



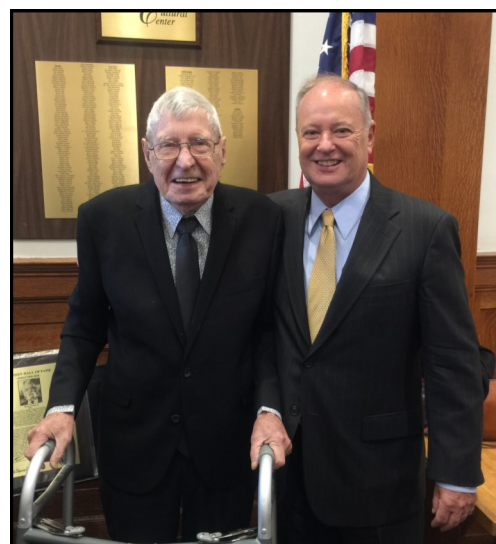
## Resident Robert McNulty receives Hall of Fame honors

Until he moved to Mulberry Gardens in 2016, Robert “Bob” McNulty was a very familiar face in his hometown of Meriden, where he lived for nearly 90 years. He was not only a prominent businessman and leader, he was devoted to the welfare of his community and served with many civic organizations including Jaycees, Elks Club, Lions Club, Meriden Boys Club and many more.

Still it came as a total surprise when he learned that he was being honored at the Meriden Hall of Fame’s 42nd Annual Induction Ceremony held on Oct. 21 at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center. “I was thrilled,” Mr. McNulty said.

The Meriden Hall of Fame Association was established in 1975 “to honor prominent people who live or have lived in Meriden, who have distinguished themselves in their professional and private lives, and in so doing, have brought honor to the City of Meriden,” according to the organization’s website. Recognitions are made in several categories including business/commerce in which he received his award.

Mr. McNulty, who was born in Meriden on Memorial Day in 1927, graduated from Meriden High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944. He served in the Philippines with replacements for the Third Fleet. After the Japanese surrender in 1945,



Peter McNulty, far right, congratulates his father, Robert McNulty at the Meriden Hall of Fame ceremony.

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Michelle Motta and resident Katherine O.

## Harmony Place welcomes activities coordinator

Mulberry Gardens of Southington is pleased to welcome Michelle Motta as the new program coordinator for Harmony Place. Michelle has worked with the elderly population for 12 years starting in dietary, then as a nurse’s aide, and a medical assistant. She has found her true passion in therapeutic recreation where she has worked for six years. Michelle was born and raised in New Britain. She enjoys watching and playing sports, going to concerts and spending time with her family and friends. Welcome!

# Happy holidays and Happy New Year

## Snapshots of life at Mulberry Gardens



Above: Donna Johnson, activities director, left, and Bob B., discuss Michael S.'s stamp collection. Residents often continue to pursue hobbies and enjoy treasured collections.



Above: Outside on a autumn afternoon, Adult Day Center members warm themselves by the fire. Next up: s'mores!

**Honor** from page 1 he finished his military service in California. He later graduated magna cum with a Bachelor of Science degree in social sciences from Niagara University. He also attended the University of Connecticut Hartford School of Law for two years. He and his wife Joyce married in 1952.

After a series of jobs, in 1966 he was appointed the executive director of the Meriden Housing Authority where he had an extremely productive 18-year career. Affordable housing for the elderly and lower income residents was extremely important to him and under his leadership many successful housing projects were established. He was also active in his industry including the National Association of

Housing and Redevelopment Officials, of which he later served as the national executive vice president. After his retirement from the Meriden Housing Authority, he was an independent contractor for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation "Freddie Mac" for 18 years. He retired in 2002.

Mr. McNulty said the induction was made even more special by the fact that in attendance were his three sons, Scott, Matthew and Peter, who presented the honoree plaque.

"Mulberry Gardens is extremely proud of Mr. McNulty and all that he has accomplished throughout his lifetime in making Meriden a better place to live," said Donna Johnson, activities director.

### December Birthdays

	Residents
Helen C.	Dec. 5
Mary P.	Dec. 11
Janice B.	Dec. 16
Edward M.	Dec. 19
Marie D.	Dec. 25
Adult Day Center	
Jan M.	Dec. 3
Helen R.	Dec. 11
Rick R.	Dec. 12
Jean Luc P.	Dec. 27

### December Events

- Dec. 5, 1:30pm** Entertainment with John Banker
- Dec. 9, 10:30am and 1 pm.** Holiday Brunch at Mulberry Gardens. Music with a harpist 10:30am -1:30pm, and Barbershop Quartet at 2:30pm
- Dec. 11, 1:30pm.** Entertainment with Al Leone
- Dec. 20, 1:30pm.** Music Therapy with Maggie
- Dec. 31, 2 pm.** New Year's Party with Rick Almeida

r to our residents, families and staff!

## Pumpkin Festival ushers in the harvest season



Residents, members of the Adult Day Centers and staff had great fun transforming pumpkins into characters for the Pumpkin Contest held Oct. 30. The winning entry was the fairy garden, far right, created by the Adult Day Center.



Displaying their adorable pumpkins with Donna Johnson, activities director, are: left photo, resident Helen M.; and above, Theresa P.



### Respite care available at support group

Living with Alzheimer's disease or a related memory disorder can be challenging for families and caregivers. Mulberry Gardens offers a free support group for families and caregivers on the second Tuesday of every month (except December) from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The group covers tips, community support and a safe environment to listen or share thoughts and feelings. Jenn Doty, BSW, Mulberry Gardens social worker, facilitates.

The next caregivers group will be held Jan. 8. Respite care for loved ones in our Adult Day Center is available with prior notice. To register or arrange care, call Marie Terzak, retirement counselor, at 860.276.1020.

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12 so make sure you drop off your  
toys at the front desk by then!

Thank you!



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## Wreath contest underway

Our departments and residents are having a  
holiday wreath contest - entries will be displayed  
in the lobby. First, second and third place winners  
will be announced Dec. 20.

Tickets to win a wreath are for sale at the front  
desk. This fundraiser supports the Alzheimer's  
Association, Connecticut Chapter.

Want to enter or have questions? Contact Donna  
Johnson. Happy holidays!