

## Ansonia merchants help paint the town purple

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - Purple is the city's color of the month.

Ansonia Mayor David S. Casseti Friday cut a purple ribbon in front of City Hall to demonstrate support of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Purple represents the brain disease.

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Resident Bobbi Tar, who lost both of her parents to the degenerative disease, has volunteered for the Alzheimer's Association for several years.

She said, "Ansonia has embodied the concept and I'm very grateful to the city."

Tar said the city's support has been remarkable. "They took this (initiative) on without hesitation."

Casseti read a proclamation in support of the fight to end Alzheimer's.

He said 78,000 people n

Connecticut are living with the disease, and there are 178,000 caregivers for those who are afflicted.

The proclamation urges people to visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) to learn about early detection and diagnosis, how to recognize warning signs, and more.

More than 35 merchants have joined the June campaign by having donation boxes, posters, and informational pamphlets in their establishments, and purple drinks and desserts are offered at some restaurants.

State Sen. George S. Logan said having so many businesses participating in the initiative to paint the town purple makes him proud of his hometown. "It's not only the (Alzheimer's) patients who suffer but their caregivers as well," he said.



Public Works employees recently painted a purple line down the center of Main Street from the Maple Street bridge to Tremont Street, and lampposts along Main Street have been adorned with purple bows.

City Treasurer Judy Larkin Nicolari has spearheaded the Ansonia chapter, Greater Valley *Music Mends Minds*. She spoke about the initiative and invited the community to an event at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Doyle Senior Center. See photo of program on the next page.





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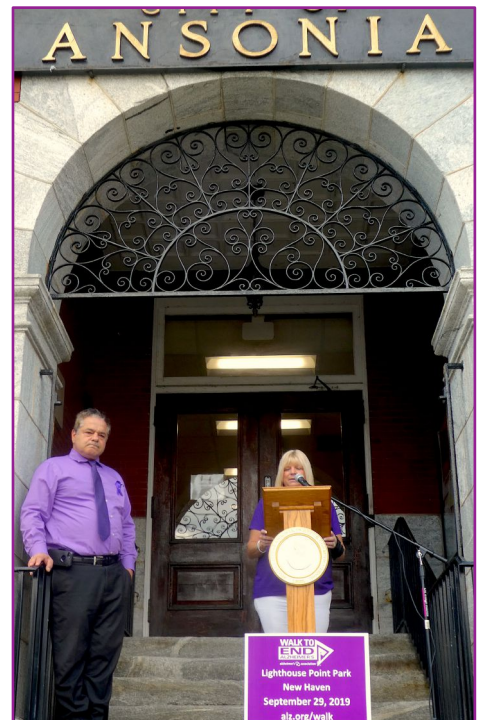
**MUSIC MENDS MINDS**

*"Restoring the Rhythm of Life"*

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019**

**1:30 P.M.**

**Joseph Doyle Senior Center  
153 Main Street  
Ansonia, CT**



### About Greater Valley Music Mends Minds

Our chorus is for seniors with neurodegenerative diseases and all are welcome to come and join in the fun, using the power of music to change brain chemistry and celebrate life.

Rehearsals will take place at the Joseph Doyle Senior Center, 153 Main St., Ansonia on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 to 3 P.M.

For more information, please contact Judy Nicolari, 203.231.3603 or [jlarnic@comcast.net](mailto:jlarnic@comcast.net)

