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Hamden Rotary Club Awards Community Service Grant To PLACE



Pictured: Receiving the grant from Rotarian Lynn Campo is Debbie Chavoya, PLACE director.

The Hamden Rotary Club has awarded a Community Service grant to PLACE for its summer learning programs for children.

Hamden Fest to be Held June 14th at Town Center Park

Kicking off the summer season with fun for the whole family, the 6th Annual Hamden Fest will take place on Sat., June 14, 11am at Hamden's Town Center Park. Presented by the Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Town of Hamden, the event celebrates all things local with a full day of entertainment, activities, and community engagement. There is something for everyone!

More than 8,000 people attended last year's event, and this year promises to be even bigger. The day will feature the Hamden Fest Half Marathon and 5K Road Race, the 20th Annual Business Expo, an expansive Arts, Craft & Civic Fair, the Kids & Sports Zone, and a wide range of community service and nonprofit booths. Live music kicks off at 11am with The Liz McNicholl Band, followed by a performance from School of Rock Milford beginning at 2pm. Attendees can enjoy a variety of food trucks and local food and beverage vendors.

In addition to the outdoor festivities, the Friends of the Miller Memorial Library will host their biggest Book Sale of the year in the Miller Memorial Auditorium. The sale begins at 9am on Sat., June 14, and will feature thousands of gently used books, CD's, DVDs, and more for all ages. A special Preview Sale will take place on Fri., June 13, from 4-7pm, offering early access to the best selections.

Now in its third year, the Hamden Fest Half Marathon will take place entirely on the scenic Farmington Canal Trail right at Hamden Town Center Park. Both the half marathon and the 5K race offer runners and walkers a safe and beautiful route on the paved trail. The Half Marathon begins at 8:30am, followed by the 5K Race at 9:30am. For more information and to register, visit www.team-mossman.com.

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Vendor space is still available for businesses, artists, crafters, and civic or nonprofit organizations. For vendor registration, a full schedule of events, and additional information, visit www.hamdenfest.com, call the Hamden Regional Chamber office at (203) 288-6431, or email hcc@hamdenchamber.com.

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Hamden Rotary Awards Community Service Grant To Where The Love Is



Pictured: Shown with Rotarian Paul Begemann is Lisa Maloney director of the rescue group.

Hamden: The Hamden Rotary Club has awarded a community service grant to Where the Love Is to help with its animal rescue mission.

Spring Food Drive

Friends of North Haven Boy Scout Troop 811 needs your help. We have been asked by the North Haven Food Pantry to assist them by having a Spring Food Drive. We are kindly asking that if you have received one of our yellow food drive bags (dropped off the weekend of June 7th), please fill it with some non-perishable food items.

We will be back on Saturday, June 14 between 9am-12 noon to pick up your donation. If you would rather drop off the bag yourself or have additional items, our headquarters is the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street during the above times.

For more information about the Pantry, please go to: https://northhavenucc.org/food-pantry/.

Edward Smith Library
3 Old Post Rd., Northford

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/ or call (203) 484-0469.

Summer Reading Kick-Off: Sat., June 7, 9am-3:30pm at Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Road. The launch of our children's Summer Reading Program! We'll have music, bounce houses, games, crafts, and summer reading sign-ups. Our theme this year is "Color Our World." Family event! No registration.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: June 9, 6-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

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WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662 •

New Haven Elks Lodge Receives Freedom Grant



Pictured (L-R): Ernest Johnson (VA), Art Miller (Elks member), Jackie Tatro (Elks member), Aaron Hawkins (VA).

North Haven: New Haven Elks Lodge #25 located at 80 Old Broadway, North Haven recently was awarded a $1000 Freedom Grant by National Elks Lodge. The funds were used to purchase bus passes for the VA Errera Center. Bus passes were given to Veterans in need of assistance with travel to receive services through the VA.