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Hamden Dixwell Avenue Streetscape Project Underway



Mayor Curt Balzano Leng, Councilwomen Berita Rowe-Lewis and Kathleen Schomaker, and Representatives from Star Construction cut the ribbon at the Dixwell Ave Streetscape site.

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is very pleased to announce that a new Dixwell Avenue Streetscape Revitalization project is now underway. The first phase of the streetscape revitalization project starts at the New Haven line and continues up to Arch Street along the length of Dixwell Avenue. The contractor for the project is Star Construction, based out of Stratford, Connecticut, who was selected via a competitive bidding process. Funding for the revitalization project was approved in the Capital Projects Budget from FY14-15.

The project work includes, but is not limited to; installation of stenciled concrete sidewalks, landscaping, area lighting and the painting of existing site furnishings.

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A Letter from the Mayor



Greetings to All—

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to extend my greeting in this new Town of Hamden Newsletter. This issue is chock-full of excellent content, updates on infrastructure improvements around Town, various cost savings measures and grant opportunities, and tons of fun events and community spotlights!

As we enter the Summer months and say goodbye to Spring, Hamden is more ready than ever to ensure that our residents have access to premier entertainment opportunities and park and recreation facilities; and as always, Hamden is proud to remind residents that there is no admission cost to any of our summer Town events. Within this issue you will also find the complete schedule of Summer Concert Series, as sponsored by the Hamden Arts Commission. There are quite a few performances you won't want to miss this summer! Let's not forget that next month Hamden will begin its Annual

Farmer's Market on June 24th and hold its annual Summer Solstice Food Truck Festival on the 17th. More information about each can be found at www.hamden.com.

While Hamden is busy gearing up for summer, we were still continuing delayed spring cleaning. Over the past few weeks, as residents may have noticed, Hamden has been dealing with the continued removal of remaining bulk waste from this past April's bulk pickup. Hamden's former trash hauler, TrashMaster, was recently purchased by All American Waste. This new company took over the TrashMaster contract and has been collecting Hamden weekly trash, biweekly recycling and the spring bulk collection. While it is understandable that a new vendor's first pickup might take slightly longer, it has been frustrating that bulk trash put out in April remained for too long. I'm pleased to report that this issue was addressed before Memorial Day and that All American Waste has committed to improving their services before the Fall bulk waste pick-up.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to mention the fantastic work currently being performed by the Hamden Public Works and Parks Departments. Both departments are in full swing, as many new trees have been planted throughout Town, parks are being renovated and maintained, and various Town facilities are being cleaned up for summer activities. Each and every year, the hard work and efforts of these fine men and women ensure that Hamden's beauty grows. On behalf of all Hamden residents, I extend my appreciation and gratitude for their services.

Shepherd Glen and West Woods Schools To be Renovated

The Hamden Legislative Council recently passed two resolutions approving and authorizing the Board of Education to file an ED-049 for construction/renovation projects to be performed at both Shepard Glen Elementary School and West Woods Elementary School under the School Building Committee process as outlined by local law and State Statute.

The authorized resolutions allow for, at a minimum, the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Shepard Glen Elementary School and West Woods Elementary School Construction/Renovation Projects. The cost of this phase will be approximately \$1,700,000 for Shepard Glen School and approximately \$2,000,000 for West Woods School. The Legislative Council approved funding for both projects in their entirety in the Capital Project Ordinance #662 on July 6, 2015.

The Town, led by the School Building Committee (SBC), has been working hard to make these much needed improvements a reality. This past week the SBC completed their review of a public procurement process and recommended the selection of Silver Petrucelli as the architectural firm for both the West Woods and the Shepard Glen projects.

Commenting on the recent developments, Superintendent Jody Goeler stated, “Hamden students deserve to learn in environments which are well supported, built to last, and which foster the desire and spirit to learn. This funding will greatly improve Hamden’s ability to provide that type of environment to our kids, and as such I sincerely look forward to moving these projects towards completion.”

Also commenting on the projects, Mayor Leng had this to say, “I have great confidence in our Board of Education to do what is right for Hamden, and this is a prime example of that type of initiative. This funding will revitalize West Woods and Shepard Glen Schools, and provide an updated and modernized environment for Hamden children to grow and learn. I thank the Board of Education and the School Building Committee for their efforts to ensure that Hamden moves forward with these projects, and I eagerly anticipate their completion.”

Dixwell Avenue Streetscapes Project (Continued From Page 1)



Crews work to lay down new “stenciled concrete” surfaces

The stenciled concrete replaces higher maintenance bricks that were used in the original project. Additionally, the site will undergo a complete facelift in regards to the refurbishment and replacement of other existing structures such as light poles, bollards, curbing, catch basins, crosswalk markings, trash receptacles, and benches. A host of different vegetation, such as Aristocrat Pear trees, Flowering Dogwood trees, and Silver-bell trees, will also be planted to beautify the area.

Commenting on the Streetscape project, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng said, “I am excited to begin to facilitate the beautification of Southern Dixwell Avenue as an investment in the neighborhood’s revitalization effort. Efforts to maintain and beautify our neighborhoods are critically important to furthering the sense of community and pride which makes Hamden such a fantastic place to live. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Legislative Council members for supporting this project, especially Council-at-Large member Berita Rowe-Lewis, and 3rd and 5th District members Oswald Brown and Kathleen Schomaker. We greatly look forward to seeing this infrastructure improvement completed and enjoying the long-lasting benefits it will bring.”

Commenting on the Streetscape project,



A completed stenciled surface, awaiting landscaping work

Hamden to Apply For Community Development Block Grant

The Hamden Legislative Council recently passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Curt Balzano Leng to apply for, accept and expend a Program Year 42 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and approval of the Community Development Five Year Consolidated Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Hamden Community Development Office has put together a series of programs and a budget for Program Year 42 which includes funds for housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, commercial rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer down payment assistance, anti-blight efforts, support for public service agencies and much more. The total Program Year 42 grant allocation will amount to approximately \$388,000.00.

Speaking on behalf of the program award budget, Community Development Manager Chris Marchand commented, "Dale Kroop, Director of Economic and Community Development, and I worked very diligently to ensure that this budget is both fiscally sound and community driven. In these difficult economic times, it is important that the Town allocates its funding frugally so that Hamden realizes the maximum return on its investments."

Commenting on the Community Development Block Grant award, Mayor Leng noted, "It is through the hard work and efforts of employees like Mr. Marchand and Mr. Kroop that Hamden is able to seize opportunities like receiving this grant award. These funds will directly impact the lives of Hamden residents who are most in need, and I am very grateful to accept this funding on behalf of our citizens. I thank Mr. Marchand and Mr. Kroop, and I look forward to seeing the future results of this program."

For further information, please contact Community Development Manager, Chris Marchand, at 203-776-5978 ext. 1123 or by email at cmarchand@hamden.com

4th of July Fireworks on the Horizon

The Hamden Volunteer Firefighters Fireworks Committee is pleased to announce the 23rd Annual fireworks display on Friday July 1st, 2016, with a rain date of July 2nd, 2016 at the Town Center Park in Hamden, CT. We will be partnering once again with the Town of Hamden and Hamden Arts Commission to present this spectacular Fireworks event. We are delighted The Hamden Symphony Orchestra will perform during the evening. The fireworks will begin at 9:30pm and there will be multiple food vendors on site as well.

Also, Tri-State DJ Co.'s DJBry will be providing music before and after the orchestra performs as well as during the Fireworks. As always, we are in need of donations for this year's event. Checks should be made payable to HVFF and mailed to P.O. Box 5104 Hamden, CT 06518 or donations can be made using PayPal. For more information about the event and our fundraising activities please visit our website www.hamdenfireworks.org, contact Karl Olson at (203) 214-9489 or e-mail us at ham-

An Inside Look at Hamden Public Schools

Hamden Public Schools



Public Education in Hamden

Hamden Public Schools educate approximately 5600 students in eight elementary schools, one middle school and one high school, as well as an alternative high school and a specialized learning center for students whose needs are best accommodated in a non-traditional setting. Full-day preschool is also available in many of our elementary schools. Hamden was recently selected as one of *America's 100 Best Communities for Young People*, partly because of the high quality of our public school system.



Elementary Schools (Kindergarten - Grade 6)



Hamden's eight public elementary schools are positioned throughout the town. Though the location and layout of each school varies, (including some open-space configurations), all schools use the same rigorous and engaging curricula.

In addition to daily instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies, students learn research and media skills, art and music, and have opportunities to learn an instrument. A variety of classroom and lab-based technologies are used to help students learn, as well as field trips and numerous school programs and guest speakers that expand students' understanding and experiences. Hamden schools are known for their small class sizes, which allow our teachers to provide greater individualized and targeted learning opportunities for students.

Hamden Middle School (Grades 7-8)

Hamden middle school educates 7th and 8th grade students, and utilizes a "team" structure, where cohorts of students remain together for their classes with a fixed set of teachers. The team approach allows for a small school feeling within a larger school, and provides the type of learning environment where students and teachers get to know and work together in a way that research has shown helps adolescents succeed, as well as providing students with a smoother transition from elementary school to middle school.

In addition to all core subjects, students have a choice of electives to enrich their learning. Interscholastic sports and clubs are also part of the Hamden Middle School experience.

Our middle school also boasts a particularly large number of technologies, including laptops, interactive whiteboards, and 3-D printing in our pre-engineering course (which is part of the curriculum for all students).



Hamden Facts!

- Statewide test scores rank Hamden #1 in Language Arts and #2 in Mathematics among 17 similar CT school districts.
- Hamden offers 19 AP (Advanced Placement) courses – among the most of any high school in CT!
- Our collaboration with Columbia University enables students to receive research-proven instruction that helps them excel in writing (and enjoy it)!
- A variety of modern technologies, including chromebooks, iPads, computers, electronic microscopes, and 3-D printers are used to enhance learning.
- High school students have a variety of opportunities to earn college credit concurrently with their high school courses.

An Inside Look at Hamden Public Schools

Hamden High School (Grades 9 – 12)

Hamden residents refer to Hamden High as the “MOM” building because of the iconic design draped across the building’s front. Hamden High School provides students a well-rounded education - academically, socially and physically. With strong academic programs in core subjects of English, science, mathematics and social studies, Hamden High courses emphasize “hands-on” and relevant learning experiences as well as small class sizes in most courses.



Many high level learning opportunities exist for Hamden High School students, including 19 AP (Advanced Placement) courses, Honors-level classes in most subjects and advanced courses such as Multivariable Calculus, Biochemistry and Engineering. Every year, dozens of Hamden High School students and teams win top awards in state and national (even international!) academic competitions.

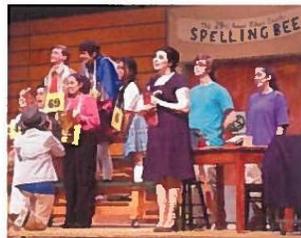


Students can choose to study several different world languages, including Italian, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, with online options to learn many other languages.



In addition to academics, a variety of applied arts options are available at Hamden High, including culinary arts, electronics and business courses offered in conjunction with our internationally recognized and award-winning DECA program (business/ marketing oriented). Our Fine Arts and Theater Departments allow students to develop their creative talents and share them in class and at local, regional and national events.

HHS is known for its large and varied elective offerings, giving students opportunities to explore almost any area of interest, and allowing them to excel not only academically, but also in courses focusing on things like human rights, “green” technologies, art, computer science, forensics, woodworking, and more! Community service is also an important part of many of our clubs and activities, with Hamden students volunteering and raising thousands of dollars for charities annually.



Of course, Hamden Athletics are legendary – with 27 varsity sports to keep our students (and fans!) active! From hockey to swimming to football to lacrosse to badminton - there’s a team for everyone at HHS! There are also over 50 extracurricular activities in which students can participate, all helping to keep our students engaged and involved in our school community.
Go Green Dragons!



Special Education (Ages 3 – 21)

Hamden is known for its excellent and wide range of services available for students with special needs. An extensive range of supports and placements are available in Hamden’s schools to best meet individual student needs. These include pull-out and in-class supports as well as self-contained and specialized classrooms. Please contact our PPS Department at 203.407.2224 to learn more.

Hamden Public Schools – A Great Place to Learn!

www.Hamden.org

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; or call 203-287-2546.

Friday, July 1 (Rain date: July 2): **Hamden's Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display**, presented by **Hamden's Volunteer Firefighters. Hamden Symphony Orchestra: 7:15 – 8:15 pm. D.J. Bry** will entertain before and after concert. Fireworks: 9:30 pm.

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 57th 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.

2016 Columbus Day Kickoff Party

June 21st



Front row: Joann Mallinson, Assistant Treasurer, Laura Luzzi, Chairman, Board of Directors, Magdalen Sparaco, Secretary. Rear row: Richard Ramadei, Treasurer, Paul Criscuolo, President of the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven, Peter Desio, First Vice President and William Zampa, Second Vice President. Missing from the photo is Emilio Triano, Assistant Secretary.

Laura F. Luzzi, Chairman of the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven, has announced that this year's **Columbus Day Parade Kickoff Party** will be held on **Tuesday, June 21st**. The party will be hosted by Cascade Fine Catering located at 480 Sherman Ave. in Hamden. The event will feature food, drinks, entertainment & prizes which will run from 6-9 pm.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from co-chairman's Lewis Panzo at 203-287-1272, x 102, Art Giulietti at 203-287-7008, any Committee member, or at the Hamden Mayor's Office, located in Town Hall at 2750 Dixwell Ave. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door. "On behalf of our entire committee, we cannot express enough thanks to Cascade Fine Catering for generously offering to host this great occasion and for the contributions and donations from several area restaurants and pizza establishments. The event is a significant fundraiser for the Committee as all proceeds will be used for this year's Columbus Day Parade, which is being held in Hamden on Sunday October 9th beginning at 1:00 pm", said Chairman Luzzi.

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 9th, 2016 at 1:00pm.

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng of Hamden is the Honorary Chairman of this year's Parade, which will step off at 1:00 pm from Hamden High School, 2040 Dixwell Avenue traveling northbound and concluding at Miller Memorial Library. The parade will cover approximately 1.5 miles. Volunteers are also still needed for planning and the coordinating of the parade.

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

2016 Veteran's Awareness Day Held at Quinnipiac University

More than 425 Hamden students and 90 veterans, accompanied by visual displays of their service experiences, shared in the 16th Annual Hamden Veterans Awareness Day events at Quinnipiac University's Athletic Center (main campus) on Friday, May 27th. This annual event builds on the increased awareness of Memorial Day Weekend to enhance students' understanding of the freedoms we often take for granted.

CT Veterans Affairs Commissioner Sean Connolly, Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, and others also spoke on the importance of remembering those who served, and continuing to defend the freedoms we share.

"Veterans Awareness Day is always a great opportunity for students and veterans to interact one-on-one, and learn what has made this nation great," said Abner Oakes, Chairman of the Hamden Veterans Commission. "Veterans brought exhibits and memorabilia of their time in the service and the students really enjoyed the interaction." In addition to veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and O.E.F. there was also exhibits from the Civil War and many other groups that support veterans. The Hamden Veterans Awareness Day was conceived by Daniel Levy, a Coast Guard veteran and middle school Principal, and has always been about speaking WITH students, not at them.

In addition to displays for the students, new 'Scavenger Hunt' booklets were distributed to all students which contained questions that required an observant eye and thoughtful inquiries to complete. This year's booklets include questions about current events in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as living history details from earlier conflicts. Now in its sixteenth year, Dan Levy noted "Quinnipiac University has been a great host and once again we look forward to filling the Athletic Center with a living example of the meaning of service."

Hamden to Host New England Regional Baseball Tournament

Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is very excited to announce that the Town of Hamden has come to an agreement with Triple Crown Sports, Inc. for the use of Cesare Field at Frank Cesare Park and Legion Field for the New England Regional Baseball Tournament, which will be held June 18th-20th, 2016, from 8:00am to sunset.

Triple Crown Sports will pay a fee of \$300 per day, per field and an additional \$75.00 per field per day, per field, for field maintenance and preparation.

Commenting on the agreement, Mayor Curt Leng had this to say, "We are very excited that Triple Crown Sports, Inc. chose Hamden for this tournament and we believe this opportunity will contribute greatly to Hamden's local economy, especially to small businesses which specialize in food and hospitality related services. I personally encourage Hamden residents to attend the tournament, as I know firsthand that Hamden residents love their baseball. We look forward to the tournament, and are grateful to begin what we hope is a long-lasting relationship with Triple Crown Sports.

June is... Dog Licensing Month!



Dewey the Dog

Town Clerk Vera Morrison reminds all dog owners that June is Dog Licensing month, and time to purchase their 2016-2017 dog licenses/tags. Public Act 85-167 requires **all dogs 6 months of age or older** must be licensed and be vaccinated by the end of June.

License charges are \$8.00 for a spayed or neutered dogs, and a spaying or neuter certificate must be shown. Unaltered dog license charges are \$19.00. Licenses obtained after June 30th will be charged a late penalty of \$1 per month in addition to the above fees per state law. A current rabies certificate must be presented to obtain a new license and tag.

Licenses may be obtained from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday – Friday. A license may be obtained by mail if the following information is provided: Owner's name, address and phone number; dog's name, age, sex, color and breed; proof of current rabies vaccination plus proof of spaying/neutering along with the check.

Or go on the www.hamden.com under Government, Town Departments, Town Clerk, Forms & Applications to access the mail-in form.

All checks should be made payable to the "Hamden Town Clerk", and mailed to the Town Clerk's office, c/o Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518 along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and all original papers will be returned with your dog license and tag.

Additionally, The annual **Dog Rabies Clinic** will be held **Saturday, June 11, 2016** from 1-3 p.m. at the M.L.Keefe Center, 11 Pine Street. Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be **\$20.00 CASH ONLY/per animal***, and one free vaccination will be given with a state assistance I.D. card. Hamden Dog licenses may also be purchased at this event.

For more information, contact the Hamden Town Clerk's office with any questions by calling (203)287-7028.

Hamden Congratulates Exceptional Youth Services Volunteer

The Town of Hamden would like to Congratulate Laurel Schneider and recognize her achievement for over 100 Hours of Volunteer Service at the Keefe Community Center!

Laurel began volunteering at Keefe Community Center in March 2016, driven by her desire to give back to the community. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and has worked in Project Planning and Contracts Administration. Also, she has performed administrative duties, assisted with food pantry distribution, and assisted in the computer lab with Hamden Youth Services and Community Services.

Laurel recently accepted a part-time position as Job Developer with the Hamden Adult Education Pathways to Work Program and also continues as a volunteer.

As Mayor of The Town of Hamden I would like to thank Laurel Schneider for her outstanding contribution and I extend sincere best wishes for future success.



Laurel Schneider and Mayor Leng

Hamden Celebrates Arbor Day

The Town of Hamden celebrated Arbor Day on Saturday, April 30 with the planting of a dogwood tree at Miller Memorial Library. Mayor Curt Leng attended the event, which was organized by the Hamden Tree Commission and Hamden's Public Work Department, and read a proclamation marking Arbor Day in Hamden. The proclamation praised the many values of trees which include reducing topsoil erosion, cutting heating and cooling costs, removing pollutants from the air, producing life giving oxygen and providing habitat for wildlife. It also called for citizens "to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands" and "to plant trees ... for this and future generations."

The Hamden Tree Commission is working with Public Works Department staff to plant trees in town. To date, tree planting projects have been completed on Barraclough Street, Harmon Street, Churchill Road, across from Town Hall at Freedom Park, and along Dixwell Avenue in front of Miller Memorial Library. Additional planting projects are in the works for this spring and include Furman Road, Lent Road and Dual Drive. Trees can be requested through the Tree Commission's webpage on the Hamden website, or by contacting Public Works at 203-287-2600 or the Mayor's Office at 203-287-7100.

Hamden Reminds Residents of Diaper Bank Services

Mayor Curt Leng and Community Services Director, Darlene Butler, would like to remind Hamden residents of the support opportunities provided by the Hamden Diaper Bank.

Starting in June 2015, Hamden Community Services partnered with the New Haven Diaper Bank, Inc. to create the Hamden Diaper Bank. Over the past year, the Hamden Diaper Bank has served 267 families and 327 babies, with clients receiving a total of 16,350 diapers. New and continuing clients receive diapers once a month, and there are no income requirements to enroll in the program.

Parents and guardians who are interested in enrolling in the program can call Hamden Community Services at (203) 562-5126 ext. 1129 to schedule an enrollment appointment.

Thank you to the Community Services Department, Temple Beth Sholom, and Hamden Hall Country Day School for their diligent work and generous donations to ensure that Hamden's parents and guardians can provide a high level of care for their newborns, infants, and toddlers!

For further information, please contact Information & Research Officer, Patrick J. Donnelly at (203) 287-7009 or by email at pdonnelly@hamden.com.

Monthly Police Update



Hamden Police at the "Tip a Cop" Event

On Thursday, May 26, 2016, the Hamden Police Department held its annual Tip-A-Cop at Mickey's Restaurant, 2323 Whitney Ave. The goal of the Tip-A-Cop program is to collect as many donations as possible through "tips." Police officers assist with waiting tables and collect "tip" donations for Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT). The Hamden Police Department has held Tip-A-Cop since 2002, and it has been hosted at Mickey's Restaurant since 2009. This year's event raised over \$3,000 for SOCT.

Lisa Carlone, Senior Director of Special Events for Special Olympics Connecticut, said, "Hamden Police Department has been a longtime supporter of Special Olympics Connecticut and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. We are thrilled with the partnership they formed with Mickey's restaurant and valuable funds and awareness it raises for our athletes!"

Watch for our Officers in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Friday, June 10th starting at the Cheshire line on Whitney Ave. at 3:10pm, running to the Hamden PD, arriving at 4:12 pm. The runners leave HPD at 4:22 pm and continue down Dixwell Ave. to Arch St. onto Fitch St., arriving at SCSU at 5:15pm. Come out and root our runners on!

Department Spotlight: Hamden Fire Department

This past May was a big month for the Hamden Fire Department! Take a look below to read about some of the major updates and accomplishments from this past month:

- Wednesday May 4th: Hamden Fire Department participated in a multi-agency training session simulate a remote scene mass casualty incident held at Sleeping Giant State Park's historic quarry area. Dr. Sandy Bogucki, MD, PhD, from the Yale University School of Emergency Medicine and the EMS Medical Director for the Sponsor Hospital Program stated the training was "designed to teach Emergency Medicine residents from Yale New Haven Hospital the basics of search and rescue and scene management at multiple casualty incidents." With personnel and equipment assistance from the three response agencies, the physicians used only what was available in the austere environment to triage, rescue, treat, and transport the simulated victims. The Hamden Fire Department responds regularly to the State Park for emergency calls ranging from traumatic injury, medical events, and technical rescues to locating lost hikers.
- Friday, May 13th: Hamden Fire Department responded to a general fire alarm at Hamden High School at 07:41 a.m.. While en-route, responding units received an update from the Hamden Police Department Resource Officer reporting an active fire in the nursery / daycare room on the first floor, south end of the building. Hamden High School Administration and Staff had initiated an evacuation of all students to the football stadium, with assistance from Hamden High School Security and Hamden Police Officers. None of the students were injured. Evacuations continued as Response Units and Apparatus arrived at 07:46 a.m., discovering a fire being held in check by an activated sprinkler head in the nursery. The fire was declared under control with limited extension at 07:53 a.m.. The school was released back to the Hamden High School Administration at 08:55 a.m. and students were allowed back to class.
- Monday, May 16th: The Yale-New Haven Hospital Sponsor Hospital Program (YNHHSHP) Celebrated EMS week by awarding Cardiac Arrest Save Unit Citations to the crews of nine local EMS agencies under the medical direction of YNHHSHP. EMS Medical Director Dr. Sandy Bogucki presented awards to five members of the Hamden Fire Department for their efforts to revive a 66 year old male patient who suffered a full cardiac arrest in his gym on April 7th, 2016. Lieutenant Dan Such, Firefighter / Paramedics Shane Schaffer, Kevin Martin, and Firefighter / EMTs Nelson Hwang and Larry DeBurra responded to the scene and initiated advanced life support. Hamden Fire Department Medics assisted the AMR crew of Michael Violano and William Crisci to transport the patient to the hospital. The 66 year old Hamden resident has since been discharged, and returned to his home in good health.

Community Event Spotlight: Relay for Life



The Town of Hamden is very pleased to host Relay for Life this summer at Town Center Park. We encourage all residents to participate if able! To register your team, please click [HERE](#) and “Sign up”!

Community Organization Spotlight: Abandoned Animals

Abandoned Animals is a small animal rescue group founded in 1983. Though our founder has passed away, her legacy lives on through a small group of dedicated friends who wish to continue the work she began in her home over 30 years ago.

We limit our work to rescuing cats since we home foster and would not have the facilities to care for dogs or other types of domesticated animals. Our work includes rescuing abandoned, neglected, abused and unwanted cats and kittens; providing them with medical care, including a health screening, all necessary shots, having them spayed and neutered and hopefully, finding them a forever home. Our group may be small, but our commitment to our cause is large and unending – we will never abandon our mission to insure a happy and healthy life for as many of these unwanted and unloved animals as we can.

The small group of volunteers that comprise this group include the President Laurie Janul and Secretary Peggy Craft, both Town of Hamden Employees with a combined 50 years of service to the Town.

Information Guide

May 2016

Helpful Resources

Hamden Youth Services:

- [Youth Center](#)

Hamden Elderly Services:

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

Hamden Arts & Recreation:

- [Summer Camp CIT Application Information](#)
- [Arts and Rec Program Registration](#)

Upcoming Events

[HRRC Presents “Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot”, June 10th](#)

[Relay for Life Walk, June 11th](#)

[Rabies Clinic, June 11th](#)

[North East Regional Baseball Tournament, June 18th — 20th](#)

[Columbus Day Kickoff Part, June 21st](#)

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