

HARWINTON

Democratic Town Committee

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The Harwinton Democrats advocate for an inclusive and transparent town government that values fiscal sustainability, positive change, and collaborative leadership. We are committed to strong educational opportunities, smart business growth, and preservation of open space. We champion our democratic ideals of community, compassion, and the common good.

Town Activism

Town activism is difficult. Many of us have responsibilities that, on a day-to-day basis, outweigh the need to sit in on a Board of Finance meeting, a Zoning Commission public hearing, or a Town Meeting for a town wide vote.

Many of us have family we care for, jobs we need to keep, obligations we can't break away from, or we just can't find the motivation to go. It is not easy. I cannot speak for everyone, but I can speak for myself.

With every vote or board meeting I've missed, I've thought, "What does it matter to me?" However, time and time again, I am proven wrong. A development is now going to be built forever changing the landscape of our town. A Board of Education budget passed by just a handful of votes. An appointment was made to a town board or commission of someone who does not represent where I want my community to go in the future.

It is important for me to play my part here in Harwinton. It is a place I have called home for 21 years and where I hope to stay for many more to come, so my children can enjoy the same tranquility I have had.

Many of our DTC members and supporters have stepped forward over the years to serve in a possibly thankless job on our town's many boards and commissions. When they look in the audience and see only unfriendly faces, or worse, no one at all, it should be no surprise that people don't jump at running for local offices, let alone volunteer their time to go to a Board of Education meeting.

So, although I may not always jump up and say something at a town meeting, at the very least, I need to be there, in

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Harwinton Democratic Town



Committee newsletter. Our members and supporters are active in so many ways in our community and on our Town Boards. Our monthly newsletter highlights the efforts being made to help support our community and

neighbors. You can also read to find out what we have been up to and plan ahead for events and activities.

Do you have any information you'd like to share? Please feel free to e-mail us at harwintondems@gmail.com.

In the photo: From left to right below: Nancy Shanley Schnyer-Secretary; Joe Arcuri-Vice Chairman; Peter Brazaitis Jr.-Chairman; Robin Turpin-Treasurer; Franci Knight-Deputy Treasurer. Not pictured is Rosemary Simko-Deputy Secretary

the audience, staying informed and showing my support for my fellow elected officials. I will do better. I may not make it to every commission meeting, nor would I expect anyone else to, but I will try to show up. All I ask from you is that you do the same if you are able.

-Peter Brazaitis

Chair, Harwinton Democratic Committee

Project Committee

On Saturday, May 25, the garden at the Harwinton Star was planted by Debby Freidus, Melissa and Scott Broderick, their youngest son Bjorn, Bruce Baldwin and me.

Bruce, Debby and I smoothed out the soil that Bruce had tilled about a week before. We put up the short wire fencing to keep out turkeys and began laying out the garden when the Brodericks arrived. It was like the cavalry showing up just in the nick of time! Before we knew it, Melissa and Bjorn were planting seeds. Scott set up two long hills for zucchini and summer squash, and we all finished putting the plants in the ground in record time!

The garden contains bush beans, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, spinach, summer squash, tomatoes, and zucchini with marigolds and dill around the edge to keep out bugs.

Thanks to all for helping and to the DTC for funding. ~Sunny Torres



Town Meetings

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Harwinton Library Board of Trustees, Harwinton Library
7:00 p. m.

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Inland Wetlands
Watercourses, Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.



More Town Meetings

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REGION #10 Board of Education meeting, Learning Center 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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Next Harwinton DTC meeting Thomaston Savings Bank, Harwinton 6:30 p.m.



State Information

- 01 June 21st is the CT Dems annual fundraiser featuring a keynote address from Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi! Please contact Dan Nickelson by email at dan@lukebronin.com, or by phone at (860) 598-5853 to RSVP.
- 02 The State Party is offering a series of trainings for municipal campaign managers and those who plan to be intimately involved in their local campaigns. Brush up on skills and learn some new tricks. Space for each session--offered on four Saturdays in June--is limited to 75 each day. Visit CT Dems to RSVP.

National
Election
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Region 10 Families!

The **Johnnycake Music Fest** will be held on **June 8th** from 3-9 on Johnnycake Mountain in Burlington. It's a great community event for the whole family. Enjoy listening to some great music by Gwen

Nevin & The Strays and finish the evening with a fireworks show.

This event benefits Region 10 Make A Mark, Inc., a non-profit which provides students, teachers and administrators in Region 10 grants supporting educational projects that enhance the learning experience for students. Last year Make A Mark awarded 10 grants totaling \$6,764.90.

Paul Honig
Treasurer, Region 10 Make a Mark Inc.