OBITUARIES



John A. Popolizio, age 76, of Hamden passed away peacefully at Yale New Haven Hospital on May 18, 2026, surrounded by his beloved family and friends. John is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carol (Fappiano) Popolizio; his daughter, Melissa Dietz and her husband Jason of North Haven; his son, Paul Popolizio of Hamden; his grandchildren, Gabriella and Julianna Dietz and Dominic D'Aurio; his sister, Barbara Marchetto of North Branford; niece, Jacqueline Marchetto; and his good friends, Louie, Tommy, Billy, Mike and Gary. John had been a resident of Hamden for the past 48 years, moving from East Haven. He was a U.S. Army Reserve Veteran.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT www.beecherandbennett.com.



Richard "Hans" Mueller, age 72, of Wallingford passed away on May 20, 2026. For 46 years, he was the loving husband of Elizabeth Eck Mueller. Richard was born in Meriden, the son of the late Frederick Sr. and Vivian McCarthy Mueller.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his brothers, Peter Mueller, Michael (Helen) Mueller, James (Lori) Mueller, Jerome Mueller, Frederick Mueller Jr., and several nieces and nephews. Hans is also predeceased by his siblings Susan Hubbell, Thomas and John Mueller.

Should friends desire, donations may be made in his name to either, the Michael J Fox Foundation www.give.michaeljfox.org or Smilow www.ynhh.org.

Wallingford·Yalesville Funeral Homes



North Haven Conservation Commission Plants 10 American Liberty Elm Trees





Pictured Top: Conservation Commission members Alan Riggs, Sandt Stetson, Bob Lewis, Ray Sola, Cindy Golia, Gerri Giordano. **Bottom:** Tree at Carina Park, and tree at Martha Culver House.

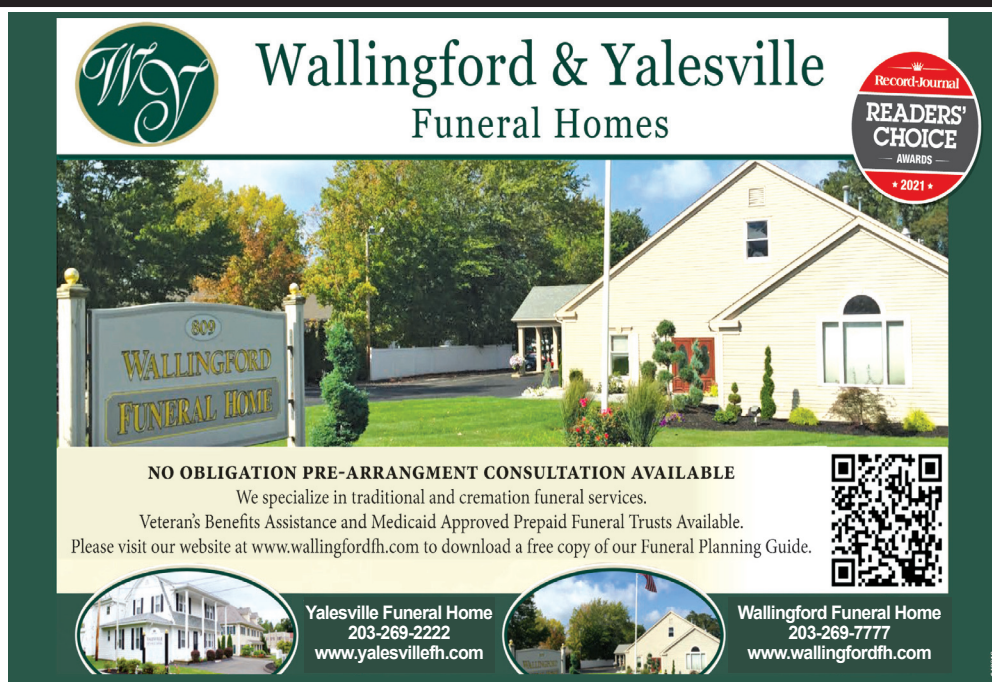
North Haven: Recently the North Haven Conservation Commission planted 10 young American Liberty Elm Trees throughout our town. The new trees where planted due to the Dutch Elm disease that wiped them out in many areas including North Haven. With the help of our fantastic Public Works department, they dug the holes, planted and staked the trees. The Conservation Commission placed watering bags around each tree and will fill accordingly. The American Liberty Elm trees are a fast growing, long lived tree. They should grow to be 200 to 275 years old.

Key Tree Characteristics - from uconn plant data base.

- Shape: Vase-shaped with arching branches that create a sweeping canopy.
- Foliage: Deciduous, with simple, dark green, sandpaper-textured leaves that feature doubly serrated edges and asymmetrical bases.
- Growth: Rapid growth rate, reaching to feet in height and to feet in trunk diameter.

This is where the trees were planted, 2 trees at the front of the pool parking lot on Elm Street, 3 trees at Carina Park on South Avenue, 2 trees at Forest Park on Allen Road side and 3 trees at Montowese Park behind the Martha Cluver House.

Article by Cindy Golia, photos courtesy of Ray Sola.



Fundraiser Dinner For Richie's Rehab Was A Huge Success





Pictured (L-R) Top: Some of the people in attendance Joe, Felix, Diane, Helen, Lou. Bottom (L-R): Mary Jane Mulligan, Richie, First Selectman Mike Freda

North Haven: On Thursday, May 14, from 5pm to 9pm at the Knights Of Columbus hall, the North Haven Rotary Club put on a wonderful fundraiser dinner for Richies Rehab, Richie's mom is Mary Jane Mulligan who is also a member of the North Haven Rotary Club. First Selectman Mike Freda, and CT State Representative, Dave Yaccarino were also in attendance. First Selectman Mike Freda gave a great speech. It was a sold out dinner that everyone enjoyed together was a huge success. There was a raffle for great gifts, musicians sang old songs along with great food, soda, ice tea, and water for all to enjoy. The North Haven Rotary Club always do great things for the community, thank you North Haven Rotary Club members for all you do. Richie good luck and God Bless you and your family.

Story and photos by Jo Ann Buccetti

St. Andrew's Worship Services

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Ave., has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am. Refreshments and fellowship always follow.

The Church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2pm.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas Gift & Food Basket Share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service

North Haven: You are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place (at the top of the North Haven Green) for Sunday Service (Holy Communion) at 9am.

Visit our website: https://www.stjohns-northhaven.org/

Follow us on Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church, North Haven.

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PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost $12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.