

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD THAT CTWORKS IS <u>STAYING OPEN</u>

Please know that the **CT Works / American Jobs Center** that occupies the second and third floors **will remain open at 85 West Main Street in downtown Meriden**. The contract with Human Resources Agency (HRA) of New Britain, Inc. will not be affected by any current CTDOL decision.

There have been letters to the editor and a number of politicians talking about the closure of the CT Works One Stop Career Center / American Job Center Network offices. As an active member of the Board of Directors of the **Workforce Alliance**, I would like to clarify that the CT Department of Labor, which occupies the first floor of 85 West Main Street, is planning to leave, NOT CTWorks which occupies the upper floors Many of the DOL services can be done online.

The business community as well as the job seekers should not anticipate any interruption of workforce related services. Workshops, computer labs and HRA staff will remain to serve job seekers. Employer and business services relating to grants, training programs and searches for new talent will continue. If you have any questions, please give me a call and please spread the word.







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WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 120TH YEAR IN BUSINESS AT THE MIDSTATE CHAMBER

We are very excited to give our members the "heads up" that October begins our Chamber's **120th year of** service to central Connecticut. We do look quite differently than the Meriden Board of Trade as established by the Court of Common Council in 1896, or the Meriden Chamber of 1915, or the Greater Meriden Chamber in 1957. As the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, we are planning lots of themed programming for the October

1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 year. We hope you all will join us in celebrating our past and also participate in making some history with us as well in our 120th year!

EARLY BIRD 2016-2017 MAGAZINE DIRECTORY AD RATES EXTENDED TO 10/30/15

Many of our members have been saying that they had a lot longer period of time to budget for and commit to the early bird rates with the previous Membership Directories...and please know that we have listened and are responding! Upon your suggestion, we are extending the early bird rates through the end of October 2015 for the 2016-2017 Membership Directory and Community Guide. We



ership Directory and Community Guide. We believe that the new full four color magazine format will demonstrate how our communities will be also "stepping up" their looks with Transit Oriented development around the respective "Hartford Line" rail stations. In addition, our 120 years in business theme will run throughout the publication. Please note that we will not need your ad copy until the springtime of 2016 so there is plenty of time to craft the messages and create the art. The complete flyer is included with this newsletter. **Please call the Chamber with your questions.**

MERIDEN SEES FLOOD CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION IN ACTION

On Twitter on September 29, 2015 we posted "Yes, it's doing EXACTLY what it is intended to do! Great betatest in action."

The work is not finished and already the 3 day lighted brooks (Clark, Jordan and Harbor) are flowing above ground and most importantly, the park is doing a great job of retaining the water.

For up to the minute news, follow us on Twitter at @MidstateCoC



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



We want our members to be as smart as possible and able to post, track and analyze how they are doing in business. Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF), a Midstate Chamber member, is offering a great series that will take the mystery out of your own finances.

This series consists of 2 nights for **Business Finance** and 4 nights of hands-on **OuickBooks Finance**. Professional instructors will explain why it is so important to keep good records, how to read financial statements, how to setup your business in QuickBooks and show you how easy it connects to your bank and your business account. The education will not only save you time and money it will help you with decision making, because you will know where your business stands anytime with just a push of a button to get the report you need.

Classes are in the evenings on Oct. 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th and Nov. 2nd, 2015 at their Meriden office: 965

East Main Street from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Class size is limited to 10 so don't hesitate as this class will fill fast. Cost of all 6 sessions is \$189 and it even includes a copy of the QuickBooks software. Call 888-835-2333 ext. 2040 for details.





THERE ARE MANY WAYS **YOU CAN VIEW CANDIDATE FORUMS**

We believe that it is important for our community to really know the candidates long before Election Day, November 3, 2015. On September 25, 2015, the Midstate Chamber partnered with the **Record-Journal** Publishing Company, Children First Initiative and the **Meriden Board of Education** to host the Meriden Mayoral and City Council Candidate forums. The programs were recorded by Chamber member Texidor Event Videography.

These programs can now be seen in their unedited version on Cox Cable TV, Frontier Communications and on our YouYube.com channel via the Chamber website home page. Also, you can click here for immediate access: https://youtu.be/ HDvJeSVLK4.

WHO'S WHO AND PEOPLE TO KNOW

It has been said that The Midstate Chamber is the BEST WAY to make connections within the communities of central Connecticut. In this section we keep you - our members - updated on area leaders in business and community. This month we will use this section to highlight our members that have renewed within the past month!

MEMBER RENEWALS...

We recognize and thank our members who have joined or renewed their investment in the Midstate Chamber within the last month. Be sure to visit www.midstatechamber.com for the most up-to-date membership listing!

> A.R. Mazzotta Employment Specialists Apple Auto Wholesalers Avanti Restaurant & Pizza Child Guidance Clinic For Central CT, Inc. Concentra Medical Center Cornerstone Business Advisors Cornerstone Fence & Ornamental Gate LLC **Country Flower Farms** Cox Business Dental Group of Meriden-Wallingford eBenefits Group Northeast, LLC Gaylord Specialty Healthcare HealthMed Urgent Care Ion Insurance Corporation Joseph Barker Enterprises Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc. Liberty Mutual Insurance Lido's Restaurant Luby, Olson P.C. Macri Roofing, Inc. McDonald's Restaurants Meriden Adult Education Meriden Dental Group Meriden Family Dental Meriden Manufacturing Inc. Meriden Self Storage, LLC Noack's Meat Products Prestige Construction Home Improvement Roman Oil Co. Inc. Russell Hall Co. Squire Travel Agency Suzio Insurance Center, Inc. Triple Springs Spring Water Co. Tuxis-Ohr's Fuel Inc. V. Nanfito Roofing & Siding Verdolini's Transmission Service, Inc. Wallingford Buick GMC

Upcoming OCTOBER Events:

Mark your calendars, iPhones, Droids, etc. with these event dates. 1 = 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. Just SCAN and CLICK! **RSVP NOW for the highlighted chamber events below - just click and enter your info!**

📁 Thu, Oct 1: 5:30 pm : Main and Vine - Fine Wines & Arts at Downtown Meriden Court Complex, 50 W. Main St., Meriden Fri, Oct 2: 5:30 pm: Silver City Brewfest will be held at Downtown Meriden Court Complex, 50 W. Main St., Meriden. 📁 Sat, Oct 3: 9:00 am: 2015 Fly-In Festival will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport, 213 Evansville Ave., Meriden. Thu, Oct 8: 9:00 am: SCORE - Counseling Sessions for Businesses at Chamber Office. Call for an appointment. Fri, Oct 9: 9:00 am: CaRebellion-Business Unite for Higher Expectations of the Healthcare System at Gateway Comm. College. Sat, Oct 10: 9:00 am: FREE Shred Event with PROSHRED Security until noon at West Main Street / Butler Street Parking Lot. Fri, Oct 9: 10:30 am: Advance Auto Parts Grand Opening Celebration - Ribbon Cutting at 800 E. Main St., Meriden Wed, Oct 13: 5:30 pm: Wepa Art Studio Grand Opening Celebration - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 35 West Main St., Meriden Thu, Oct 15: 5:00 pm: Business After Hours - John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home at Violi's Restaurant. See flyer. Fri, Oct 16: 7:30 am: Breakfast Club Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. See flyer for details on speaker and honorees. Sat, Oct 17: 10:00 am: *Family Health, Wellness, and Safety Expo* will be held at Westfield Meriden Mall. See enclosed flyer. Sat, Oct 17: Celebrate Wallingford runs Saturday and Sunday – visit http://www.celebratewallingford.com/ - Sunday from noon - 2pm at the Gazebo Green PROSHRED Security presents a SHREDDING event to benefit HUBCAP Wallingford: \$10 donation. Wed, Oct 21: 5:00 pm: Business After Hours Featuring the Bradley Home. See enclosed flyer. 📁 Sat, Oct 24: 6:30 pm: Saint Joseph School 100th Anniversary Gala at the Aqua Turf. Wed, Oct 28: 5:30 pm: YBLCT Speed Networking Event at Café Dolce – See flyer for details and sponsorship opportunities Sat, Oct 31: 9:00 am: Hubbard Park Charity Race Series: Storm the Castle 10K & 5K benefits the Dan M. Hunter Memorial Fund.

This is a SHORT LIST of some of our KEY events - for even MORE business and community events - from business workshops to art shows to golf tournaments - along with details and updates visit...http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar

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



Please remember to always check the business and community calendars at www.midstatechamber.com for additions and updates! And, LIKE us on FACEBOOK and FOLLOW us on TWITTER: @MidstateCoC



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: at www.midstatechamber.com



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Advance Auto Parts: 800 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.238.2222. Stephen Sullivan is the primary contact. Advance Auto Parts offers a complete line of automotive parts and accessories for O.E., performance applications and custom color auto paint & body supplies (this location only).



Allstate Floor Coverings: 930 Old Colony Rd., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.235.6004. Marcelo Ferraz is the primary contact. Marcelo and his team at Allstate Floor Coverings are committed to their customers and provide an unmatched quality of service and product which includes hardwood, carpet, laminate, vinyl, tile, repairs, and removal of old/damaged flooring. Thank you to Miguel Castro of Prestige Construction Home Improvement for inviting Marcelo to join the Chamber!

Arts for Learning Connecticut: 3074 Whitney Ave., Building 2, 2nd Floor, Hamden, CT 06518. The phone number is 203.23.8101 and the fax number is 203.230.8131. Eileen Carpinella is the primary contact. Through Arts For Learning CT's diverse roster of artists, their mission is to engage participants of all ages and abilities in learning creatively through the arts. Thank you to Richard J. Pendred from A & A Office Systems, Inc. for inviting Eileen to join the Chamber!

B.C. Bailey Funeral Home: 273 S. Elm St., Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 2023.269.4630 and the fax number is 203.678.0437. Matthew Bailey is the primary contact. Thank you for Richard Pendred from A & A Office Systems Inc. for inviting Matt to join the Chamber!

B & L Financial Architects: 85 Felt Rd., Suite 601, S. Windsor, CT 06074. The phone number is 860-432-9119 and the fax number is 830-432-9092. John L. Carbone is the primary contact.

BLC Investments, Inc. – dba Gradar Metals: 10 Almeida Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 203.640.7393 and the fax number is 203.265.2630. Barry Chuba is the primary contact. BLC Investments is a mechanical contracting company performing installation of commercial kitchen ventilation and equipment with a specialty in S/S ductwork design, fabrication and installation. Thank you to Edward Zavaski of Edward Zavaski Agency for inviting Barry to join the Chamber!

Brava Dance Centre, LLC: 626 E. Main St., 2nd Floor, Suite #9, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 860.929.8488. Lisa Dye is the primary contact. Brava Dance Centre, LLC offers professional dance instruction for anyone ages 3 and up.

Health Educated Inc.: 321 Main St., Farmington, CT 06032. The phone number is 860-269-3937 and the fax number is 860-259-4399. Anthony Pinto is the primary contact. Health Educated Inc. focuses on educating consumers & supporting insurance agents & insurance companies in addressing consumer needs in the new marketplaces that were created by health care reform.

II Monticello: 577 S. Broad St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.265.3553 and the fax number is 203.265.3566. Angella Colella is the primary contact. II Monticello is a family owned banquet facility with great food, great prices, and great atmosphere. Thank you for Lauren Rizzuto of Squire Travel for inviting Angela to join the Chamber!

Illiano's Ristorante & Pizzeria: 510 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.634.4000 and the fax number is 203.634.4005. Darrell Lucas is the primary contact. Illiano's Ristorante & Pizzeria offers traditional Italian Cuisine, NY Style Pizza, friendly neighborhood environment, 7 days, gluten free pizza along with free delivery, catering, Buffalo Chicken Pizza, and NEW Spinach and Artichoke Pizza.

J.C. Farm & Greenhouses, LLC: 385r Wallingford Rd., Durham, CT 06492. The phone number is 860.349-5649. Vivian Caturano is the primary contact. Centrally located in Durham, CT J.C. Farm & Greenhouses, LLC offers wholesale and retail annual plants & vegetables and are open 7 days/week: M-F: 9-6; Sat: 8-6; Sun: 8-5. Thank you to Edward Zavaski from the Edward Zavaski Agency, LLC for inviting Vivian to join the Chamber!

PerriQuest: 639 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.935.0312 and the fax number is 203.935.0314. Johnna Schlosser is the primary contact. PerriQuest Defense Research Enterprises provides research & development services dedicated to creation & deployment of opto-electronic & biological technologies that protect the American public & our military forces from emerging threats. PerriQuest is focused on aviation applications, as well as technologies to enhance the capabilities and effectiveness of US Military personnel.

QBS Enterprises, Inc.: 632 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.499.7759. The primary contact is Jodi Hajjar. QBS Enterprises, Inc. leases space in a commercial plaza which includes retail, stores, business & office space.

Touch of Sun Tanning & Nail Salon: 200 Church St., Route 68, Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 203.269.9227. Meredith Hutchinson is the primary contact. Thank you to Pay Lynes of Aflac for inviting Meredith to join the Chamber!



Turbo America Technology, LLC: 1400 Old North Colony Rd., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.235.4500. Didier Alvarez is the primary contact. Turbo America Technology, LLC is an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) company with 25 years experience in the manufacturing and repair of industrial gas turbine components.

Vinny's Deli: 567 Center St., Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 203.265.7288 and the fax number is 203.265.5906. Vincent lannuzzi is the primary contact. Vinny's Deli provides quality food that will be delivered on-time, or our money back! Thank you to John Wooley from Radio Frequency Systems for inviting Vinny to join the Chamber!

Wepa Art Studio LLC: 35 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. Karen Jaime is the primary contact. Wepa Art Studio LLC provides art painting sessions, kid's birthday parties, and live music entertaining.

Find business resources at: www.midstatechamber.com

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also brings you right out to our member



news section of the website where you can view FULL news articles by submis-sion date OR by member. Just SCAN and CLICK!

Find ALL of our members' news online:

http://www.midstatechamber.com/News

Boscov's hosts GALA PREVIEW for a GREAT CAUSE charity day - Boscov's newest store located in Westfield Me-



riden will open its doors for a "sneak preview" on *Thursday*, October 8, 2015 benefiting 120 Central Connecticut area non-profit organi-zations, who are participating in a "dress rehearsal" for the new employees of the store and for generous and curious shoppers. Admission to Thursday's Gala Preview is by ticket only. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from one of the participating non-profit organizations or at the door on Thursday. The entire non-profit organizations or at the door on Thursday. The entire \$5 donation goes to the selling organization and tickets pur-chased at the door will benefit from the patron's choice, from the list of organizations participating. All those purchasing a ticket will be the first to see the new Boscov's and the first to purchase all of the tremendous values available. Also, everyone purchasing a ticket will receive a free gift, a \$19.99 Heat Resistant Silicone Double Oven Glove, just for coming to the store. On Saturday our Grand Opening Advertising will consist of these tremendous grand opening specials that will be available on Thursday for all those who support our Gala Pre-view for a Great Cause by purchasing a ticket from your favorite available on Thursday for all those who support our Gala Pre-view for a Great Cause by purchasing a ticket from your favorite participating non-profit. In addition, if you are considering open-ing a Boscov's Credit Card you will receive 2 Free Gifts, a free Umbrella and a free Stadium Blanket. And if approved, you will get 2 additional Bonuses, a 15% off your first day's purchases as well as no interest on any of your purchases for 6 months. Members of the agencies and organizations par-ticipating in the Gala Preview day have indicated that ticket sales have been brisk. Many organizations have already requested ad ditional tickets after selling out. Volunteers selling tickets are en-couraging individuals to visit the store since their organization's ditional tickets after selling out. Volunteers selling tickets are en-couraging individuals to visit the store since their organization's ticket can be counted toward an extra bonus incentive of up to \$1500 to the winning organization. The day will be filled with fun, prizes, refreshments and a few surprises. Planned entertainment includes: balloon artistry and magic, The Performance Bucket Band, the Coconuts, and a Caricature Artist. Along with the opportunity to help your favorite par-ticipating non-profit organization, Boscov's will have over 300 co-workers on staff to assist you with all your shopping needs as well as help you carry your backages to your car. We hope as well as help you **carry your packages to your car**. We hope that after your experience on Thursday, Boscov's will be your favorite department store! **AI Boscov says "If you come ex**pecting the unexpected you won't be disappointed."

Connex Credit Union holds FREE educational workshops - Registration is required: online at www.connexcu.org or by calling I-800-CR-UNION. Space is limited! Join us for these upcoming sessions: **Getting Start**-



for these upcoming sessions: Getting Start-ed with Medicare: Are you or someone you know eligible for Medicare? Join Harry DiAdamo, Medicare Specialist from Quantum Benefits, for a free, no-obligation work-shop to learn the basics of Medicare. When: Thursday, October 22 | 5:30PM-6:30PM | 412 Washington Ave., No. Haven. Wills and Why You Need One: Have you thought about who will receive your assets should something happen to you? At-torney William S. Colwell, Esq., from Parrett, Porto, Parese & Colwell, leads this workshop discussing topics such as why you should have a Will, Living Wills, Power of Attorney, Trusts, and more! When: Thursday, October 29 | 5:30PM-6:30PM | 412 Washington Ave., No. Haven. All attendees will receive a gift bag! bag!



State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) under-stands that increasing participation of Minority Owned Businesses in state, federal and private fund-



ing, technical assistance, and access to public con-tracting are key to increasing wealth and maintaining sustainable communities. To meet that end DECD is seeking to generate immediate and continued awareness about programs and services offered by the State and its partners through a concerted multipronged approach that combines community partnering, media management, and outreach efforts to reach target audience. The first step has been to establish a toll free bilingual number to assist and answer the questions of small business owners and entre-preneurs around the issues of obtaining state funding and getting access to state contracts. That number is **1.844.257.9503.**

Higher Movement: That's RIGHT: Take a Hip Hop Master Class with "So You Think You Can Dance" Vegas Finalist Isaiah Providence! Classes



will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 - ages 8-14 will be held from 2pm - 3:30 pm. 491 West Main Street, Meriden. Class for ages 15-adult will be held from 4pm - 5:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Space is limited, please pre-register. Call 203.235.2630 or email highermovementdance@gmail.com

Ion Bank For the third consecutive year, Ion Bank was listed among the top 20 workplaces in southwest Connecticut in the

category of midsized companies and was among the top 50 workplaces of any size in an annual employee satisfaction survey of workers in Fair-field, Litchfield and New Haven Counties. Ion



Bank, whose employees were taking the survey for the third time, finished 11th in the midsize (125 to 349 employees) company category.About 235 Ion Bank employees participated in the 19-question survey, a participation rate of about 89 percent, said Chuck Boulier, the bank's president and chief executive officer. At least 35 percent of a company's employees must take the survey in order for the firm to be eligible for a top workplaces award. The survey results stressed the importance Ion Bank workers place on opening and maintaining good lines of communication between management and bank employees. For more information, visit ionbank.com or call 203.729.4442. "Like Us" on Facebook at facebook.com/ ionbank and "Follow Us" on Twitter at twitter.com/ion bank.



Kiwanis Club of Meriden - don't miss the 64th annual Kiwanis Kapers Show, entitled "Kapers TV - Then and Now". There will be singing, dancing, comedy, magic and a whole lot of fun! Show dates are Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th, starting at 7:00 PM, at Lincoln Middle School Auditorium, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden. Ticket prices: Adults: \$15.00, Children under 12: \$5.00, available through any Kiwanian or at the door. This is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds go back into the Meriden community. Please come out to enjoy the entertainment and support the critical mission of Kiwanis - serving the children of the world. For more information please contact Corinne Balcher at (203) 213-2182.

Masonicare at Ashlar Village on Cheshire Road in Wallingford will be holding a **Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair** and is looking for vendors and crafters to participate. The fair, which will be open to the public and to all Masonicare employees, residents and their families, will be held on **Saturday, November 14**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hartog Activities Center Auditorium at Ashlar Village. A \$50.00 registration fee is required, and all fees collected will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Registration fees are non-refundable. Receipt of payment will be provided for your tax deductible donation. For additional information, or to reserve your space, please contact Noreen Caffrey at 203-679-6402 or Marisa Dominello at 203-679-6059.

Meriden Historical Society - The new machine age and ease of plating gave the manufacturers of silverplated wares the ability to literally flood the market with every form and design of useful and ornamental objects for the dining table, dressing table, and hotel and restaurant trade. It was an age of obsessions with table settings, silver, food and huge floral arrangements for homes of the new middle class. (Molly Griffith, Silver Magazine Jan-Feb 1984). The historical society is proud to present SILVER TABLE SETTINGS, a month long exhibit. On display are useful and ornamental silver items made in Meriden for the dining table, dressing table, child's table and tea tables. The exhibit may be viewed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm every Sunday in October at the Andrews Homestead, Historical Society's showcase museum, 424 West Main St., Meriden (between McDonald's and Benjamin Franklin School). For more information, contact Lesley Solkoske, Exhibit Curator 203 440 - 3686 or Ruth Borsuk, President, 203 237- 8042. MHS is a not for profit organization staffed by volunteer researchers. Your financial support will be greatly appreciated. Visit www.meridenhistoricalsociety.org to donate through our website or by mail: MHS, PO Box 3005, Meriden, CT 06450.

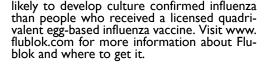
New Opportunities, Inc. - Are your heating costs more than you can afford? You may qualify for Energy Assistance. New Opportunities serves Meriden, Wallingford, Southington, Kensington, Yalesville, Milldale & Berlin. Larger households are not excluded. For more info visit www.newopportunitiesinc.org. Please call for an appointment at 203.235.0278. Se habla espanol. New Opportunities offices are located at 74 Cambridge St., Meriden, CT 06450

Literacy Volunteers - Meriden | Wallingford: If you can READ, you can HELP! Literacy Volunteers is looking for volunteer tutors to help adults in our area increase their reading and English speaking skills. Visit our web site at www.lvagnh.org to learn more about our organization and to find out about becoming a tutor with us. Training takes place 3 times a year and volunteers are asked to commit to spend 2 to 4 hours a week with a student. The next training for new tutors starts in early September. Tutors are needed in Greater New Haven, Meriden, Wallingford and the Valley.

United Laundry, located at 72 Cook Ave. Meriden, is now open. They invite you to stop in, check out their new laundry facility. United Laundry offers **wash/dry/fold service**, **pick up and delivery available, and they accept commercial accounts.** Their washing machines range from 20 lb to 80 lbs and are clean and bright new machines. United Laundry is open everyday from 7 am to 9 pm, has plenty of parking and they accept credit cards.. Any questions, please call 860-853-8591.

Protein Sciences Corporation announced recently that Flublok Influenza Vaccine, that was shown to provide better protection against the flu than a traditional flu vaccine in a recent clinical study, is now available nationwide. Not only does Flublok work well, it is the only flu vaccine that is free of all of the following undesirable ingredients: formaldehyde, antibiotics, gluten, gelatin, egg protein, latex, thimerosal and other preservatives. This makes it the pure choice for flu protection for adults 18 and older. Getting Flublok has never been easier. National retailers Target and Walmart are offering Flublok. Flublok is also available in many regional supermarkets and independent pharmacies, including Price Chopper. Passport Health Clinics

independent pharmacies, including Price Chopper. Passport Health Clinics will once again offer Flublok at its sites nationwide. Passport patients can even book their vaccines online. "We are pleased to partner with leading pharmacies to greatly expand access to our vaccine," said Manon Cox, President and CEO of Protein Sciences Corporation. "Anyone over 18 years of age will be able to walk into Target. People are encouraged to call the pharmacy in advance to make sure Flublok is in stock when they come in for vaccination. Nearly all insurance providers cover Flublok so most people can get Flublok free of charge." Flublok has found special appeal among health conscious individuals that prefer its purity and its popularity is growing among people focused on better protection. In a recent clinical study of the quadrivalent version of Flublok in approximately 9,000 adults 50 years and older, Flublok recipients were 43% less



Webster Bank Arena - Attention Midstate Chamber Members: join us in kicking off the Sound Tigers' 15th season here in Bridgeport! We are offering companies a special discounted ticket rate. Midstate Chamber members are welcome to take advantage of our 4 Tickets for \$40 offer that is valid on October 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th! The weekend games are great for family get-togethers and the 10/13 game (Tuesday) is perfect for a staff outing after work. Please reach our local contact, Evan Paradis, directly at 203-345-4828 or email evan.paradis@harboryardse.com.



Meriden and Wallingford Day is BACK on Sunday, November 8! Contact Evan for your individual tickets OR there are AWE-SOME business packages that will promote your business with a portion of the proceeds benefiting our United Way of Meriden and Wallingford. See the enclosed flyer - you can also "sponsor" local youth to go to the game - buy a ticket or two and they will be given to area youth organizations! SEE ENCLOSED FLYER.

Member to Member Discounts:

Many chamber members offer discounts for you and your employees! Find them at:

https://www.midstatechamber.com/Services/Club-card.

asp You can print your discount certificate and present it to the member business and receive your discount. Remember: Chamber members use Chamber members! Want to offer a discount? Just contact us with your special offer: 203.235.7901 or email: info@ midstatechamber.com. It's THAT Easy. AND, even better: there is NO COST for you as a member to offer a discount!

Featured Discount: MERIDEN SELF STORAGE We offer many different size units, all on ground level with a choice of climate control. We also sell boxes and moving supplies for all your moving needs.

OCTOBER's

203-639-7335 10% off rental fees!

SELF STORAGE LLC

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Funeral Home



at Violi's Restaurant

688 Westfield Rd., Meriden

Thursday October 15th, 2015

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Midstate Chamber members are invited to this special event as John J. Ferry and Sons Funeral Home *celebrates 125 Years and* 5 Generations of Compassionate and Professional Service. Come and meet Tom, Pat and Dan and the entire team of this iconic Central Connecticut business.



Patrick, Tom, and Daniel Ferry

Enjoy Networking, Refreshments, 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.

Community of Waining for and chieved of Casa Bolicia de Meriden, Inc. Please RSVP by October 14, 2015 to: Meriden, Inc. 3 Colony Street, Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451 Guiding Light Award will be awarded posthumously to Greg Ph: 203.235.7901 ~ Fx: 203.686.0172 Polanski. info@midstatechamber.com	Shining Star Award will be awarded to Maria Harlow of Spanish See Reverse for Sponsorship Opportunities.	being a cultural and diversity advocate as a Hartford Chapter President for ALPFA, Inc., the Association of Latino Professionals For America. 3 digit code: Zip Code	Involved With AHOKA (Aetha's Hispanic Organizational Kesource for All) and is a 2015 winner of an Aetha Way Excellence Silver Award for Excellence. She was selected to be part of LUPA's Top 50 Most Influential Latinos in CT for two years in a row and nominated for	Bill me Check enclosed	Lisandra Bonilla Lassen moved to Connecticut from 'The Bronx' made 2 days prior to event to avoid change*	LISandra Bonilla Lassen Chamber Members: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door (without a	Featuring	Names:	Company:	Hispanic Heritage Heritage	275 Research Pkwy., Meriden, CT	And Break Four Points by Sheraton	Friday	Chamber of Commerce Thanks To OUT Sponsors Early And
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Sponsorship Options For Every Business, Any Budget!

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum Exclusive One Per Event			
Business Name listed on table tent cards at event	Business Logo listed on table tent cards at event (.5" h x 2" w)	Business Logo listed on table tent cards at event (1" h x 2.5" w)	Business Logo listed on table tent cards at event (2" h x 4" w)			
1 Breakfast Admission	3 Breakfast Admissions	Reserved table with 6 Breakfast Admissions	Reserved table of 10			
Shared Display Table (2 per table max)	Shared Display Table (2 per table max)	Exclusive Display Table	Exclusive Display Table			
Business Name Listing on event Web Page	Business Name Listing on event Web Page	Business Name Listing on event Web Page	11 Breakfast Admissions including 1 Seat at the Head Table			
Recognition from podium at Breakfast	Recognition from	Recognition from podium at Breakfast	Business Name Listing on event Web Page			
	podium at Breakfast	LOGO on pre-event promotional materials	Recognition from podium at Breakfast			
$ \land \land \land$		WEB AD on Chamber web site for 1 month	Up to 1 minute "commercial" at podium			
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	$\int \int $	\$500	Banner displayed in hall at event			
Register Today!	·		WEB AD on Chamber web site for 1 month Prime Placement			
These rates are PER event. Any Business Interested in Sponsoring more than one – or as a series – may contact the Chamber so that we may create a special package that suits your needs and budget! Select breakfast events are taped for airing on Public Access Television and on						

the Midstate Chamber website.

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When: Saturday, October 17th, 2015, 10am-3pm Where: Westfield Meriden Mall (470 Lewis Ave., Meriden)

FREE Admission, FUN Activities & Information for ALL Ages! Over 30 Exhibitors in the Mall. Open to the Public to view Exhibits and Get FREE Information and GIVEAWAYS!

Noon Public Safety Award Ceremony at Center Court to honor Public Service Workers Including: Police & Fire and Hunter's EMS with appearances by Area Leaders and Elected Officials.

Live Demos and Activities for all ages at Center Court. Come and join us for oodles of fun, information & give-aways while learning about your physical health, home health, financial health, and more!!

Flublok® vaccines will be available— bring insurance card and ID.

Presented by: Health & Wellness Council of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce

Come and Explore Health, Wellness & Safety Resources!

UnitedHealthcare

In addition to our Sponsors, you can expect to visit with all of these exhibitors:

Alternative Healthcare Solutions – Apple Rehab Coccomo – ARC of Meriden-Wallingford, Inc.—Bennett Family Chiropractic LLC— Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis Domestic Violence Services – DCF Foster Care & Adoption - Easter Seals Central CT – Gaylord Specialty Healthcare – Hancock's Pharmacy - Health Educated, Inc. – Hunter's Ambulance Service Inc.—Masonicare—Meriden Health & Human Services – Miller Memorial Community – Precision Chiropractic Center—Protein Sciences - Flublok® - Right at Home – Amber Alert by Meriden Rotary Club – Shield Driving School – Valentin Karate—WELLS FARGO – yoga4Change—Meriden YMCA

MALL WALK PROGRAM KICKOFF! Join us for a Mall Walk with Dr. I from ID Life

from 8:30 am to 9:30 am starting in the Food Court. The 1st 50 people to register will receive pedometers! Bring your q's for the doc on any health or wellness related topic.



320 Colony St., Meriden

Wednesday, October 21st, 2015

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

All members of the Midstate Chamber are invited to come out to view the newly renovated and decorated Bradley Home and Pavilion. Enjoy Wine & Cheese, Tours, Networking, Refreshments, Door Prizes, and more!

Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:

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Speed Networking

Get Connected! Build Relationships!

Register TODAY!

Call Midstate Chamber of Commerce 203.235.7901





Great promotion

opportunity for every budget!

See reverse side for details

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The Young Business Leaders of CT

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Invite you to attend our:

Speed Networking Event

Wednesday October 28, 2015

To be held at

Café Dolce

33 West Main St. Meriden CT 06451

5:30-7:30pm

Registration fee: \$20

Includes light fare, refreshments and entry

Space is Limited: Please register by Oct. 2:

Attendee will talk one-on-one, describing your business a ideal prospect. This allows for professional relationsh building, expanding your network and learning about other attendees. The rounds are fast and timed but you will definite make a lot of contacts.

Bring plenty of business cards!!

www.YBLCT.com

www.midstatechamber.com

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Speed Networking

Sponsorships



Premier sponsorship: \$250

- Full table display (6 feet)
 Full-page ad in program
- Logo on program cover
 Four tickets to event
- Recognition on YBLCT.com—midstatechamber.com Facebook—Twitter
- Recognition on press releases
 Recognition at event

Gold Sponsor: \$150

- Shared table display (6 feet)
 Half-page ad in program
- Two tickets to event
- Recognition on YBLCT.com—midstatechamber.com Facebook—Twitter
- Recognition at event

Silver Sponsor: \$75

- Shared table display (6 feet)
 Quarter-page ad in program
- One ticket to event
- Recognition on YBLCT.com and Meridenchamber.com & Facebook

REGISTRATION:	LINE HER LINE HER REPORTS AND A DEVICE PROPERTIES.	onsor \$150: Gold Sponsor x \$20 = \$	\$75: Silver Sponsor check enclosed bill me			
Credit Card #(AX,	Disc, VI, MC)					
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Registration changes must be made 2 days prior to event to avoid charge*						

Enclosed is THE CHAMBER BOOK 2015-16 - the LAST ONE LOOKING THIS WAY for a while! CHANGE IS ON THE HORIZON...

Our communities are changing and looking better every day; it's time we changed the look of THE BOOK!

A NEW LOOK is coming in 2016 - the chamber's 120th Year in Business: Reserve Your Ad Space

EARLY

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Rail Project ALIGNS Communities of BERLIN MERIDEN WALLINGFORD

NEW SIZE: 8½ x 11

NEW FORMAT: Magazine Style

The

Chamber

Magazine

2016-2017

TOTAL - FULL - COLOR: Ads and Directory Sections

NEW CONTENT:

Devoted to people, places where our members are!

See

Reverse for EARLY BIRD PRICING and more - including * AD SIZES and OPTIONS Reserve EARLY and SAVE: Early Bird Deadline: 10/30/15

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Magazine Ad Options

Yes, this will be the LAST Chamber Membership Directory – THE CHAMBER BOOK - or at least the last one looking this way in the 8 ½ by 5 ½ spiral bound format. One thing hasn't changed: IF YOU ARE DOING BUSINESS IN THIS REGION...YOU MUST BE IN THE MAGAZINE – YOU WILL STAND OUT WITH AN AD – we've created pricing for every budget.

- Our communities are changing and looking better every day. It's time we changed the look of "The Chamber Book".
- In 2016-2017, we will be changing the format to 8 ½ by 11 communities magazine! This will allow us the Larger 3 Column format allows for greater flexibility in layout and presentation. The entire magazine will now be in full color...including the membership directory section.
- . Sections will be devoted to the people and places in the cities and towns where our members currently are...
- We'd like it to be available in advance of the Start of Service for the Rail...in 2016...all train stations in Berlin, Meriden and Wallingford will be NEW and our MAGAZINE will also bring a Fresh NEW Look!
- Ads will be based on 2 ½ x 2 ½ sized panels of ad space in virtually any configuration on a page of 12 panels. (3 across and 4 down) At the early bird rate, the **first panel is only \$290** which is a lower entry price point than previous books. Each additional panel is only \$185 at the early bird rate so you can configure virtually any size!

Early Bird Specials (commitment and payment) run through October 30, 2015.

YES! Reserve My Space		Number of	Regular Price	Early Bird	Early Bird	
\checkmark	Popular Sizes	Panels	After 9/30	By 9/30	Saves	
	Single Panel	1	\$ 300	\$ 290	\$ 10	Affordable entry ad rate for EVERY business!
	Double H or V	2	535	475	60	
	Quarter Page H	3	770	660	110	
	Third Page H or V	4	1,005	845	160	
	Half Page	6	1,475	1,215	260	
	Two Thirds	8	1,945	1,585	360	
	Inside Full Pages	12	2,885	2,325	560	This allows a full 7.5" x 10" of messaging!
	Full Page I/O Covers	12	3.095	2,495	600	Only 3 prime opportunities – and they INCLUDE a top banner ad on the chamber's web site!

Here are some examples of ad layouts based on panel sizes...AND EARLY BIRD RATES!

Double	5 x 2.5		Quarter Page	7.5 x2.5	\$ 660	Third Page			Two Thirds	5 x 10
2 panels	\$ 475			3 panels		2.5 x 10				_
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Double			Half Page	7.5 x 5	\$ 1,215		Third Page			
2.5 x 5		2.5 x 2.5					5 x 5			
2 panels		Single 1 panel					\$ 845			\$ 1,585
\$ 475		\$ 290		6 panels		4 panels		4 panels		8 Panels

THIS MAGAZINE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE GO-TO RESOURCE viewed by thousands of people: It is a Chamber Membership Directory, Communities Guide and MORE. This full color Resource Guide is the go-to guide for businesses and residents! A minimum of 5,000 copies (print & digital) are distributed to the Chamber Membership, at Member locations, at special events & in relocation packets. YOUR AD promotes your business / organization AND illustrates your PRIDE in being connected with our central CT region.

EARLY BIRD AD RESERVATION FORM: Make your selections in above grid (Company:Contact:

Ver. Code:

Bill Me (Payment must be received by October 30th, 2015 to receive the Early Bird Rate!)

Check	Enclosed	or	Credit	Card	- Card #	

Exp. Date:

Submit to: Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc., 3 Colony St., Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451 Ph: 203-235-7901 / Fax: 203-686-0172 / info@midstatechamber.com www.midstatechamber.com

Zip Code:



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Serving Meriden, Wallingford, Southington, Kensington, Yalesville, Milldale & Berlin. We have started earlier this year! Let's get ready before it gets colder. Please call (203) 235-0278 to schedule an appointment.



Larger Household not excluded Satellite sites in Wallingford, Berlin and Southington

> Se habla español By appointment only

Income		Range
Household	Level 1-4	Level 5
Family Size	<u>0% up to 200%</u>	Med. Income (CHAP)
1	\$23,540.00	\$33,132.22
2	\$31,860.00	\$43,326.74
3	\$40,180.00	\$53,521.27

74 Cambridge St. Meriden, CT 06450 Phone: 203-235-0278 Fax: 203-235-4707 newopportunities inc.org



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Thanks to Our Sponsors:

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the Breakfast Club Celebrates...

Energy

Friday, November 6, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden

EVERSURCE

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Midstate Chamber of Commerce invites all members to come and learn more about Energy from Eversource representatives. Come and be informed as there are many ways to improve your bottom line. Learn about the Gas Project in downtown Meriden. More information to come.

Program Format:

7:30-8:15 a.m. Arrival, Networking, & Great Breakfast Buffet 8:15—8:30 a.m. Announcements, Recognition 8:30-9:00 a.m. Presentation with Q & A

Company Name:

Name:

Chamber Members:\$20 in advance;____ check enclosed Chamber Members:\$25 at the door (without a reservation) Members to be \$30. *Registration changes must be made 2 days prior to event to avoid charge*

Credit Card #(AX, Disc, VI, MC)_

3 digit code:_____ Card Zip Code_____

Exp.

Sponsorships are available-call the chamber for details - options for every business and any budget are a GREAT way to promote your business via The Breakfast Club!



What's Next: December 4, 2015 to hear from representatives of SBCD, DECD, SBA, SCORE, & SCORE.

Please RSVP by November 4, 2015



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E-Mail:



Meriden & Wallingford Community Day with the Sound Tigers

WHEN: Sunday, November 8th – 5:00pm (Doors open 4:00pm)

WHAT: Bridgeport Sound Tigers vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

WHERE: Webster Bank Arena | 600 Main Street | Bridgeport

TICKETS: Only \$20 for Meriden & Wallingford residents (Reg. \$39) – Center Ice Seats

Proceeds from all ticket sales benefit the United Way of Meriden & Wallingford!

The Meriden Youth Theatre will sing God Bless America during the first intermission!

Organizations from throughout the communities will be at the game!

Name:	Address:	
Email:	Phone	

of tickets: _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Checks payable to: Bridgeport Sound Tigers

The Bridgeport Sound Tigers are a proud member of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce!

To order tickets please contact Evan Paradis, Sound Tigers Representative at: <u>Evan.Paradis@harboryardse.com</u>, 203.345.4828, or mail above form to: Webster Bank Arena, ATTN: Evan Paradis, 600 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

NO DAY OF GAME ORDERS. DISCOUNT FOR ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 2015

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Meriden & Wallingford Community Day with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers

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Sunday, November 8th at 5:00 PM vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

Package One: \$250 (Full package value: \$700)

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12 tickets Table in concourse Group Announcement \$50 donation to United Way of Meriden & Wallingford Tickets can be donated back to a United Way partnering agency

Package Two: \$600 (Full package value: \$1250)

30 Tickets Table in concourse One (1) sixty-second spot during game on LED Ribbon Board Group Announcement Autographed Sound Tigers Puck Four (4) complimentary tickets to future Sound Tigers game \$120 donation to United Way of Meriden & Wallingford Tickets can be donated back to a United Way partnering agency HAMDEN REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



cordially invite you to a

GREAT DEAL\$

Special Business After Hours & Table Top Demo



Thu, November 19th 5pm-7pm

The Farms Country Club 180 Cheshire Road, Wallingford

Exhibitor Cost: \$60 - includes draped table and two attendees Includes 2 drink tickets each and food Space is limited for Table Tops

WOW!! — Only \$10 for Members or \$20 for Non-Members Includes 2 drink tickets each and food

Don't miss this networking extravaganza...two chambers creating stronger networking opportunities for you!

Company Name: _			
We will be	Exhibiting for \$60 (cost includes 2 attend	lees)	We will be Attending for \$10 per person
Attendees:			
Displaying:			
Bill Me	Charge My Credit Card (American Ex	press, VI	SA, MasterCard, Discover)
Card #			Expr. Date
Verification Code	# Zip Code of Ca	rd:	
Please RSVP to:	Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc. info@midstatechamber.com 203-235-7901 www.midstatechamber.com	OR	The Hamden Regional Chamber of Commerce hcc@hamdenchamber.com 203-288-6431 www.hamdenchamber.com