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*"More of the Best of the Valley"*

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**Colorful business opens in Derby**



**By Patricia Villers**  
DERBY - Need help choosing the right color and proper tools to get started on a painting project?

You're in luck.

There is a new store in town where employees are ready to help do-it-yourselfers and professionals with their painting needs.

Sherwin-Williams paint store at 656 New Haven Ave. held its official ribbon cutting Saturday morning.

Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce President Bill Purcell said, "We're really thrilled to have you here." He commended Mayor Anita Dugatto and said she has "really brought class to this row" of retail.



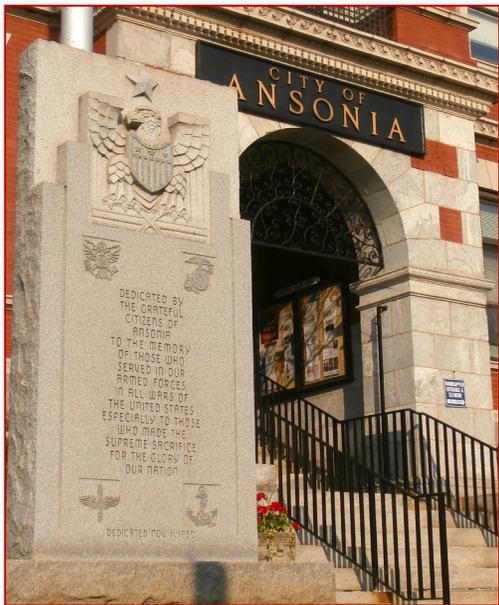
Dugatto told Manager Michelle Richetelli not to be nervous about the recent closing of nearby Walmart and the impending closing of Adams Food Store.

Purcell said since Sherwin-Williams is a global company "someone did their research" and found it was a good place to open a store.

"This is a dynamic market," Purcell said.

Richetelli said the store opened June 20. There are five employees and a sales rep for the store, she said.

Sherwin-Williams was founded in 1866 in Cleveland, Ohio by Henry Sherwin and Edward Williams. Its headquarters remains in Cleveland.



**Ansonia Monuments**

For monuments in Ansonia we first think of the beautiful service memorials in Veteran's Park.

However, there are two monuments nestled in front of Ansonia City Hall on Main Street dedicated to those who also served (and continue to serve) those in the armed forces and the service provided to all by the Ansonia Fire Department.

The engraved text is captioned underneath each picture - and if you should be walking in front of City Hall, stop and take a look.



"Dedicated by the grateful citizens of Ansonia to the memory of those who served in our armed forces in all wars of the United States especially those who made the supreme sacrifice for the glory of our nation." Dedicated Nov 11 1959

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### In Focus: Plumb Memorial Library, Shelton



By Ralph Villers

Today, the focus is on Shelton’s Plumb Memorial Library, located at 65 Wooster Street. The main building was completed in 1894, and its architect was Charles T. Beardsley, Jr. of Bridgeport. Its design is in a Richardsonian Romanesque revival style. The library addition was completed in 1974.

The library is named for David Wells Plumb was a successful industrialist in Derby, Ansonia, and Shelton. He was also president of the Star Pin Company and the Silver Plate Cutlery Company, and a vice-president and director of the Birmingham National Bank.



Plumb lived in Shelton, and was a champion of the city. In 1892, he led a committee of citizens which established a free public library, which opened the following year on the second floor of the Pierpont Block with 1,000 volumes .

Plumb had planned to build a dedicated library building, but died in 1893 without a provision in his will to fund the project.

His brother Horace, who received the majority of the estate, utilized the funding to proceed with the project. Plumb’s widow, Louise, donated the property at Wooster Street, adjacent to their family home, to the building of the library.

This beautiful building honors a great person in the formation of the modern Lower Naugatuck Valley.

A number of sources were utilized for this In Focus article:

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### Ansonia Summer Concerts 2016



Southern Voice Band performed on August 3. It was a fun show!

**Revised Concert Schedule**  
 Now there are Two More Concerts at Veteran's Park Before Rock the Valley!  
 Wednesday August 10 - **Approaching Normal**  
 August 17 - **Bob's Fault Band**  
 Concerts begin at 7:00



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