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**Relay for Life Luminarias Available at Newtown Savings Bank Branches**

In support of the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay for Life scheduled to take place in many local communities, all 14 Newtown Savings Bank branch locations will have luminarias available for advanced purchase in honor or in memory of those who have cancer starting Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Relay for Life is the annual overnight event that celebrates the lives of people with cancer and remembers those who have died from the disease. Luminaria are the paper bags or boxes bearing the name of loved ones filled with sand and a candle that line the track at each Relay for Life, and are lit at nightfall during a candlelight vigil in memory of those who have died from cancer. The service also honors cancer survivors and caregivers. "Luminaria symbolize the light of hope breaking through the darkness of cancer. That hope is so important in our fight to eliminate cancer," says Pat Deuschle, Relay For Life Community Executive, American Cancer Society, New England Division.

"Acquiring the bags in advance gives donors more of an opportunity to personalize the bags and decorate them at home with their loved ones," says Laura Cole from Newtown Savings Bank who has been team leader of the Bank's Tribury Relay team for the past 5 years.

Luminaria bags are available for a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society and may be purchased at the branch locations in Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Monroe, Shelton, Southbury, Trumbull and Woodbury. Luminaria boxes may be purchased at the two Newtown branches for \$10. Proceeds will benefit each local Relay for Life.

Newtown Savings Bank is a mutual community bank headquartered in Newtown, CT with over \$930 million in assets. The Bank has 14 branches in Newtown, Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Monroe, Shelton, Southbury, Trumbull and Woodbury. For more information and location details visit [nsbonline.com](http://nsbonline.com) or call 800.461.0672.