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## North Haven Pride To Host "Neon Nights" Teen Dance On March 14

**NEON NIGHTS**  
MARCH 14TH 6:30-8:30  
AT THE NORTH HAVEN REC CENTER

EVERYONE AGE 13-18 WELCOME  
DJ BABBABEZ WILL RUN THE MUSIC  
[NORTHHAVENPRIDE.ORG/NEONNIGHTS](http://NORTHHAVENPRIDE.ORG/NEONNIGHTS)

North Haven Pride will host Neon Nights, a teen-friendly dance event for youth ages 13-18, on Saturday, March 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the North Haven Recreation Center.

Designed as a safe and welcoming space for teens across the community, Neon Nights will feature a DJ, colorful lighting, a photo booth, snacks, and a quiet room for anyone who may need a break from the music and activity. The event is supervised by trained adult volunteers and guided by the shared values of Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect (PLUR).

The idea for Neon Nights was originally proposed by a North Haven teen who wanted to create a space where young people could gather, express themselves, and enjoy a night of music and community. North Haven Pride volunteers have worked alongside local partners to bring that vision to life.

"Our goal is simply to give teens a place to have fun and feel comfortable being themselves," said event organizer Amanda Gabriele. "For many young people, having spaces that are welcoming and supportive can make a real difference."

The event is free to attend thanks to the support of local businesses and volunteers. Community partners have contributed services, refreshments, and styling appointments to help make the evening special.

Teens are encouraged to dress however they feel most confident. Some may choose bright neon outfits while others may prefer casual attire. There is no dress code.

Parents and guardians may drop teens off at the Rec. Center entrance, and an optional adult gathering space will be available on site.

Space is limited and RSVPs are requested in advance.

For more information or to RSVP, visit: [www.northhavenpride.org/neon-nights](http://www.northhavenpride.org/neon-nights)

## Veterans Honor Guard Seeking Volunteers

The Veterans Honor Guard of Meriden is looking for Honorable Discharged Veterans, male or female, to volunteer in Veterans Burials. It is a great way to honor your fallen brother or sister by giving them the honor they deserve.

So, if you can spend a few hours to volunteer, please contact Clark Doehr at (203) 223-3338 or Ray Bednarz at 860-690-5833.

## Wallingford Garden Club Visits Skyview Rehab Center For February



**Pictured Top:** Wallingford Garden Club members. **Bottom:** Vases with flowers, and finished vases and flowers.

**Wallingford:** The Wallingford Garden Club visited the Skyview Rehab Center on Feb 17th to present craft project of decorating vases. Twelve residents selected a vase from four different styles. Then they had choices of many paper napkins to apply to the vases. They applied Mod Podge all over the vase. While it dried they picked out colorful flowers to fill the vases.

Garden Club members assisted with the craft program were: Cheryl Solomon, Joellen Nellums and Laura Cannon, Crissy Besaw (chairperson), Suzanne Surato and Betty Wilson. Patricia Breen and Betty Wilson took photos.

Wallingford Garden Club is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc, New England Garden Clubs, Inc and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Photos by Betty Wilson

## Q.U. Accounting Students to Offer Free Tax Help

**Hamden:** Quinnipiac University accounting students will once again offer free income tax preparation services this year at a series of sessions organized by the university's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Services are available to taxpayers from the area with annual household incomes of \$69,000 or less.

The sessions will take place at the M.L. Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, from 3-8pm every Thursday now through April 9 (with the exception of March 12). Those who are interested may walk in; no appointments are necessary.

The students will also offer a Tax-a-Thon Day from 9am-3pm on Saturday, April 11. The Tax-a-Thon Day is by appointment only. Those who are interested may contact Advancing CT Together (ACT) or the Connecticut United Way to schedule an appointment.

Matthew Maron, assistant teaching professor of accounting and VITA program coordinator at Quinnipiac, and other professors from the School of Business will review each tax return before it is e-filed.

For each session, taxpayers must bring the following documents: Social Security card or ITIN numbers for themselves and each person listed on the tax return; a copy of last year's (2024) Federal and State tax returns; a valid photo ID; documentation for all income from work, Social Security or pensions, including (but not limited to) forms W-2, 1099-R, SSA-1099, 1099-G; education expenses; total amount paid for child care (along with the daycare provider's name and address and Tax ID number); their bank routing and checking or savings account numbers (if they request direct deposit); a copy of their mortgage 1098 form; receipt of property taxes paid; and Access

## Master's Manna Marks 20 Years of Feeding Hope and Fighting Hunger



**Master's Manna Food Pantry in Wallingford,** is celebrating its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of providing nutritious food, dignity, and support to families facing food insecurity. What began in 2006 as a small volunteer effort has grown into a vital community resource serving the greater Wallingford/Meriden area. In 2025 there were over 26,000 shopping visits to the pantry.

"This milestone belongs to every volunteer, donor, and neighbor who has supported us and we are grateful for their support," said Jeannette Bronsord, Board Chair. "For 20 years, our mission has been simple: ensure no one in our community goes hungry."

The pantry will commemorate the 20th anniversary with events throughout 2026, celebrating its history and impact to the community starting with a **Wine and Cheese event** in collaboration with Gouveia Vineyard and Caseus Provisions on **Thurs., March 12 at 5:30pm.** Information can be found at the website "mastersmanna.org" and the Masters Manna Inc. Food Pantry Resource Center Facebook page.

Master's Manna Inc. Food Pantry & Resource Center is a nonprofit 501-c-3 corporation dedicated to ending the causes and effects of food insecurity.

CT form 1095A (if the taxpayer has purchased medical insurance through the Marketplace Exchange).

Quinnipiac's VITA program is part of the United Way of Greater New Haven's VITA coalition. For more information, contact Maron at (203) 582-7623 or [matthew.maron@qu.edu](mailto:matthew.maron@qu.edu).

## Program Schedule for Suburban Garden Club

Please join us at the Suburban Garden Club programs this year! All programs will begin at 7pm and will be held at the Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave. More information can be found at <https://www.cheshiregardeners.org/>

**Wed., May 20: Moon Gardening.** Donna Katsuranis. Learn about lunar gardening: how the moon affects the earth and its inhabitants; planting vegetables by the moon's phases; and creating an ornamental moon garden.

## Choral Group Invites New Singers

**East Haven:** We are a group of singers who meet every Thursday at 1:15pm in the Community Room of the East Haven Hagaman Memorial Library. We sing for an hour and a half with a 10 minute break in between.

Our primary purpose is to bring the joy of hearing choral music to the audiences living in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

There is no charge and no audition. We provide music to our singers, so that they can have the words in front of them. We sing pleasant songs for fun.

If singing in a chorus interests you, please contact Mike Ryan at Email: [mikeryan2011@gmail.com](mailto:mikeryan2011@gmail.com); Phone: (203) 283-5133.

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