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## Hamden Public Library Announces Summer Reading Theme



Hamden Public Library officially kicked off its annual Summer Reading Program—this year’s theme is **“On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!”**—at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> with author and entertainer Carol Glynn, who shared classic stories, legends, and silly poems. This special event was sponsored by Arts for Learning CT, in Thornton Wilder Hall in the Miller Cultural Complex.

To participate in the library Summer Reading program, children can register at any of the three Hamden public libraries as well as online. Children are encouraged to read whatever they’d like, because there are no special books to read—no restrictions on what is read! Children who are not-yet-readers can also participate by logging the time they spend being read to. This year, for the first time, registration for performances and activities can be done online through the library’s calendar at [www.hamdenlibrary.org](http://www.hamdenlibrary.org).

Library summer reading programs are recognized as an effective way to maintain children’s reading skills during the long summer hiatus from their classrooms. Hamden’s Summer Reading Program is a collaborative effort of the Hamden Public Library and the Hamden Public Schools. Funding for special programs and performances is provided by Arts for Learning CT and the Friends of the Hamden Library.

### **Hamden Public Library—Teen Events:**

- Wednesday Events for teens entering Grade 7 - 12
- Sign up online, Space is LIMITED!
- July 13 - Movie Night, “Ghostbusters” - 6:00 p.m.
- July 20 - Food Fear Factor - 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- July 27 - Chocolate Olympics - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- August 3 - Game Night - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- August 10 - Ice Cream Social - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## A Letter From Mayor Leng

Greetings friends:



Welcome, once again, to the latest Hamden Monthly Newsletter. This issue marks the 6th straight month of our new newsletter - each of which I am very proud of.

The Town newsletter has grown from a concept, to a sound platform for delivery of exciting developments, events, and policy changes happening here in Our Town. As of this month, the newsletter reaches approximately 7,500 people via email and physical distribution. I'd like to thank our readers for their interest in what is happening around Town, and I would like to offer a special thanks to my Mayor's Office team member Patrick Donnelly who has spearheaded this effort and is doing good work for the people of this Town.

Summer has begun and with it, our Hamden Farmer's Market has had a great start, with the Town's recent "guest vendor" spots bound to ensure a host of new, exciting vendors. Our 3rd Annual Summer Solstice Food Truck Festival was a grand success—drawing one of the largest crowds ever to Town Center Park. These types of events are just a small part of what makes Hamden a special place and a centerpiece for family activity - this was again demonstrated with one of the most amazing Volunteer Firefighter Hamden Firework Extravaganza shows ever put on!!

The complete schedule of Summer Concert Series, as sponsored by the Hamden Arts Commission, is included within this newsletter issue—as well as the Family Concert Series, a mid-week evening program for families held at Larry's Playground at Bassett Field.

While its undeniable that Hamden is a summer hotspot, I would like to take this opportunity to also mention a number of significant developments here in Town. Just this month, Seniors in Hamden will see an expansion of one of the best senior tax relief programs in the State. Nearly 750 Hamden seniors will receive the benefits of this program, and more information is available on page 3 of this Issue.

Additionally, for the first time ever, residents received an inside look at how their taxes are allocated within Hamden's municipal government - as well as a direct past year to current year comparison of home value and taxes following the State mandated Revaluation. Along with their tax bills, residents will now receive a "tax allocation insert", which offers a break-down of how that resident's taxes are put to use. (More information is available on page 13.)

We are working hard to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of our municipal government. I wish you a happy and healthy July, and look forward to sharing more with you next month!

- Curt Balzano Leng  
Mayor of Hamden

## Hamden to Provide Significant Senior Tax Relief Program

**HAMDEN** – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng and the Hamden Legislative Council are very pleased to announce that Hamden has officially passed an amendment to the Town Ordinance providing tax relief for certain elderly or totally and permanently disabled homeowners. This ordinance provides one of the best local senior tax relief programs in the State of Connecticut, as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of tax “freezes” for nearly all eligible participants of the program.

Once effective, the amendment will increase the base local Town tax relief by an additional \$250 in tax reduction for all married eligible applications with income ranging from \$0-\$42,900 and all single eligible applicants with income ranging from \$0- \$35,200. In addition it also further increases our local Hamden “Additional Town Credit” by \$750 for married eligible applicants with income ranging from \$0- \$42,900 and single eligible applicants with income ranging from \$0-\$35,200. These changes are representative of the Town's effort to halt any tax increase for income eligible seniors and the program benefits approximately 750 Hamden seniors who may be struggling financially.

Commenting on the ordinance change, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng noted, “This is an important program that helps our seniors stay in Hamden and in their homes. I would like to extend my appreciation to Council President Jim Pascarella’s work on enhancing this Ordinance to accomplish our goal of a new tax freeze. Our seniors deserve a break, and it is my honor to work towards their benefit.”



Image Courtesy of [defensetax.com](http://defensetax.com)

# Hamden Arts Commission's 2016 Free Summer Concert Series

*Please join us for wonderful entertainment at Town Center Park, 2761 Dixwell Ave., Hamden. Food available on site. Ample free parking. Opening acts often start at 7:30 pm, with headliners at 8:15 pm, except on August 5. For details: visit the Hamden Arts Commission Facebook page or website, [www.hamdenartscommission.org](http://www.hamdenartscommission.org); or call 203-287-2546.*

## **Friday, July 8: Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards**

One of two groups legally entitled to the Temptations name, this one features Dennis Edwards, a member of The Temptations starting in 1968, who was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. This group will perform such hits as *My Girl*, *Get Ready*, *Ain't Too Proud to Beg*, *Since I Lost My Baby* and *The Way You Do the Things You Do*.

## **Friday, July 15: Eric Burdon & the Animals**

The English singer/songwriter who was lead vocalist with the Animals and the funk band, War, was ranked 57<sup>th</sup> in Rolling Stone's list of 100 Greatest Singers of All Time. He will perform his hits: *House of the Rising Sun*, *Sky Pilot*, *We Gotta Get Out of this Place*, *Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood* and *Bring It on Home to Me*.

## **Friday, July 22: Rock of the 80s: The Romantics & The Smithereens**

Two of the greatest 80s bands will share the stage. The New Jersey-based power pop band, The Smithereens, will bring us *Only a Memory*, *A Girl Like You*, *Blood and Roses*, *Blues Before and After* and *Top of the Pops*. The Detroit power pop, new wave group, The Romantics, will perform hits including *What I Like About You*, *Talking in Your Sleep*, *When I look in Your Eyes* and *Rock You Up*.

## **Friday, July 29: The Marshall Tucker Band**

The American Southern rock/country band, which helped establish the Southern rock genre in the early 1970s, has recorded and performed continuously for nearly 40 years. Among their hits: *Can't You See*, *Heard It in a Love Song*, *Fire on the Mountain* and *Take the Highway*.

## **Friday, August 5: Tramps Like Us**

After more than two decades of road-tested musicianship, Tramps Like Us has won the distinction of being the Number 1 Springsteen tribute band in the world. It is the only tribute band to be endorsed by members of the "Springsteen camp", including Bruce's former producer and manager, and the official Springsteen Radio station, E Street Radio/Sirius XM. Tramps Like Us will start at 7:30 pm.

# Family Summer Concert Series Kicks Off in July

## Hamden Recreation presents: Summer Family Concert series at Larry's Playground 2016

Take family and friends along to the playground and enjoy some children/family music from some wonderful artists. Feel free to pack a blanket along with a snack or dinner! A special thanks to the Biller family for their continued generous support of this program!

**WHERE:** Larry's Playground at Bassett Park (Rain location is the Hamden Middle School auditorium and we should know by @ 3pm- call **203-287-2588 if you suspect inclement weather**)

**WHEN:** Wednesdays- **July 6, 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3, 2016 (All shows start at 6pm)**  
**WHO:**

**July 6 – Mr. Joe-** Sing, Laugh, & Learn with his all original music. It's educational, interactive and entertaining fun for the whole family!!

**July 13 - The Hip-Hop Juggler -** A show that features amazing juggling synchronized with lively music. Juggling and laughter fills the air and you never know what will happen next! Audience volunteers find themselves in the middle of the action and the fun is contagious. Grab the family and drop in for a great family night out!

**July 20 – Les Julian –** New Haven's own original Family Entertainer and fan favorite! Les has won many local and National awards for his artistic music including a **Grammy!!** This is a fantastic show you won't want to miss!!

**July 27 - Mr. Magic (the magic of Rich Rothstein)-** Be amused and amazed by Rich's magic and sense of humor. Rich has performed at many places and has been the "voice" of many events throughout the State. You will be captivated by his personality!!

**August 3 - Chris Rowlands –** A naturalist, musician, and educator, but mostly an entertainer!! Chris brings high energy and enthusiasm to his shows. Originally from Ohio, Chris is nationally recognized for his topics on recycling, agriculture, oceanography, dinosaurs and woodland life, while performing around the country. Incredibly fun and brilliantly witty, Chris is another can't miss show!

## Hamden Welcomes 2016 Quinnipiac Presidential Fellows

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is pleased to announce the start of the 2016 Quinnipiac Presidential Public Service Fellowship, marking the twelfth year that Quinnipiac University and the Town of Hamden have collaborated to offer Fellowship positions in Town Offices.

The Presidential Public Service Fellowship is the result of a partnership which allows distinguished students the opportunity to work in local government, refine their personal and professional leadership skills, and assist with providing valuable services for the Hamden and North Haven communities. Six students were selected for the 2016 program, and each student has been assigned a mentor-supervisor who will oversee the Fellow's summer projects and provide guidance as the Fellow's learn the inner-workings of local government.

The 2016 Presidential Public Service Fellows and their respective department placements are: Wyatt Craig, Hamden Mayor's Office; Cathleen Dacey, Hamden Planning and Zoning Department; Chanele Davis, Hamden Economic and Community Development Department; Mariam Nozadze, Hamden Finance Department with specialization in risk management; Julian De Olivera, North Haven First Selectman's Office; and Shamar McCrae, North Haven Public Works Department.

This year's Fellows were selected through a rigorous and highly competitive screening and interview process, conducted by both Quinnipiac Political Science Professor and Fellowship Coordinator Scott McLean and staff from the Hamden Mayor's Office and North Haven First Selectman's Office. Upon receiving their respective assignments, the Fellows are challenged with completing a number of projects within their respective departments with the goal of having a positive impact on the Hamden and North Haven communities over the course the summer.

Commenting on the program, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng said, "I am very pleased to continue our partnership with Quinnipiac University for the 12th consecutive year. Each and every year, some of Quinnipiac's brightest students share their skills and knowledge with our Town, and we are grateful for their positive impact on our community."

Additional information regarding the 2016 Presidential Public Service Fellows will be provided as the Fellowship moves forward throughout the summer. Special highlights on the Fellows and their projects will be released periodically throughout the length of the program.

## Hamden Public Works and Tree Commission Plant Over 70 Trees

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng, Public Works Director Craig Cesare, and the Hamden Tree Commission are very proud to announce that over 25 trees have recently been planted around Hamden. These plantings took place as part of continuing efforts to beautify Hamden's neighborhoods and foster a sense of community engagement regarding the environmental benefits of healthy trees.

Many of these newly planted trees were requested by homeowners from various Hamden neighborhoods, and will grow directly in front of each homeowner's property in the Town's right of way. Homeowners who have

requested trees are responsible for properly maintaining each tree, and all newly planted trees will be periodically assessed by the Town Tree Warden to ensure that they are properly taken care of.

Areas around Town which have seen significant amounts of new plantings include the Furman Street, Thomas Street, and Harmon Street neighborhoods. Other trees were planted at Basset Park, Legion Field Playground, Freedom Park across from Memorial Town Hall, and the Miller Memorial Library. Per the recommendation of the Tree Commission, along with resident input, various types of trees were selected for planting. These trees include the Cornus Florida (Cherokee Brave), Cercis Canadensis (Redbud), Prunus "Okame" Cherry, Katsura Tree, and Acer Rebrum (Red Sunset).

Reflecting on the recent plantings, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng commented, "I am quite pleased by the efforts of our Tree Warden, Tony Green, and members of the Hamden Tree Commission. I'd like to extend my thanks to Mr. Green and the Commission, as well as Hamden homeowners for helping to beautify our Town and promote healthy environmental initiatives. I look forward to viewing the beautiful impact these trees will have on Hamden's neighborhoods, parks, and Town facilities.



Prunus "Okame" Cherry

## Hamden Road Race Hosts Over 300 Runners

The Town of Hamden is very pleased to report that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamden Road Race, held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, was a spectacular success, hosting over 300 runners from Hamden and communities across Connecticut. All proceeds from the race will be donated directly to the Town of Hamden's Community Services Department Camp Scholarship Fund, which helps families with financial need afford the cost of summer camp for their children.



Runners take position at the starting line

For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Hamden continued its strong partnership with one of the largest event management companies in Connecticut, Team Mossman Events (TME). Once again Team Mossman helped to deliver a fantastic event, and we'd like to offer a special thanks to Dawn and Clay Tebbets who worked incredibly hard to ensure that the race went off without a hitch. In total, it is estimated that over 1,000 combined runners, spectators, volunteers and vendors attended the race.

Additionally, the Town would like to extend its thanks to all of the race collaborators and sponsors, including "Girls on the Run", Multisports Academy, Moon Rocks Gourmet Cookies, Hamden Walgreens, Hamden Rotary Club, and Hamden's Volunteer Firefighters, Youth Services Department, and Police Department..



Finally, Hamden extends its congratulations to all runners, especially those who placed amongst the overall top finishers. Esteban Rivera, of Hamden, took home the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize, while Cameron Chambers, also of Hamden, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Timothy Angeletti of Wallingford placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Complete results are available by clicking [HERE](#).

## Hamden Announces Columbus Day Parade Marshals

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng, Chairman of the 2016 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade, is very pleased to announce this year's Parade Marshals. This year, Hamden has the distinct honor of hosting the annual Columbus Day Parade and Mr. Lew Panzo, Mr. Mike Iezzi, Mrs. Rose Mentone, Mrs. Laura Luzzi, and former Mayor John Carusone have been chosen to represent Hamden and the Greater New Haven communities as Parade Marshals.

Mr. Panzo has served as Hamden's Democratic Town Committee Chairman for many years, Mr. Iezzi currently serves as Chair of Hamden's Police Commission and Traffic Authority, Mrs. Mentone currently serves as the Democratic Registrar in the Hamden Registrar's Office, Mrs. Laura Luzzi currently serves in Hamden's Recreation Department and is the current Chairwoman of the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven, and former Mayor John Carusone served as the Mayor of Hamden from 1987 to 1991.

Commenting on his selections for the 2016 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade Marshals, Mayor Leng said, "I am incredibly pleased to announce my selections for the 2016 Columbus Day Parade marshals. After much consideration, I could think of few folks who embody the values of public service and community activism more profoundly than these individuals. Each one of the five marshals I have selected has served the Greater New Haven community for many years, and each is deserving of this unique honor."

Since 2003, the parade has become a regional event hosted on a rotating basis among six area communities, which include Branford, New Haven, East Haven, West Haven, North Haven and Hamden. The Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade Committee remains the organizer of the program, with the annual assistance from each hosting community. This year's Parade will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will step off at 1:00 pm from Hamden High School, 2040 Dixwell Avenue. The parade will travel northbound and conclude at Miller Memorial Library. The parade will cover approximately 1.5 miles.

To march in the parade any group or organization must complete the parade application which can be obtained on the web: [www.columbusdaynewhaven.org](http://www.columbusdaynewhaven.org) or by emailing: Patrick Donnelly at [pdonnelly@hamden.com](mailto:pdonnelly@hamden.com), or by calling Mayor Leng's office, at 203-287-7100.

## “Passing of the Flag” ~ Mayor Leng Receives Italian Flag from East Haven’s Mayor Maturo

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng recently met with Mayor Joseph A. Maturo, Jr., of East Haven, to receive the Italian Flag, concluding an annual tradition which signifies the passing of the Columbus Day Parade festivities from the previous host community to the present host. This year, Hamden has the distinct honor of hosting the 2016 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lew Panzo, Mrs. Rose Mentone, Mr. Mike Iezzi, Mrs. Laura Florio Luzzi, and former Mayor John Carusone have been chosen to represent Hamden and the Greater New Haven communities as Parade Marshals.



Mayor Leng and Mayor Maturo pass the Italian Flag

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Commenting on the “passing of the flag”, Mayor Leng said, “I thank Mayor Joseph Maturo for passing this honor from East Haven to Hamden. On behalf of Hamden, and the Columbus Day Parade Committee, I graciously accept the honor of hosting the 2016 Columbus Day Parade and look forward to a wonderful celebration of Italian American culture.”

## Hamden Announces “Festa Italiana” Theme for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Festival

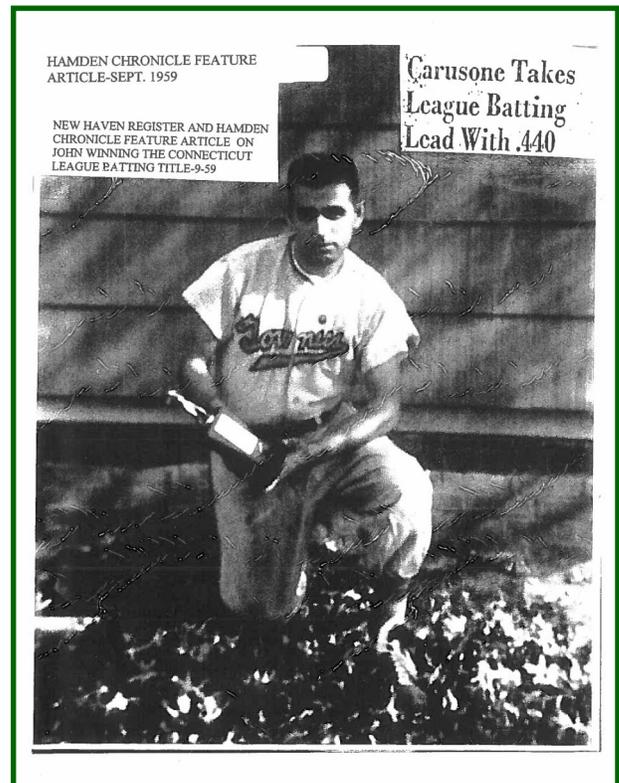
Hamden’s second Heritage Festival will have an Italian flavor! Fresh off the success of Hamden’s Inaugural “Barbecue & Bluegrass” Heritage Festival last year, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng has announced that the 2016 theme will be “Festa Italiana”.

“As we welcome the Columbus Day Parade to Hamden this year, it seemed like a perfect fit to match some great traditions of Hamden with some of the new and exciting programming in Town Center Park”, Mayor Leng explained. The Mayor added “This event will have a real community and bipartisan feel to it, as our event Chairs are former Hamden Mayors of Italian descent Lucien DiMeo, Peter Villano, John Carusone, Barbara DeNicola, and Carl Amento. We asked these servants of Hamden to help us out one more time, and all responded graciously and enthusiastically.”

Recently, Citizens Television (Channel 27) conducted a 30 minute interview with a few members of the 2016 Festa Italiana planning committee. Details about the event were discussed by the planning committee, which included former Mayors John Carusone and Barbara DeNicola, Town Center Park Chairman, Matthew Fitch, and committee chairperson Gerry Tobin. The panel interview will be shown every Thursday at 5PM until the event kicks off on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

“Festa Italiana” is scheduled for Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and will anchor a series of events, culminating with the Columbus Day parade itself, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Additional details will be announced in the coming weeks, but the event is expected to include music, a great selection of food vendors (many of whom will feature an Italian theme), games, activities, and an educational culture tent.

Mayor John Carusone in the Hamden Chronicle 1959



## Hamden Summer Solstice Food Truck Festival A “Full-Filling” Success

On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Hamden held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Solstice Food Truck Festival at Town Center Park. Over 35 Food Trucks served an estimated 15,000+ people throughout the course of the evening. Local favorites such as 3 Chicks’ Grill, Ben & Jerry’s, Caseus, DiSorbo’s Italian Bakery, Fryborg, Sugar Cupcakery & Bakery, and Spuds Your Way returned from last year’s festival, with new appearances made by AY! Arepa, Bones in a Barrel Barbecue, Maui Wowi, Now We’re Smokin’, and Sultankebab. We’d like to extend our thanks all of all the vendors who participated in this year’s summer festival, and we are looking forward to having everyone back (vendors and residents alike), for the 3rd annual Fall Food Truck Festival at Town Center Park on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Hamden Begins 2016 Famers’ Market Season

On Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hamden held its first Farmers’ Market in the parking area by Miller Memorial Library and Town Center Park for the 2016 season. The Farmers’ Market, which runs from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Friday through October 7<sup>th</sup>, hosts four farm fresh produce stands, at least four food trucks each week, and a variety of community vendors who sell homemade crafts, smoothies, and other local tasty treats.

Approximately 20 Vendors will be present at the Market each week. Vendor availability changes on a weekly basis, so be sure to stop by the Farmers’ Market each Friday for new items, goods, produce, and a great lunch-time meal!



## Mayor Leng Seeks To Boost Residential Tax Allocation Transparency

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is very pleased to announce that the Town of Hamden has launched a new effort to ensure that residents are provided extensive information regarding their property value changes resulting from the 2015 revaluation, their change in annual taxes from FY16 to FY17, and where exactly their tax dollars are allocated within Hamden's municipal government. Residents receiving their tax bills via mail will now also receive a "tax allocation insert", a letter which offers a comprehensive break-down of how that individual resident's taxes are put to use within Hamden's budget. Additionally, the insert will also provide residents a comparison of their previously assessed property values and their newly assessed value (as based on the state mandated 2015 revaluation). The letter was developed as part of collaboration between the Hamden Mayor's Office, the Hamden Tax Collector's Office, and the Hamden Assessor's Office. This is the Town's first time providing such information to our residents.

While the letter itself offers a very simple and easy to comprehend breakdown of residential tax allocations, Hamden is also offering residents the ability to download a customized "tax allocation" excel spreadsheet from [www.hamden.com](http://www.hamden.com). The letter includes a link to the downloadable spreadsheet, which allows residents who desire more information to "plug-in" their newly assessed property value to view an even more detailed description of the various departments, programs, and services their tax dollars fund.

Commenting on Hamden's efforts to increase its financial transparency, Mayor Leng said, "Hamden residents deserve to know where their tax dollars are spent and the opportunity to see a crystal clear picture of their property values and tax changes from last year to the new year. The 2015 state mandated revaluation impacted many people, especially Hamden residents, and I feel it is necessary for our residents to have the ability to access as much information as possible in regards to the manner in which their hard earned tax dollars are spent."

# Hamden Police Department Monthly Update

According to the Special Olympics Connecticut website, the Law Enforcement Torch Run is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. At its most elemental, the Torch Run is an actual running event, in which officers and athletes carry the Flame of Hope to the opening ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, and to the State and National Games. On a deeper level, it celebrates the dedication and caring of more than 85,000 compassionate law enforcement officers—some volunteers—who participate in the torch run throughout 35 nations, 12 Canadian Provinces, and 50 US States, raising more than \$52 million for local Special Olympics programs in 2015, and over \$500 million since its inception in 1981!



Each year, officers from the Hamden Police Department participate in the torch run on its final day, bringing the torch from the Cheshire Police Department to the campus of Southern Connecticut State

University, the site of the opening ceremonies. This year, Chief Thomas Wydra led a contingent of runners, bike patrol officers, and motorcycle units on the 10-mile run from the Cheshire line on Whitney Ave. to Dixwell Ave., down Dixwell Ave. to Arch St., and onto Fitch St to SCSU.



Thank you to all who supported us along the route and helped to raise awareness of Special Olympics

## Department Spotlight: Library Activities

### Financial Wellness Series Scheduled

Michael Crutchfield of Wepawaug-Flagg Federal Credit Union will offer the following series of informational seminars designed to show participants how they can improve their financial health:

**July 6: First-time Homebuyers:**

**Planning Your Purchase**

**July 13: Building a Basic Budget Workshop**

**July 20: Credit Score 101**

**July 27: Money Basics: Saving, Earning, Investing**

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Seminars are free. Refreshments served.  
Online registration recommended at  
[www.hamdenlibrary.org](http://www.hamdenlibrary.org).

### Need Help Developing Your Computer Skills?

Miller Library is now offering one-on-one tutoring sessions on Tuesday evenings for patrons who need help with computer basics such as keyboard and mouse skills, email, Microsoft Office (including Word and Excel), Windows, and using smart phones and tablets (iPad, Kindle, Google Android, etc.). Sessions last 45 minutes and must be booked in advance. You may sign up online or call the reference desk at (203)-287-2680. When making your appointment, please let us know what you need help with.

### Local Author/Educator To Discuss Life and Work Of Robin Williams

Stephen Spignesi, Practitioner-in-Residence at the University of New Haven and author of *The Robin Williams Scrapbook* (one of more than 50 titles he has published on popular culture and historical biography), will speak about Williams' life and work on Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. in the Miller Library Friends Room. The presentation will cover Williams' early years, his stand-up comedy, 10 of his best films and his tragic death in 2014 including a segment of television program *Autopsy: The Last Days of Robin Williams*, in which Mr. Spignesi appeared. Those who attend the program will have an opportunity to select two of Williams' films for screening in the library later in August.

### Summer Book Discussions:

The following books have been chosen as topics for summer discussions:

**June 27th** *We Are Not Ourselves* by Matthew Thomas

**July 25th** *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sedaris

**Aug. 29th** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

Discussions begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Friends Room at Miller Library. Copies of the books are available for borrowing during the month preceding each discussion. All are welcome.

# Information Guide

## June 2016

### Helpful Resources

#### Hamden Youth Services:

- [Youth Center](#)

#### Hamden Elderly Services:

- [July 2016 Newsletter](#)
- [July 2016 Miller Café Menu](#)
- [July 2016 Miller Café Choice Menu](#)

#### Hamden Arts & Recreation:

- [Summer Camp CIT Application Information](#)
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### Upcoming Events

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