

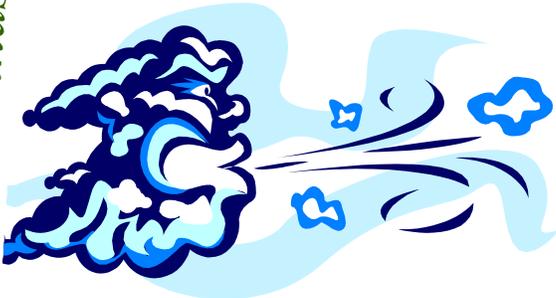


# Trumbull Town Clerk's Office Monthly Newsletter – March 2012

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March Winds



The Town Clerk's Office is collecting funds for "Care Packages for Soldiers" in our office. All proceeds will be sent to "Project from the Heart" and is used for postage.

Help us aid our soldiers and military personnel.  
Thank you, *Suzanne Burr Monaco, Town Clerk*

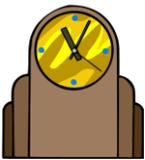
*We have already collected \$364.00 for the soldiers. Thank you*

## ***An Important Reminder from the Fire Marshal's Office***

Reminder to all residents the dangers of removing embers from fire places. Ashes from a fire place can stay hot for days. Ashes should be allowed to cool in the fire place for a couple of days. When removing the ashes, place them in a metal can with a lid. Place the can outside away from any structures for a couple of days. When dumping the ashes from the can, sprinkle water on them to ensure there are not any hot spots remaining.

**Do NOT ever place fire place ashes in anything plastic, paper or cardboard.**

**Please ensure your home has at least one working smoke detector on every level of your home.**



## ***Spring Forward, Fall Back***

Turn the clocks ahead on March 11<sup>th</sup>! Before you turn in on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, turn your clocks ahead one hour!



## ***Students - Looking for Volunteer Service Activities?***

The Veterans Administration at the VA Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut is always seeking volunteers to help in various capacities. If you are interested in helping our heroes of all wars and ages, please contact Fausto Parra, Voluntary Service Specialist at 1-203-937-3814 ([fausto.parra@va.gov](mailto:fausto.parra@va.gov)), or Sharon Croteau, Chief of Voluntary Service at 1-203-937-23814.

## ***Park Stickers***

The Park Sticker that expired in 2010 will continue to be valid until further notice. Thank you.

**Board of Finance Meeting dates and times are located on the website:  
[www.trumbull-ct.gov](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov)**

***Scouts in Government Day is Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>!  
Information is on the Trumbull Town website.***



## Public Works Department

The bulk pick-up program will start in March, 2012, and townspeople can call the Highway Dept. at 452-5070 for an appointment – it is by appointment only. The program generally ends in September. It's for large, bulky items such as furniture, rugs, appliances and brush/branches cut to within 4 feet in length - nothing small - nothing in bags or boxes, and no demolition materials.

## SNOW PLOWING POLICY

There are approximately 200 miles of streets in Town. Snow removal can cost as much as \$4,000 per hour; therefore, it is important for the Department of Public Works to use its resources wisely, with cooperation from the residents to minimize the cost.

**PLOW ROUTES:** The streets are plowed and sanded in order of priority. Main (collector) roads are addressed first with special attention to steep hills, and difficult intersections. Side streets are done next, then dead end streets. Side streets may remain unplowed if the main roads require repeated plowing. This may not seem fair to the residents of side streets or dead ends, but main roads must remain open.

**BLOCKED DRIVEWAYS:** All snow plows angle the same way – to the driver's right, – and when going by they will push the snow in front of a driveway. The homeowner is responsible for access to his driveway. The **only way** to avoid extra shoveling is to wait until DPW crews have done **their final clean up** on the street.

**MAILBOX DAMAGE:** The Town repairs or replaces only mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by a plow blade. Usually a paint mark or truck-tire tracks supply evidence of a mailbox strike. The Town does not repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside.

**PRIVATE PLOWING:** The Town of Trumbull prohibits plow contractors from pushing snow from driveways or parking lots onto Town streets. This practice is dangerous and impedes the Town's snow removal efforts. If there is no other alternative to pushing snow into the street, the plow driver must plow off the windrow left across the street by re-plowing until the road is safe and clear. This may not necessarily mean bare pavement, but certainly it should be no worse than when the driver began work.

Residents who feel they have a legitimate complaint should call the Town Garage at 452-5070 or 452-5071.

**NOTE:** This policy has been in effect for over 25 years.

## First Selectman Brown Bag Lunch or Coffee

The First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> –at noon in the Long Hill Conference Room. Coffee with the First Selectman will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## Red Cross Blood Drives

In our area there is a blood drive on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the VFW Post 10059 in Trumbull, taking place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please consider making an appointment to give blood. Call the following for other area locations. 1-800-RED-CROSS



## Town Phone Directory

First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst  
203-452-5006

Animal Control, Lynn Dellabianca  
203-452-5088

Arts Coordinator, Emily Areson  
203-452-5065

Building Dept.  
203-452-5020

Business Education Initiative and the Cable  
Television Advisory

John Annick 203-377-5803.



Fire Marshal, Megan Murphy  
203-452-5080

Transfer Station  
203-452-5167

Chief of Service, EMS, Barbara Crandall  
non-emergency number, 203-452-5146

HR/Civil Service, Mary Ann Meier  
203-452-5040

Engineering - 203-452-5045

Finance Director, Maria Pires  
203-452-5009

Golf Course Superintendent  
203-452-5085

Golf Pro Shop  
203-261-5989

Health Department  
203-452-5184

Highway Garage  
203-452-5070

203-452-5071

Internal Auditor, James Henderson  
203-452-5064

Librarian, Susan Horton  
203-452-5129

Library  
203-452-5197

Nature and Arts Center  
203-452-4421

P&Z, Helen Granskog  
203-452-5047

Police Chief, Chief Thomas Kiely  
(non-emergency) 203-261-3665

POLICE EMERGENCY 911

Probate, The Hon. John Chiota  
203-452-5063

Public Works, John Marsilio  
203-452-5045

Purchasing, Robert Chmini  
203-452-5042

Recreation, Mary Markham  
203-452-5060

Registrars of Voters,

William Holden & Jane Aiello  
203-452-5058 and 203-452-5059

Senior Center, Jean Ferreira  
203-452-5199

Superintendent of Schools, Ralph Iassogna  
203-452-4301

Tax Assessor, Mark DeVestern  
203-452-5016

Tax Collector, Mary Moran  
203-452-5024

Town Clerk, Suzanne Burr Monaco  
203-452-5037

Town Treasurer, John Ponzio  
203-452-5012

Trumbull Historical Society  
203-377-6620

Zoning Office, 203-452-5052

## TRUMBULL ARTS COMMISSION *Concerts & Cabarets 2011-2012*

- March 11** "Cool Shoes Band" 1 pm Cabaret – music from the 60's, 70's and 80's  
**March 23** "The Kerry Boys" 7:30 pm cabaret – Irish songs and humor  
**April 13** "StingRay" 7:30 pm Cabaret – Renowned Elvis Tribute Impersonator  
**April 27** "Jodi Keogan & Friends" 7:30 pm Cabaret – Opera & Show Tunes  
**May 4** "Radio Ranch" 7:30 pm Cabaret – Classic Country Western Band  
**May 18** "Fiesta del Norte" 7:30 pm Cabaret – Interactive Mariachi Band celebrating Cinco De Mayo

All performances take place at the Center at 23 Priscilla Place in Trumbull. Pre-Purchase of Tickets is NECESSARY. \$5.00 per person. Space is limited. Bring your own refreshments. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Emily at 203-452-5065.

### **Library News - One Book, One Town**

The 2012 One Book One Town selection is *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. This compelling historical novel of one civil war soldier's journey was chosen for its excellence and to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War. For those who have taken part in One Book One Town in the past, you know how enjoyable and thought-provoking this event is. And for those first timers – get ready for a different reading experience centered around programs for all ages and interest levels including a re-enactment, music, contests, dancing, speakers and of course, stimulating discussions. For a full list of programs and events which will take place during March 2012, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or by **Poster Contest Applications - Theme: United We Stand**. All ages! Posters due 3/4/12, the same day as the *One Book – One Town* community Read Kick-Off.

**Cold Mountain Movie & Pizza Night** – Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 7pm

**Civil War Genealogy** – Phil Rosenthal – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm

**Mallett Lecture Series** with David Koch Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.

CT African American Soldiers – March 6<sup>th</sup>

CT in the Civil War – March 13<sup>th</sup>

The End of the War – March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **Book Discussions**

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – with soup luncheon – 12 noon

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> –with Susan Boyar – 7:30 pm

**Afternoon Tea: *Who Wore What & Civil War Roles of Women*** with Juanita Leisch, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm

**The Experience of Nursing During the American Civil War** – with MaryAann Cordeau, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 11 am

**Animal Mascots of the Civil War**, for TLS One Book-One Town – Sunday, March 11, 2-3 pm

**Non-Fiction Discussion Group:** The Director's Club! Brown Bag Lunch Meeting – Wednesday, March 7 12-1 pm – *Wizard of Lies: Bernie Madoff and the Death of Trust*

### **Fairchild-Nichols Branch Library**

Civil War Book Share with soup luncheon – Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 12 noon, 1718 Huntington Turnpike

Check out our website at [www.trumbullct-library.gov](http://www.trumbullct-library.gov), see upcoming events from the home page, and register online. 203-452-5197.

### **Building Department – Swimming Pool Information**

With spring around the corner the Building Department wants to remind you about the importance of pool safety. By State Building Code definition a swimming pool is any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. Pools require a code compliant barrier and pool alarm to prevent accidental drowning. Pools need to be permitted and inspected to ensure they are safe and code compliant.

For a detailed list of code requirements and further information on pool safety visit [www.trumbull-ct.gov](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov) and click on the Building Department tab or contact our office at 203 452 5020 or 203 452 5021 Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4 pm.



## *News from the Trumbull Historical Society*

**14<sup>th</sup> CT Regiment Re-enactment** - Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Kick Off Event for One Book – One Town, Abraham Nichols Park, 1860 Huntington Turnpike

**Retelling of the Civil War** – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>- 2 pm – “ Mrs. Mary Ann Bronson, A Visit with a Civil War Doctor’s Wife”

### *Senior Citizens News*

#### **Shopping Trips:**

**March 14 – 11:30 AM** - Target at Westfield Trumbull Mall

**March 28 – 11:30 AM** – Christmas Tree Shops with lunch at Chips Family Restaurant.

Call 203-452-5199 for reservations.

**St. Patrick’s Day Party** – Friday, March 16, 1-3 pm Reservations, 203-452-5199

**March Bingo Game**, March 30, 1 pm; seating is limited, reservations are required.

#### **Helpful Hints:**

Keep warm and avoid frost bite; should there be power outages due to storms have an emergency box with at least two days of medicine, battery radio, flashlight, water and non-perishable food, and a hand operated can opener and the availability of a town shelter when and if needed.

#### **Social Services:**

**Dental Care Lecture** – Wednesday, March 28, 10:30 am at the Senior Center Library with Dr. Umbrahan, DDS. Call Gail Ondy to register 9203-452-5134)

**Energy assistance** - Trumbull Social Services is currently taking applications for the 2011-2012 Energy Assistance Program. Applications are taken by appointment only for Trumbull Residents. No WALK-INS. Please call 203 -452-5198 for an appointment schedule and required documentation.

**The Trumbull Food Pantry** is available to all residents in need. Please call in advance for an appointment. Please call 203-452-5198 for guidelines and an appointment.

#### **AARP Tax Aid**

This is a free program providing income tax preparation assistance for low and middle-income taxpayers age 60 and older. If married, both husband and wife should be present. Taxpayers must have available all information and documents that apply to their 2011 income taxes including:

•Copies of 2011 returns, checkbook, so that any refund due can be direct deposited, all 2011 income report forms that have been received, SSA-1099, Social Security Statement, 1099 form, W-2 wage and tax statement forms, W-2G gambling (winning forms), and original cost of assets sold 2011. Counselors are available every Wednesday 9:00 AM until Noon, starting February 3 until April 11. No appointment necessary.

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#### **Senior Travel-**

**March 8, (Thursday)-** Mohegan Sun Casino \$15.00 food buffet and \$15.00 bet \$22.00 pp  
Leaves Stern Village 8:15 AM and Leaves Penny Lane at 8:30 AM.

**May 24, (Thursday) -** Rhode Island Light house Cruise, Luncheon & Narrated \$60.00 pp  
Cruise On Narragansett Bay. Depart at 9 AM and arrive at the Old Country Buffet for a full course buffet Luncheon, including a variety of salads, soups, hot entrees, delicious desserts and beverage choice. After Lunch board the Millennium Ferry for a narrated Narragansett Bay Lighthouse tour, including 10 beautiful lighthouses and a Newport Harbor tour. You’ll cruise under the breathtaking Jamestown and Newport Bridges, past mansions, historic Fort Adams and other historic sights. Seating Limited.



#### ***American Legion Bingo - Come and join in the fun!!!***

American Legion Bingo takes place every Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm in the Veterans Hall on Whitney Avenue. Doors open at 5 pm. Twenty games are played with a weekly jackpot (prizes as high as \$1600). Families are welcome at this event and children ages 12 and up may play. Admission is \$2.00. Bingo card fees are extra.