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## Norwalk receives a grant to preserve historic documents

(Norwalk, Conn.) - The City of Norwalk was recently awarded a grant from the Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Program to preserve death records and marriage licenses that are more than 150 years old.

The records, which date back to 1863, were previously stored in envelopes and boxes. Without proper preservation, the documents run the risk of further deterioration or irreparable damage. The \$9,500 grant will ensure these historical archives are preserved. The scope of work includes restoring and reinforcing any paper tears or damage; binding the documents with archival grade polyester and adding the records to microfilm for public viewing.

A grant from the Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Program will help to preserve death records and marriage licenses more than 150 years old.

“These documents provide a window into the past of our ancestors who were here long before us. These are historical records and need to be preserved for future generations,” said Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling. “Thank you to the Connecticut State Library for providing funds for this truly unique and important project.”

Now in its eighteenth year, the Historic Documents Preservation Program has awarded more than \$16 million in grants to municipalities supporting a wide range of projects. The records will be archived over the next six to eight months and will be available for the public to view in the Town Clerk’s office.

“These documents had seemingly been forgotten and uncovering them was a magnificent discovery,” said Norwalk Town Clerk Richard McQuaid. “Each record has a story and connection to our city. I am thrilled these will not be lost to history.”

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### About Norwalk, Conn.

Located in Connecticut in the heart of Fairfield County, the City of Norwalk is a diverse community rich in culture and personality. Uniquely situated on Long Island Sound, Norwalk has a vibrant Urban Core, remarkable schools, and beautiful beaches and parks. As of the 2017 United States Census Bureau estimate, Norwalk’s population was nearly 90,000, making it Connecticut’s sixth-largest city. Find out why Norwalk is the Sound of Connecticut by visiting [norwalkct.org](http://norwalkct.org).