

# 40th Newtown Holiday Festival Planned For December 7

Newtown Youth and Family Services (NYFS) has announced Newtown Savings Bank will serve as the Premiere Sponsor of the 40th Newtown Holiday Festival, returning to locations along Main Street on Sunday, December 7, from 11 am to 4 pm.

A community tradition, the festival offers family-friendly activities, festive performances, and holiday cheer. Signature attractions include Holiday House Tours, the Festival of Trees, performances of *The Nutcracker Suite* at Edmond Town Hall, Historic Trolley Tours, and the Holiday Market. Families can also enjoy stories with Mrs. Claus, cookie decorating, and arts and crafts, along with seasonal surprises.

Hundreds of community members are expected to gather and celebrate the holiday season while raising critical funds for the programs and services of NYFS. NYFS Executive Director Candice Bohr says Newtown Savings Bank "has been an incredible partner in our mission. We cannot thank them enough for their continued support and commitment to giving youth, adults, and families access to quality mental health care, as well as the many youth services we provide — from mentoring and employment programs to life skills and social skill clubs.

"Their investment makes a true difference in the lives of those we serve," she added. Holiday Festival organizers are still looking for a few more homes to join this year's Holiday House

Tours, according to Bohr. Homeowners interested in participating are asked to contact NYFS Event Coordinator Susan Smith at [ssmith@newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org](mailto:ssmith@newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org). The Holiday Festival is NYFS's largest annual fun-

draiser, with proceeds directly benefiting mental health services and youth programming that strengthen the greater Newtown community.

Tickets will be available the day of the event. They are already available online, with general admission tickets \$40 for adults, \$38 senior citizens, and \$25 per child. Tickets are also available for a *Nutcracker* ballet performance, for \$20 each; and House Tour only, for \$30 each.

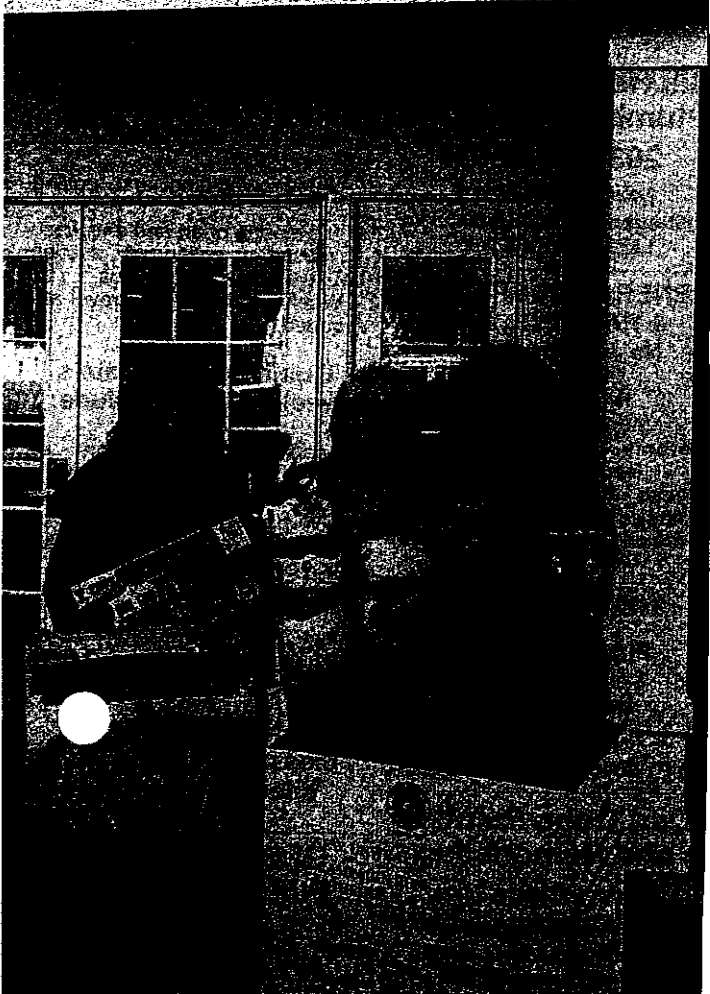
For more information about the 40th Newtown Holiday Festival, sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase early tickets, visit [newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org](http://newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org).

For over 40 years, Newtown Youth and Family Services has provided high-quality mental health, youth, and family support services to the greater Newtown community. NYFS is committed to helping individuals and families build resilience, foster healthy relationships, and thrive at every stage of life.

Newtown Savings Bank is a community bank headquartered in Newtown, with over \$1.8 billion in assets. For more than 170 years, the Bank has been deeply invested in the customers and communities it serves.

The Bank has branches in Newtown, Bethel, Bridgeport, Brookfield, Danbury, Monroe, Oxford, Shelton, Southbury, Trumbull, and Woodbury, along with the New Haven Regional Lending Center in Hamden.

## TOY TREE



Three employees (from left) Stacie Hebert, Janet Bell, and Kinsey stand outside the Newtown store on Church Road, with options for the Toys For Tots collection box of them. The toy store's two locations — including its Rocky Rock Oxford store — are serving as Toys For Tots collection points this holiday season. The Newtown store is also hosting a Letters To Santa mailbox. Children are invited to drop their letters off before December 15, and those who remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope will receive a response by Christmas. That project is in conjunction with Newtown Youth & Family Services.

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