

Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce Announces First Annual Cars & Commerce Community Car Show & Marketplace

HAMDEN, Conn. — The Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce its 1st Annual Cars & Commerce Community Car Show & Marketplace, presented by the Sponsors of Energize Connecticutsm, Avangrid Networks, Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating and Southern Connecticut Gas on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hamden Town Center Park.

The new community event will bring together car enthusiasts, local businesses, families and residents for a day celebrating classic and specialty vehicles, local businesses and community connections.

Cars & Commerce will feature show cars of all years, makes and models, along with trophies and awards, raffles, food trucks and local business vendors. Admission is free for spectators.

Show car registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and is \$15 per car. Participating vehicles will also have the opportunity to compete for recognition.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses and organizations interested in showcasing and/or selling their products and services at this new community event.

"Cars & Commerce is about more than the cars, it's about bringing our community together," said the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce President, Nancy Dudchik. "We're creating a new event where car enthusiasts, businesses, families and neighbors can spend the day together while discovering and supporting the businesses that help make our Town special." "The Car Show committee, led by Bob Onofrio, had played an instrumental role in bringing back this iconic event to Hamden. We appreciate his efforts and his team of volunteers."

A portion of the proceeds from Cars & Commerce will benefit the Hamden Police Activity League (Hamden PAL), furthering the event's commitment to supporting the local community.

The event will be held at Hamden Town Center Park, with entrance through Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden. The rain date is Sunday, September 20, 2026.

EVENT AT A GLANCE

What: 1st Annual Cars & Commerce Community Car Show & Marketplace

When: Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, September 20, 2026

Where: Hamden Town Center Park

Entrance: Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT

Show Car Registration: 8:00 a.m. | \$15 per car

Spectator Admission: FREE

For additional information about Cars & Commerce, sponsorship opportunities or participation, visit hamdenchamber.com, email hcc@hamdenchamber.com, or call the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce at 203-288-6431.

About the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce

For over 100 years, the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce works to connect, support and promote businesses while fostering relationships that strengthen the greater Hamden business community. Through networking opportunities, signature events, community partnerships and business advocacy, the Chamber provides opportunities for businesses and organizations to connect, grow and become more engaged in the community.

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