Happenings Around The Quadtown Area

Wallingford Garden Club Participates At Celebrate Wallingford







Pictured Top: WGC group Ann Cohen DePalma, Linda Burr, Kris Diana, Kathy Bryson, Judy Sirois, Karen Ciosek helped with set up early Saturday morning. **Botom:** Kris Diana and Judy Sirois, and Town Hall War Memorial renewed plantings for Celebrate Wallingford by Shirley Lagerstrom.

Wallingford: The Wallingford Garden Club appreciated all who stopped by our booth. We offered raffled baskets, small plants, hand crafted dried flower wreaths, small bags of lavender sachets, and fresh flower bouquets all created by WGC members. Also available were tulip and daffodil bulbs, iris rhizomes and gardening gloves.

Many thanks to Kristin Diana and Ann Cohen DePalma, co-chairs of the festival.

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

Photos by Linda Burr

Dragon's Lair Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured (L-R): Vinny Cervoni – Mayor of Wallingford; Jose Avila - Dragon's Lair – Store Manager; Stephen Talbot – Dragon's Lair – Owner; Jeff Birdsall – Dragon's Lair – General Manager; Matt Iovanne – Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce – Business Development Executive.

Wallingford: The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce was delighted to organize the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting for Dragon's Lair, located at 970 North Colony Road in Wallingford, on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Dragon's Lair is a gaming, hobby, and collectibles shop offering an extensive selection of trading card games, including Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering, and Yu-Gi-Oh!, along with board games, miniature paints, and tabletop gaming supplies. The store also features dedicated space for customers to gather and enjoy playing games together.

Their new, larger location provides even more room for gamers, collectors, and hobby enthusiasts to connect, explore their favorite games, and discover new adventures.

Congratulations to the Dragon's Lair team on this exciting new chapter! The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce is proud to support local businesses and celebrate their continued growth in our community.

For more information visit www.dragonslairhobbies.com

Town of No. Branford Office of Social Service

ENERGY ASSISTANCE 2026-27 HEATING SEASON

This Office of Social Service energy assistance season began October 1 for Northford and North Branford residents. It is preferred that those that heat with a deliverable fuel such as oil, propane, or pellets are seen initially followed by utility heating customers.

Utility heating customers should participate in a program offered by the utility company; there are several programs to choose from. The programs offered are medical protection, matching program, balance forgiveness and the like. Information regarding programs offered by the utility companies is available in the Office of Social Service lobby. ***Although applications appointments are now underway,the program begins on November 2.***

There are two ways to apply, you may apply online, following this link: https://portal.ct.gov/dss/economic-security/winter-heating-assistance/energy-assistance---winter-heating/how-to-apply or in this Office, by appointment. You must bring to your appointment copies of all your required documents. This office cannot make copies for you. Please bring all required documents. Applications can not be completed without the required documents, incomplete documents will result in a delay or denial.

If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, you may call North Branford Social Service at (203) 484-6006 or (475) 655-0412 to make an appointment.

A list of required documents needed to complete your application is available in both public libraries, online at https://www.northbranfordct.gov/252/Social-Services. and the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, Social Service Lobby. There are significant changes to the program.

This program is based on income and not assets. This is not an entitlement program. The program is designed to assist persons offset the cost of heating during the winter months, weatherize the home as well as assist with a replace or repair of a non operating furnace or boiler. The program no longer offers a clean, tune and test of the furnace.

HOLIDAY BASKET SHARE

The December Holiday Basket Share will take place on, Thursday December 17, 2026 For those that need some assistance with their Holiday dinner and/or gifts for children, you only need to contact the Office of Social Services and request to be a recipient in the December Holiday Basket Share. The requirements are that you are in need and a resident of North Branford or Northford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car.

For those wishing to donate a basket, you only need to call or email the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Holiday Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card, with or without children's gifts. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers. For those wishing to include children's gifts, this Office will provide you with the children's wish list.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donors and recipients will receive written confirmation. ***Last Day to be part of the Program as a recipient: Friday, November 13, 2026.*** Should you have an interest in being a recipient please contact Office of Social Service by email at ksperry@northbranfordct.gov or by phone at (203) 484-6006 by 11/13/2026. There is no end date for donors to participate. Donor drop off will be on 12/18 between 9:30-11am; recipient pick up will be between 11:30am-1pm.

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.

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North Haven Memorial Library October 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.***

Toddler Time: Wed., Oct. 21, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-3 yrs. Parent/Caregivers and their toddlers will interact with books, learn fingerplays and sing.

Haunted Houses: Wed., October 21, 6-7pm. Ages: 4-10 yrs. Every holiday season we love building Gingerbread Houses, so we thought we'd put a fun, spooky twist on things and make Haunted Houses in time for Halloween! *You must register in person, in the Children's Department, for this program. A non-refundable, cash fee of $5 per person is due at the time of registration.*

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., Oct. 22, 10:30-11:15am. Ages: Birth-2 years. Registration Encouraged. 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.

Creation Station - Coffee Filter Bats: Thurs., Oct. 22, 4-5pm. Ages: 3-10 yrs. with an adult. No Registration Required. Come make a craft at the library while supplies last. This week: Markers on a coffee filter, sprayed with water turns this spooky craft into a mad science experiment just in time for Halloween.

LEGO Club: Thurs., Oct. 22, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 4-12 yrs. No Registration Required. Drop by and create with LEGO™! We provide the LEGOs™ and you provide the creativity!

Ghostly Encounters - A Discussion on Real Hauntings and the Paranormal: Thurs., Oct. 22, 6:30-7:30pm. Joe Franke, renowned paranormal veteran and Founder/CEO of the Warren Society, will share insights from his 40-year journey into the supernatural realm. He will present chilling details from his personal case files, including real evidence of paranormal activity collected from cases he and his mentors, Ed and Lorraine Warren, worked on over the years.

Online Author Talk - Cherie Dimaline: Thurs., Oct. 22, 7pm-8pm, Virtual. Step into the atmospheric and deeply moving world of storytelling with acclaimed Métis author Cherie Dimaline as we discuss her captivating body of work and her haunting Young Adult novel, *Funeral Songs for Dying Girls*.

Playdoh Party: Fri., Oct. 23, 10:30-11am. Ages: 2-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Drop by to build, mix and create fun and silly playdoh masterpieces. We have the playdoh, tools, and idea mats so just bring your artistic talent.

Must See Movie - *The Thing*: Fri., Oct. 23, 1:30pm-3:30pm. No Registration is Required. A research team in Antarctica is hunted by a shape-shifting alien that assumes the appearance of its victims. Rated: R, Runtime: 108 mins.

Stage Fright - The Magic of Dan Bowen: Sat., Oct. 24, 10:30-11:30am. Age Group: All Ages. Celebrate Halloween with Stage Fright, a hilarious, family-friendly magic show starring magician Dan Bowen! Packed with amazing magic, laugh-out-loud comedy, music, and plenty of audience participation.

Parent Playdate: Mon., October 26, 10-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones, and check out all that the library has to offer!

Calm Connections: Mon., Oct. 26, 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. Families can explore interactive activities, read together and connect with other parents and caregivers.

Halloween Duo Canvas: Mon., Oct. 26, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 6-11 yrs. with an adult. You and your adult will each be making one half of a bat canvas with the same colors but different perspectives. When you're finished, both your creations will come together in a memorable masterpiece.

Tiny Hands Talk: Tues., October 27, 10:30am-11am. Ages: Birth-2 yrs. This easy-to-follow introduction to sign language is designed to help young learners express their needs and feelings without words.

Mini Monogrammed Macaroon: Tues., Oct. 27, 2:30pm-3:30pm. Ages: 13+. The playful mini macaroon shaped case is ideal for storing small items. It will fit easily into a pocket or small space for traveling.

Must See Movie - *Send Help*: Tues., Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30pm. No Registration Required. An overworked analyst and her arrogant nepo-baby boss survive a plane crash near Thailand and must cooperate to survive on a remote jungle island while their workplace power dynamic collapses around them. Rated: R, Runtime: 113 mins.

Pokémon Club: Tues., October 27, 6-6:45pm. Ages: 6-11 yrs. No Registration Required. Play Pokémon with your peers and make new friends! Be sure to bring your own cards. *Trading is welcome at the players discretion and is not monitored by library staff.