Wallingford Garden Club Members Plant Flowers At Wallingford War Memorial



Pictured: WGC members Karen Ciosek, Maryellen Morganti and Linda Burr with finished project.

Wallingford Garden Club planted over 50 flowers at Wallingford War Memorial in front of Town Hall. This was to celebrate America's 250th.

The Wallingford Garden Club Civic Committee Maryellen Morganti, President Karen Ciosek, Vice President Linda Burr and Jeanne Lawrence participated in the plantings.

Plants were provided by the Mayor's Office using Geremia's Nursery. Plants used were red and white geraniums as well as blue ageratums.

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

Photo by Linda Burr



Sen. Cicarella & United Way Host Workforce AI Discussion In Wallingford



Pictured (L-R): Maria Campos-Harlow, Executive Director of the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford; State Senator Paul Cicarella; Ellen Devine, Director of Pedagogical Innovation & Emerging Technologies at Choate Rosemary Hall; Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Ph.D., Chief Workforce Officer for the Connecticut Office of Workforce Strategy and Vice Chair of the Governor's Workforce Council; and Joe Mirra, Director of Workforce Partnerships for the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford.

Wallingford: State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-34), in partnership with the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford, hosted Building a Future-Ready Workforce: An AI Discussion on June 4 at Choate Rosemary Hall, bringing together business leaders, educators, workforce development professionals, and community partners to discuss the growing impact of artificial intelligence on Connecticut's workforce and economy.

The discussion focused on how AI is changing the workplace, creating new opportunities for innovation, and shaping the skills that employers will need in the years ahead.

"Artificial intelligence is no longer something that's coming in the future, it's already here," said Sen. Cicarella. "As technology continues to evolve, we need to make sure our students, workers, and businesses are prepared to adapt and succeed. Events like this help bring the right people to the table to have those important conversations."

Panelists included State Senator Paul Cicarella; Dr. Alex Curtis, Headmaster of Choate Rosemary Hall; Maria Campos-Harlow, Executive Director of the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford; Joe Mirra, Director of Workforce Partnerships for the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford; Ellen Devine, Director of Pedagogical Innovation & Emerging Technologies at Choate Rosemary Hall; and Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Ph.D., Chief Workforce Officer for the Connecticut Office of Workforce Strategy and Vice Chair of the Governor's Workforce Council.

"At Choate, we are committed to helping students and adults become discerning, informed, and ethical users of AI," said Ellen Devine, Director of Pedagogical Innovation & Emerging Technologies at Choate Rosemary Hall. "The work of education has always required us to learn from the past, respond thoughtfully to the complexities of the present, and prepare students for a future we cannot predict. Artificial intelligence adds new urgency to that responsibility, but it does not change its fundamental purpose: helping young people develop the creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, and judgment needed to lead meaningful lives and contribute to their communities. We were grateful to be part of conversations about how Connecticut can work together to prepare for the opportunities and challenges ahead."

"We are incredibly fortunate to live in a state rich with extraordinary knowledge, talent, and resources," said Maria Campos-Harlow, Executive Director of the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford. "Artificial intelligence presents tremendous opportunities, and it is up to us to embrace this technology thoughtfully and responsibly. By learning, collaborating, and investing in workforce development, we can harness AI in ways that help individuals, nonprofits, businesses, and our entire community thrive. Events like this are an important step in ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the future of work."

"Connecticut has built an incredible foundation for an AI-ready workforce," said Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Ph.D., Chief Workforce Officer for the Connecticut Office of Workforce Strategy and Vice Chair of the Governor's Workforce Council. "By bringing together educators, workforce partners, and employers, we are fostering a culture of lifelong learning and ensuring that all residents - from students to experienced workers—have equitable access to the skills needed to succeed, meet the evolving needs of business, and thrive in a rapidly changing economy."

Panelists discussed how AI is being utilized across industries, the workforce challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, and the importance of investing in education, training, and workforce development programs that help prepare Connecticut residents for emerging careers.

Sen. Cicarella said the discussion reinforced the importance of collaboration between educators, employers, workforce leaders, and policymakers.

"The future of our workforce depends on our ability to adapt, innovate, and work together," Sen. Cicarella said. "Connecticut has tremendous talent and opportunity, and by bringing together leaders from education, business, and workforce development, we can help ensure our state remains competitive and continues to create opportunities for the next generation."

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish Mass Schedule

North Haven/North Branford: The newly formed St. Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish officially brings together the parish communities of St. Ambrose, North Branford and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven into one united Catholic community.

The parish now includes the worship locations of St. Augustine Church, 30 Caputo Rd, North Branford; St. Monica Church, 1321 Middletown Avenue, Northford; St. Barnabas, 44 Washington Avenue, North Haven and St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Avenue, North Haven.

All are warmly invited to join us for Mass and becoming part of our growing parish family. Weekend and daily Masses are offered throughout our parish community, providing many opportunities for worship, prayer, fellowship and service. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, returning to the Church or searching for a parish home, we welcome you to pray with us and experience the joy of our Catholic community!

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4pm: St. Barnabas; 4:30pm: St. Augustine

Sunday Mass - 8am: St. Barnabas; 9am: St. Monica; 10am: St. Therese; 11am: St. Augustine

Daily Mass - Mon.-Thurs., 8am: St. Barnabas; Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 9am: St. Augustine

Sacrament of Reconciliation- A half hour before all morning daily Masses & Saturday Vigil, during Monday and Wednesday Adoration. 5-6pm, Mon.: St. Augustine; 5-6pm, Wed.: St. Barnabas.

Please reach out to the parish office with any questions, (203) 484-0403 or (203) 239-5378.

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St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.

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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.

Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome! 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.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church's Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

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

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North Haven: The Agency on Aging provides opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time and experience to help others in the community. Whether it's engaging in conversation with someone at home or assisting a senior with transportation to a medical appointment, our volunteer department strives to support those over the age 21 who wish to make a difference.

We also offer our assistance to individuals in need of support. Sometimes, small acts of kindness, a listening ear, or a friendly phone call can significantly impact someone who feels alone and forgotten.

All volunteers and clients are vetted before service, and applications must be completed.

For more information, please reach out to Cherie Strucaly at (203) 752-2795 or cstrucaly@aoascc.org.

The Agency on Aging of South Central CT is located at 117 Washington Avenue, North Haven. www.aoascc.org.

North Haven Lions Club

THIRD SATURDAY

The North Haven Lions Club invites the community to take part in its THIRD SATURDAY Service Project on June 20, from 10am-1pm at the North Haven Congregational Church (28 Church Street, across from the Town Green). We changed the date as The Pride event will be celebrating June 13th on the Green and using our parking lot.

This monthly initiative supports local charitable causes and strengthens community bonds. During the event Lion Club members will be collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit local food pantries and the North Haven Food Bank. Requested items include canned vegetables and fruit. Recycled glasses and pet food are also needed. These donations will help combat food insecurity and provide essential support to North Haven families in need.

Since 1952, the North Haven Lions has been dedicated to serving the local community through impactful service projects and charitable initiatives.

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, CT.

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Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.