

SUPPORTING OUR NFP'S (NOT-FOR-PROFITS): PLEASE REMEMBER THE CAUSE



You may know that the Federal Tax Laws have changed and the standard deductions have sky rocketed to \$12,000 for individuals, \$18,000 for heads of household, and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly and surviving spouses. This change will cause many individuals and families to no longer itemize their deductions... and still others may choose to not make the contributions at all.

If individuals and corporations consider curtailing their traditional charitable contributions, this **may be very bad news for our Chamber members in the not-for-profit sector**. I ask you to please remember that even though the itemized deduction may go away, the organization's ultimate cause still remains. **These area not-for-profit organizations still do amazing work in our communities and continue to need your support. Please continue to be as generous as you can in support of these great causes.**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR BOTH EMPLOYERS & JOB SEEKERS FOR THE JOB FAIR ON JUNE 15

The Midstate Chamber, R-J Media Group, Workforce Alliance and the Making Meriden Downtown Business Center are partnering to present an Employment and Career Fair at 24 Colony St. in downtown Meriden on **June 15th from Noon until 5:00 p.m.**

This will be a well promoted event and we expect to attract a great number of Employers and Job seekers. With the unemployment rate continuing to decrease, we need to do a little more to seek out the talent that our members require. In addition to employers looking to hire, there will be additional Business Services and Employee services specialists on hand to assist.

You can visit the Job Fair page here: <https://www.midstatechamber.com/Content/Job-Fair2018.asp>. There you can see who is exhibiting and download your application as well. Employers are asked to RSVP by 06/08 so we can order the appropriate pipe and drape and refreshments. Thank you!



WE MOVED!

**Please Update
Your Records**

**546 South Broad St., 2C
Meriden, CT 06450**

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**We Call Your
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**CTrail Free
Weekend Trips:
6/16-6/17**

Special BAH: 6/27

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**...and LOTS More**

## CTRAIL SERVICE STARTS ON THE HARTFORD LINE ON JUNE 16

We are very excited that the improved rail service will start on June 16, 2018. We believe that this will greatly expand the labor market and allow residents to have more employment options while allowing talent to more easily commute into central Connecticut on a daily basis. Weekend service is also available for the vacation and day-trip travelers. **Please note that there is FREE service to try the train on June 16 and 17th. You can find out first-hand how easy and different this level of service is.** In addition, we are planning an informal GROUP TRIP on June 16th. You can plan to join us and jump on the CT Rail Hartford Line train #6454 in New Haven at 12:20 p.m., Wallingford at 12:33 p.m., Meriden at 12:40 p.m. or Berlin at 12:49 p.m. and arrive in Hartford for 1:04 p.m. You have many options to depart Hartford for your return trips up until 10:30 p.m. Many are planning to make an afternoon of it.



## 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>  
RESOURCES: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources>  
CALENDAR: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>  
DIRECTORY: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Directory>



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### TWO SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE END OF JUNE

Séan W. Moore

We support both educational and social activities to bring our members out of their offices and together to connect with each other. The end of June is a great time to make these connections.

We have a *special Business After Hours on Wednesday, June 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Apple Rehab Cocomo co-sponsored with Liberty Bank.* At this event, we will recognize our Sanford S. Shorr Education Award winning students, Young Business Leader and HOLA Award winning Students, and the Bruce Kannenberg / Jonal Laboratories winners as well. Come join us to celebrate the most successful students in the area. Please see the flyer for details.

The following day on Thursday, June 28, is a great Downtown Meriden Entrepreneurial Event from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Silver City Ballroom in downtown Meriden. The program includes lively discussions on:

- Mapping Your Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Why Small Business is the Backbone of a Thriving Downtown District
- Update on Meriden Places & Spaces

In addition, you can participate in Match Up Sessions with property owners, business coaches & YOU. The program wraps up with a tour of nearby commercial buildings, rail station & sprawling town green and finally a Sip, Snack & Chat Networking Session. More details can be found on the flyer within this newsletter.

### PLEASE TAKE THE DOWNTOWN MERIDEN SURVEY – WE NEED JUST 15 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME!

If you have a business OR are a property owner OR might be even speculatively considering ownership or activity in downtown Meriden, I want to know that we value your business opinions. We need to hear from you, the business community, to best determine how to program for our downtown.

The Meriden Economic Development Corporation, the City of Meriden, the Midstate Chamber, the Connecticut Economic Development Resource Center (CERC) and the Making Meriden Business Center are partnering on this important project. We need YOU as a collaborator on this important project.

Please use the link <http://www.research.net/r/meridenc> and please know that all individual responses are held in confidence and only summary results, as compiled by CERC, will be used and shared.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



Nate Bottone

What an exciting month at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce! I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me as I settle into my new role as Chairman of the Board of Directors. We had a great board meeting where we shared ideas about how we can grow membership. Recent Business After Hours events at Banana Brazil and Thompson Chocolate were two really great networking opportunities and we thank them for their hospitality.

I'm looking forward to seeing more of you at these events and I also challenge you to bring a potential new member to our next event. Remember: it's not about selling the membership, it's about telling someone why we are the chamber of choice.

If you haven't started following our Instagram or Facebook pages please make sure you do. We have been posting some great content and we encourage you to like and share. Let's get the word out that we are a FUN chamber that gets a lot done in the process.



<https://www.instagram.com/midstatechamberofcommerce/>



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### 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 546 South Broad St., 2C, Meriden, CT 06450. 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)

**EZ EVENT RSVP LINK - Just Click Here!**



# RESPECT IN THE WORKPLACE

Our workplaces continue to evolve. This seminar will provide attendees with information on building, creating and maintaining a respectful workplace with a focus on inclusion, diversity, generational differences & more.



**Wed. June 13 | 7:30am - 10:00am**

**HUBCAP Wallingford, 128 Center St., Wallingford**

**7:30-8:00 | R-N-R: Registration, Networking, Refreshments**

**8:00-10:00 | Presentation including Q&A**

**\$20pp | \$30 at the door | Sponsorships for all budgets on reserve**

**This session was designed with ALL members in mind!  
We ask all members to consider sending a team member(s) to represent  
your company and be more INformed on this relevant and timely topic.**

**Yes! I need to be INformed on this topic. Sign me Up!**

Sponsorship Level (see back): \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_ (ck enclosed | bill me)

CC (AX, Disc, VI, MC): \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Remit to: Midstate Chamber of Commerce | 546 South Broad St., Suite 2C | Meriden, CT 06450  
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# Respect in the Workplace Seminar Sponsorships

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- ★ FULL 6 foot Display Table for promotional materials/giveaways
- ★ LOGO on Program Cover
- ★ FULL page Ad (4 ½ w x 7 ½ h) in Program
- ★ 10 Tickets to Event; Reserved Seating
- ★ Top Banner Ad on Chamber site for 6 months (\$300 value)
- ★ Logo & link featured on web page
- ★ LOGO on Flyer e-mailed to 1,700+
- ★ Recognition on [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com) (averaging 40,000+ unique visits per month) & Facebook/Twitter
- ★ Recognition in Press Releases
- ★ E-Minders Sponsorships—TWO to use by 12/31/18  
(YOUR message or PROMOTION in a Chamber e-minder sent to 1,700!)
- ★ Recognition at event

## ☐ **Gold Sponsor: \$500**

- ★ ½ Page Ad (4 ½ w x 3 ¾ h) in Program
- ★ 5 Tickets to Event; Reserved Seating
- ★ Display table—6 foot
- ★ Name Listed on Flyer— e-mailed to 1,700+
- ★ Recognition on [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com) (averaging 40,000+ unique visits per month) & Facebook/Twitter
- ★ Recognition at the Event

## ☐ **Silver Sponsor: \$250**

- ★ ½ Page Ad (4 ½ w x 3 ¾ h) in Program
- ★ 2 Tickets to Event
- ★ Shared Display Table

## ☐ **Bronze Sponsor: \$100**

- ★ 1 Ticket to Event
- ★ Listing in Program

## ☐ **AD in Program only options:**

- ★ Full Page: \$250
- ★ ½ Page: \$100

**YES! I want to take advantage of a sponsorship to promote my business & support this IMPORTANT event!**

**Level:** \_\_\_\_\_ (or check appropriate box above)

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Check enclosed
- ☐ Bill me- Chamber Members Only
- ☐ Credit card (AX, Disc, VI, MC)

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code of card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kindly remit to: Midstate Chamber, 546 South Broad St., Suite 2C, Meriden, CT 06450**

**203-235-7901 / Fax: 203.686.0172**

**[info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com)**

**[www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)**



**Click HERE to view the job fair web page with updates and other info.**



Application for the  
**2018 Job, Employment and Career Fair**  
 on Friday, June 15, 2018 at  
 24 Colony Street, Meriden, CT 06451

Exhibiting Company Information: Please print clearly

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |                                 |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Name of Presenting Company                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |                                 | Contact Person |
| Mailing Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |                                 |                |
| City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | St  | Zip                             | E-mail Address |
| Phone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fax | Exact Wording for Booth Signage |                |
| 1. Please read and complete this application and returned to the Midstate Chamber of Commerce with your payment to reserve your space.<br>2. Your Vendor Packet with specific on-site and day-of details will be sent prior to the event. |     |                                 |                |

**Choose your option**

☐ Employer Program Sponsor  
*Includes logo on website and all signage*

☐ Employer Exhibitor

**RATES**

**\$500**

**\$300**

- Employer / Exhibitor Arrival and Setup starts at 10:30 a.m.
- Registration includes 2 Lunch vouchers per Exhibitor (Additional at \$15)
- Job Fair hours of operation from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.
- Vendor Reception Follows at 5:00 p.m.
- And plan to stay for the Meriden Summer Concert Series on "The Meriden Green" starting at 6:30 pm

**All booths** will be 8' (Deep) x 8' (Wide) with: 3' High Flameproof Draped Side Rails, 6' Skirted Display Table, 3' flameproof Back, 2 chairs, Exhibitor ID Signage. Additional items may be contracted through the pipe and drape vendor.

Additional tables will be provided on site for Job Seekers to complete your applications and paperwork.

**Please note that the location is a new and unfinished building with VERY Limited Electricity available on site.**

**Please select the Employment Sector(s) that best represents your Company or Jobs you will be filling:**

- ☐ Healthcare,
- ☐ Manufacturing, Engineering and Research,
- ☐ Information Technology & Communications
- ☐ Banking, Finance & Insurance
- ☐ Trades, Transportation & Logistics
- ☐ Service Professionals: Retail, Hospitality, Food & Amusement
- ☐ Education & Social Services

**Please provide the specific web page for the employment section of your company website:**

Please return this reservation form with your payment to: The Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
 546 So. Broad St., Unit 2C, Meriden, CT 06450 info@midstatechamber.com 203-235-7901 / fax 203-686-0172 www.midstatechamber.com

ACCEPTANCE: I agree to abide by all guidelines, specification, rules and regulations governing the Midstate Chamber of Commerce and to the terms and conditions of payment. All cancellations must be in writing by June 1, 2018. All initial deposits are non-refundable. Please sign below.

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| Signature:                                                                                          | Title                  | Date                      |
| Printed Name of Signer                                                                              | Company Name           |                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill us <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (AX, Disc., VISA, MC) # _____ |                        |                           |
| Exp. Date: _____                                                                                    | Zip Code of Card _____ | Card Verification # _____ |

Visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com) or [www.midstatechamber.com/Content/JobFair2018.asp](http://www.midstatechamber.com/Content/JobFair2018.asp) for more details

**EZ EVENT RSVP LINK - Just Click Here!**



**Wednesday, June 27, 2018**

**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

*on the patio at*

**Apple Rehab Cocomo**

**33 Cone Ave., Meriden**



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*WE THANK our host, Apple Rehab Cocomo and
co-sponsor, Liberty Bank for teaming up on this celebration*

Please join us as there is A LOT to CELEBRATE:

We are honoring our 2018 student education award winners:



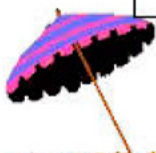
*Jayda Bonnick (Mercy High School)
Brooke Agro (Wilcox Technical High School)
Marangelis Lopez (Wilcox Technical High School)
Brianna Boulay (Maloney High School)
Jeremy Blain (Lyman Hall High School)
Benjamin T. Ruben (Platt High School)*



*and...Celebrating the beginning of summer
while...Making valuable connections & having some fun!*

Enjoy Refreshments, Networking, Prize Drawings, and more!

**Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:
203-235-7901, e-mailing: info@midstatechamber.com, or visiting
www.midstatechamber.com**



*This Business After Hours event is in association with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce
to showcase the sponsoring members and to offer both members and members-to-be the
opportunity to network and enjoy a wonderful evening.
Interested in hosting an upcoming BAH? Call Rosanne at 203.235.7901*



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CALLING ALL

ENTREPRENEURS | FORWARD THINKERS | BUSINESS OWNERS

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP EVENT

Silver City Ballroom • Meriden, CT
June 28 • 4-8pm

AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- Map your Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Hear from Charismatic Speakers
- Update on Meriden Places & Spaces

MATCH UP SESSION

- Property Owners, Business Coaches,
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Ribbon Cutting Thursday, June 14th 5-6PM

375 South Broad Street, Meriden

*ALL are WELCOME to attend the celebration.
The Ribbon Cutting will take place at approximately 5:15pm.*

For more information or RSVP, please call the Chamber at 203-235-7901
or email us at info@midstatechamber.com.



U. Czapiga & Son

Ribbon Cutting Wednesday, June 20th 5-6PM

10 Cooper Street, Meriden

*ALL are WELCOME to attend the celebration.
The Ribbon Cutting will take place at approximately 5:15pm.*

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IT WILL BE A **FUN** TIME:
BRING THE FAMILY
GET A GROUP OF FRIENDS TOGETHER



Let us know what station you are getting on!
203.235.7901 info@midstatechamber.com

This is an excellent opportunity to try out the train and to see how **convenient** it has become to get around Central Connecticut... and beyond.

CTDOT is providing FREE service so you can try the train on June 16th and 17th, 2018.

We plan to jump on the North Bound train #6454 leaving New Haven at 12:20, picking up friends in Wallingford at 12:33, picking up friends in Meriden at 12:40, picking up friends in Berlin at 12:49 and arriving in Hartford at 1:04 p.m.

In Hartford you have options... You can immediately leave Hartford at 1:30 p.m. (if you are simply trying out the train) or hang out with us for a bit and take the 1:25 p.m., the 4:10 p.m., the 5:30 p.m. or even take the 10:30 p.m. train back to your site of origination.

**RIDE FREE on
June 16 & 17, 2018**

**JOIN OUR GROUP
on June 16, 2018**

Here's the Plan:

Take CT rail Northbound #6454

Leaving:

New Haven @ 12:20

Wallingford @ 12:33

Meriden @ 12:40

Berlin @ 12:49

ARRIVE: Hartford @ 1:04

www.hartfordline.com
www.nhhs.com



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MEMBER RENEWALS...

We *recognize and thank* our members who have joined or renewed their investment in the Midstate Chamber within the last month. Visit www.midstatechamber.com for the most up-to-date listing of members in good standing!

Allergy Associates of Hartford PC

Body Focus Therapeutic Massage & Ashiatsu

Boys & Girls Club of Meriden, Inc.

Casa Di Roma Pizza

Civali's Auto

Colonial Flooring America

David B. Hyman, D.D.S.

Department of Children & Families Foster Care

Durants Party Rentals

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Girls Incorporated of Meriden

Hancock's Pharmacy & Surgical, Inc.

IvyRehab Wallingford LLC

Magnakleen Services

Maier Real Estate

Maryheart Crusaders Inc.

Members First Federal Credit Union

Meriden Aviation Center, LLC

Midstate Driving School

Outfront Media

Pancheros Mexican Grill

Pediatric & Family Care for Natural Med.

Petruzelo Insurance Agency, Inc.

Post University

Professional Vision Center

ProHealth Physicans Express Care/Walk-In

RSR Properties, LLC

Silver City Furnace Co., Inc.

Solomon, Krupnikoff & Wyskiel, P.C.

Suburban Marine, Inc.

The Law Office of Ramiro Alcazar

Valencia Discount Liquor

Wells Fargo Bank N.A.

Members Use Members!

**AND, BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE
A FELLOW MEMBER!**



NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to introduce our new members - the lifeblood of our organization and the reason we exist. 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! A membership application is enclosed - **SHARE** it with a friend ... don't keep us a secret!

Best Cleaners: 522 S. Main St., Middletown, CT 06457. The phone number is 860.346.1718 and the fax number is 860.346.2154. Brenda Carta is the primary contact. Best Cleaners offers full service dry-cleaning, shirt laundering, tailoring, alterations, rug cleaning, wedding gown cleaning and more all with the same day service policy of in by 11, out by 4.

Gardner Painting LLC: 250 Pomeroy Ave., Suite 103B, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.213.7865. Cory Gardner is the primary contact for the residential painting company that strives to provide high-quality exterior and interior painting services with an exceptional customer experience.

**SHARE the Membership
Application with a friend in
business. It's on the last page of
this newsletter. To THANK YOU,
we'll give you a \$35 credit you
can use toward your renewal or a
chamber event, ad, etc.!**



UPCOMING MAY 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! Chamber event RSVP line: 203.235.7901



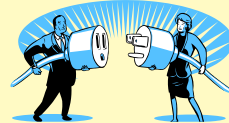
This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our business and community calendars.

This is a SHORT LIST of some of our KEY events – for MORE business and community events including Chamber Committee meetings - details & updates visit www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar

HELP us *GROW IN 2018* INVite Your Biz Neighbors to JOIN the Midstate Chamber! Earn Chamber BUCKS for you & your biz. 203.235.7901

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 your knowledge, the connections you will make and more!



Your participation helps YOU, helps YOUR BUSINESS and helps OUR CHAMBER!
Questions? Call us at: 203.235.7901

- C** Fri, Jun 1-10 : Neil Simon's "Rumors" at Castle Craig Players held at Castle Craig Playhouse: <http://www.castlecraig.org/>
- M** Tue, Jun 5, 8:30 am: **Young Business Leaders of CT Meeting** (for ages 21-39) held at Midstate Chamber of Commerce
- C** Tue, Jun 5, 5:30 pm: 33rd Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction held at Aqua Turf Club
- C** Tue, Jun 5, 6:30 pm: AAC (American Addiction Centers) Recovery Allies Group at Middlesex Community College, ROOM 808A
- M** Wed, Jun 6, 10:00 am: **31st Annual Chamber Golf Tournament** - The Ray Parmentier Classic held at Hunter's Golf Course
- C** Mon, Jun 11: Wheeler's 33rd Annual Golf Classic held at Country Club of Farmington
- M** Tue, Jun 12: 2017 Economic Census Deadline: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html>
- M** Wed, Jun 13, 8:00 am: **Respect in the Workplace | Diversity, Inclusion & Other Key Issues** at HUBCAP Wallingford - See flyer!
- M** Thu, Jun 14, 9:00 am: **SCORE – FREE Counseling Sessions for Businesses** at Chamber - call 203.235.7901 to reserve!
- M** Thu, Jun 14, 5:00 pm: **Ribbon Cutting at Harte Volkswagen** - details in this newsletter.
- C** Thu, Jun 14, 5:00-11:00pm: SWEET Potato Society Juneteenth Scholarship Ball at Hilton Garden Inn: 203.715.1758
- M** Fri, Jun 15, 12:00 pm: **ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS - Come to the Downtown Meriden Job Fair** held at 24 Colony Street
- C** Fri, Jun 15, 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green
- M** Mon, Jun 18-24: **2018 Travelers Championship** held at TPC River Highlands
- C** Mon, Jun 18: WEEK of ACTION - United Way of Meriden & Wallingford held at Collection Drive for Personal Care Items
- M** Wed, Jun 20, 5:00 pm: **Ribbon Cutting Celebrating 100 Years in Business: V. Czapiga & Son Kielbasa**
- M** Wed, Jun 20, 5:30 pm: **Young Business Leaders of CT *SOCIAL*** held at Gouveia Vineyard
- C** Thu, Jun 21, 5:00 pm: Designer Handbag BINGO Benefits easterseals held at Polish National Alliance Club
- C** Sat, Jun 23, 4:00 pm: Twilight Music Series, Pop Up Tent and Food Vendors held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green
- M** Wed, Jun 27, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours at Apple Rehab Cocomo co-sponsored by Liberty Bank - see flyer!**
- C** Thu, Jun 28, 4:00 pm: Downtown Meriden Entrepreneurial Match Up held at Silver City Ballroom
- C** Fri, Jun 29, 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green

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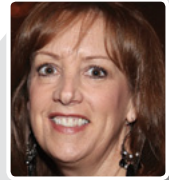
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There is SO MUCH GOOD NEWS TO SHARE, and we recognize how valuable your time is ... so we are introducing an abbreviated news section with catchy headlines and you can click for more details on the items ... and/or click this link for all of the current news submitted from Midstate Chamber members:
<https://www.midstatechamber.com/News/newsbydate.asp>

Connex Credit Union - Live Your Best Life...Managing Your Finances in Retirement: Retired or retiring soon? Dwight R. Pierce, RICP®, Regional Vice President at Principal Financial Group, will discuss strategies for handling your retirement income and expenses:



- -What are your needs and wants, and how does your retirement income fit in?
- -What is a safe strategy for withdrawing from your retirement accounts?
- -How are taxes impacted when managing retirement funds?

This will be hosted by Connex Investment & Retirement Services* Representative William DeBille. You can attend this workshop in person or via webinar. Registration in advance is required. Register online at www.connexcu.org or call 1-800-CR-UNION today. When: Wednesday, June 20 | 5:30PM-6:30PM Where: North Haven Branch | 412 Washington Ave.

Rotary Club of Meriden - Have Lunch with Rotary Club of Meriden! The service club is always looking for new members. If you think you might be interested, please contact any club member for more info or to attend one of their lunch meetings. Click here: <https://www.meridenrotary.org/MemberDirectory/default.asp> to see who our current members are and reach out to any of them for more information!



State of Connecticut Department of Transportation - SAFETY IS THE MESSAGE:

Rail traffic between New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield will increase significantly even before the launch of the Hartford Line on June 16th. The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) recently announced that it will place electronic signs which will display rail safety messages to drivers at street-level rail crossings along the Hartford Line corridor.



There will be a steady increase in rail traffic on the Hartford Line corridor throughout the month of June as the number of daily test trains will surge in preparation for the new Hartford Line service. The electronic signs will display messages that alert drivers to the increase in daily trains and remind them to obey traffic laws when navigating street-level rail crossings.

"With the increase in rail traffic, the Connecticut Department of Transportation wants to remind the public to obey the law at rail crossings. People may not always remember that trains cannot stop quickly. In fact, it can take a mile for a train to come to a complete stop. Drivers should never attempt to drive under or around a closing or closed gate at a street-level rail crossing," stated CTDOT Commissioner James Redeker.

This initiative is part of CTDOT's commitment to Operation Lifesaver - a national educational and awareness campaign around safety at railroad crossings.

Visit www.nhhsrail.com for more information about the NHHS Rail Program and to learn more about the new CTrail Hartford Line passenger rail service, launching on June 16th, 2018: <http://www.hartfordline.com/>.



Find community resources at: www.midstatechamber.com



WEEK OF ACTION JUNE 18 - 22, 2018

Our annual Week of Action will be from June 18-22, 2018 and this year's request will be for much-needed **personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, body soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products, shaving products, razors, deodorant, etc.) and baby diapers in assorted sizes.**

Our United Way is working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Meriden to collect as many of these items as possible for New Opportunities our local Community Action Network.

You can begin your collection now or wait until June 18-22, in either case, if you are interested in participating, please let us know as soon as possible.

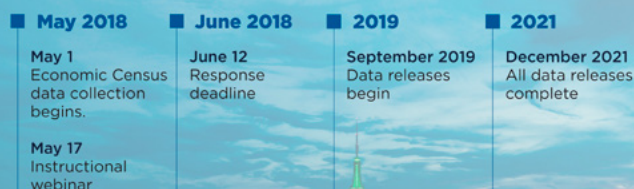
We are grateful for your generosity and support of this event.

Thank you, **Lizandra Mejias-Salinas, Volunteer Coordinator, The Volunteer Center: United Way of Meriden and Wallingford, 35 Pleasant Street, Suite 1E, Meriden, CT 06450. (203) 235-4403, ext. 12.**

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2017 Economic Census

See How It All Adds Up



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Source: www.census.gov/EconomicCensus

Approximately 3.7 million U.S. businesses nationwide, including those in U.S. territories, will receive information by mail with instructions to set up an account to complete their economic census online. The deadline for response is June 12. Every five years, the Census Bureau collects information about businesses that are essential to understanding the American economy. The economic census serves as the most comprehensive source of data related to business activity and serves as the foundation for the measurement of U.S. businesses and their economic impact. For more information, visit: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html>



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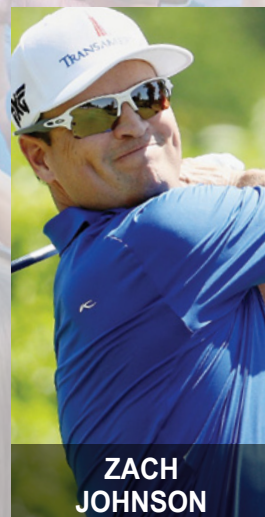
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<http://travelerschampionship.com/concert-series/>



FRIDAY, June 22
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SATURDAY, June 23
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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: _____

**** 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.

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