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# Hamden Rotary Awards Community Service Grant

**Pictured:** Rotarian Paul Begemann is shown with recipient Andrea Spino.

**Hamden:** The Hamden Rotary Club has awarded a Community Service grant to Friends of Brooksvale Park.

The organization is made up of volunteers who work to enhance the park and its many functions throughout the year.

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# Post Office Beautification

North Haven Garden Club recognizes members Sandy Ginter and Carmen Sealy for their dedication to maintaining the flower boxes outside the North Haven Post Office. In the spring the boxes were planted with flowers which were overwhelmed with weather extremes of too much rain and too much heat. In a generous show of community support, Bell's Nurseries donated beautiful begonias and graciously replanted the flower boxes, restoring their beauty for everyone to enjoy.

The North Haven Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, the New England Garden Club, Inc., and the National Garden Club, Inc. For more garden club news, check out our Facebook page, North Haven Garden Club.

Article and photo by Carmen Sealy and Sandy Ginter.

# North Haven Memorial Library September Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. ***Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.***

**Parent Playdate: Mon., September 14, 10am-11am.** Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 years. No Registration Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones, and check out all that the library has to offer! There will be a quick story time about half way through the hour.

**Calm Connections: Mon., Sept. 14, 11am-12pm.** Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Join us for a calm, inclusive playtime designed for autistic children and children with other neurodiverse needs.

**Bilingual Storytime (Spanish): Tues., Sept 15, 10:30am-11am.** Age Group: 1-5 yrs. This story time is perfect for parents/caregivers and their little ones who speak Spanish and/or English already or for those who don't, but would like to learn!

**Glam Your Grandparents: Tues., Sept. 15, 2-3:30pm.** Age Group: 18+. Our local beauty school students will step into the spotlight as creative experts. They will guide grandparents through personalized glam sessions - teaching them how small beauty rituals can boost confidence at any age.

**Kids Who Code: Tues., September 15, 6-6:45pm.** Grades: 3-5. Through bravery, resilience, curiosity and creativity, Kids Who Code will help ignite your passion for computer science.

**Work Force Alliance Career Fair: Wed., September 16, 10am-1:30pm.** No Registration Required. Free and open to the public. This event is designed for job seekers looking for employment opportunities and career advancement. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with employers from a variety of industries.

**Toddler Time: Wed., September 16, 10:30am-11am.** Age Group: 2-3 yrs. Parent/Caregivers and their toddlers will interact with books, learn fingerplays, and sing.

**Evening Playdoh Party: Wed., Sept. 16, 6-6:30pm.** Program Type: Arts & Crafts/DIY. Age Group: 2-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We have the playdoh, tools, and idea mats so just bring your artistic talent.

**From Liberty to Legacy - Exploring American Ideals in the Musicals *1776* and *Hamilton:* Wed., Sept. 16, 6-7:30pm.** Age Group: 18+. We'll look at these revolutionary musicals telling the story of the founding of our nation, and their contrasting visions of an American society at a crossroads.

**Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., Sept. 17, 10:30-11:15am.** Age Group: Birth-2 yrs. Registration is highly recommended but not required. Walk-ins are always welcome. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development. Our primary focus is the healthy development of infants ages 0-24 months old with an emphasis on language enrichment and pre-literacy skills.

**Must-See Movie - *Selena:* Thurs., Sept. 17, 3pm-5:15pm.** Age Group: 18+. No Registration Required. Celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month with this biographical drama charting the extraordinary career and tragic slaying of pop singing sensation Selena as her career transcended the Tejano scene that launched her into crossover, mainstream success. Rated: PG, Runtime: 131 mins.

**Library Science Squad: Thurs., Sept. 17, 6pm-6:30pm.** Age Group: 6-11 yrs. Throw on your lab coats and get ready to experiment with Miss Sheila! We'll learn some cool science facts while making a fun science craft.

**Mixed Media Art: Fri., September 18, 10:30-11am.** Age Group: 2-5 yrs. It's never too soon to start learning the basic concepts behind STEAM programming. In Mixed Media Art we'll spend the time tapping into kids' creativity and problem solving by giving them the opportunity to create whatever they can imagine with the supplies we provide. Dress to make a mess!

## Political Letters • Endorsements Forums • Party Activities

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*Please Note:* Because of Space Limitation, There is a **350 WORD LIMIT** on All Letters and Endorsements Submitted for Publication

## Knowledge and Leadership

To The Editor: September 2, 2026

I have great respect for State Representative Dave Yaccarino and the work he continues to do for the people of North Haven.

Most recently, I reached out to Dave for help resolving an ongoing issue I was having with the gas company. After spending months trying to get the issue addressed on my own, Dave was able to point me in the right direction and connect me with the appropriate people to help resolve the problem. What had taken me months to navigate was resolved in a matter of days with his assistance.

Over his years of service, Dave has developed a strong understanding of how state and local government works, who to contact and how to help residents get answers when they need them. More importantly, he is accessible and willing to step in when a constituent needs assistance.

That kind of knowledge and experience matters. Dave knows North Haven, he knows how to get things done, and he is there when residents need him. That is why North Haven needs Dave Yaccarino representing us.

Thank you, Dave, for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,
Brian Cummings, North Haven

# NHHS Sports Hall of Fame Athletes to be Honored

**North Haven** High School Sports Hall of Fame proudly announces the following individuals who will be honored at the 25th Awards Ceremony and Lunch on Saturday, October 24 at The Woodwinds in Branford:

**Frank LaMonaca -** Athlete, Class of 1975

**Christopher LeGates -** Athlete, Class of 1987

**Steven Niles -** Athlete, Class of 1989

**Max Joyner -** Athlete, Class of 1991

**Brittany Nelson D'Andrea -** Athlete, Class of 2006

**Mark Zurlis -** Athlete, Class of 2012

Ticket information will be available on our website NHHS Sports Hall of Fame - NHHS Sports Hall of Fame - North Haven Athletics later this summer!

# Wallingford Resident Member of Women's Cross Country Team

Kutztown University has announced sixteen student-athletes will represent its women's cross country team for the 2026 season, including, **Lizzie Brown of Wallingford.**

Coming off a fifth-place finish at the 2025 PSAC Cross Country Championships, Kutztown University women's cross country enters the 2026 season looking to build on last year's success and climb the conference standings.

The Maroon and Gold collected a pair of wins last fall, winning the West Chester Opener and the DII/DIII Challenge. The Golden Bears also finished fifth at the NCAA Atlantic Regionals, continuing their postseason success and setting the stage for another competitive campaign in 2026.

In the 2026 PSAC preseason poll, Kutztown was selected to finish sixth.

The Golden Bears will compete in four regular-season meets before returning to the PSAC Cross Country Championships in Bloomsburg, PA on Saturday, November 7th.

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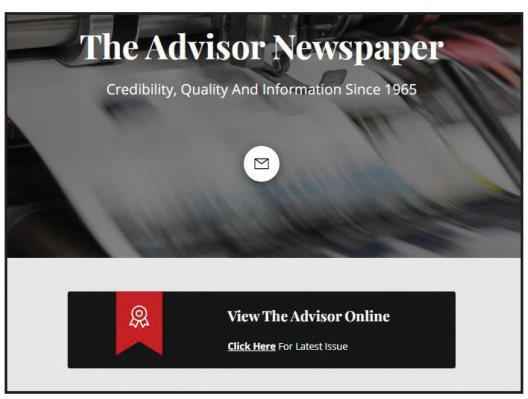

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