

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE WITH OVER 300 BUSINESS LEADERS ON APRIL 12, 2018

Our 122nd Annual Meeting Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. After last year's return to "the Turf", we have already outgrown the Wagon Room and the program will be hosted in the spacious Kay's Pier South. You will really like the venue.



While MOST come for the opportunity to reconnect with their colleagues, we do

have a little bit of business to attend to during the evening like the election of Officers and Directors. NEW incoming directors for 2018-2019, subject to YOUR vote of the membership in attendance, are Eric Francis of Trifecta Ecosystems, Inc., Christopher Powers of Westfield Property Group - Meriden, Daniel Vill of Luchs Consulting Engineers, Karen Halloran of the Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Miguel Castro of Prestige Construction Home Improvement and Edward Dooling of Masonicare.

The proposed slate of Officers, subject to the vote of all in attendance, is:

- Chairman Nathaniel Bottone of Salon Nathaniel
- Vice Chairman Daniel Quesnel of Liberty Bank
- Secretary Ralph Mesite of Sonic of CT
- Treasurer Michael Nowicky of Connex Credit Union
- Immediate Past Chairman Richard Pendred of A & A Office Systems

One of the most favorite parts of the evening is the celebration of our deserving award winners. These businesses and individuals actively contribute to the creativity, vitality and strength of our region and we want to recognize their successes.

Our TWO **17th Annual Small Business Leadership Award** winners are Triple Springs Spring Water Co. and MembersFirst CT Federal Credit Union. They have demonstrated a lifetime of connecting their businesses with their communities.

Our **22nd Annual Large Business Leadership Award** will be presented to *Masonicare* for constantly growing and evolving their service model to reflect modern best practices.

The **26th Community Partnership Award** goes out to George McGoldrick for his MANY years of service to both the Chamber, City and the Community.

Our **5th Special Achievement in Innovation Award** will be presented to *Trifecta Ecosystems* for their various entrepreneurial aquaponic projects.

The **5th Excellence in Education Award** winner for 2018 is the *Tri-Town Collaborative*, serving out of school youth in Meriden, Wallingford and Middletown.

The downtown themed "William Sears Rice Award" goes to Gallery 53 / The Arts and Crafts Association of Meriden for over 110 years of service to and with the arts.

You really should plan to come out on April 12th and connect with a colleague, meet new contacts and congratulate the award winners. You can find many more details within this Newsletter or you can click www.midstatechamber.com/Content/2018_Annual_Meeting.asp for more information. And, your invitation will hit your mailbox (via USPS) within the next week!

WE MOVED!

Please Update Your Records

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

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President's Message Chairman's Corner (pg.2) and Grand Opening of "Making Meriden Business Center"

We Call Your Attention to the Flyers Inside:

***** CT Business Day:

Hartford ~~~

2 GREAT BAH's

Reach THOUSANDS at EXPO 2018

...and LOTS More

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 DIRECTORY: http://www.midstatechamber.com/Directory



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT WHY SHOULD EVERY BUSINESS JOIN A LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

Séan W. Moore

Every single day we get asked the question "Why should I join a local Chamber of Commerce?" And you would think that after being in business for 122 years that everybody would get it and be lined up to participate.

Chamber membership increases your visibility, your credibility and quite simply, you get found faster by prospective customers and future employees. We facilitate great business connections. Collectively, we are the voice of business and together we work hard to improve our businesses and our communities.

You can *Click Here* for short report to get a better understanding of the true VALUE of being a member of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members participate in something much greater than what they could ever dream of doing alone.

We want you to know that we appreciate the opportunity to promote and support businesses in central Connecticut. And we hope that all businesses will join with us and our members in this great work...while we enjoy a bit of fun and camaraderie at the same time. We are a very social organization and believe in the value of regular face-to-face social and business interaction.

If you are not yet a Midstate Chamber member, we welcome you to click this *Membership / Join Today tab* for more information.

And if you are a Midstate Chamber member, THANK YOU for doing your part in improving the business climate in Central Connecticut.

WE ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT 546 SOUTH BROAD STREET, SUITE 2C

Thank You to all of our members and guests for creating the FABULOUS time at our Open House and Ribbon Cutting on February 15th at our NEW OFFICES at 546 So. Broad St., Suite 2C, on the Meriden and Wallingford town line. We had just about 100 people in attendance and most stayed throughout the entire evening.

A very special thanks goes out to our members who donated an amazing selection of food: AJ's Oasis Cafe, Avanti Restaurant & Pizza, Casa Di Roma Pizzeria Restaurant, V. Czapiga & Son Kielbasa, Panchero's Mexican Grill and Zorba's Pizza Restaurant. AND thanks to Valencia Discount Liquor & Wine Shop for assisting with the beverages.

If you haven't stopped by, please feel free to do so and get to know your chamber office and staff. Please note that we are generally in the office from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. daily each Monday through

each Monday through Friday. If you are planning a visit, you may want to call ahead to 203.235.7901 just in case we are off site at a meeting. We would never want to miss you.



HAIRMAN'S

Are you registered for the Midstate Chamber's **122nd Annual Dinner**??? It's being held **April 12th** at The Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. We are A&A Office Systems, Inc.

Aqua lurf Club in Plantsville. We are expecting another large crowd. We have plenty of great opportunities to promote your business during



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

the event. Please call the Chamber office to see how you can promote your business at the Annual Dinner. We have several amazing award winners this year. Congratulations to all the 2018 Honorees.We will also be having an election of New Officers and Directors. Nate Bottone of Salon Nathaniel will be voted in as our new Chairman. I know Nate is going to do a great job as Chairman of our Board of Directors. He is bringing a lot of energy and some fresh new ideas to improve and grow our Chamber . Congratulations Nate, and all our new Officers and Directors. (Find the full list of award winners and the slate of new directors on the front cover of this newsletter). Thank you all for your commitment in branding the Midstate Chamber as The Chamber of Choice in central Connecticut.

Sadly this will be my last Chairman's Corner. I started this in my first year as Chairman to communicate with our membership. I hope you found these messages informative. My goal as Chairman was to grow our Chamber and our brand in the community. Together we accomplished a lot. I want to personally **THANK YOU** for allowing me to be your Chairman for the past three years. I really enjoyed working with the Staff, Board Members and the Chamber Membership. I am truly blessed by the experience and the friendships that were created. However I am not going away! I will be



remaining on the Chamber Board as Immediate Past Chairman and I will still remain active. I look forward to helping our new Chairman in the next couple years continue to grow our Chamber. I hope to see you at our Annual Dinner were we will celebrate our Chamber of Choice.

- Rich

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. Ph: 203.235.7901 Fx: 203.686.0172 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

"MAKING MERIDEN BUSINESS CENTER" OPENED THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

Meriden's community and business leaders celebrated the grand opening of the "Making Meriden Business Center" on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 5 Colony Street. The Making Meriden Business Center (the "Center") is a cooperative effort between the Meriden Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO), the Midstate Chamber of Commerce and the City of Meriden. The Center will serve as a home base for Business Development Specialist David Cooley, who will be supporting business growth in downtown Meriden.

Funding support for the Center is provided by MEDCO, Liberty Bank, Eversource, TD Bank and other partners.

The Center is being launched in anticipation of the next phase of Meriden's downtown revitalization. "The Center will provide convenient 'concierge' type services to downtown property and business owners and help link prospective businesses to available business development programs. We also now have a centralized meeting space for economic development meetings, training, events, and workshops supporting local businesses—all within walking distance to the new commuter rail line," said Thomas Welsh, President of MEDCO.

"With resources and budgets stretched thin everywhere, we are extremely pleased that several partners have stepped up to provide financial and in-kind support to make the Center a reality," said Juliet Burdelski, the City's Director of Economic Development. "We expect the downtown concierge and additional services will help spur new business development."

The Center will be managed by lifelong Meriden resident and Busi-

ness Development Specialist, David Cooley with support from Connecticut Main Street Center. "With our new park, available retail spaces, commuter rail service, and new housing, downtown Meriden is now positioned for a rebirth. I am excited to bring my business experience to assist in "Making Meriden" all it can be," said Cooley.

"We look forward to continuing our partnership with Meriden," said CT Main Street Executive Director Patrick McMahon. CT Main Street Center will provide technical assistance to downtown property owners interested in redevelopment as well as placemaking assistance to help create a sustainable and successful downtown.

"The Midstate Chamber of Commerce is pleased to continue its downtown presence through this initiative", said Chamber President Sean Moore. "We also would like to recognize all of our business partners, including Eversource, Liberty Bank, TD Bank and Silver City Properties, for their support of the Making Meriden Business Center and for their continued efforts to

improving downtown Meriden."

The Making Meriden Business Center will be open to the public from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Monday through Friday and by appointment. Visitors will have access to maps, lists of available properties for lease or for sale, and information on the incentives and other programs available for business expansion and new business development. Visitors to the Center can also enjoy two hours

of free parking at the City of Meriden Church Street Garage, located at 60 Church Street, or at the ConnDOT parking garage located behind 24 Colony Street.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: David Cooley @203-494-5575







Don't Miss This YOU HAVE TO BE THERE:

Central CT's Largest Business Showcase

Midstate Chamber of Commerce Featuring Title Sponsor: MedExpress NEE MedExpress	isines	2018 S& Commis	Satur	nership With: The 40 al Daffodil Festival PAFFORT day, April 28 th and day, April 29 th	Register NOW: 2 Days = BEST Exposure & Rates BE a SPONSOR! ONE Day Rates Available
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 Please read and complete this application and returned to the Midstate Chamber of Commerce with your minimum non-refundable deposit of \$350.00 to reserve your space. Your Vendor Packet will be sent prior to the event. 						
Choose your Option Below ☐ Title Sponsor(s) * — See trife	old for fe	atures		<u>RATES</u> \$3,975		

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Saturday & Sunday "Perimeter Prime Booth" *	\$1.195	•	Increase Market Share	
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□ Saturday & Sunday Exhibitor Booth *	\$ 995	\cdot	Get NEW Customers	/
□ Saturday Only Exhibitor Booth (10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.)	\$ 695		Brand Your Business	
□ Sunday Only Exhibitor Booth (10:00 a.m5:00 p.m.)	\$ 495		Climate Controlled Tent	/
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Electricity is \$35.00 for each 15 amp circuit. Please plan accordingly and bring any extension cords and power strips you may need. Electricity is available at Perimeter locations only. Please indicate here the equipment requiring electricity: # of Outlet(s) x \$35 =

TOTAL Amount Due including Exhibitor Booth & Electricity \$

* All Saturday exhibitors can take advantage of a leisurely set-up on Friday afternoon from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This will allow exhibitors to set up during normal working hours, go home and get rested and come back on Saturday ready to greet the crowds!

□ Yes □ No We will be setting up on Friday Afternoon

Regular Daffodil Festival EXPO Hours: Saturday-10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Daffodil Festival closes at 9 p.m.) and Sunday-10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All booths will be 8' (Deep) x 10' (Wide) with: 3' High Flameproof Draped Side Rails, 6' Skirted Display Table, 8' High Flameproof Back Wall Drape, 2 chairs, Exhibitor ID Signage. Additional items may be contracted through the pipe and drape vendor. Please indicate what you will be exhibiting at your space.

Presenting:

Please return this reservation form with your payment or deposit 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 April 1, 2018. All initial deposits are non-refundable. Please sign below.

Signature:		Title	Date
Printed Name of Signer		Company Name	
Bill us Credit Card (AX, Dis	sc., VISA, MC) #		
Exp. Date:	Zip Code of Card	Card Verification #	

Visit www.midstatechamber.com or www.daffodilfest.com for more details about the 2018 Festival!



- If you plan to exhibit on Saturday, you are eligible to take advantage of Friday afternoon setup from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (the Festival activities continue until 9:30 p.m.)
 - Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

See reverse and brochure for more information and application.

- be guaranteed with reservations placed after March 1, 2018.
- Parking IS allowed in the Park on Friday ONLY. If setting up your exhibit on Saturday or Sunday, you may enter the Park between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. All vehicles must be out of the park by 9:00 a.m. For Saturday and Sunday, vendors are shuttled in after your exhibit is set-up. Easy, Convenient Shuttle Transportation begins running continuously at 8:00 a.m. and continues until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.



These are just SOME of the Daffodil Festival Weekend Highlights:

- 2 hour parade on Saturday morning
- Huge variety of food vendors Over 30 continuous musical performances at 3 separate stages 3
- Arts & Crafts Section and Carnival Amusements 6
- 1 Special Activities & Programs for Children
- 69 FREE ADMISSION to festival AND expo ten

Our 2 Day exhibitors take advantage of a leisurely Friday afternoon setup from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at no additional charge. Set up early, go home and rest and come back on Saturday morning refreshed and ready to connect with the crowds!

REMEMBER, Midstate Chamber is also YOUR CONNECTION to

- TIPS on HOW TO set up your BOOTH
- SIGNAGE / BANNERS for your exhibit
- PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS & Giveaways

...We have Members that can help you with this & more!

We are pleased to accommodate special displays such as vehicles, tractors, hot tubs, motorcycles, and more INSIDE the tent! Call us to learn more

2018 EXPO Hours of Operation

- Setup on Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Exhibit Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Festival activities continue until 9:30 p.m.
- Exhibit Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Meriden Daffodil Committee dba Festivals in Meriden, Inc. producers of the 40th Annual Daffodil Festival! www.daffodilfest.com

Sponsorship & Vendor Info

Why our Members exhibit and ... keep coming back each year!

Sell Products & Services | To Make Valuable Connections Gain Maximum Exposure | Increase Market Share and Visibility To HAVE SOME FUNI!!

Expo Title Sponsorships conticle Sponsorships 2,975 Early Bird Rate Includes COMPANY NAME on Expo Tenti Promotion STARTS NOW - press release with "Naming of 2018 expo tent" \$2,975 Early Bird Rate

Our First Title Sponsor is

- 1 Banner at Entrance of EXPO tent & Logo on Continuous Slideshow at Chamber Booth
- Double Prime Exhibitor Booth for 2 days Electricity included! Company Name/Logo on all materials such as press releases, e-minders, Expo newsletter flyers, and Chamber website special event page (40,000 unique visits to the website on average/month), & vendor maps at event Dime Conserve Stereor (10,004) 3
- Prime Sponsor Signage (18x24) One Year Premier Web Ad (chamber home page or internal pages) Ô

Presenting Sponsorships - \$1,975 Early Bird Rate

- Double Prime Location Exhibitor Booth with or without electricity for 2 days Name Inclusion on promotional materials Company Name/Logo on all materials such as press releases, e minders,
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- Expo newsletter flyers, and Chamber website special event page Company banner displayed inside the tent in a key location Prime Sponsor Signage (18x24) 6
- One Year Top Banner Ad on chamber website (\$550 value) 60

Prime Location Sponsors From \$895 Early Bird Rate

Prime Location Exhibitor Booths are located near the entrances and at the ends of aisles for 2 days. Prime Location Sponsors also receive a single prime space, Prime Sponsor 18 x 24 signage, and recognition on the Chamber's website.

All Other Vendors – 1 or 2 Days From \$495 Early Bird Rate

Lots of exposure inside a climate controlled tent! Perimeter locations have access to electricity. All locations provide our vendors with excellent visibility and traffic.





This is THE VENUE to **PROMOTE** your Business: THE LARGEST SPRING SHOWCASE

of Area Businesses in Central CT!



Hubbard Park West Main Street, Meriden, CT

In partnership with the 40th Annual Daffodil Festival



The Midstate Chamber of Co mmerce, Inc. invites your business to take advantage of the 2018 Business Expo under the big tent to promote your business, organization or products! The Expo, at the regional Daffodil Festival, features displays from a variety of companies and organizations who want to connect with a huge and diverse audience of over 50,000 people over two days

Whether you are a new business, a seasoned company, a general contractor, financial institution, non-profit, technology compar insurance company, car dealer, etc., this two-day event is the PERFECT venue to advertise to a wide audience and the exposure cts you with a large population from all over New England.

Look at what our past and returning exhibitors have said:

"A valuable opportunity to reach new customers" "You can't afford NOT to be there" "I received so many leads for my business..." 'Very organized – ALL businesses should exhibit "The BEST venue in central CT...very generous space!" The Return on Investment is incredible "Can't wait until next ye



DON'T MISS THIS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY

- This event is held in conjunction with the 40th Annual Meriden Daffodil Festival drawing attendees from all over New England.
- The exhibit tent is secured by Security Guards and assisted by Mule Security Systems during the off hours of Friday and Saturday nights so displays are protected and items do not have to be brought back and forth daily.
- Easy on and off the highway with many area hotels available. All Expo Exhibits are in a 100' x 120' enclosed tent on the tennis courts. All exhibits are out of the elements and off the dirt ground.
- All exhibits requiring electricity are on the perimeter of the tent. The Festival Food tent is across from the EXPO tent.
- Restrooms are available for exhibitors just steps away from the
- EXPO tent



Business After Hours - where connections are made... Register NOW for this event - click flyer!



80 South Vine St., Meriden

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Do you know that Meriden has its very own chocolate factory? Most don't. Since 1879, Thompson Chocolate has made Meriden its home. They have a retail store that offers everyday and season chocolate items. Thompson's can also customize coins and chocolate items for your business for give-aways or gifts for

your clients and staff.

All are welcome to come and meet the Management Team at Thompson Chocolate. COMPSON: CONFECTION

Enjoy Refreshments, Demonstrations, Video, Networking, Door Prizes, and more!



Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber: 203-235-7901, e-mailing: info@midstatechamber.com, or visit 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 Midstate Chamber within the last month. Visit www.midstatechamber.com for the most up-to-date listing of members in good standing!

A-1 Services American Addiction Centers, Inc. American Eagle Financial Credit Union As U Like It Cleaners ASG Information Technologies Attorney Jon Patrucco **Brothers** Pool Castle Craig Players Center For Foot & Ankle Surgery, LLC **Connecticut Baptist Homes Connex Credit Union** Credit Union League of Connecticut **Double Play Café Empire** Pizza Employers Association of the NorthEast Fosdick Fulfillment Corporation Harte Family Motors Horace C. Wilcox Technical High School Illiano's Ristorante & Pizzeria Meriden Farmers Market MidState Gastroenterology Specialists, PC Murphy Search Group Ortho Ouch Care PALS Power Washing, LLC Stamford Insurance Group - SIG Travel by Kerry Ulbrich Stainless Steels and Specialty Metals, Inc. United Way of Meriden & Wallingford Web Solutions, Inc. Westbrook Lobster Restaurant & Fish Market Westmount Management, Inc. Workforce Alliance, Inc.

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



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!

American Legion: 835 Hanover Rd., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.634.9876. Bob Williams is the primary contact for our local Post #45. The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization committed, to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

Connecticut Army National Guard: 375 Smith St., Middletown, CT 06457. The phone number is 860.346.4953. and the fax number is 860.347.7623. Sgt. Jose Quinones is the primary contact for the organization that serves both state and federal governments. In times of local natural disasters or civil disturbances, the Connecticut Guard stands ready to help civilian authorities. When international conflicts arise, it serves alongside active military.

Ferazzoli Imports of New England: 234 Middle St., Middletown, CT 06457. The phone number is 860.346.1923 and the fax number is 860.347.3040. Andrea Atkins is the primary contact. At Ferazzoli Imports, we believe that your living space should reflect you. The design elements used in your home should make you feel at home. Remodeling a room isn't just about picking tile for a back splash or attempting to coordinate paint colors... it's about incorporating glimmers of who you are into the space. Our philosophy is simple: the selection process is just as important as the project.

Ferraro's Enterprises LLC: 340 Quinnipiac St., Building 24, Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 203.747.4585. Gerald Ferraro is the primary contact. Ferraro Enterprises consists of a small non corporate gym geared for people who do not prefer a large corporate facility and a screen printing shop catering to anything from small business promotion to team and event apparel. Thank you to Nate Bottone for inviting Gerald to join the Chamber!

Meriden Humane Society: 311 Murdock Ave, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.238.3650. Colleen Wynn-Kroeber is the primary contact. The Meriden Humane Society is a non-profit, no kill animal shelter and rescue facility that is privately run and operated and supported by patrons and residents.

Northpoint Mortgage: 10 Waterchase Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. The phone number is 203.213.9423. Kris Cedillo is the primary contact. Since 2003, Northpoint Mortgage has been helping people achieve their dreams of home ownership from a Five Star Mortgage Officer. Thank you to Joe Criscuolo from The Home Real Estate for inviting Kris to join the Chamber!

Sal's Apizza: 1448 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.235.2245. Val Sadiku is the primary contact. Sal's Apizza's new owner invites you to come taste their specialties and everyday menu items.

UA Local 777 JATC: 450 Murdock Ave., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.686.0700. Vinnie Valente is the primary contact. UA Local 777 JATC, Plumbers & Pipefitters, provides apprentice classes including OSHA plumbing, heating and cooling, welding certification, and medical gas certification and air conditioning/refrigeration courses along with journeyperson upgrade training.

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Mark your calendars, iPhones, Droids, etc. with these event dates. 👔 = Chamber or Business event; = 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

Thu, Mar 8, 9:00 am: SCORE – FREE Business Counseling Sessions for Businesses at the Midstate Chamber

Fri, Mar 9, 6:00 pm: 25th Annual NFL Players Weekend: Silent/Live Auction & Dinner Buffet held at Zandri's Stillwood Inn and on Sat, Mar 10: NFL Players Youth Clinic held at NOON: Worthington Johnson Athletic Center, Choate Rose mary Hall, AND "Bowl with the Pros" held at Brunswick Colony Lanes at 6 pm. Call 203.235.4403 to get IN on the ACTION.

- Fri, Mar 9, 7:00 pm: URCC Coffee House Community Event held at Upper Room Christian Center, Bee Street, Meriden.
- 🦊 Sat, Mar 10, 7:00 pm: Gallery 53 110th Birthday Gala held at Gallery 53
- 📕 Sun, Mar 11, 3:00 pm: Pucks and Paws: Bridgeport Sound Tigers held at Webster Bank Arena
- 🟴 Tue, Mar 13, 6:00 pm: Transition Expo at Four Points by Sheraton Transition for Disabled after High School What's Next?
- Tue, Mar 13, 5:00 pm: Business After Hours Showcasing Thompson Chocolate held at Thompson Chocolate flyer enclosed
- Med, Mar 14, 9:00 am: 2018 CT Business Day held at State Legislative Office Building
- Tue, Mar 20, 5:00 pm: Wellness After Work Networking & More at Easterseals see enclosed flyer
- 📕 Wed, Mar 21: 6:00 pm: Nutrition Heart Healthy Seminar at Star Studio held at STAR Studio LLC
- Har Thu, Mar 22: Mary Poppins at Maloney High School held at Maloney High School
- Thu, Mar 22: 7:30 am: MxCC Business Partner Breakfast AND Social Media Workshop at Middlesex Community College
- 📕 Sat, Mar 24, 8:30 am: 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast held at Ulbrich Boys & Girls Club
- Mon, Mar 26, 5:00 pm: Pizza, Pasta and Politics with Meriden City Council & Mayor at Hunter's Education Center see flyer
 - Tue, Mar 27, 6:30 pm: AAC Introduces New Recovery Allies Group! held at Middlesex Community College, ROOM 808A
- Sat, Mar 31, 9:30 am: Casino Trip to Foxwoods FUN day of shopping & more- see flyer below!





Be a SPONSOR for THE Community Networking Affair of 2018! The event is GROWING - we've reserved Aqua Turf's Kay's Pier South Room this year! Register NOW for this event - click flyer!



There's ALOT you don't know about...easterseals: Register NOW for this event - click flyer!

Wellness After Work

Sponsored by



THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO NETWORK AND GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EASTERSEALS REHAB FACILITY AND DRIVER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM-THE ONLY ONE IN THE STATE OF CT THAT HAS A CERTIFIED DRIVER TRAINING SPECIALIST!

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

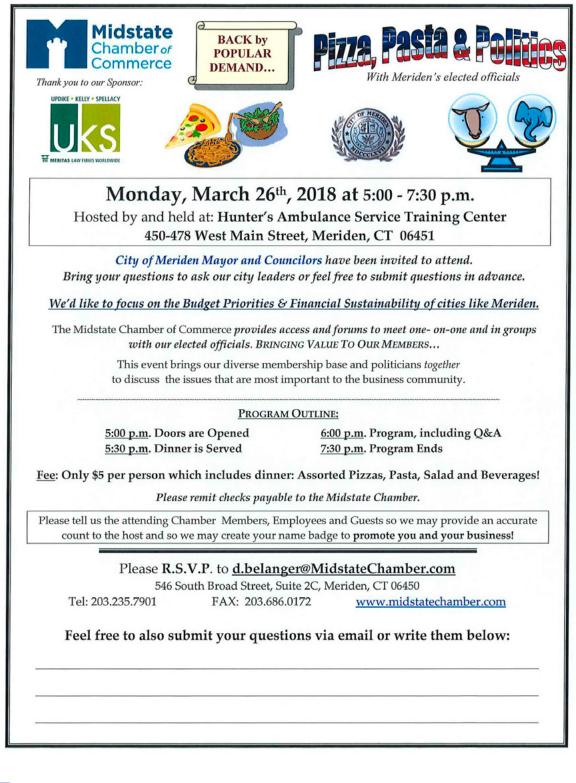
5:00 to 7:00PM Easterseals Medical Rehab Facility 158 State Street, Meriden

5:00 PM-5:30 PM - Registration Program/Networking to follow

Please RSVP by calling the chamber at 203-235-7901, emailing: info@midstatechamber.com or visit www.midstatechamber.com



Mingle & Chat with City of Meriden Elected Officials - Mayor & Councilors. Register NOW for this event - click flyer!





Only YOU Can Tell YOUR STORY. The Good, The Bad - All of It: What Business Issues Keep You Up at Night? Let Your Voice Be Heard at CT Business Day. Register NOW for this event - click flyer!



What's your small business story? Share your challenges and successes with state lawmakers and join hundreds of other business leaders at Connecticut Business Day.

JOIN WITH US ON Connecticut Business Day Wednesday, March 14, 2018 Legislative Office Building | 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Your Legislators need to hear from the business community as they look to help employers grow the economy and create more jobs. This is your chance to have your voice heard with hundreds of your colleagues.

Agenda

8:30 am: Check-in & networking

9 am - 11 am: Speaking program

- Gov. Dan Malloy
- Members of the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth

11 am - 12 pm: Breakout discussions

- Transportation
- Labor & Workforce
- Fiscal Policy

Thanks to the generous support from many chambers of commerce and other business and trade groups, this event is free of charge.

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There is SO MUCH GOOD NEWS TO SHARE, and we recognize how valuable your time is ... so we are trying 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 - Connex is pleased to announce we have increased teller availability from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m (Monday through Friday) and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays at the Branford, Ham-



den, Meriden, North Haven and Orange branches with Interactive Teller Machine (ITM) technology. YThe local branch is located at 533 So. Broad St., Meriden or call them at 203.603.5844. Learn more...

Fransican Ever There Care has received 3 national awards for being the Employer of Choice, Provider of Choice and Leader in Excellence. Christopher LaRiviere, Execu-tive Director, believes "this quality assurance award reflects the agency's faith-based mission and brings to the forefront how the services of Franciscan Ever There Care not only meet the client's daily needs but also touch their hearts. The dedicated caregivers are the true human extension of the mission." Read more on these great achievements...



Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a faithbased home health care agency, seeks a full-time physical therapist to work with other dedicated therapists in providing PT services to individuals in the home. Physical therapy and home health care expe-rience preferred. Call Kathleen Dietle, PT, Therapies Director, at 203-238-1441. Click here to visit their website: www.franciscanhc.org

Home Store Real Estate Celebrates

10th Anniversary! The Home Store Real Estate recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, announced Joe Criscuolo, owner/broker. Encouraged by past and present clients, Joe left the corporate real estate world in December of 2007 to open up his own company to specialize in providing the best hands on service available - Learn More ...



Gallery 53 is looking for your help. If you are an Ion Bank customer, please vote for Gallery 53 in the 9th Annual Community Awards Program! Gallery 53 will receive a \$25 donation from Ion Bank Foundation for every vote they receive! Visit www.ionbank.com, then click



on "Vote Today" and scroll down to "Arts & Culture" and click on the Gallery 53 logo! Every vote counts! If you are an Ion Bank customer, please vote until March 31, 2018. Gallery 53 is located at 53 Colony St., Meriden. For more information, please call them at 203.235.5347.



Ion Insurance Corporation, a

full-service independent insurance brokerage affiliated with lon Bank, has acquired an independent Cheshire insurance agency in a transaction that will nearly double their size. Ion Insurance has acquired CPM Insurance of 90 Hinman Street in Cheshire, in a deal that became effective in

January 2018, announced David Drescher, President of Ion Insurance. Learn more...

Meriden Board of Education - A very informative presenta-tion on SCL (Student Centered Learning) was the main event at January's Midstate Chamber Ed-



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ucation Committee Meeting. Click here for a link to the SCL model: http://www.meridenk12.org/Schools/High Schools/Student-Centered-Learning/Logic-Models/. The Midstate Chamber's role is to work with school liaisons (at all levels) to introduce them to area businesses that want to participate in internships, job shadows, speaking to classes, field trips, etc. Call the Chamber to let us know you are interested in participating in our School to Business Partnerships: 203.235.7901. Learn More about the presentation and work of the Education Committee...

O&G Industries O&G Industries, one of the country's Top 400 Contractors, recently kicked off the renovation of Nonnewaug High School (Region 14) in Woodbury at a traditional groundbreaking ceremony. Members of the student body, parents, staff, administration, building committee members, construction personnel and elected officials attended the event. Read more about it...



Fed-Seasons eral Credit Union was recently named as one of the Best Places to Work in Connecticut.



This thirteenth annual program was created by the Hartford Business Journal and Best Companies Group. Learn More...

Stamford Insurance Goup - The SIG Insurance Agencies are just a tap away with their new mobile app - Insurance Agent. It has all the information that you will need, when you need it. Just Organize, Track and stay Connected anywhere you go. You will get quick agency access,



electronic auto ID, easy policy management, easy bill pay, convenient claims connections, an auto accident claims kit, effortless property and home inventory tool, important alerts and notifications and more. For more information, click here: https://insuranceagentmobileapp.wistia.com/medias/nfsshjwvfj.

Wheeler Clinic Opens Hart-ford Flagship Location - On

January 8th, 2018, more than 7 125 community leaders, sup-



porters and staff gathered to celebrate the opening of Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Center. Located at 43 Woodland St., Hartford, Learn More...

Women and Families Center Open DOHR Employment Training Program will be offering their Certified Nurse Assis-

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Transition Expo 2018				
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	When:	Tuesday, M	arch 13, 2018	
s your son or daughter	Where:		by Sheraton ch Parkway F 06450	
between the	Time:	6:00-8:00	p.m.	
ages of 14-21?	*AD	MISSION IS	FREE*!	
re you wondering what's going to happen after high school? to happen after high school?	Please come listen, ask questions, meet other parents, and gather information about transitioning to adulthood! Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB) Department of Montal Health and Addition Services (DMHAS) Department of Montal Health and Addition Services (DMHAS) Department of Montal Health and Addition Services (DMHAS) Department of Social Services, Division of Autism Employment Service Roviders Kennedy Center Travel Training Probate Judge: Guardianship Social Security Administration And More!!!!!!			
We listened to your comments for changes in this years Transition Expo. We also allot- ted time for Q & A!		or ANY additional ator hools	dations needed for your participa- questions please contact: Carolyn Nelson Transition Coordinator East/West CREATE 203-281-3577 cnelson@aces.org	

The Meriden-New Britain-Berlin YMCA is conducting a survey of community needs in the Meriden, Berlin and New Britain communities. We want to hear from you.

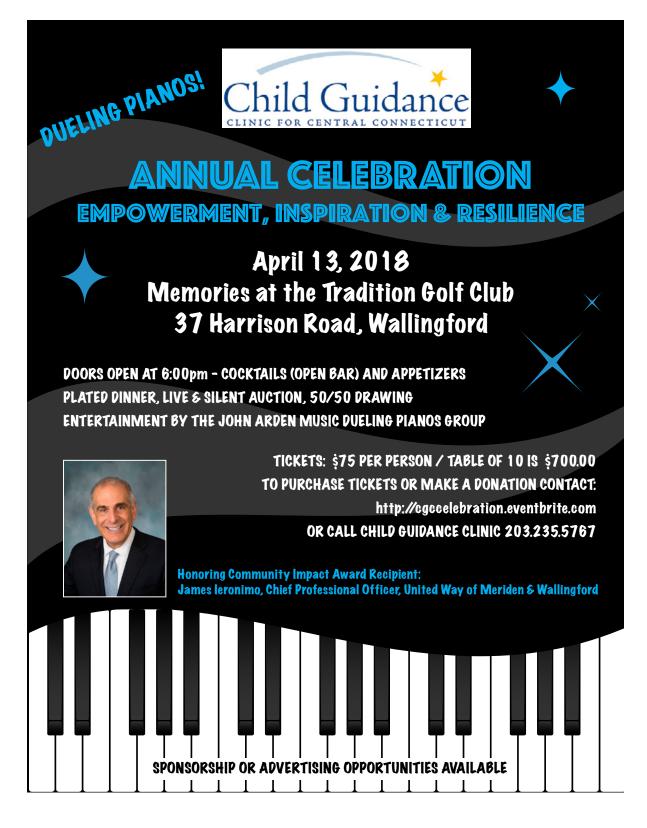


Feedback will be used to design and deliver new programs and services that address critical issues in the areas of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. **It takes less than 5 minutes** and is available in English and Spanish. Responses are not individually tracked and are kept confidential. *You have the option to provide your name and email and enter for a chance to win a \$250 Y gift certificate and hear more about the survey results.*

Thank you in advance for providing your feedback to help us serve our community mission. Please click here to complete the survey.







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Jirls 19th Annual Strong, Smart, and Bold Benefit Celebration



2018 Strong, Smart, and Bold Recipient

In her spare time she is very involved with the Meriden Rotary Club, chairs the Nites in the City Brewfest, former Chairperson for the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, a member of the MEDCO board and was President of the Maloney Props and Paints Parent Organization to name a few of her accomplishments.

Yvonne deAngeli-Fontanez General Manager Four Points by Sheraton Meriden

Please Join us to Celebrate Girls Inc. and our Award Recipient! Where we inspire all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold.

When:	Wednesday, May 9th 2018		
Where:	Zandri's Stillwood Inn 1074 S Colony Rd., Wallingford CT		
<u>Time:</u>	5:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Presentation		
<u>Cost:</u>	\$60 per person		
<u>Meal Choice:</u> Contact/Business Name:	Chicken Francaise, Prime Rib, or Vegetarian		
Name(s) Attending:	Meal Choice:		
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Payment must be made to reserve your spot for the benefit celebration. Payment can be remitted to Girls Inc 130 Lincoln Street Meriden CT 06450.Call 203-235-7146 or email MAB_girlsinc@snet.net

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