

## FIRST MILE LAST MILE STUDY RELEASED

In March, we introduced you to the **First Mile / Last Mile Survey** and we were pleased that **representatives from Berlin, Meriden and Wallingford** all participated on this important project...and now the final report has been released. Each community along the Hartford Rail line needs to understand how to make the entire trip as seamless as possible. This project recognizes that a complete trip includes **getting to the originating train station, taking the train AND then getting from destination train station to the final destination**. This planning will maximize the opportunity for employees, shoppers and other visitors to use the rail and to utilize our three evolving Transit Oriented Development districts as well. **A special thanks goes to the South Central Regional Council of Governments, Chamber member Milone & MacBroom, Inc. and the Meriden Economic Development Office** for this great work.

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**Invite Flyers INSIDE for YOU and Your TEAM!**

## WALLINGFORD ADOPTS TOD PLAN FOR NEW RAIL STATION AREA



As each community is planning for the start of new rail service in 2018, the Wallingford Planning and Zoning Commission recently adopted a new Transit Oriented Development Plan for the 3/4 mile area surrounding the new train station. This study area extends up through Choate campus.

Specific recommendations include increased residential densities, mixed-use zoning, streetscape improvements for bikeability and walkability, and better ways to connect the rail development area with Wallingford Center.

This business friendly plan adds another tool in the toolbox of the town of Wallingford to attract private sector development.

## STATE OF CT MAKES COMMITMENT TO MXCC STAYING IN MERIDEN

At a press conference held at the **Middlesex Community College Meriden Center** on July 20th, Board of Regents President **Mark Ojakian** (pictured below) spoke "to reaffirm our commitment to be in the city of Meriden. This center will continue to exist as a part of Middlesex Community College."

President Ojakian was joined by MxCC President Dr. Anna Wasescha, outgoing MxCC Meriden Center Director Tami Christopher, Senator Bartolomeo, Representatives Altobello and Abercrombie, Meriden City Council members and community leaders who all stood proudly in support of the college.

This is great news for both students and businesses in central Connecticut. As the Meriden, Wallingford and Berlin central business district continues to improve, this resource will play an important part in providing affordable higher education and training programs. Please spread the word.



## CONGRATULATIONS LIZ & KIM

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**Liz White Notarangelo**, Executive Vice President & Assistant Publisher at **Record-Journal Publishing Company**, and **Kim Chamberlain**, Vice-President, District Manager, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. have been recognized as a member of the **Hartford Business Journal 40 Under Forty Class of 2016!** **At the R-J**, **Liz** continues to focus on digital growth opportunities and innovation. Her goals are to work with her teams to achieve increases in digital revenue and audience growth. **At Wells Fargo**, **Kim** helped the banking company navigate a merger with Wachovia bank; teaches financial education lessons to children through the company's Hands on Banking program; and co-chairs the local chapter of the Wells Fargo PRIDE Team Member Network — a coalition which fosters inclusion and acceptance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender team members, customers, and allies. This recognition is VERY well deserved for both women with close ties to our Midstate Chamber! Join us in congratulating Liz and Kim!

## LOTS OF WHAT WE DO FOR MEMBERS IS LINKING YOU

... to resources, services, support, and fellow members. Here are some EASY LINKS to the Midstate Chamber to "always keep you in the loop":

NEWS: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/News> CALENDAR: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>  
 RESOURCES: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources> DIRECTORY: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Directory>  
 NEWSLETTERS: <http://www.thechambernewsletter.com> 2015-16 CHAMBER BOOK: <http://www.thechamberbook.com>

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Séan W. Moore

### MXCC ANNOUNCES SPECIAL ENROLLMENT EVENT!

Middlesex Community College's **Meriden Center** will be hosting an enrollment session with academic advisors and financial advisors on hand! The Meriden Center will be open for registration and application fee waivers will be available. MxCC staff members will also assist students through the registration process and with class schedules, course selection, financial aid, testing, and other matters. Come see what MxCC has to offer **Wednesday, August 17th 4:00pm-7:00pm at the MxCC Meriden Center** located at 55 West Main St. Meriden, CT 06451. In addition, students can visit the **Welcome Center in Meriden from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning August 1st** for assistance with registration, advising, and financial aid. Please call (203) 608-3050 with any further questions!

### WHAT A FABULOUS DAY FOR A SOLAR ARRAY HIGH ATOP 290 PRATT STREET IN MERIDEN!

The **Meriden Enterprise Center** recently completed a comprehensive two-part, multi-year energy efficiency project with the unveiling of a new rooftop solar array. The 215 kW solar photovoltaic installation, new windows, rooftop cooling units and building management system are part of a \$3 million project. This effort was financed through the Connecticut Green Bank using the C-PACE program, an initiative supported by the Meriden City Council.



A number of other Meriden businesses have also participated in C-PACE as an innovative way to finance their energy efficiency projects. For more information about the C-PACE program, contact the Economic Development Office of the City of Meriden: 203.630.4151.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



Hot days of summer are upon us. I hope you're all enjoying your summer vacations and outdoor activities. The

Midstate Chamber is still going strong for the summer – it's "sizzling" in fact! There are lots of activities to attend - everything from Business After Hours networking events to sales seminars and committee meetings.

We are just finishing our summer membership drive. Thank you to all who participated. Non profits in the community got 10% of each new member's dues. It's our Chamber's way of giving back to our community. We are a membership-based organization and will be running another membership drive in the fall. Our Membership Committee will be planning another exciting theme for this year's fall drive.

We are experiencing exciting times in downtown Meriden:

- Meriden Green - the park downtown is just about finished;
- The City of Meriden has scheduled a grand opening for September 9-10 - please see enclosed flyer for details. Our Chamber is looking forward to hosting many events on the "Meriden Green".
- The new train station is going up and will be finished in 2017.

Stay tuned for more updates on all the exciting changes coming to downtown. We take pride in communicating this information to YOU, our members, via this newsletter and in email communications. You can also visit [www.meriden2020.com](http://www.meriden2020.com) for the latest updates and news.

I am seeing exciting changes in Berlin and Wallingford as well. Both towns also have new train stations being built along with plans for new development around the train stations. It's nice to see all these changes and growth in all our communities. I hope you enjoy the remaining summer months. I look forward to seeing you at our next Midstate Chamber event.

- Rich Pendred



Rich Pendred  
A&A Office Systems, Inc.  
Chairman of the Board  
Midstate Chamber of  
Commerce

### Questions? Here's How to Reach Us...

This issue of Chamber News is a member service of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc. with offices located at 3 Colony St., Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451. You can also visit us on line at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com). Ph: 203.235.7901 Fx: 203.686.0172 [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com). We welcome Chamber member and community news, events and other articles of interest from our diverse membership base. The Midstate Chamber of Commerce serves its member businesses in Meriden, Wallingford, Southington, Berlin, Cheshire and Middletown, Connecticut. We invite all businesses to join with us and become members of our chamber.



For all of your needs visit our members at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)



PROMOTION



EDUCATION



LEADERSHIP



NETWORKING

**NOW is PRIME TIME**  
**to JOIN Midstate Chamber of Commerce**  
**SHARE this APPLICATION**  
**with your business associates!**

1-5 Employees	\$280.00
6-10 Employees	\$295.00
11-20 Employees	\$410.00
21-30 Employees	\$525.00



*The Midstate Chamber supports, promotes and serves our member businesses in Berlin, Cheshire, Meriden, Southington, Wallingford and throughout central Connecticut.*

3 Colony Street, Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451

Ph: 203.235.7901 Fax: 203.686.0172

info@midstatechamber.com www.midstatechamber.com

## Membership Application

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business/Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Owners: \_\_\_\_ # of Employees: \_\_\_\_ Full-Time \_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_ Year Founded: \_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### How Did You Learn About Us?

#### Chamber Activity / Interests:

**Promotion:** ☐ Member Directory Advertising ☐ Web Site Advertising ☐ Chamber Business Expo ☐ Newsletter Advertising ☐ Marketing Committee, etc

**Education:** ☐ Education Committee ☐ Education Awards ☐ Workshops ☐ School-Business Partnerships ☐ Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action (HOLA), etc.

**Networking:** ☐ Business After Hours ☐ Breakfast Club Celebrates ☐ Annual Meeting/Dinner ☐ Annual Golf Tournament ☐ Young Business Leaders of CT ☐ Ambassadors ☐ Membership Committee, etc.

**Leadership:** ☐ Government & Business Development Committee ☐ Pizza, Pasta, & Politics ☐ Health Insurance, etc

**\*\* Please Include Your "Web Words":** Web Words are a 25-30 word description of your business that appears with your Member Directory listing on www.midstatechamber.com: \_\_\_\_\_

**New member add on – Specials—reserve now and save \$50:**

- ☐ \$100 web image (appears next to your web listing making you stand out) - \$150 value  
☐ \$100 3 month newsletter ad (business card size) - \$150 value

**\*\* Please E-Mail Your Key Employees Information to info@midstatechamber.com.** Key employees are employees who you wish to receive additional Chamber updates/information and who may be attending events. Key employee information may consist of name, title, direct phone number or extension and e-mail address.

Card#

Exp.

Card Zip Code

Verification Code



Signature

• **A one-time \$15 dollar set up fee is due at time of application**

Membership dues in this organization may be tax deductible as an ordinary & necessary business expense. Dues paid to this 501(c)(6) are not a charitable tax deduction. The organization serves as an advocate for and promotes its member businesses.





# SAVE THE DATE MERIDEN GREEN

**GRAND OPENING**  
5PM FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

**COMMUNITY DAY**  
9AM-3PM SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

61 PRATT STREET ACROSS FROM FIRE STATION 2

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**MERIDEN 2020**  
BRINGING IT | TOGETHER



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MACBROOM



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[MERIDEN2020.COM/MERIDEN-GREEN](http://MERIDEN2020.COM/MERIDEN-GREEN)



at  
Nina's Cafe  
39 West Main St.  
Meriden

**Wednesday,  
August 10th, 2016**  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

***Find your (keep your bottom line top of mind) place.***

**Liberty Bank will be hosting this Business After Hours for you to meet their team of professionals who will be glad to discuss all the options that they have for keeping your bottom line topped off.**

*Member FDIC/Equal Housing Lender*

***We will also be recognizing our  
2016 Student Education Award Winners: come out and congratulate them as they embark on their college journey!***

**Enjoy Networking, Refreshments provided by  
Nina's Cafe, Door Prizes, and more!**



**Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:  
203-235-7901, e-mailing: [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com), or visit  
[www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com).**



*This Business After Hours event is in association with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce to showcase the sponsoring member and to offer both members and members-to-be the opportunity to network and enjoy a wonderful evening.*

## **MEMBER RENEWALS...**

We recognize and thank our members who have joined or renewed their investment in the Mid-state Chamber within the last month. Visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com) for the most up-to-date membership listing!

**A. D. Perkins Co.**  
**Achieve Financial Credit Union**  
**All Pro Electrical Services LLC**  
**Alvista Willow Brook**  
**Aplicare Inc.**  
**Connecticut Energy Solutions, LLC**  
**Connecticut Temperature Controls**  
**Dr. Craig L. Nielsen, O.D.**  
**Dunkin' Donuts / Battista Companies**  
**Gonzalez Construction, LLC**  
**JLN Contracting**  
**K & A Enterprises**  
**Lupacchino Financial & Associates**  
**Middlesex Community College**  
**MidState Medical Center**  
**Paredim Partners LLC / Meetinghouse**  
**Village Apartments**  
**Prestige Construction Home Improvement**  
**PROSHRED Security**  
**United Bank**  
**Universal Healthcare Foundation**  
**Wood Dragon IT, LLC**

**Our most up-to-date member listing can be found at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)**

**Members Use Members!**



## **NEW MEMBERS!**

We are delighted to introduce our new members - the lifeblood of our organization and the reason we exist. We continually strive to connect you to one another and to our communities. Please welcome them by visiting their website, sending them an email or stopping by to introduce yourself. The personal touch will help our chamber continue to grow and thrive as we continue on our goal to reach 650 members in the coming months!

**Fresh Basil Deli & Catering:** 164 Scott St., #3, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.235.0078. Michelle Vitti is the primary contact. Fresh Basil offers catering, delivery, hours, house roasted and smoked meats, house made doughs, dressings, soups, and sauces. Thank you to Linda Krampitz of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare for inviting Michelle to join the Chamber!

**Kender's Indian Palace:** 833 E. Center St., Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 203-793-7926 and the fax number is 203-793-7937. Kender Singh is the primary contact. Kender's Indian Palace invites you to come and enjoy authentic Indian cuisine complimented by some of the best beer and wine selections.

**Mangu Restaurant:** 29 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.440.1945. Manuel de Leon is the primary contact. Mangu Restaurant serves great Spanish and American food for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**Midstate Driving School:** 523 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.238.0708 and the fax number is 203.440.2908. Al Baez is the primary contact.

**New Jade Garden:** 519 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.235.9123. Qi Young is the primary contact. Thank you to Miguel of Prestige Construction Home Improvement for inviting Qi to join the Chamber!

**T.L.K. Cleaning Service LLC:** P.O. Box 1770, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.440.5996 and the fax number is 888.697.4890. Tuncay "TJ" Tomak is the primary contact. T.L.K. Cleaning Service LLC is a family owned and operated commercial cleaning service that provides free estimates, is insured, bonded and licensed, se habla espanol and whose motto is "Your satisfaction is our 1st priority."

**Join us in welcoming these new members.**

**Our MOST up-to-date member listing may be found in the Directory at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com) - search by category or alphabetically**

## UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS:

Mark your calendars, iPhones, Droids, etc. with these event dates. **M** = Chamber or Business event; **C** = Community event. More details and RSVP information for these events may be found on [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)! Chamber event RSVP line: 203.235.7901



*This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our business and community calendars.*

- M** **SUMMER Charity of Choice Membership Campaign – JOIN by 8/12 to GET IN the Magazine – 2016-17 Resource Guide**
- C** Fri, Jul 1, 7:00 pm: Summer Music Series Downtown – check chamber calendar for details on the bands for this weekly event!
- M** **Mon, Aug 1: 2016 Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands, Cromwell: Wed, 8/3 is Celebrity Pro-Am; Thu, 8/4 is Women's Day AND come see Midstate Chamber Volunteer Team on Thursday & Sunday at Hole 12**
- C** Tue, Aug 2: Meriden Rotary Club/Meriden YMCA Golf Tournament at the Wallingford Country Club. Call 203.235.6386.
- C** Tue, Aug 2, 5:00 pm: Meriden's National Night Out held at Hubbard Park
- M** Thu, Aug 4, 7:00 pm: Country Duo **Big & Rich Performance** at the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands.
- C** Fri, Aug 5, 7:00 pm: SUMMER MUSIC SERIES at Habershon Park featuring Inner Groove (Classic Rock)
- M** Sat, Aug 6, 7:00 pm: Rock Band **Gin Blossoms Performance** at the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands
- C** Sun, Aug 7, 12:00 pm: 49th Annual Meriden Puerto Rican Festival at Hubbard Park
- M** Wed, Aug 10, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours Showcasing Liberty Bank at Nina's Café. See enclosed flyer.**
- M** Thu, Aug 11, 9:00 am: **SCORE - Counseling Sessions** for Businesses at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce
- C** Fri, Aug 12, 10:45 am: 3rd Annual Carver Classic Golf Tournament at Hunter Golf Club. For more information visit [www.carverct.org](http://www.carverct.org).
- C** Fri, Aug 12, 7:00 pm: SUMMER MUSIC SERIES at 43-55 West Main Street featuring Johnny I Bank (Blues/Rock)
- C** Wed, Aug 17, 4:00 pm: Special Enrollment at Middlesex Community College Meriden Center, 55 W. Main St. Academic & Financial Advisors will be on hand to help with registration, application fees waivers, schedules, financial aid, testing, and other matters. Any further questions call 203.608.3050.
- M** Wed, Aug 17, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours Showcasing Higher Movement LLC & Fresh Basil Ribbon Cutting! See flyer.**
- C** Fri, Aug 19, 7:00 pm: SUMMER MUSIC SERIES held at 43-55 West Main Street featuring Coyote River Band (Country).
- M** Thu, Aug 25, 8:30 am: **Business Before Hours at Boscov's, 480 Lewis Ave., Meriden. See enclosed flyer.**
- M** Sat, Aug 27, 9:30 am: **HOLA Casino Bus Trip to Benefit the 2017 HOLA Education Awards to Foxwoods Resort Casino. See enclosed flyer. Reserve NOW - last trip was a sellout! Tax Free Week + Outlet Shopping = GREAT DEALS!!!**
- C** Sat, Aug 27, 12:00 pm: 1st Annual Roadway of Hope - 2016 at Hubbard Park to raise addiction awareness. Register on Facebook at Roadway of Hope CT

**This is a SHORT LIST of some of our KEY events – for even MORE business and community events - including Chamber Committee meetings - along with details and updates visit...<http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>**

**And, LIKE us on FACEBOOK and FOLLOW us on TWITTER: @MidstateCoC**



Twitter - Follow us : @MidstateCoC



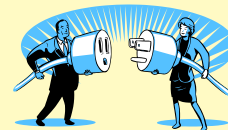
Like us: [www.facebook.com/MidstateCoC](http://www.facebook.com/MidstateCoC)

### COMMITTEE CONNECTION

A LOT of work happens at the committee level here at the Midstate Chamber. We do encourage your involvement and that of your employees on any committee! ALL committee meeting dates and times are listed on the Midstate Chamber's website. Come on out and sit in on a meeting to try it - you will like it: the experience, sharing, connections and more!

**Your participation helps YOU, helps YOUR  
BUSINESS and helps  
OUR CHAMBER!**

**Questions? Call us at: 203.235.7901**



### BREAKFAST CLUB TV

The Chamber's Breakfast program is NOW AIRING on Cox Public Access #15 - Frontier: #99 on **Mondays at 9:00 p.m.** Check the chamber website for details and get your popcorn ready!



**Find event photos at: [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)**





164 Scott St.  
Meriden

**Wednesday,  
August 17th, 2016**  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Members and guests of the Midstate Chamber are invited to help Higher Movement celebrate their 1st Anniversary and to view their new, larger facility.**

**Also come and celebrate the opening of Fresh Basil with a Ribbon Cutting and enjoy samples of some of their tasty menu items.**

***Enjoy Networking,  
Refreshments from  
Fresh Basil, Door  
Prizes, and more!***



**Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:**

**203-235-7901, e-mailing: [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com), or visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com).**

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# BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

Thursday, August 25, 2016

8:30am to 10am

Boscov's Westfield Meriden

The Business Before Hours event is in association with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce to showcase the sponsoring member and to offer both members and members-to-be the opportunity to network and enjoy a wonderful morning with a continental breakfast.

**ALL GUESTS WILL RECEIVE A 15% OFF  
APPAREL CERTIFICATE**

that can be used during the event.

Information about Boscov's Jewelry Department and Bridal registry will be shared.

**REGISTER TO WIN PRIZES INCLUDING  
A \$50 BOSCOV'S BONUS CARD.**

Please RSVP to this event by calling the Midstate Chamber of Commerce at 203-235-7901 or e-mail to [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com) or visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com).

**AUGUST 25 IS DURING CONNECTICUT'S TAX-FREE WEEK**

when clothing and shoes under \$100 per item are tax exempt.



**Midstate**  
Chamber of  
Commerce

Boscov's Westfield Meriden 480 Lewis Avenue, Meriden, CT

Please enter at Boscov's Customer Pick-Up entrance (Kensington Avenue).

Guests will be escorted to the Misses Department, across from the Jewelry Department.



## MEMBER UPDATES

This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our member news section of the website where you can view FULL news articles by submission date OR by member. Just SCAN and CLICK!



### Find ALL of our members' news online:

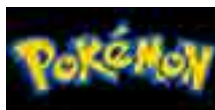
<http://www.midstatechamber.com/News>

**Community Health Center of Meriden: The National Institutes of Health** have announced that **CHC** has been recruited as one of several high-performing national organizations to participate in **President Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative**. It is a great honor based on the recognition of the great care that all our staff provide for underserved populations together with the important research being conducted by our Weitzman Institute. We will be part of a pilot program to determine the infrastructure needed to enable a wide variety of community health centers to participate in the program. This pilot is critical for bringing underserved individuals, families, and communities into the Precision Medicine Study, especially those historically underrepresented in biomedical research. Mark Masselli, CHC's President, CEO, and founder concurred with comments by Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director, NIH about the importance of understanding individual differences in treating illnesses noting "Our care for the underserved, who too often get left out of important medical research led us to create the Weitzman Institute to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be active participants in studies that can improve health outcomes. We look forward to bringing our experience providing quality care to the underserved together with the Weitzman Institute's research expertise to this important effort."



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If you have kids who have suddenly changed from spending their free time staring at their cellphones to walking around their neighborhood, don't worry, this just might be a good thing. They just might be playing Pokemon Go. Those of you with older kids may remember Pokemon. It started as a video game back in 1996. Over the years, it has continued to evolve, and now you can play Pokemon on your cellphone as you walk around your neighborhood. *Anything that gets your kids out walking around their neighborhoods, as long as they do it safely, is probably a good thing. A lot of the safety issues are the basic safety issues that apply no matter what your motivation. Make sure your kids remain aware of what is going on around them. It is also a good idea for them to travel with their friends, both for the sake of safety, as well as for the sake of community.* We're not here to promote a specific game or company, but we do find it pretty exciting that Pokemon has come up with a way to get more people excited about getting outside and getting more exercise.



Fellow Midstate Chamber member Lori Silkoff, Yac Industries, is asking you to consider supporting this important cause and event.

Dear Friend and Community Leader: You can be an everyday hero in the fight against suicide. Partner with us as an event sponsor for the 2016 Hamden Out of the Darkness Walk, taking place on September 25 at the Hamden Town Center Park.

Why support the Out of the Darkness Walk? Suicide is a leading cause of death – but it's preventable. With your support, together we can save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Build your brand's goodwill by supporting a cause everyone can get behind. Funds



*Join Lori's Team and Walk for a Great Cause...*

raised from The Out of the Darkness Walks allow us to fund research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Last year we raised over \$85,000, with some of that coming from contributions of fantastic business owners like yourself. Half of that \$85,000 stayed right here in Southern CT and our local chapter used that money to sponsor multiple important trainings in the community such as Mental Health First Aid training for local community members and organizations.

I look forward to discussing our 2016 sponsorship opportunities and benefits with you in more detail: options start at just \$250 to support this important cause. We will follow-up with you in the coming weeks. For more information about the AFSP, visit [www.afsp.org/southernconnecticut](http://www.afsp.org/southernconnecticut). For more information about the Hamden walk, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/2016HamdenOOTDWalk> - to join Lori's walk team or to donate, search "silkoff" in the search bar in the upper right corner. Lori's contact numbers are: (203) 272-4999 or (203) 530-8484.



Find community resources at: [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)

**Boscov's:** The Registry at Boscov's Gives You More Perks: • Get a 15% Off Shopping Pass upon registration. Valid for 60 days from registry date; includes almost everything.\*

• Registry Rewards Certificate— Earn a 10% rebate on all gifts purchased through your registry at Boscov's. Earn up to \$250 back to complete your registry!\* • Earn fabulous FREE gifts from top brands.\* • Take 10% off most items left on your registry after your wedding.\* • Complimentary Gift Wrap for all registry purchases.\* • Personalized Invitation Enclosure Cards are available, offering a special discount to your guests.\* \*See Registry Consultant for full details. Book Your Appointment Today! -800-284-8155, ext 4 [giftregistry@boscovs.com](mailto:giftregistry@boscovs.com).



**Connex Credit Union** - Connex has partnered with Credit Union Student Choice to provide competitive low variable rate loans with flexible repayment options, no prepayment penalty, and 0.25% rate reduction for automatic payments. Connex is currently offering undergraduate Private Student Loans and Private Student Loan Consolidation. Apply online at [connexcu.org](http://connexcu.org).



**Diversified Physical Therapy LLC** - Yoga with Debbie - Wednesdays at 5:30pm. This is an all levels Vinyasa class of mindfully sequenced poses, focusing on using the breath to encourage movement to regain space within the body and quiet the mind. Call (203)-213-3622 for more information.



**Therapeutic Massage- Licensed Massage Therapists from Central CT Massage and Wellness are taking appointments for massage. They have offices on the 2nd floor of DPT. Call Rick (203)-631-7970, Mallory (203)-631-1620, Sheena (860)-803-9791 or Alicia (203)-213-8298 for an appointment.** DPT Gym- For only \$25 per month you can use the equipment at DPT anytime the office is open, as often as you like. We have a treadmill, recumbent bike, lifecycle, total gym, free weights, therabands, ankle weights, foam roller, Bosu and balls of all weights and sizes. Pay per month with no extra fees and no commitment. Friendly atmosphere! Call for more information at (203)-630-3939.

**Meriden Public Library - Summer Hours** continue through September 3rd. The summer hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm, Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and closed Saturday and Sunday. The Meriden Public Library is located at 105 Miller St., Meriden. If you have any questions contact the Information Desk at 203.238.2347. The Meriden Public Library is located at 105 Miller St., Meriden, CT 06450. Nothing to do on Thursday evenings? **Come to the Meriden Public Library and watch great movies on the big screen.** All the movies will begin at 6:00 pm in the Griffin Room. Find the full schedule with all details on under library news at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com). Here's what's coming up: - Aug. 4 - Chicago / Aug. 11 - Tootsie / Aug. 18 - Stagecoach / Aug. 25 - Ghost / Sep. 1 - Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. All are welcome to this free program. Contact the Community Services Department at (203) 630-6349 if you have questions.



**Middlesex Community College Meriden Center** will be opening their **Welcome Center starting August 1st**. Students can stop in Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm for assistance with registration, advising, and financial aid. For more information or questions, call 203.608.3050. MxCC Meriden Center is located at 55 West Main St., Meriden. Also MxCC Meriden Center will be hosting a **Special Enrollment Event on Wednesday, August 17th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Academic Advisors and Financial Advisors will be on hand. Students can register for classes and application fee waivers will be available. MxCC staff members will also assist students through the registration process and with class schedules, course selection, financial aid, testing, and other matters. Visit [www.mxcc.edu](http://www.mxcc.edu).



**The Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club's** summer camp is in full swing. Here are a few highlights: - CT STEM Academy weekly visits, provided by Wallingford Youth & Social Services - Real Strength Program weekly visits through Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc. - A visit from Ulbrich Stainless Steel to share with our members the different ways they manufacture steel and metal. **If you're interested in sharing your profession with our members, please contact the Club at (203)-269-7535.**



**Health Educated, Inc.** recently released its Annual Benefit Corporation Report, with a Cover Letter from the CEO providing an overview for the first year of operations as a CT Benefit Corporation. Visit [www.healtheducated.com](http://www.healtheducated.com) to download the cover letter and the Annual Benefits Report on the company website. *The company is an insurance agency that operates in the Individual health insurance marketplace in CT; and operates on a Workforce Development Model, focused on creating and maintaining a year-round community-based network of health insurance agents, comprised mainly of women, multicultural and multilingual individuals within the State's urban centers.* In this first year, the company had great success with its Workforce Development program; however, faced, and continues to face, many challenges in the marketplace. The company's management welcomes feedback and suggestions as they move forward into this next year. Contact: Antonio Paulo Pinto, President and CEO; [appinto@healtheducated.com](mailto:appinto@healtheducated.com), (860) 269-3937.



Find it all at: [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)



**Workforce Alliance** - Through your affiliation with Midstate Chamber, you have access to **CTHires**: offering employers direct access to services 24/7. The CT Department of Labor requires that jobs posted to the site meet minimum standards to ensure that an employer-employee relationship exists for all positions posted and that there is a valid, current employment opportunity for job seekers. A company would need to register in CTHires. Any job posts would allow your company to recruit at any of the 20 plus American Job Centers throughout Connecticut. Visit [www.cthires.com](http://www.cthires.com). Any questions, **contact Belkis Marmol at 203.238.3688 ext 215**.

**Westmount Management, Inc.**

- You can now go online and view the Residences and Commercial Spaces designed to make the everyday extraordinary in Meriden at [www.24Colony.com](http://www.24Colony.com). Located in downtown Meriden steps from the new commuter train station, 24 Colony Street is in the heart of the revitalized Historic District. The building features luxury one and two bedroom residences in a variety of styles, along with first floor commercial space. Amenities like off street-secured-private parking, washer-dryer hookups, geo-thermal heating and cooling (reduced utility costs) and community space are located on premises. Visit [www.24Colony.com](http://www.24Colony.com) for details.



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The Travelers Championship is **expanding its Military Appreciation program to now include free admission for all U.S. veterans and their immediate family members**, sponsored by Bear's Smokehouse BBQ. This is

in addition to free admission the tournament has offered to all active, reserve and retired U.S. service members and their dependents. "This is one small way we can thank the brave men and women of the U.S. military for their courage and dedication to our country," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube.

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AT TRAVELERS**



**Thursday,  
Aug. 4th**

**Saturday,  
Aug. 6th**

*Jim Brison*



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# Casino Bus Trip



**Saturday,  
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**Come One, Come ALL But...Hurry Space is limited -  
Reserve your seat(s) Today!**

***It's TAX FREE WEEK:***

***SHOP 'til you drop at Tanger Outlets!***

**Departure Time: 9:30 AM SHARP from:**

Lewis Ave. Commuter Lot, Meriden CT

**Cost: \$30.00 per person (\$20 back ➔ \$10 food voucher & \$10 bet)**

**Return to Meriden: approximately 6:00 PM**

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To reserve your seat contact an HOLA Committee member or contact the Midstate Chamber:

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