Offices= TO Town Garage= TG Cafeteria= C Gym= G Beeman= S MAUHS= HS Village Green =VG Village Green Market= VGM Congregational Church= CH Library= L Fire Station= FS

Interested in renting the Town Hall for a party or function? Applications can be found on the website: www.newhavenvt.com or call the Town Office at 453 - 3516. Please submit your application 3 weeks prior to your event.

Town of New Haven
78 North Street
New Haven, VT 05472
453-3516



www.newhavenvt.com

Recycling on Saturday mornings 8-12 at Town Office/ Library parking lot. Trash drop-off at the same time for a fee.

**Town Office Hours:
802-453-3516**

Monday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Thursday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Please note the change in office hours

**Town Offices will be closed on Monday,
January 19, 2026 in Honor of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**Library Hours:
802-453-4015**

Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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The newsletter is an open forum for New Haven residents with appropriate reports, articles, & letters about town matters. Letters of 500 words or less should be courteous & concern town events, news, & issues. One letter per person on a topic per year. Please include your name, address, & phone number. (Only your name will be published.) Submit in electronic form by the 15th of the month to newhavenclerk@gmavt.net or newhavenassistant@gmavt.net