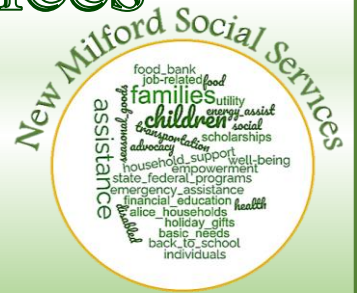


New Milford Social Services

2 Pickett District Rd, New Milford CT 06776

Fall Newsletter 2025

Issued 9. 2025



The mission of New Milford Social Services is to offer resources and programs to enhance the well-being and self-sustainability of New Milford residents experiencing financial hardship by addressing basic needs including food and household self-sufficiency.

We support our community through empowerment, advocacy, compassion and connection to opportunities to increase the resilience of our residents in need.



We welcome and respect the diversity of all who enter our office.

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Email: socialservices@newmilfordct.gov

Website: www.newmilford.org



New Milford Social Services

Our Programs

*(** Please note that some programs do have participatory income limits)*

- **New Milford Food Bank**- for individuals, families w/children, seniors and persons with disabilities who are experiencing food insecurity
- ****Energy (Heating) Assistance**
- ****Emergency Financial Assistance**
[Limited funding]
 - Rent/Mortgage
 - Home bills
 - Child Expenses
 - Medical Bills
 - Transportation Costs
 - Food & Clothing
- ****Basic Need Assistance**
- **Needs Assessment, Crisis Intervention & Post-Crisis Navigation**
- **Financial Literacy Information & Education**
- ****Information, Referral, & Assistance with Local, State, Federal resources and entitlement programs**
- ****Renter's Rebate** for disabled renters under age 60.
- ****Children & Family Programs:**
 - Baby Bundle Registration
 - Camp and Enrichment Activity Scholarships for Children [limited funding]
 - Back to School Program Registration [seasonal]
 - Winter Holiday Gifts for Children [seasonal]

Funding sources for all programs are based on State grants or community donations. All monetary and goods donations are Tax deductible

Greetings from New Milford Social Services:

A Special Message from your Town Social Workers:

Hello and happy Autumn greetings! Another season of change and a chance to reset an action plan to sustain your finances as best as possible. This newsletter has a lot of information to share that can impact how you spend your dollars so we hope you are able to read it through very carefully. From energy assistance to Eversource changes, to school meals and the Holiday programs- there is much to share with you all. In addition, DSS has been hard at work to help their clients so if that is you, read on! In addition, our community partners have a jam pack Fall of programming and events going on to either boost our education, interests or just our spirits for fun and relaxation- and most are FREE or nominal cost! Check them out for yourself and share with the children in your lives!

In the meantime, Alyssa, Maria and I wanted to emphasize our message about being mindful of your budgets this Fall and Winter. For many, money may be tight so protect your income with careful spending. Prioritize paying your essential needs such as shelter, utilities, and transportation. If you need help, come and see us before it becomes critical. You may have already experienced the cuts and reductions from Federal and State emergency financial assistance. They are not as robust as they have been over the last few years, so careful and early planning to utilize what is available, especially cost-saving programs- heating assistance, food, etc.- are so important.

We are also approaching the holidays and that becomes a very tricky time for some to balance paying for household obligations as well as sharing in the holiday spirit with children and loved ones by buying gifts. When money is tight- it is not always easy to express that to our children, but dependent on age, you can speak with them about times when it is more important to tighten the purse strings to make sure we have a safe and comfortable home, and we can plan on a future fun expense by saving for it instead of a quick-draw purchase in the moment. One way to plan is to sign up for the Holiday programs sooner than later before all the spaces are filled. Remember that most of the programs shared with you in this newsletter require proof of income- so take some time to gather your paperwork and come see us as soon as possible. We are here to help!

In the meantime, we send our very best wishes to all of you and your loved ones during this season of change and during the upcoming holidays. Stop in or set up a time to meet with us to discuss any of the programs in more detail or for when you need a bit of guidance on how to prioritize the financial needs of your household versus financial wants.

From us to you,
Ivana, Maria & Alyssa
Monika & Wanda, too!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS- Heating & Utility Help

New Milford Social Services is the local intake site for residents under the age of 60 seeking to apply for the following heating and utility assistance programs. Please contact our office for more information and guidelines to apply.

[If you are over the age of 60, please contact the New Milford Senior Center]

- **CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) - EARLY APPLICATIONS** are being taken for the winter season prioritizing people with deliverable fuels (oil, propane, kerosene, wood) or those with electric heat and in crisis.
- Please call us for an in-person appointment or for an application packet to fill out and send back to us. You will need to include all State required income and relevant documentation for every member of your household. Please include all required documents. An incomplete application will slow down the process.
- **The first day for fuel deliveries is November 3rd** so please try to apply early so there is little delay of delivery.
- **There is an income limit to this program: See chart below-**

FFY 2026 State Median Income Guidelines

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Level 3 (60% State Median Income)	\$ 47,764	\$ 62,460	\$ 77,157	\$ 91,854	\$ 106,550	\$ 121,247	\$ 124,002	\$ 126,758

- For **electric heated households**, make sure your Low Income Discount Rate is not expired and you have been re-coded for Winter Protection for 2025-2026. Eversource will send you a letter at least 30 days prior to it expiring. Call us if you have any questions.
- **If you are not on a budget program or MPP, and are at risk of an electric shut off**, please contact us- you may qualify to be coded hardship and prevent a termination of service.

OPERATION FUEL Has a NEW NAME! It is now called GENERATION POWER CT and also comes with a new schedule. GPCT will be open 4x's a year: Sept. 1st- Sept 10th; Nov. 1st-Nov 10th; Jan. 1st- Jan. 10th; Mar. 1st- Mar. 10th.

- **If your income is above 60% SMI for CEAP but below 75% SMI, you may qualify for Generation Power CT.** We are the New Milford intake site for GPCT for residents under 60 years old. Please call us to apply for heating fuel or electric help. Funds remain limited. Current income limits are:

FFY 2024-2025 State Median Income Guidelines

Household Size (75% State Median Income)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	\$ 56,882	\$ 74,384	\$ 91,886	\$ 109,389	\$ 126,891	\$ 144,393	\$ 147,675	\$ 150,956

- Do have a water or waste water (sewer) bill? You may also qualify for assistance. Please contact us to discuss further.

Another CHANGE to the Low Income Discount Rate? :

This rate reduction has been readjusted by Eversource, this past June. It is still based on a household's income but now there are 5 tier rates that it is broken down by: 5%, 15%, 20%, 40% or 50%

The amount of your discounted rate is determined by the income of your household members over the age of 18 and/or if your household meets the requirements to be categorically eligible. Higher eligible income earners will be set at 5% discount rate and the lowest income earners may receive up to 50% discount rate.

We can help you figure out if you meet the categorical eligibility requirements.

How do I know if I am on the Low Income Discount Rate (LIDR) on my Eversource Bill? :

Your rate is shown on your bill, page 3. Here is a sample:

EVERSOURCE

Account Number: [REDACTED]
Service Reference No: [REDACTED]
Statement Date: 12/09/24
Service Provided to:
[REDACTED]

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service account.

Matching Payment Amount
now due by 01/06/25

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Public Benefits

FMCC Charge	1562.00kWh X \$0.04791	\$74.84
Comb Public Benefit Chrg	1562.00kWh X \$0.04026	\$62.89
Subtotal Public Benefits		\$137.73

Total Current Charges **\$466.61**

Miscellaneous Charges & Credits

Low-Income Discount Tier 2: 50%*	-	-\$180.35
Total Miscellaneous Charges & Credits		-\$180.35



Worth Repeating:

Eversource has restructured their MATCHING PAYMENT PROGRAM [MPP].

➤ **When can you get on to MPP?** : If you are 60 days past due, a balance of more than \$100 AND are 60 days delinquent [Delinquent means you have made NO Payments in the last 60 days]. You MUST also meet income requirements and be coded hardship. {Tip: If your income qualifies you for CT Energy Assistance Program, then you would also meet the MPP income qualification.}

➤ **When will I get my match?** Every month you will earn a match if you make your payment, and it will show up on your monthly bill.

➤ **Can I be removed from MPP?** Yes, if you miss your payments BUT you can get back on if you make up your payments. ***YOU CAN ALSO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM IF YOU WORK YOUR 60 Day PAST DUE Balance DOWN TO ZERO.** If you complete the program then you will be removed and in 1 year you can go back on so in the meantime keep up with your payments, work on reducing your usage, and don't let your hardship code and low income discount supply rate (LIDR) expire. You can also ask about being placed on a standard budget. ***Please note, you may still have a 30 day balance on top of your current balance that may become due on your next bill. If you have further issues paying down your balance, please contact us to see if there are other resources available.**

➤ **What if I am currently on New Start?** You will remain on it as long as you keep up with your payments. If you fall off, then the new MPP would be an option.

➤ **Do I need to apply for Energy Assistance like in years past?** NO, BUT, applying will help because it will go towards your MPP payment requirement so that would be less \$ out of your pocket for that month.

➤ **AND REMEMBER:** If you receive any notifications that your hardship or your Low Income Discount Rate (LIDR) is expiring, seek help to renew. If you fall behind on your MPP payments, seek help. Call us.

Energy Tips

What You Can Do to Help Conserve Your Energy Costs!

STOP PHANTOM ENERGY (aka Vampire Energy!)

This is standby or idle energy that keeps going even when you THINK YOU ARE NOT USING ENERGY like your TV, small appliances (especially the ones with a digital clock!), DEVICE CHARGING CORDS, Computer's Screen Saver!

PULL THE PLUG when NOT IN USE!



OFF PEAK vs PEAK hours of electric use!

Did you know there are times of the day when electricity use can COST YOU MORE?

Demand for electricity is highest Monday through Friday between noon and 8 p.m. That's when businesses and industry are using the most energy.



Demand is lower in the morning and evening on weekdays, and anytime on weekends.

Think about this before using your large cleaning appliances or jacking up your heat or air conditioner in the middle of the day!

AN ENERGY AUDIT IS A GOOD AUDIT!...and it's a win-win for you & your home!

Contact Eversource or EnergizeCT to have someone come to your home and figure out solutions to help weatherize your home and improve your efficiency. It's as easy as changing a light bulb (LED, of course).

Home Energy Solution consultation costs only \$75 but the visit can save you \$180! Do you qualify for CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) - then the visit is FREE!

Scan the QR code to get started

Or visit <https://energizect.com/explore-solutions/energy-evaluations>





Say HELLO to LAUREL! – got a questions about benefits? Look for LAUREL on the lower right corner of DSS website, ConneCT, or MyDSS!

INTRODUCING
LAUREL
DSS'S NEW CHATBOT

Hi I'm Laurel! I am here to help you find information, check your benefits, and more, anytime you need!

CONNECTICUT
Social Services

What will change with DSS benefits following the passing of federal H.R.1? https://portal.ct.gov/dss/knowledge-base/articles/general-information/federal-updates-hr1?language=en_US

Some of the highlights: [Look for more details through the link listed above]

SNAP- no date of change yet, but the work requirement age limit will be increasing from 54 to 64. And exemption changes for children, veterans, and persons experiencing homelessness and those aging out of foster care. Eligibility changes happening for those previously eligible under certain non-citizen status, refugee, asylum, etc. status.

MEDICAID (HUSKY HEALTH) - Changes will become effective on various dates, beginning in the next 12 months. Some of the changes include renewal periods for most, if not all Medicaid programs from 12 months to 6 months; COST-SHARING Requirements, WORK-Requirements for adults 19-64 including parents w/ children over 13 (some exemptions will apply); reduction of retroactive coverage time period; Eligibility changes happening for those previously eligible under certain non-citizen status, refugee, asylum, etc. status.

LOCK Your Card for Added Security!

A Message from DSS!

Change your PIN# Regularly!

We have some more exciting news! There is a new way for our shared client to protect their EBT benefits on MyDSS.

The new security feature will allow clients to **LOCK** their card when they aren't using it or **BLOCK** out-of-state transactions.

The toggle feature is right in the MyDSS app and all they have to do is slide it to the right to lock it.

In order to use this functionality, clients must have a [MyAccount](#) and have their case associated to that account. Once a MyAccount is created and case associated:

- Step 1: Go to <https://mydss.ct.gov> and press “Login”
- Step 2: Enter the MyAccount Username & Password and press “Login”
- Step 3: From the left-hand navigation select “EBT Balance and Card Access”
- Step 4: Navigate to the Manage EBT Card Access Section and select the radio button (circle) next to the EBT card number
- Step 5: Use the toggle switch next to either Lock Card OR Block Out-of- State Transactions
- Step 6: Click the green Confirm button

If successful, the user will receive the message “Card ending in XXXX locked successfully!” or “Card ending in XXXX blocked successfully!”

Individuals requiring assistance with MyDSS, including issues with EBT Lock and Unlock feature, should call the MyAccount Help Desk at 1-877-874-1612.

- Manage My Account
- My Cases
- DSS Data Consent
- EBT Balance and Card Access**
- Apply for Benefits
- Husky A,B or D Change/Renewal
- Forms
- Register to vote
- FAQ
- Help
- Video Guides

Client Name
Testcard

Client ID
103743242

Available snap balance: 0.00

As of September 8th, 2025, the household's Federal SNAP benefit is \$0.00 per month. The household's ongoing benefits will be put on the EBT ConneCT card by the third of each month. For transaction information or to request new EBT ConneCT card, please call 1-888-328-2666.

Available cash balance: 0.00

As of September 8th, 2025, the household's Cash for Parents, Caretakers, and Children is \$0.00 per month. The household's ongoing benefits will be put on the EBT ConneCT card by the third of each month. For transaction information or to request new EBT ConneCT card, please call 1-888-328-2666.

Manage EBT Card Access

Lock/Unlock or Block/Unblock your card ⓘ

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XXXXXXXXXXXX2101

Locked | Blocked

Actions for Selected Card:

Lock Card XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2101

Lock all charges to your EBT card including online transactions.

Block Out-of-State Transactions on XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2101

Block all charges to your EBT card at stores/ATMs outside of Connecticut. Online transactions will still be allowed.

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HOLIDAY SIGN UP HAS STARTED!



We are now accepting registration for Thanksgiving, Santa Fund and Disabled Adult gift programs. Registration forms included in this newsletter or pick up a registration form at our office or download from our website.

Proof of income and residency is required for these programs!

If you have not shared your 2025 income with our office, now is the time to do it!
Your registration may not be complete without it, especially for the SANTA FUND!

YOU MUST REGISTER if you want to participate in these programs, **INCLUDING** the Thanksgiving program because the food bank will be closed that week.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION DEADLINE is **MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2025** but space is limited so do not wait!

- Thanksgiving distribution will be Monday, November 24th, time to be announced.
- Distribution date for Santa Fund is currently set for Tuesday, Dec. 16th, between 9am-5pm.
- Disabled Adult Gift Program (between 18-59 yrs. old) will be Thursday, Dec. 18th during food bank hours.

FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH For **ALL STUDENTS** in New Milford Public Schools from Kindergarten to 12th grade through December 2025! *[For Breakfast- just go down to the cafeteria before your first class! Having a problem- talk with your teacher or ask us to help communicate to the school!]*

DESAYUNO Y ALMUERZO ESCOLAR GRATUITOS para **TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES** de las Escuelas Públicas de New Milford desde el jardín de infantes hasta el 12.º grado hasta diciembre de 2025.

CAFÉ DA MANHÃ E ALMOÇO ESCOLAR GRATUITOS para **TODOS OS ALUNOS** das Escolas Públicas de New Milford, do jardim de infância ao 12º ano, até dezembro de 2025!



FREE BREAKFAST AND FREE LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS
Until December 20, 2025!



Look for other Community Partners Joining Us at New Milford Social Services

Knights of Columbus will be at the NM Food Bank, Thursday, Sept 25th for their annual children’s coat giveaway starting at Noon until coats run out. **Must be an active family of the NMFB to participate to receive a ticket for a coat.**

SEPTEMBER 2025							OCTOBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
							26	27	28	29			

www.calendaroptions.com

Our local Health Department (HVHD) will be offering **FREE FLU VACCINES** on Thursday, October 23rd from 12pm-3:30pm. **For ANY Adult or Child!** See Flyer on page 7 of this newsletter to make your appointment

New Milford FOOD PROGRAMS:

New Milford Food Bank distribution:

We offer Open Distribution **HOURS**

On Thursdays: 9 a.m. -4 p.m.
Or by appointment on Wednesdays
afternoons,
@ New Milford Social Services
2 Pickett District Road

Check out
our Recipe
of the
Month
Below!

The New Milford Food Bank
*Fighting Hunger through Healthier Food Choices
& Wellness Education*
A program of New Milford Social Services

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

A choice food pantry serving local individuals, seniors & families with children who are food insecure. Walk-in and choose from many nutritional and traditional items.

We follow SWAP guidelines: **S**upporting **W**ellness **A**t **P**antries by offering nutritional products and information

Need to sign up for the food bank, please contact Wanda Fyler, Program & Volunteer Coordinator @ socialservices@newmilfordct.gov or 860-355-6079 x2

Or stop into our office with Photo ID & proof of living in New Milford.

Food Bank will be **CLOSED** for the following holidays:

Thanksgiving ~ Christmas ~ New Year's Day



New Milford Farmers Market Collaborative

*Offering SNAP participants an opportunity to shop for nutritious and local farm fresh food by using their EBT cards to purchase coins and **DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS!***



Store Hours:
June-November,
Saturdays
9am-12pm

Look for our table on the New Milford Green, next to the Farmers!



Connecticut Foodshare



The MOBILE FOOD PANTRY truck stops in New Milford 2x's a Month!!

Where: Faith Church, 600 Danbury Rd, New Milford
When: Every 2 weeks on WEDNESDAYS weather permitting
Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm **OR** until food runs out (get there early)

STAY IN THE KNOW OF THEIR SCHEDULE:

Website: [Mobile Pantry Schedule](#)

Or Text **FOODSHARE** to 85511

Or Text **COMIDA** a 85511



Looking for other local food pantries or meal kitchens?

Visit our website

newmilford.org/socialservices

To explore the NMFIT brochure (scroll to the bottom of our webpage)

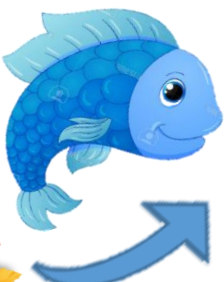
NEW MILFORD
FIT
Food Insecurity Team



What's for Dinner? How about Alaskan Pollock Fillets!

This nutritious food from the sea has a mild taste that does not over power, yet is a great source of protein and omega 3's! It's really easy to cook AND it's at the food bank! You can coat it with a garlic butter and bake it, bread it and pan fry it, and serve it with a variety of vegetables, rice, potatoes or pasta!

Here's one recipe that looks **DELICIOUS!**



1. Preheat your oven to 350° F; prepare a [baking sheet](#) with parchment paper over it.
2. Prepare three shallow trays or pie plates for your breading station (I've since started using [these trays](#) and they are *awesome*): one with flour, one with panko breadcrumbs, and one with a beaten egg. Combine the grated parmesan, lemon zest, and Italian seasoning into the breadcrumbs.
3. Pat the fish fillets gently with paper towels, then season them with salt and pepper. Dredge each fillet into the flour, the egg, and then the breadcrumb mixture.
4. Place the fillets onto the baking sheet, pop them into the oven, and bake for 8-12 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 145° F (you can easily check this with a [meat thermometer](#)).

What's Happening in our Community!



NEW MILFORD YOUTH AGENCY PRESENTS...

**GAMES
PUMPKINS
SLIME
CRAFTS**

FALL FEST

FRI OCT 10TH 2025 5-7 PM

BYOP!!! - BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN FOR DECORATING!

JOIN US FOR MOONLIT & SPOOKY FUN @ JPCC 2 PICKETT DISTRICT ROAD

for more information contact Sara Wendrow at swendrow@newmilfordct.gov

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!! 860-210-2030

TOWN FUN DAYS

We're offering special discounts so you can visit us again before the end of the season!

Get an ALL-DAY RIDE PASS for just \$10!

Valid for one of the following days: 9/20 & 9/21 From 11am to 5pm

SCAN TO BUY ONLINE! Use promo code: **NewMilford25**

Quassy FOLLOW US! PHONE: 1-800-FOR-PARK OR 203-758-2913 LAKE QUASSAPAUG, RT. 64 (2132 MIDDLEBURY ROAD) - MIDDLEBURY, CT 06762

Looking for supportive homes for children/teens in foster care

Annie C
Annie C. Courtney Foundation, Inc.
For Every Generation a Safe, Supportive Community

Call 475-235-2184 or www.AnnieC.org

Fast-track foster parent licensing now available for residents of New Milford and surrounding towns. Are you interested in changing young lives? Can you commit to a 3 day training? Become licensed before the New Year with this special offer from the CT Dept. of Children & Families. Limited Space. First come, first-served 3 all-day classes will be held Nov. 21-23, 2025. Overnight accommodations & meals included. Prefer to sleep in your own bed? No problem! Go home at the end of each training day. Please call 475-235-2184 to learn more.

Weekend for a Lifetime

The Department of Children and Families is offering a "Weekend for a Lifetime Training"

**November 21 through November 23, 2025
Courtyard Marriot, Waterbury**

Don't have time for 13 weeks of training to become a foster/adoptive parent? Please inquire about our intensive one weekend training; limited space available. Please open your home and become a licensed foster or adoptive parent.

Our CHILDREN and FAMILIES need you

PLEASE CALL - 475-235-2184

Family & Children's Aid
Improving emotional and behavioral health

FREE BASEBALL & LIFE SKILLS CLINIC SERIES W/ MLB ALUMNI

DANBURY JUNE 7 ROGERS PARK	WATERBURY JULY 12 MUNICIPAL STADIUM	NORWALK SEPTEMBER 20 VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK	NEW MILFORD OCTOBER 4 GARRICK FARMS PARK
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- UP TO 10 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALUMNI PLAYERS TEACH BASEBALL & LIFE SKILLS
- PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A FREE AUTOGRAPHED BASEBALL
- LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE END
- ALL CLINICS RUN FROM 9AM-12PM
- RECOMMENDED AGES 5-17
- PRESENTING SPONSOR: BLASIUS AUTO GROUP

REGISTER FOR FREE
FCAWEB.ORG/MLB

Family & Children's Aid (FCA) is a behavioral health organization dedicated to providing high quality, innovative mental health services for children, families, and adults.

80 West Street, Danbury, CT
fcaweb.org
(203) 748-5689

Blasius Auto Group
Where Friends Send Friends

Partners: Chick-fil-A, Brookfield & Danbury Fair Mall, Northwell Health, NuVance Health, AMPACET, CENTIVO, NFP, United Alarm, OGDEN, Leahy's, Caraluzzi's, Mancini Chiropractic



Look Whose Coming to Town!

Access Health CT has started to schedule time on **Fridays at New Milford Social Services, 2 Pickett District Rd.** Meet with a Navigator to for special enrollment issues, open enrollment beginning Nov 1st, and renewal efforts, or to better understand your insurance. We will keep you posted on their official launch. In the meantime, stop by on a Friday to see if they are here! Some walk-ins are allowed.



SAVE THE DATE! [1-8-2026]

This is important! Access Health CT will have an **OPEN ENROLLMENT and Resource Event** at JPCC, 2 Pickett District Rd in the Gymnasium on Thursday, JANUARY 8th, 2026, 2pm-9pm!

Housatonic Valley Health District
Protect yourself and your community.
Get Vaccinated This Flu Season.

Community Flu Vaccine Clinic

Thursday, October 23, 2025
12:00 am - 3:30 pm
New Milford Food Bank
(2 Pickett District Road, New Milford, CT 06776)

To sign up for your appointment visit,
<https://forms.office.com/r/D4zRQce6Eu>





COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT!

3 Local Organizations Teaming up to Support Our Community with Amazing Programs and Events - All Year Long!

New Milford Youth Agency



The New Milford Youth Agency has A LOT to offer New Milford youth and their parents including affordable Child Care, even during the summer, Pre-K program, and enrichment programs for afterschool (Robotics! Cooking! Coding! Etc...), Free family events- Fun Days! Free Movies! Youth volunteer opportunities and leadership opportunities, as well as workshops and support groups. Youth development and family programs or events "Safe Place" for neurodivergent youth and their families and "Cozy Corners" for LGBTQA+ teens & Allies. No-Cost counseling services by licensed professionals for your child and parents. And, career and college prep courses and SHIFT educational groups (Smart Habits. Informed Futures. Tools for Teens). Follow them on Facebook! And check out their website to explore further. Or talk with our Social Workers and stop by our office hallway to see their program flyers Concerned about the cost- ask us and them about scholarships!

New Milford Library

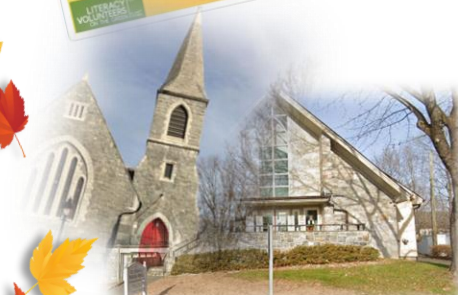


The New Milford Library! The new library isn't just about renovations to the space but their amazing programming has only gotten better (and it was pretty darn good to begin with!) From Toddlers to Kids, Teens to Adults there is something for everyone at the Library. And it's mostly FREE! You can borrow books, of course. You can sit and read the newspaper, reserve time on a computer- job search, fill out applications or enjoy educational programs. They can connect you online to read and listen to books and programming BUT- go there in person and participate in games, movie viewings, cooking, crafts, etc., Drop in Tech Help! And here's something brand new: Lawyers in the Library! – Free 20 min. consultations... There is the Library of Things- borrow electronics, toys, games, things to help with home repairs or hobbies! There is even a Makerspace- reserve time at a sewing machine, 3D printer, poster making. Don't forget Free passes to local museums and attractions! For our youth- there is homework help, gaming clubs, writing clubs, volunteer opportunities, college prep! And so much more!

Literacy Volunteers on the Green



Literacy Volunteers on the Green is a little gem in New Milford. They are tucked away in a wonderful space within St John's Church on the Green but there isn't anything small about them. They have many supporters, tutors and students! They accomplish great things! Well known for helping with English classes for people whose first language is not English, they do a tremendous amount work with native English speakers to help with reading and writing remediation. Classes include Pre-GED Preparation, Workplace Literacy, and Basic Literacy- reading and writing for Native English Speakers, Family Read & Family Literacy programs, ESL, and preparation for US Citizenship. Call them and leave a message at 860-355-0830 or online @ www.lvg.ct.org.



Literacy Volunteers on the Green Inc. Fall 2025



What's Happening in our Community!

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NEW MILFORD APPLE FESTIVAL

5TH ANNUAL APPLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

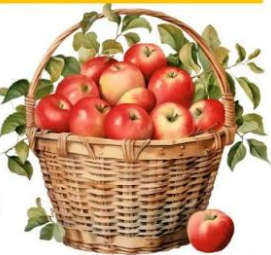
ON THE NEW MILFORD GREEN

10:00AM - 5:00PM

VENDORS & CRAFTS
APPLE BAKE OFF
APPLE TREATS
KIDS ACTIVITIES
MUSIC & MORE!

FOR MORE INFO
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NEW MILFORD APPLE FESTIVAL

5TH ANNUAL NEW MILFORD APPLE FESTIVAL

Lot's of activities for Kid's at Apple Festival!

AT THE KID'S ENTERTAINMENT TENT
(Located on the Middle Green near the Post Office)

10:00AM	Balloon Twister
11:00AM	Children's Magician
12:00PM	Balloon Twister
1:00PM	Children's Magician
2:00PM	Balloon Twister
3:00PM	Children's Magician

SuperFun INFLATABLES

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Super Fun Inflatables will fill the Northern Section of the Middle Green with multiple amusements for kids of all ages.

NEW MILFORD APPLE FESTIVAL

FUN STUFF TO DO AT APPLE FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

On the New Milford Green

5TH ANNUAL NEW MILFORD APPLE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
September 27, 2025

10:00AM - 10:30AM	Opening Ceremonies Drawing of Apple Festival King and Queen Vendor & Booths
10:30AM - 1:00PM	Apple of My Eye (Open House) where you can get a free apple from the tree!
1:00PM - 1:30PM	Apple of My Eye (Open House) where you can get a free apple from the tree!
1:30PM - 2:00PM	Apple of My Eye (Open House) where you can get a free apple from the tree!
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BINGO VENDORS FOOD WITH MANY APPLE TREATS MUSIC FACE PAINTING & MORE!!

Apple Festival Bake Off!

Do you have a great recipe that everyone loves to eat? It's time to enter the Apple Festival Bake Off! The winner will receive a cash prize and their recipe will be featured in the festival program. Entries are due by September 27, 2025. Baking your best apple pie or other apple treat is easy and you can win a cash prize. So come on out and show us what you can do! Entries are due by September 27, 2025. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 860.365.6010 or visit the website at www.newmilfordct.gov.

SPARK business academy

Grades 9-12

Resume & Career Success Fall Program

Sponsored by the New Milford Youth Agency

Learn with SPARK! \$10 to register for both classes.

This practical program focuses on career exploration and employment readiness. Learn how to draft an impactful resume, write a compelling cover letter and prep for interviews.

Students explore career goals, industries, and occupations - and learn the required educational path to achieve their goals. College search and affordability will also be covered, as well as budgeting and money management skills for young adults. A must for teens seeking to take control of their future!

Wed, 11/5 & Thu, 11/6
5:30pm - 8:30pm
The Maxx
94 Railroad St, New Milford, CT 06776

"Your program is wonderful! Great class, awesome content, and a happy child!" -Katy

For more information contact Alyssa Biondino abiondino@newmilfordct.gov

Register at www.MyYouthAgency.com

COLLEGE PREP

The first in a series to prep both teens and parents for the college application process. From writing your college essay to figuring out your finances this series led by Priyanka Shingala will help you get ready for your exciting next chapter.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
6pm - 7 pm at The Maxx!

Register at newmilford.libcal.com

SHIFT: YES-HR

A group focused on preventing violence and building healthy relationships through youth-led learning.

Part of the SHIFT Series: Smart Habits. Informed Futures. Tools for Teens.

Help your teen lead with confidence and build healthy relationships.

How to Be an Empowered Leader:

- ✓ Understand Respect - Learn about healthy vs. unhealthy relationships
- ✓ Practice Communication - Explore emotional safety
- ✓ Solve Real Problems - Design and lead a community project
- ✓ Work as a Team - Build leadership, collaboration, responsibility

What You'll Get:

- Small group format for middle and high schoolers
- Project-based learning with real community impact
- Tools to improve your relationships & your community

New Milford Youth Agency
Contact Taylor to join the next group
(203) 770-1464 | tmccafferty@newmilfordct.gov

COOKING CLASSES

For 3rd-5th Grade Students!

4pm-6pm

At The Maxx

WITH CHEF SABRINA

Sign up on MyYouthAgency.com

Every Tuesday in October

10/7/25
10/14/25
10/21/25
10/28/25

\$30 per class

SIGN UP NOW! Call 860-210-2030 For more information contact Alyssa Biondino abiondino@newmilfordct.gov

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

COMPUTER BASICS

LEARN TO:

- ✓ Turn on and charge a laptop
- ✓ Use a mouse or trackpad
- ✓ Open and switch between programs
- ✓ Create and save files
- ✓ Browse the internet

Wednesday, September 24
5:00-6:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
LIBCAL.NEWMILFORDCT.LIBRARY.ORG

The Ecology and History of Stone Walls in CT

Thurs Oct 16, 2025
6:00-7:00pm
at New Milford Public Library, 2nd Floor

Join us for an informative evening with **S. Mitch Wagener, PhD, Professor of Biology at WGSU.**

Reservations required.
www.newmilfordlibrary.org

New Milford Public Library

Sponsored by the New Milford Conservation Commission

"AN IRISH HALLOWEEN"

HAPPY SAMHAIN

JOIN THE ANDY MCGANN CCE BRANCH TO CELEBRATE SAMHAIN!

TUESDAY OCT. 28, 2025, 6-9:00 PM

AT NMPL

FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-11

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO SIGN UP, STOP BY THE CHILDREN'S DEPT. DESK OR CALL (860)355-1191, EXT. 4217

NEW MILFORD PARKS & RECREATION

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT 26, 2025

TRUNKS WANTED

Interested in having a trunk?

Register on our website, NewMilfordCT.MyRec.com. Trunk registration closes Wednesday, 10/22/2025

We are looking for participants to decorate their vehicles and dress up in costume and hand out candy. You must register so that we can accommodate a space for your vehicle (one registration per vehicle only). Vehicles will be assigned a parking spot along the Town Green. You can begin setting up at 3:30 PM and must be finished decorating by 4:15 PM. Please bring candy to distribute for approximately 2,000 participants.

THE NEW MILFORD YOUTH AGENCY'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD & THE NEW MILFORD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENT:

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

(GRADES 9-12 ONLY)

ANNABELLE

LYNN DEMMING PARK @ THE LAKE! FREE!!!

10/17/25 6:30-9:00

MINOR FEE FOR PURCHASE: RICE TO MEAT YOU - JK'S PIZZA - ICE CREAM

CONTACT MARA LEO FOR MORE INFO
MLEO@NEWMILFORDCT.GOV

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Dawn Hough
203-645-3467
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A Special Message to our Diverse Community from our Social Worker:

María De Oliveira [Habla Español] [Fala Português]

860-355-6079 x 4 o mdeoliveira@newmilfordct.gov



Un mensaje especial a nuestra diversa comunidad de nuestro trabajador social

Lea este boletín con atención. Existen programas que pueden ayudarle a ahorrar dinero. El mensaje de la portada ofrece consejos sobre cómo hablar con sus hijos sobre la situación financiera familiar. Enseñarles a los niños sobre finanzas y presupuestos desde pequeños les ayuda a ser responsables y a controlar los gastos impulsivos. Hablar con los niños sobre los gastos también nos ayuda a practicar a no comprar cosas innecesarias que pueden esperar. En lugar de llevar a sus hijos a la tienda, llévalos a la biblioteca de New Milford. Es un excelente lugar para pasar tiempo con ellos y disfrutar de un momento de aprendizaje. Energy Assistance es un programa estatal que ofrece ayuda con el suministro de gas y las facturas de electricidad. Aprenda inglés con el Centro de Alfabetización. Las escuelas de New Milford ofrecen desayuno y almuerzo gratuitos a todos los estudiantes. Anime a su hijo a desayunar y almorzar en la escuela. Desayunar ayuda a los niños a aprender más. Access Health estará disponible en nuestro edificio todos los viernes, así que visítenos si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con el seguro médico.

Uma mensagem especial para nossa comunidade diversificada de nosso assistente social

Leia este boletim informativo com mais atenção. Existem alguns programas que podem ajudar você a economizar dinheiro. A mensagem da primeira página oferece dicas sobre como conversar com seus filhos sobre a situação financeira da família. Ensinar as crianças sobre finanças e orçamento desde cedo as ajuda a se tornarem responsáveis, a controlarem gastos impulsivos. Conversar com as crianças sobre despesas também nos ajuda a praticar a não comprar coisas desnecessárias e que podem esperar. Em vez de levar seus filhos às lojas, leve-os à biblioteca de New Milford. É um ótimo lugar para passar um tempo com eles e desfrutar de um momento de aprendizado. O Energy Assistance é um programa estadual que oferece ajuda com a entrega de combustível e com a conta de luz. Aprenda inglês com o Literacy Center. As escolas de New Milford oferecem café da manhã e almoço gratuitos para todos os alunos. Encoraje seu filho a comer café da manhã e almoço da escola. Tomar café da manhã ajuda as crianças a aprender mais. O Access Health estará em nosso prédio todas as sextas-feiras, então visite-nos para esclarecer quaisquer dúvidas relacionadas ao plano de saúde.



Not getting emails from us?

Missing out on our notices of upcoming events, newsletters or program registrations because you're not receiving our emails? Lately, we have had a lot of our emails kick back because on full inboxes. Check your inboxes and delete un-important emails. If you are still not receiving our emails, let us know and we can help troubleshoot the problem.

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