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Members Reap Benefits of Home Safety Program

SAHW members who signed up for the new home safety program have had their free assessments done and, in many cases, repairs completed. Inspectors reviewed such features as entry steps/railings, exterior walks/lighting, trip hazards, attic access and tub/shower safety. They then recommended next steps to be taken and provided references for professionals to do the work.

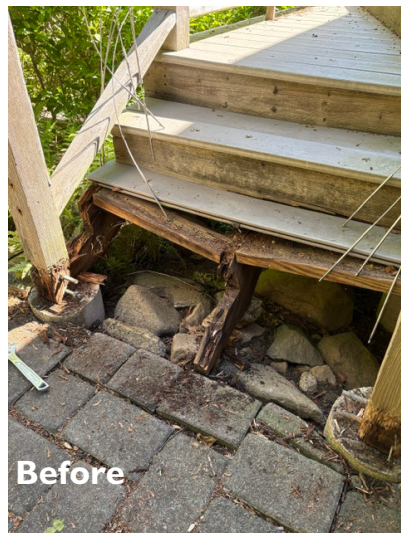
Members were very pleased with the improvements in their homes. Carolyn Brewer had her chimney professionally cleaned for the first time in many years and was delighted with the results. She also loves the solar lighting along her walkway that provides illumination for safety at night. Her basement stairs now have sturdy treads that were recommended by the assessment team.



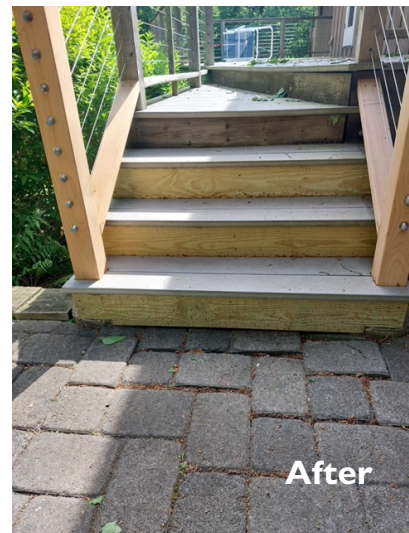
Basement stairs with treads installed. Solar lighting improves nighttime illumination of Carolyn Brewer's walkway.



Larry Mauer had his rotting porch steps replaced and could not be more pleased with the results.



Before



After

Before and after porch step repair at Larry Mauer's house.

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Free home assessments will continue to be available to members. SAHW is also stocking up on fire extinguishers, fire blankets, and carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, which will also be free to members. We encourage members to take advantage of these opportunities to improve the safety of their homes. For more information, please call Stay at Home at 203-762-2600.

July & August Events

RSVP: events@stayathomeinwilton.org or
(203)762-2600



2026 Sunset Cruise

Wednesday July 8th

90 Water Street, Norwalk, CT

6:30-8:30pm

Join SAHW for a magical evening as we slowly cruise through outer Norwalk Harbor. The Captain's Mate tells stories of merchants and sailors that have used this waterway for centuries. The cruise also passes three historic lighthouses, Peck Ledge, Green Ledge and the maritime icon of CT, Sheffield Island Lighthouse. Bring your own refreshments and snacks. Free to SAHW members!

RSVP by July 5th to 203-762-2600 or events@stayathomeinwilton.org



Wilton Street Fair & Sidewalk Sale

Saturday July 18th

Wilton Town Green

10am-3pm

Get ready for a day of excitement and community spirit as the Wilton Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the 14th Annual Wilton Street Fair and Sidewalk Sales! Wilton Center transforms into a vibrant hub of activity and entertainment. This is a fantastic opportunity for residents to enjoy a day filled with bargains, fun, and delicious treats.

Stop by the Stay at Home booth and say "Hello!"



Birthday Lunch

Thursday, July 9th

Orem's, 12:00PM

If your special day falls in July, you will receive an invitation to enjoy a complimentary lunch from SAHW. Not a July baby? You're still welcome to join the festivities— come celebrate with your fellow members!

Did we miss your birthday? Call or email us to confirm we have your birth date correct in our records.

RSVP by July 7th to 203-762-2600 or events@stayathomeinwilton.org



Stay at Home in Wilton's Summer BBQ

Friday, August 14th

WEPCO

5-7pm

Watch for more details on this summer's BBQ bash! Enjoy burgers, dogs, drinks, and ice cream sundaes. Bring your favorite side dish and join us for a fun afternoon on WEPCO's cozy patio!

RSVP by August 7th to 203-762-2600 or events@stayathomeinwilton.org

Member News & News To Use

Welcome!

New Members:
Donald & Christina Chi
Carol Gibbon

Join Our Team!

- Board Members
- Friendly Helpers
- Drivers
- Other volunteer opportunities

To find out more about volunteer opportunities, contact us at 203-762-2600 or info@stayathomeinwilton.org

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Welcome New Board Member Carolyn Brewer

A message to members from Carolyn Brewer:



An avid gardener, Carolyn plants hundreds of tulips bulbs every year!

I am so pleased to have been asked to serve on the board of directors of Stay at Home in Wilton.

We arrived in Wilton 50 years ago from a small New York City apartment with three very young children, and have lived here happily ever since. We chose Wilton because of the excellent schools, reasonable commute to New York, and the opportunity to feel rooted in the community.

While the children were still young I decided to become a registered nurse (a leap from my economics degree) and spent eight years as a part-time student. In 1987 I began my 23-year career at Norwalk Hospital as an oncology and hospice nurse. After retiring in 2010 I have continued to devote a lot of time to gardening and reading. Until my husband's passing in 2024, we also traveled extensively. Eleven grandchildren continue to enrich my life and keep me busy.

I was aware of the existence of SAHW, but only after my husband passed did I realize how very much I wanted to remain in this community and in our home. I enjoy the social activities and seminars and the opportunity to make new friends. I look forward to contributing to all the important services we offer to our members and to the Wilton community at large.



For your summer BBQs, try Jim K's Baked Beans Recipe:

Cut 6 slices of bacon into 1" pieces
 Dice 1 large yellow onion and sauté in
 2 Tbsp of olive oil until lightly browned

Sauce

Whisk together:
 1/2 cup Bulls Eye BBQ Sauce (Original)
 1/2 cup ketchup
 1/2 cup water
 2 Tbsp of spicy brown mustard
 2 Tbsp of apple cider vinegar
 1 tsp of garlic powder
 1/4 tsp of cayenne pepper

Mix sauce with:

2 28 oz cans of Bush's Original Baked Beans (not drained)
 2 15 oz cans of pinto beans (drained & rinsed)
 2 15 oz cans of cannelloni beans (drained and rinsed)
 1 10 oz can of ROTEL diced tomatoes with green chilies (mild)
 Sautéd onion

Pour into a 13"x9" pan (straight sided), top with bacon

Bake 350 degree oven for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours until nicely brown on top. Let cool 15 minutes and serve



Stay at Home and Wilton Hardware Team Up

As part of the state grant Stay at Home in Wilton received to launch a Home Safety Program for its members, Wilton Hardware has stepped up to help provide important safety items. After an extensive home assessment period, it was determined that many members needed to update basic devices to make their homes safer, such as smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, grab bars and fire blankets.

"Through Wilton Hardware's generosity, we will now distribute these items to our members so they can remain safe in their homes," stated Kevin Kane, a member of the board of Stay at Home in Wilton,

Members who were not part of the initial assessment phase may still request these safety devices by calling 203-762-2600. Quantities are limited and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.



Pictured are Wilton Hardware store manager Mike Stiskal (L) with Kevin Kane (R).



NEED A RIDE?

Stay At Home in Wilton can help!

Call 203-762-2600 or email rides@stayathomeinwilton.org