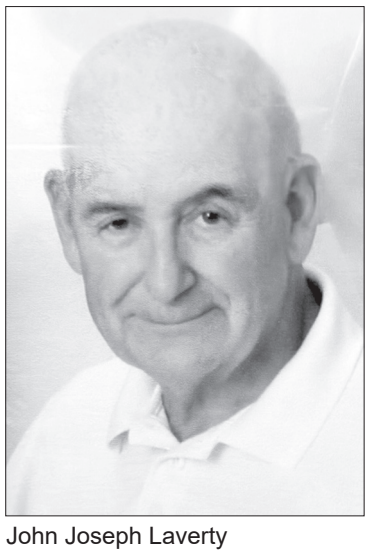
Obituary

John Joseph Laverty

June 7, 1940-November 12, 2026

John Joseph Laverty, age 86, of New Fairfield, was born in Manhattan, New York to John Joseph Laverty and Helen Mary Dennehy.



John Joseph Laverty

John grew up in the Inwood section of upper Manhattan. He graduated from Good Shepherd School and De La Salle Institute. John attended Hunter College then served in The United States Army.

He joined the NYPD and then transferred to FDNY. He worked 20 years as a Firefighter in The Bronx at Engine 75 and retired from Ladder 52. John later worked as a Building Mechanic for the Danbury/New Fairfield Post Offices.

He was a Scoutmaster for New Fairfield Boy Scout Troop 42 and Cubmaster for New Fairfield Cub Scout Troop 137.

John most enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He had an incredible sense of humor, always willing to help and always saw the good in everything.

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John is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kevin Laverty and his sister Rose Laverty.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carol (Rutherford) Laverty, his children: James Laverty (Tara), Susan Paré (Mario), and Elizabeth Minichetti (David) and 6 grandchildren: Danielle, Meghan, Sean, Shannon, Kaitlyn, and Tyler and 3 great-grandchildren: Jackson, Seven, and Adaline; and his brother Patrick Laverty (Debbie).

Visitation will be held at Green Funeral Home, 57 Main St., Danbury, on November 19, 2026, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Holy Trinity Chapel, CT-37, Sherman, CT 06784, on November 20, 2026, at 11:00am.

Burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, CT-37, New Fairfield.

Contributions in John's memory may be made to: The New Fairfield Senior Center https://www.newfairfieldseniorcenter.org/ and The New Fairfield Sherman Animal Welfare https://www.nfsaw.org/donate

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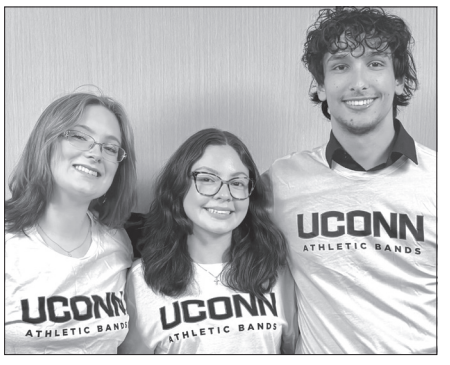
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Three NFHS Alumni Marching in the Macy's 100th Anniversary Thanksgiving Day Parade

By John Tomaino

Three former members of the New Fairfield High School Marching Band and graduates of the NFHS Class of 2024, Julissa Tomaino, Sam Lovera, and Zoey Gilroy, are members of the 350 member UConn Marching Band.

The UConn marching band performed on the Today Show last Fall and received incredible news. The Today Show team revealed live during the show that the band will perform during the centennial celebration of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2026. "We have a big surprise for all of you," Jenna Bush Hager announced. "Start practicing for another huge performance here in New York because the Pride of Connecticut Marching Band will be featured in next year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade." Macy's said UConn's marching band is one of only 10 marching bands selected from more than 100 applicants to participate in the 2026 parade and this will be UConn's first appearance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



L-R: NFHS Marching Band Alumni, Zoey Gilroy, Julissa Tomaino and Sam Lovera

Please take time to watch or stream the parade and support Zoey, Julissa, and Sam on Thanksgiving morning, November 26, 2026 on NBC from 8:30am to 12 noon. It's an honor to be invited by Macy's to participate in the parade and it's a proud moment for our New Fairfield Schools and our Town to watch our alumni utilize the training they received in our schools and perform on the world stage! Please watch and support them on Thanksgiving Day!

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NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS...

OUR 42nd ANNUAL RUN FOR THE TURKEYS

The 5K Road Race/Health Walk will be held on Sunday, November 22nd

Location: New Fairfield High School, 54 Gillotti Road



This year come celebrate 42 years of this race!
Prizes for the three best Thanksgiving costumed runners.

Digital timing, positional placing, music along the race route and trophies are highlights of this year's event.

Race bibs will be distributed on race day starting 9am. The run starts at 11am sharp. Spectators are welcome!

The Kids Fun Run will take place on the HS track starting 9:30am.

To **GUARANTEE** your **SHIRT** order deadline: 11/6 pre-order @

https://stores.inksoft.com/nf_park_n_rec/shop/home

For pre-ordered shirt questions call Godfather Promos@ 203-746-2183

RUNNER REGISTRATION ($25):

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For walkers ($10) and kids fun run ($5) register on-line at:

https://web1.myvscloud.com/wbwsc/ctnewfairfieldwt.wsc/

or call the P&R office at 203-312-5633

New Fairfield Parks & Recreation presents...a holiday extravaganza! Santa's Workshop, Family Activities, Holiday Light Parade, and Tree Lighting on November 28, 2026

12:30-3:30 p.m.

New Fairfield Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with the New Fairfield Library, presents Santa's Workshop. Children can visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves at Santa's Workshop in the library. Be on the lookout for Buddy the Elf, the Grinch, Frosty, Rudolph and the Gingerbread Man. Thank you to our sponsors; Union Savings Bank, The Democratic Town Committee, and World Champion Taekwondo.

Don't forget to bring your camera! Photos will be taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus by reserved time slot only until 3:30. Register on our website one family member and then enter the number of children attending. Go to newfairfield.org and choose Parks & Recreation. You can also register by calling 203-312-5633 until November 25th.

10:30-3:30pm

Holiday Boutique hosted by The Friends of the New Fairfield Library will take place in the Library Program Room.

11:00-3:00pm

Visit the historic houses (behind the Senior Ctr) for a vintage train & toy exhibit. Fundraiser for Preserve NF $10 for adults, $5 children (under 2 free) includes holiday treat.

12:30-3:30pm

Visit the NF Children's Library for a FREE craft in the children's room (while supplies last).

12:30-3:30pm

Behind Town Hall on Memorial Field families can visit with the animals from **"GOT YOUR GOAT"** (weather permitting). You can snuggle with baby goats dressed in holiday attire, or take an older goat for a walk.

12:30-4:30pm visit the following businesses in celebration of small business day

- The NF Food Center invites children to stop by for a special holiday treat.
  Visit the Burger Barn for a free Christmas treat.
- Participants aged 21 and older can visit Fairwood Wines & Liquors, New Fairfield Liquor Shop, and Heritage Wine & Liquor for a variety of tastings.
- Froggy's will offer children hot cocoa, a treat, and parents, hot coffee.

3:45-4:30pm

New Fairfield High School Drumline will perform outside the Library.

5:15 p.m. The holiday light parade begins!
The parade route starts at the NF Senior Ctr, 33 Route 37. It continues to the traffic light, then turns right onto Route 39 and proceeds past Town Hall ending at Memorial field.

5:45 p.m. Join Santa in lighting the town Christmas tree on Memorial field. The NFHS Chamber Ensemble will sing carols at the gazebo. FREE hot cocoa and coffee will be provided and served by Starbucks. Hot chocolate donated by Gil's Auto & Truck Repair.

For information call: 203-312-5633