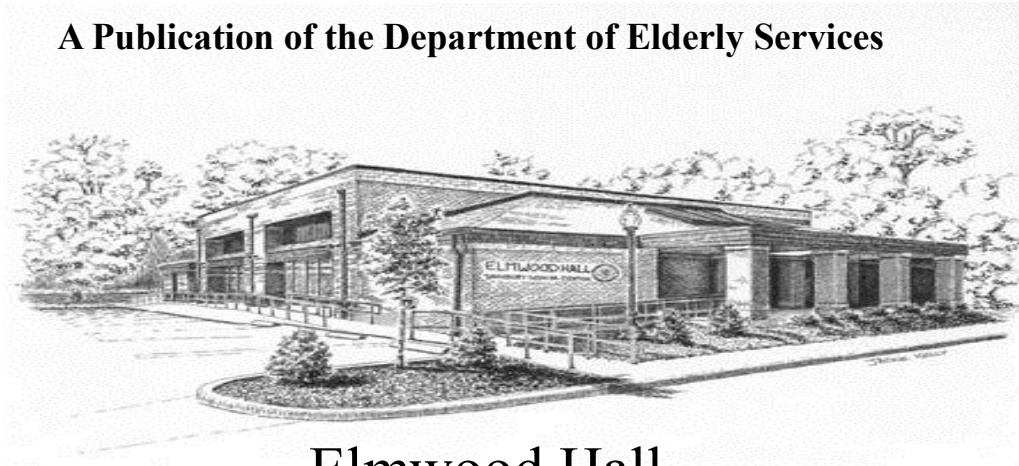


# THE ELMWOOD EXTRA

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## Elmwood Hall

The club for people age 60 and up.

**Oh What Fun! — Decorating Holiday Cookies**  
**Elmwood's Finest Concert Performance**  
**Winter Wonderland Dance & Party**  
**Danbury Music Center: The Ambassadors Perform at Elmwood Hall**  
**December Holiday Movies: *It's A Wonderful Life & New Year's Eve***  
**Holiday Karaoke with Susan and Kevin**  
**Just Movies in January: *La La Land, Going in Style, When the Game Stands Tall***  
**Smart Money Program with Newtown Savings Bank**  
**Timeless Trivia w/ Kevin**  
**Wii Bowling One Day Tournament**

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**HOURS OF OPERATION: MONDAY — FRIDAY 8:30 - 4:30**

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELDERLY SERVICES

Susan M. Tomanio, LCSW



With the Holidays upon us we have lined up a full course of programs that we hope you will enjoy. We will continue to assist seniors with Medicare Open Enrollment and continue to keep you informed of program changes on a state level. We invite you to come to our holiday cookie decorating program, our sing-a-long karaoke, our Winter Wonderland party and our New Year's Wii Bowling Tournament. You also might enjoy visiting with our new therapy dogs or getting out for the afternoon for one of our many movie offerings. As we move into the new year we want to remind you that we can provide you with resources and answers to many questions from how to get help at home, to energy assistance, to home maintenance repairs and much more. I hope you find something of interest in this newsletter and encourage you, when the weather is good, to get out and socialize with friends and family. Wishing you all a blessed holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

## December / January Highlights

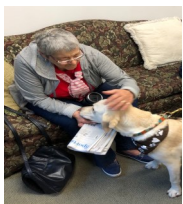
**B-I-N-G-O!** on Fridays December 1 and January 5 at 1:00 pm. The cost to play is \$3 and will include 7 exciting games. 



**Elmwood's FINEST Performance** on Wednesday, December 6 at 1:30 pm. Join us as our talented chorus group, led by director Jill Weiss, showcase some of their musical favorites in their holiday season and year ending performance.



**Oh What Fun! Decorating Holiday Cookies** on Friday, December 8 at 1:00 pm. Join us for some traditional holiday fun, as one of the Chefs from Western Rehabilitation Care Center helps us to create some holiday masterpieces with some of our favorite cookies! Please sign up!



**Pet Partners Therapy Dog visits** on the second Monday of the month! Do you miss having a dog or just love dogs? If so, join us on December 11 and January 8 at 11:00 am and come spend some time with Certified Therapy Dogs, Zeb and Baci as they visit Elmwood Hall with their human partners Dawn and Christine.



**Let's Get Flaky: Winter Wonderland Dance Party** on Thursday, December 14 at 1:00 pm. Celebrate the

Holiday/Winter Season with freestyle and line dancing led by our own Kevin Burland. Be sure to wear ice blue, white, or silver to blend with our color theme. Warm up with a Hot Chocolate Bar sponsored by The Village at Brookfield Common and enjoy party favor bags donated by Maplewood of Danbury. There will be a few raffle items as well! The cost of the party is a \$5 donation. In addition, CW Resources will be serving a special holiday meal for lunch that day consisting of stuffed chicken, roasted potatoes, carrots, peas, dinner roll and for dessert, cheesecake with cherries. You **MUST** sign up for the special lunch by **Monday, December 11.** The cost of the lunch is a suggested \$3 donation.

**December Movies: Holiday Inspired!** join us on Friday, December 15 for the holiday classic, "It's A Wonderful Life," and on Wednesday, December 27 for "New Year's Eve." Both movies will begin promptly at 12:45 pm.





**The Ambassadors Holiday Concert** on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:00 pm. The Ambassadors Instrumental Band is a creation of the Danbury Music Center. Comprised of all seniors, they will delight with holiday favorites!



**Holiday Karaoke with Susan & Kevin** on Wednesday, December 20 at 1:00 pm. Come and sing out strong to your favorite holiday song! A list of songs to be sung will be provided with lyrics.

If you have a personal favorite, be sure to let us know ahead of time. Please sign up!



**Fraud amongst the Elderly Population** on

January 8 at 1:00 pm. Join Detective Len LaBonia from the Danbury Police Department Financial Crimes and Fraud Division, as he will educate on the large amount of fraud cases that are targeting the senior population. Please sign up!

**“Just Movies” in January:** Join us on the following Wednesdays in January for some afternoon box office entertainment starting promptly at 12:45 pm.



Jan. 10



Jan. 24



Jan. 31



**Just Dance in January** on Friday, January 12 at 1:00 pm. Don't let the cold weather get in your way of having a good time. Come down to Elmwood Hall and join DJ Kevin for some fun freestyle and line dancing! \$3 donation is appreciated.



**Smart Money Program sponsored by Newtown Savings Bank** on Wednesday,

January 17 at 1:00 pm. Financial exploitation is a fast-growing form of abuse of seniors and comes in many forms that are often difficult to identify. In a fun and interactive way, a Smart Money presentation can show you how to reduce the risk of falling prey to these abusive practices, how to guard against identity theft and plan for unexpected loss of the ability to manage your finances. Newtown Savings Bank is partnering with Elmwood Hall to offer a free presentation to guide seniors with information, steps, and tools that they need to make informed financial decisions for their personal situation and goals. Please sign up!



**Timeless Trivia with Kevin is BACK** on Friday, January 19 at 1:00 pm. Come test your knowledge and have fun! You will be part of a team of four players competing against each other. Anyone is welcome to come and watch and be a part of the audience. Please sign up at the front desk!



**Wii Bowling ONE Day Tournament** on Friday, January 26. Games will run every hour on the hour starting at 10:00 am (with a break for lunch) and running through 3:30 pm. Times are subject to change depending on the number of participants. There will be a \$5 charge to participate and that includes lunch. For more information or to sign up and play, please contact Michelle at Elmwood Hall, 203-797-4686.

THANKS



Photo Credit: S. Ackerman

The Craft/Bake Sale and Unique Boutique was a huge success with a net profit of \$1600. Thank you to all of those who donated, shopped, supported, and baked for us!

# Important Information from the Office of the Municipal Agent

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## Energy Assistance:

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is administered by the Department of Social Services, and coordinated by regional Community Action Agencies, in cooperation with municipal and other non-profit human service agencies. On behalf of eligible households, the winter heating assistance pays for such heating sources as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood and wood pellets. Homeowners and renters may apply. Call Community Action Agency of Western CT at **203-748-5422** to see if you are eligible.



## Inclement Weather Policy:

As we move toward Winter please be reminded of our inclement weather policy. If the Danbury Schools are closed, so are we. If Danbury schools are delayed, we open at our normal time. Closings are announced on WLAD radio 800 AM, Channel 3 and Channel 8 TV.

## Elmwood Hall Photos and News Briefs



Photo Credit: K. Janell

Elmwood Hall recently donated their kiln to Ben's Bells of Bethel, CT. The donation will help Ben's Bells to continue to spread kindness throughout the community!



Photo Credit: M. McNamara

Pictured above (L to R): Paul, Karen and Nicolina proudly stand in front of the beautiful Susan Ella Bradley, Veterans Wall of Remembrance Cabinet! Thanks to Karen for her hard work on this project.



Photo Credit: M. McNamara

Acting Commissioner of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, Tom Saadi, thanks Veteran Steve A. for his service during our annual "Honoring the Veterans Ceremony."



Photo Credit: S. Tomanio

The Mayor's Fall Festival held on November 12 at The Amber Room Colonnade was a great success. Pictured above are Winnie, Rosalina, Pearl, Michelle, Nicolina, Melba and Susan all enjoying the Photo Booth!

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### **Mission Statement**

The Department of Elderly Services seeks to increase the quality of life of Danbury area citizens who are age 60 or older by developing many comprehensive programs and resources and referral services specifically designed to enrich the general well-being of Danbury's more mature population.

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Elmwood Hall Senior Center  
Municipal Agent's Office for the Elderly (Resource and Referral)  
Van Transportation Program  
Rent Rebate Program  
Intergenerational Programs

**For a full list of all our programs and services, please refer to our website  
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### **Department of Elderly Services—Staff Members**

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