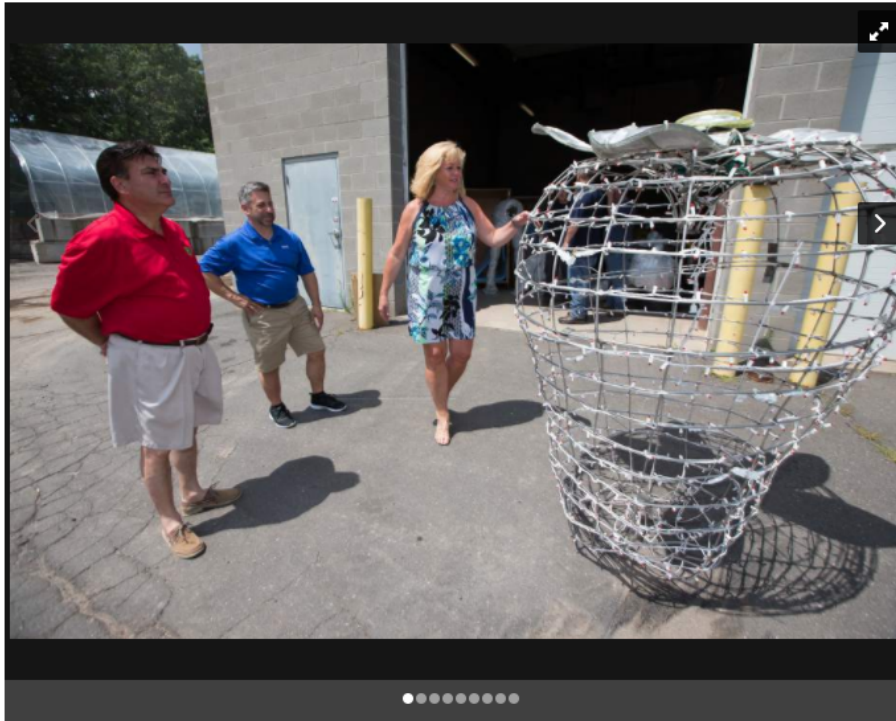


## Light structures to be used in Southington holiday celebration delivered from Utah



Dave Zoni, left, Mike Fasulo, chairman of the parks board and Councilor Dawn Miceli admire the six foot apple ornament that will be used for holiday celebrations. | Justin Weekes / For the Record-Journal



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SOUTHINGTON — Three holiday light decorations for the Farmington Canal Heritage trail arrived Wednesday from Utah.



Dawn Miceli, a town councilor, started raising money for the lights in January. She was inspired by the light display at Hubbard Park in Meriden every winter and wanted similar decorations on the trail, which connects downtown Plantsville and downtown Southington.



The decorations, created by the same artist who makes Meriden's displays, depict a moose, bear and apple.

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"They will really pop," Miceli said.

Two separate downtown holiday events in Southington and Plantsville were merged this past winter, and attendees were shuttled between the two downtowns via hay rides on the trail.

Miceli raised about \$11,000 from companies and individuals, including HQ Dumpsters, the Calvanese Foundation, the Main Street Community Foundation, James Garstang of Six Point Wealth Advisors and the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain.

"This was a major investment. These companies were very generous," Miceli said.

Michael Fasulo, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, praised Miceli's work.



"She did a fantastic job of raising money to get these things," he said. "It's a great addition to our decorations downtown."



Milton Neeley, the artist and welder from Utah, has built more than 200 unique aluminum and steel creations for Meriden's Hubbard Park. He built Southington's decorations out of stainless aluminum.

In a 2014 interview with the Record-Journal, Neeley said he started with his family's metal fabricating business and made ornamental railings, gates and doors.

The lights will be on display on the trail for the White Christmas in the Community event scheduled for Dec. 1 and then will move to the downtowns.

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