



Hamden Has It All

Hamden Happenings

April

HAMDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY EXPO

Hamden High School
Showcase of local businesses' products and services. Professional networking opportunity. Free parking and admission. For more information, call 288-6431 or visit www.hamdenchamber.com.

LEONARDO CHALLENGE
Eli Whitney Museum
915 Whitney Ave. • 777-1833

Unique art display in which local people (artists and non-artists) use ordinary items to create extraordinary art. For more information, visit www.eliwhitney.org.

HAMDEN EARTH DAY
Hamden Middle School
2623 Dixwell Ave. • 287-7021

This family-oriented celebration features environmental exhibitors promoting earth-friendly services, products and organizations, school exhibits and numerous free activities.

May

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
Dixwell Avenue from Hamden High School to Memorial Town Hall.

June

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Hindinger Farms, 835 Dunbar Hill Rd. • 288-0700

An annual celebration with hayrides, entertainment and delectable strawberry desserts.

July

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Town Center Park at Meadowbrook, 2761 Dixwell Ave. • 287-2546

Held Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Hamden Arts Commission and featuring nationally known groups. For more information, email mcoleman@hamden.com or visit www.hamden.com.

HAMDEN FARMERS' MARKET
Town Center Park

Open every Friday through October from noon to 5 p.m., the market offers a variety of Connecticut-grown produce, baked goods and more.

August

PLANT SCIENCE DAY
Lockwood Farm
890 Evergreen Ave. 974-8500

Annual event including lectures, demonstrations, information booths, plant and insect identification, butterfly and bird garden, walking paths.

WHITNEY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE
Hamden Middle School
287-2680

Summer musical production.

October

BROOKSVALE FALL FESTIVAL
Brooksvale Park
524 Brooksvale Ave. 287-2669

Sponsored by Parks and Recreation. A celebration of the season with horse-drawn hayrides, music, crafts, games, food and family fun.

For specific dates and times, visit www.hamdenchamber.com and click on the events tab.

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November

ANNUAL GIANT VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF ANTIQUES
Thornton Wilder Hall, Miller Memorial Central Library,
2901 Dixwell Ave. • 288-0017

Exhibit and sale of furniture, jewelry, glassware and more, to benefit the Hamden Historical Society.

TRAIN SHOW
Eli Whitney Museum
915 Whitney Ave. • 777-1833
Held Saturday and Sunday through January. For more information, visit www.eliwhitney.org.

December

WINTER HOLIDAY WEEKEND
287-2579

Presented the first Saturday in December by Parks and Recreation. A variety of holiday activities including tree lighting, caroling and concerts. Silverbells Festival includes craft show and numerous children's workshops at Miller Memorial Library.

Visitors Guide to Hamden, Connecticut

www.hamdenchamber.com

The Town of Hamden has a rich history steeped in New England tradition. Set within a 33.3-square-mile area, the town offers a wealth of recreational facilities, cultural activities and events. It is a perfect blend of urban life with suburban living. So well integrated are Hamden's numerous amenities that *Fortune Magazine* and *CNN Money* selected Hamden as #33 among their 2008 "100 Best Places to Live and Launch" a small business.

Hidden Gems

LOCKWOOD FARM

890 Evergreen Ave. • 974-8500 • www.caes.org

74-acre agricultural experiment and climate study facility open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PARDEE ROSE GARDEN & GREENHOUSE

190 Park Road • 946-8142

Walk through garden with more than 50 varieties of roses, other flowers and herbs.

QUINNIPIAC TRAIL

The oldest in the Connecticut Blue Trail system, it passes through Sleeping Giant State Park and Mount Sanford along its 23-mile route from North Haven to Cheshire.

YORK MOUNTAIN PARK

Off-the-beaten-path trails, accessed through residential neighborhood, leading to some of the finest panoramic views in the state. Park on Paradise Avenue and follow the blazes.

According to Trails.com, "few places in New England are in the same league as Sleeping Giant State Park."

Familiar Favorites

BEST VIDEO

1842 Whitney Ave. • 287-9286

Regarded as one of the best video stores in the country and referenced yearly in movie critic Leonard Maltin's excellent *Video Guide*, as well as feature articles in *The New York Times* and the *NY Daily News*. An impressive library of film and a staff that knows movies.

BROOKSVALE PARK

524 Brooksvale Ave. • 287-2669

400-acre wildlife sanctuary, nature and recreational park with petting zoo, garden, archery range, hiking trails.

FARMINGTON CANAL LINEAR PARK

Jog, walk, cycle or rollerblade along 7.2 scenic miles. Parking available at Sherman Avenue, Todd Street, Brooksvale Park and Connolly Parkway.

LOUIS ASTORINO ICE ARENA & TENNIS COURTS

595 Mix Ave. • 287-2611

85-foot-by-200-foot skating surface used as a training facility for area teams. Call for public skating dates and times. Eight tennis courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SLEEPING GIANT STATE PARK

200 Mount Carmel Ave. • 789-7498 • www.sgpa.org

1,500-acre park's award-winning 32-mile trail system caters to novices and experts alike. Stone observation tower.

WEST ROCK NATURE CENTER

1080 Wintergreen Ave. • 946-8016

Indoor nature house contains reptiles, amphibians, displays, visitors center, hiking trails, picnic areas; available for parties.

WEST ROCK RIDGE STATE PARK

Main Street • 789-7498

Designated trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. Canoeing and fishing on Lake Wintergreen; spectacular scenery with Long Island Sound in view; flat and steep trails, some technical climbs.

Welcome to Hamden's Neighborhoods

In her book, *The History of Hamden 1786-1959*, Rachel Hartley describes Hamden's 12 neighborhoods, each featuring a unique blend of residential, commercial, recreational, culinary, religious and agricultural components. The unofficial list has grown to include **HAMDEN'S MAGIC MILE**, a 1.5-mile retail corridor that runs along Dixwell Avenue and is home to many major retail businesses.

WHITNEYVILLE, named for famed inventor Eli Whitney, serves as a gateway to Hamden from New Haven.

SPRING GLEN, located north of Whitneyville, consists of quiet residential glens located on either side of Whitney Avenue.

Further north is **CENTERVILLE**, which houses the Town Hall, built in 1924, and the Hamden Public Library.

MOUNT CARMEL is home to Sleeping Giant State Park and Quinnipiac University.

WEST WOOD, west of Mount Carmel, borders the towns of Cheshire and Bethany and is one of the most rural neighborhoods.

MIX, located to the south of West Wood, is primarily residential with only a handful of retail shops.

BEECHER HEIGHTS is the smallest Hamden neighborhood. It is largely residential, with some businesses along Sanford Street.

DUNBAR HILL is home to Hinderer Farm, West Rock State Park, the West Rock Nature Center, Lake Wintergreen and York Mountain.

HAMDEN PLAINS mixes residential with the Dixwell Avenue commercial corridor and is home to Paier College of Art.

PINE ROCK is a largely residential neighborhood located in Hamden's southwest end and borders New Haven.

HIGHWOOD, originally known as Hamburg, is a mix of residential and retail. It borders New Haven and is flanked by Pine Rock and Whitneyville.

EAST SIDE sits at Hamden's southeast border. It houses the Pardee Rose Garden and the entrance to New Haven's East Rock Park.

Parks & Recreation

Eat, Sleep, Shop, Play

Banquet Facilities

Cascade Fine Catering

480 Sherman Ave. • 907-0595
www.cascade-banquets.com

Laurel View Country Club

310 West Shepard Ave. • 407-1755
www.laurelview.net

Coffee Shops & Eateries

Bruegger's Bagels

2425 Whitney Ave. • 287-9559
www.brueggers.com

The Corner Deli

2773 Dixwell Ave. • 288-9800

Dunkin' Donuts

938 Dixwell Ave. • 786-4722
1900 Dixwell Ave. • 281-1640
3300 Whitney Ave. • 287-5442

Emerald Bakery

1652 Whitney Ave. • 230-0461
www.emerald-bakery.com

Kelly's Kone Konnection

2538 Whitney Ave. • 287-0872
www.kellyskonekonnection.com

Legal Grounds

1842 Whitney Ave. • 980-3498

Limon Fine Foods

1926 State St. • 562-1130
www.limonfinefood.com

Richard's Corner Gourmet Deli

1647 Whitney Ave. • 288-8957

Ronda's West End Market

1535 Dixwell Ave. • 248-9888
www.takeouttonight.com

Sozo Cafe

2340 State St. • 287-2265
www.sozocafe.org

Starbucks Coffee Co.

2100 Dixwell Ave. • 230-0868
www.starbucks.com

Whitney Donut & Sandwich Shop

2574 Whitney Ave. • 248-9095

Florists

Flowers from the Farm

1035 Shepard Ave. • 248-2987
www.flowersfromthefarm.org

Glen Terrace Flowers & Gifts

288-3511 • www.glenterrace.com

Hamden Florist

2330 Whitney Ave. • 288-7272
www.hamdenflorist.com

Lucian's Greenhouse Florist

2468 Whitney Ave. • 248-6970
www.luciansfloristgreenhouse.com

Jewelers

Elm City Jewelers, LLC

58 Skiff St. • 248-2195

Joseph A. Conte Jewelers

2582 Whitney Ave. • 248-9853

Ruby's Jewelers

3056 Whitney Ave. • 407-8668
www.rubysjewelers.com

Lodging

Days Inn

3400 Whitney Ave. • 288-2505
www.daysinn.com

Hamden Clarion Hotel and Suites

2260 Whitney Ave. • 288-3831
www.schafferhotels.com

Restaurants/Bars

Aunt Chilada's

3931 Whitney Ave. • 230-4640
www.auntchilada.com

Barbara's Restaurant

962 Dixwell Ave. • 776-3042

Chili's Bar & Grill

2100 Dixwell Ave. • 248-2283
www.chilis.com

China Lantern

2380 Dixwell Ave. • 288-5479

Dunn's Pub

2345 Whitney Ave. • 287-0664

Eli's Brick Oven Pizza & Market

2402 Whitney Ave. • 288-1686
www.elisbrickovenpizza.com

Eli's On Whitney

2392 Whitney Ave. • 287-1101
Banquet Office 287-2837
www.elisonwhitney.com

Glenwood Drive-In

2538 Whitney Ave. • 281-0604
www.glenwooddrivein.com

Ixtapa Grille

2547 Whitney Ave. • 230-2586
www.ixtapagrille.com

Luce Ristorante

2987 Whitney Ave. • 230-0228
www.ristoranteluce.com

Mickey's Restaurant & Bar

2323 Whitney Ave. • 288-4700
www.mickeysgroup.com

The Playwright Irish Pub, Restaurant & Banquet Facility

1232 Whitney Ave. • 287-2401
www.playwrightirishpub.com

Point After Super Sports Bar & Grill

1349 Dixwell Ave. • 287-8211
www.pointafterct.com

Sakura Garden

1869 Dixwell Ave. • 288-8836
www.sakuragardencuisine.com

SBC-Hamden (Southport Brewing Company)

1950 Dixwell Ave. • 288-HOPS
www.sbcrestaurants.com

Si Mangia

3825 Whitney Ave. • 230-8610
www.simangia.com

The Terrace

1559 Dixwell Ave. • 230-2077

Tonino's Pizzeria

3480 Whitney Ave. • 248-8846
www.takeouttonight.com

The Tymes Restaurant & Lounge

2389 Dixwell Ave. • 230-2301
www.thetymesrestaurant.com

T.G.I. Friday's

2335 Dixwell Ave. • 407-0111
www.fridays.com

Whitney Bar & Grille

3352 Whitney Ave. • 410-3780
www.whitneybarandgrille.com

Wings Over Hamden

2100 Dixwell Ave. • 281-4040
www.wingsoverhamden.com

Shopping

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

Basic Black Etc.

3540 Whitney Ave. • 407-7722
www.basic-blacketc.com

D'Camm, LTD

2357 Whitney Ave. • 230-9494

Dava

2100 Dixwell Ave. • 230-0039
www.shopdava.com

Flirt—a clothing boutique

3551 Whitney Ave. • 287-0092
www.flirtboutiquect.com

Goodwill Outlet

2901 State St. • 777-2000
www.ctgoodwill.com

La Moda Fashion

2456 Whitney Ave. • 230-1710

Lizy B

3565 Whitney Ave. • 248-3802

Matiste, LLC

3308 Whitney Ave. • 288-7649
www.matiste.com

Shoe & She

2458 Whitney Ave. • 248-3131
www.shoehandsh.com

Talbots

3490 Whitney Ave. • 287-1695
www.talbots.com

GIFTS & SPECIALTY FOODS

Books & Company

1235 Whitney Ave. • 248-9449

Edible Arrangements

1920 Dixwell Ave. • 907-0070
www.ediblearrangements.com

Evan's Toy Shoppe

1647 Whitney Ave. • 230-2840
www.evanandjessestoys.com

The French Door

2456 Whitney Ave. • 281-9000
www.thefrenchdoorshop.com

More Than Nuts

60 Skiff St. • 248-6887
www.morethannuts.com

Nicolino's Gift Shop

4133 Whitney Ave. • 407-0588
www.nicolinosgiftshop.com

SALONS & BEAUTY SERVICES

Dekisa

2330 Whitney Ave. • 230-2100

Esthetique the Spa & Boutique

2285 Whitney Ave. • 248-2927
www.esthetiquethespa.com

Joiya Day Spa & Hair Design

2349 Whitney Ave. • 281-1242
www.joiyadayspa.com

Lasting Touch Massage

One Evergreen Ave., Ste. 32
605-2397
www.lastingtouchmassage.com

Livolsi Personal Image Consultants

2571 Whitney Ave. • 288-8488
www.livolsisalon.com

Marisa's Hair Salon, LLC

375 Mather St. • 804-3652

Neo Cosmetic Boutique & Spa, LLC

2985 Whitney Ave. • 248-2112

Posh Skin & Nail Care

2590 Whitney Ave. • 288-9792

Richard Penna Salon

2456 Whitney Ave. • 281-4345
www.richardpennasalon.com

AREA CODE FOR ALL HAMDEN PHONE NUMBERS IS 203.

For a complete listing of all participating member businesses, visit the Chamber web site at www.hamdenchamber.com.

Salon L

1220 Whitney Ave. • 230-1455

Save Face

3714 Whitney Ave. • 288-2323

OTHER RETAILERS

Apex Pharmacy & Home Health Care Center

2380 Dixwell Ave. • 281-6571
www.apexpharm.com

Centerville Lumber Co.

2320 Whitney Ave. • 288-1631
www.centervillelumber.com

Discount Wine & Spirit Shoppe

1980 Whitney Ave. • 288-6928

Hamden Sports Center

3551 Whitney Ave. • 248-9898

Home Depot

1873 Dixwell Ave. • 248-5925

Spring Glen Hardware

1666 Whitney Ave. • 248-0548

Walgreens

2505 Whitney Ave. • 288-5217
www.walgreens.com

Walmart

2300 Dixwell Ave. • 230-0285

Sports & Recreation

The Connecticut Yoga Center

39 Putnam Ave. • 287-2277
www.ctyogacenter.org

Hamden/North Haven YMCA

1605 Sherman Ave. • 248-6361
www.cccymca.org/branches.html

Johnson's Duckpin Lanes

2100 Dixwell Ave. • 248-0292
www.johnsonlanes.com

Laurel View Golf Course

310 West Shepard Ave. • 281-0670
www.laurelviewcc.com

Sleeping Giant Golf Course

3931 Whitney Ave. • 281-9456

