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Document Shredding Event *Save the Date*

The **North Haven Land Trust** will hold their annual "early bird" document shredding event on **Saturday, April 5th in the parking lot of the North Haven Pool, 45 Elm Street.**

Your participation in this event will support the North Haven Land Trust in their mission to contunue to acquire, maintain and preserve land for future generations as well as to engage community members in conservation actions.

The cost of a small copy box or paper bag will be $10. Paper items only please. The on-site shredding truck will be provided by PROSHRED of Wallingford.

For more information about the event or the organization, email NHLT President Peter Madden at pmadden91@comcast.net.

Probus Launches Shoe Drive Fundraiser

Hamden: The Greater New Haven Probus is now conducting a Shoe Drive fundraiser, through March 11th, supporting those less fortunate in our communities.

Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes by contacting us at Ghnhaven probus@gmail.com

The Greater New Haven Probus Club was founded in 1921 to help individuals with special needs in our community. We have expanded our efforts to help others by providing assistance for at-risk individuals and families, homeless shelters, veterans, and incoming refugee support groups.

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1) Always accentuate the positive even though the negative seems overwhelming.

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3) Educate yourself and try to learn something new each day.

4) Have an open mind and accept people for who they are.

5) When someone humiliates you, don't respond, look the other way.

6) Nobody is perfect so accept other's idiosyncrasies.

7) Using inappropriate language, profanity or vulgarity only describes your ignorance.

8) Your demeanor will describe your true intentions.

9) Be reluctant on giving advice because fools won't heed it and intelligent people don't need it.

10) Remember, whatever your aspirations are, if you need help, put your faith in God and He will always point you in the right direction.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

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ANNOUNCING THE 2025 THORNTON WILDER WRITING COMPETITION

The Hamden Public Library's Thornton Wilder Writing Competition (TWWC) is now accepting submissions for 2025. The contest is open to all New Haven County public, private, homeschool, and parochial high school students. ***Entries are due by midnight on Sun., Feb. 23.***

A panel of judges will select a first and second-place winner, as well as an honorable mention, in fiction and poetry. Winners will receive $500, $300, and $100 respectively.

Students may submit up to one entry each for the fiction and poetry categories, and fiction works can be short stories, scripts, one-act plays, or excerpts from longer works. Submissions may not exceed 2,500 words and each entry must be accompanied by a completed application.

Entries should be sent to TWilder@hamdenlibrary.org.

For more information and a copy of the application, visit www.hamdenlibrary.org/twwc.

The TWWC was established by the Friends of Hamden Library to honor Hamden resident and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and novelist, Thornton Wilder.

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M & T Bank Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured: Renee Miller, Executive Director, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce; doing the honors is Frank Micalizzi, M & T Bank's Regional President and Head of Commercial Banking for Connecticut; Vincent Cervoni, Mayor of Wallingford and employees of M & T Bank.

Wallingford: The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce was delighted to organize a Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting ceremony for M & T Bank located at 809 North Colony Road, Wallingford, CT on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

The newly constructed location will be a full- service traditional branch with a comprehensive suite of consumer and business deposit and lending products, including residential mortgages. There will also be a drive-up teller and ATM, serving customers from Wallingford and surrounding towns.

"M&T is a bank for communities, delivering the capabilities of a big bank with the care and empathy of a locally focused institution," said Frank Micalizzi, M&T Bank's Regional President and Head of Commercial Banking for Connecticut. "We partner with communities to understand the challenges they face and their opportunities for growth so we can help every town and city we serve reach its fullest potential. Opening this branch in Wallingford means our customers can better help us understand their needs and aspirations so that we can provide the support, guidance, and financial solutions they need to achieve their dreams."

As a full-service bank, the Wallingford branch includes in-branch as well as online and digital solutions to meet customers' banking preferences. The branch will provide a wide array of consumer, commercial, and wealth management products and services. Seven full-time employees will staff the branch.

For more information on M & T Bank's services, visit https://www.mtb.com/

Wallingford Garden Club's January Meeting Featured Adam Wheeler's Program On Deer



Pictured: Adam Wheeler by screen, Linda Thomas w/hydrangea centerpiece, and Sue Surato new beginning Jan. floral design.

Wallingford: The Wallingford Garden Club held it's January meeting at the First Congregational Church. The guest speaker was Adam Wheeler, propagation and plant development manager at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden. He presented a program on 'Tips for Gardening in Deer Country' which included deer resistant shrubs and plants: including hostas, lamb's ears and sweet shrub. Planting large bushes and evergreens can be a deterrent for deer.

The January dessert table floral design was created by Linda Thomas with dried hydrangeas from her gardens. Dessert hostesses were Alberta Flynn, Linda Besaw, Kris Diana, Kirsten Pedersen, Kim Dennis and Margaret Kitson.

Many garden club members created floral designs depicting a 'new beginnings' theme for 2025 as a design project coordinated be Design Chair Shirley Lagerstrom.

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

Photos by Betty Wilson

Wallingford Community Women's Club's Mixtape Match Bingo

On Monday, March 24th, the Wallingford Community Women's Club is holding a "Mixtape Match Bingo" at Sliders Grill & Bar, 950 Yale Ave., Wallingford. Arrive by 6pm to pick up materials for the game. There are three rounds of play for $20. Round 1 begins at 6:30pm sharp! Prizes awarded to the winner(s) of each round.

Portion of the proceeds to benefit the North Farms Volunteer and East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Companies and Wallingford Community Women.

There will be tickets sold for raffle baskets. If you bring a toiletry item to be donated to the Glow Pantry, you will receive one free Raffle Ticket (limit one per person).

What is Mixtape Bingo? It's like regular Bingo, but instead of letters and numbers on the playing cards, there are songs. The caller will play about a minute of a song and tell you the name of the song and artist. If you have it on your card, check it off.

Please purchase your tickets before March 17 to guarantee seating. To order: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-march-bingo-fundraiser.

For additional information, contact Debbie Hicks at hicksdebra55@gmail.



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