

Joan Ives-Parisi

Receiving her early education from Wallingford Public Schools, Joan Ives-Parisi moved to New Hampshire, graduating from Kingsland Regional High School where she achieved an outstanding record of demonstrative leadership throughout her high school years. An energetic organizer, Joan ran her family farm stand from 1963-1967. Returning to Connecticut after graduation, Joan was employed by several businesses in the greater Wallingford area, including Bunting & Lyon, Barberino Pontiac, and UMC Electronics. In 1980, Joan purchased the Andrews Shop on Center Street, renaming it the Guidone Shop, serving as its proprietor from 1980 to 1983. Immersing herself in the political landscape of Wallingford for many years, Joan worked on numerous campaigns and was appointed as the Republican Deputy Registrar of Voters in 2019. Joan joined the Wallingford Jaycees in 1973, serving as the organization's President from 1976-1978. In 1977-1978, she was the recipient of the Jaycee Woman of the Year Award. Serving as State President in 1979-1980, Joan played a significant role in the Connecticut Public Safety Commission's "Buckle Up Babes" program. The consummate local leader, among the many Wallingford-based organizations that Joan served include the Wallingford Hockey Study Committee, Public Celebrations Committee, Center Street Cemetery Committee, Big Brothers, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Foundation, the Wallingford Historical Society, and Hubcap Credit for Life program. She has also taught seventh grade CCD classes at Holy Trinity Church.