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TOWN HALL CLOSED MONDAYS
JANUARY 2 FOR NEW YEARS, AND
JANUARY 16 FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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9 AM – 5 PM
(recordings until 4:30 PM)

Trumbull Town Clerk's Office Monthly Newsletter

January 2017

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RETIRED AMERICAN
FLAGS ARE COLLECTED
AT ANY TIME IN THE
TOWN CLERK'S
OFFICE. PLEASE JUST
DROP THEM OFF
DURING THE DAY.

DOG LICENSES ARE
AVAILABLE! COST OF
LICENSE IS \$8 FOR A
NEUTERED ANIMAL AND \$19
FOR UNALTERED PLUS \$7
LATE FEE IN JANUARY



Advice from the Building Department

Cold weather is here, so it's extremely important to make sure you safely prepare your house for winter. Here are some tips that will help you ensure you have a safe winter:

DOs

It is important to have working smoke detectors in the house. The batteries should be changed when the clocks change; keep in mind most smoke detector models have a 5-10 year lifespan, so check the lifespan given by the manufacturer; if they have been around longer, make sure to replace them. You should also have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors on every floor of the home. Many models just plug into a wall outlet-no wiring is necessary. CO is a silent killer so this is important.

Make sure to have your heating system serviced every year to reduce the risk of your furnace or boiler failing when you need it most. It will operate more efficiently, which will save money. With direct vent heating systems make sure you keep the air intake pipe clear of snow or the safety will shut down the system. Alternative heating sources, such as fireplaces and space heaters, also need to be used carefully to avoid damage or injury.

Space heaters are another source of supplemental heat, but make sure to keep them 3 feet away from other objects including walls. Also make sure you're using an appropriate extension cord to prevent a fire.

You have probably heard of a log that is meant to get rid of the creosote from your chimney. That will help you between chimney services, but make sure to have your chimney cleaned and inspected every year by a professional to make sure the chimney is in good condition and that there are no blockages that can lead to a chimney fire or poisonous gases entering your home.

Most experts say you should get your chimney serviced after burning about 4-5 cords of wood, and if you use your fireplace for heat every winter, have the chimney serviced yearly.

DON'Ts

Kerosene heaters are prohibited as a heating source in Trumbull.

It is also important to never use your stove or oven as a heat source for your house.

When it's cold outside, you may be tempted to warm up the car up in the garage. Even with the garage door open, carbon monoxide and other poisonous gases can get into your home, so warm up the car in the driveway instead.

Finally, make sure you know the locations of all of fire extinguishers in your house, and that they are charged properly. If the charge indicator arrow is not in the "green" area, get the fire extinguisher serviced or replaced.



From Our Tax Collector-

Real Estate, Sewer Assessment, Personal Property & Motor Vehicle Taxes are due January 1, 2017. The last day to pay without penalty is February 1, 2017. Tax Collector's office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions? Please call the Tax Collector's Office at 203-452-5024 or visit www.trumbull-ct.gov

**Call for
Members!!**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 141 – TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

American Legion Post 141 is looking for veterans to help us maintain and improve our efforts to support programs for veterans, children and youth. Membership is open to all who served during WWII, the Korean conflict, Vietnam, Lebanon, Granada and Panama, and all conflicts since Desert Storm are eligible to join, whether or not you actually served in theatre during those periods. We have a particular need for you younger veterans to join and assume leadership within this oldest and largest (with 2.4 million members) veterans' organization, founded in 1919 by veterans of WWI. For further information call either Jimmy Chin (268-9972) or George Areson (261-6874).

TRUMBULL VETERANS HALL

Plan your event at Trumbull Veterans' Hall. This facility, with capacity for more than 100 people, is available for bridal and baby showers, christening and Bar Mitzvah parties, children's parties, fund raisers, and meetings of all kind. We set up tables and chairs and provide on-site assistance and security. Facility has kitchen facilities and there is plenty of parking. Location is on beautiful Katz Pond. For more information call Peter Pappas at 268-7904.

Snow Plowing instructions from Public Works/Highway Department

Prior to a storm, regular weather reports are received, and manpower is made available. As the snow starts to fall, manpower is deployed on an as-needed basis. Once the storm is upgraded to **all out**, as many as 26 plow trucks and 6 supervisors are on the road. Please remember, general access for emergency responders come first, so Police, Fire and EMS locations shall take preference. In the event that a parking ban becomes necessary, it will be posted on the Town website and announced on WTNH (channel 8), WICC 600 AM radio, and periodically on WFSB (channel 3).

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, as stated above, main roads must remain open for emergency responders.

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. If the homeowner cannot wait until final completion, then more than one effort will be required to ensure access.

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

As of 12/28/2016 we have collected \$5,440.00 for our servicemen and women.

As always, we appreciate your kindness, generosity and support!

Thank you – Suzanne and Staff



Board of Education Information

The **2017 Superintendent's College & Career Readiness Forum** will be held on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Trumbull High Auditorium. It is for Grade 8 – 12 students and parents, will offer insights on steps to take now to prepare for success throughout high school, as well as college and beyond. There will be four guest speakers representing the college and work worlds and a panel of eight present and past THS students. The Forum will provide examples and personal perspectives that demonstrate the benefits of extending classroom instruction to activities outside of school hours by highlighting the alignment between THS learning experiences and readiness for success at college and career levels. [See the Flyer at the Board of Education website...](#)

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LIBRARY NEWS – CLOSED MONDAY -JANUARY 2 & JANUARY 16

Saturday, January 7: Friends' of the Library Book Nook Sale For information or to volunteer, call the Library or get contact information at their website: www.the-friends-of-the-trumbull-library.com. **9 AM - 3 PM**

Sunday, January 8: Nina Et cetera Band Free. Register to guarantee a seat. **2 PM - 3:30 PM**

Wednesday, January 11: Digital Downloading with Hoopla & Zinio A lecture, demonstration of the Hoopla system for downloading ebooks, audiobooks, comics and live streaming of movies, television shows or music as well as the Zinio system for magazines. Register. Bring your device and we will help you get started with hoopla and Zinio! **2 PM - 3:30 PM**

Thursday, January 12: Manage Your Business' Digital Footprint Programs for Businesses and Business People! In today's internet-driven economy, it's crucial for your company to build and maintain a strong digital footprint. Tonight Ramon Peralta and Jorge Pezo-Candelario from Peralta Design show do's and don'ts so you can take your own steps to success! Free. Register. **6:30-7:30 PM**

Tuesday, January 17: Diffuser Workshop All materials will be supplied. Register. **6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Wednesday, January 18: Book Discussion grades 6 and up. This month's book is *Stuck in Neutral* by Terry Iman Shawn McDaniel's life is not what it may seem to anyone looking at him. He is glued to his wheelchair, unable to voluntarily move a muscle, he can't even move his eyes. For all Shawn's father knows, his son may be suffering. Within these pages, however, we meet a side of him that no one else has seen a spirit that is rich beyond imagining, breathing life. An unforgettably moving story, this one was a Prinz Honor book. 1st 15 registrants get a free copy. Join us for a lively discussion, snacks and an activity. **5:30 PM - 6:15 PM**

Thursday, January 19: Cut the Cord! How to end the high cost of your Cable TV & phone service. Free. Register. **6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Friday, January 20: Digital Downloading: Overdrive & Zinio A lecture, demonstration of the Overdrive system for downloading ebooks, audiobooks, periodicals and live streaming of video, as well as the Zinio magazine platform. Register. **10 AM - 11:30 AM**

Wednesday, January 25: The Power of Owning Your Career! Evening Career Workshop. The session will focus on the critical part we play in driving our own careers. Often we embrace the passenger role and move from task to task (& job to job) without. Free. Register. **6:30- 7:30 PM**

Repeating Children's Programs – Main Library

Recurring Wednesday, January 4: Winter Playgroup! Getting a little stir crazy this winter? Come to Trumbull Library for our winter playgroup! Children ages 1-3 years and a caregiver are welcome to attend. The playgroup will have three, 1 hour long sessions on 1/4, 1/11, 1/18. **11 AM - 12 PM**

Wednesday, January 4: Homework Help! Trumbull resident Merrienne Cippola, a certified teacher with over 15 years of teaching experience, will be available for homework help. Trumbull elementary aged children are welcome. **4 - 5 PM**

Monday, January 23: Toddler Time for 2's and 3's Toddlers 2 and 3 years old will explore learning stations, music and movement, and great stories in our new story time format. Alternative time: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. Child or care-giver must be Trumbull resident. Please note: in the event of school cancellation, delayed opening, or scheduled vacation story-time will be cancelled. Registration required. **9:30 - 10:15 AM**

Tuesday, January 24: Preschool University for Ages 4 & 5 Preschoolers 4 and 5 years old will practice the skills needed for kindergarten all while having fun with stories, music, more. Child or caregiver must be a Trumbull resident. Registration required. Please note: in the event of school cancellation, delayed opening, or scheduled vacation story-time will be cancelled. **11 AM - 12:15 PM**

Stand – Alone Children's Programs

Wednesday, January 18: Book discussion grades 4-6 - This month's book is *A Corner of the Universe* by Ann Martin. The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town. Join us for a fun and lively discussion and related activity! Please register. First 15 registrants can pick up a free copy of the book in the children's department. **4:30 PM - 5:15 PM**

F.Y.I.: First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch, or Coffee, is canceled in January.

Social Services at the Senior Center

Food Pantry is available (by appointment only) Call 203-452-5198.

Social Services began taking appointments for the 2016-2017 Winter Heating Season (Energy Assistance) on October 3, 2016.

Applicants are taken by appointment only – no walk-ins. Please schedule an appointment time and listing of required documentation.

Appointments for Winter Heating are being taken, 203-452-5198. If your heat is included in your rent, you may also apply. There are CEAP funds available to repair and/or replace heating systems for single family, owner occupied dwellings that are determined to be unsafe or inoperable. These funds are available for eligible homeowners who receive an Energy Assistance Benefit between the levels 1 through 4.

**The Trumbull
Arts Commission
Presents**



**Concerts and
Cabarets**

February 26, 2017 return of "Dr. Joe, Michael & Co.", 1:30 PM, Songs from the Heart

March 12, 2017, "Jack Sings Dino", 1 PM, Songs of Dean Martin & Frank Sinatra

March 26, 2017 *Primervera Duo*

April, 2017 To be Announced

\$5 per ticket, no refunds or exchanges. Cabaret seating, bring your own refreshments. Call 203-452-5065 to purchase tickets. All concerts at the Center on Priscilla Place.

SENIOR CITIZENS – JANUARY

Beginning January 5th, the Senior Center will stay open on Thursdays until 7PM. Beginning Events: January 5- February 9, Healing Through Yoga, bring a mat or heavy towel. \$20 for 6 sessions, or \$5 per sessions.

Thursday, January 12th, 5:30-7PM- The Giggling Pig Art Studio, bring your own refreshments, \$15 includes supplies

Tuesday, January 17th, 11:30AM – National Pasta Day Luncheon, sponsored by Maefair Healthcare Center, Rsvp 203-452-5137

Thursday, January 19, 6:30-7:15PM, Elder Law Attorney Rsvp 203-452-5137

Thursdays, 10:30AM, Coffee Talk with Kaitlin, join Kaitlin for a morning of conversation, relaxation and great coffee in the Snack Bar. Bring a news story or joke and make new friends. Coffee and Snacks will be served. Kaitlin is a senior at SHU studying Social Work.

Thursdays, 1-3PM, Drop In Computer Help, \$2.00 suggested donation

Thursdays, 10:30-noon, Computer Tutor: One on One, please call to reserve your spot, suggested donation for non-residents is \$5

Friday, January 20, 11AM-1PM, Lunch and a Movie, featured film “Hello, my name is Doris”. Sponsored by Ludlowe Center for Health and Rehabilitation. RSVP 203-452-5167

Wednesday, January 25, Lunch and Learn, 11:30AM-12:30PM, Dr. Alex Afshar from the Vein Institute of CT, Rsvp 203-452-5137

Friday, January 27, 11:30AM, Monthly Birthday Party, cake and coffee served. Sponsored by Synergy Home Care. RSVP-452-5137

Friday, January 27, 1-2:30PM, Bingo, Prizes and Refreshments. RSVP. Sponsored by the Trumbull Senior Commission and Synergy Home Care.

Friday, January 27, 10AM, Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission Meeting, held in the Long Hill Conference Room in Town Hall, open to the public.

Friday, January 27, AARP Safe Drivers, 9AM – 1PM, AARP members pay \$15, non-members \$20. Rsvp 203-452-5137

Bridge, Mondays, 10:30AM, make your own foursome, no instructions

Poker, Mondays and Thursdays, 9AM- 3:30PM, card room

Texas Hold'em, Wednesday and Fridays, 10AM -3:30 PM, card room

Pinochle, Wednesday and Thursdays, 12:30 PM

Mah-Jongg, Fridays, 12:30PM in the library and meeting room

Helpful Information from the Police Department

Now that winter is upon us, it is important to recognize unsafe driving conditions, such as ice and snow covered roadways.

- When driving in unsafe conditions drive slower than you would on dry streets.
- Leave plenty of distance between your vehicle and others to allow for longer stopping distances.
- When roads are icy or snow covered, and you must go out, leave a little extra time to get to your destination.
- If possible, remain home and allow the Highway Department time to clear the streets.

When the Town declares a snow emergency, you **MUST** remove your vehicle from the public highway, street. This will allow the Highway Department room to clear the streets properly. Make preparations ahead of time with a neighbor to get your car off of the roadway. Stay safe!



**American
Red Cross**

Appointments: 1-800-733-2767

Red Cross Blood Drives

1/3 R.D. Scinto, 2 Corporate Drive, Shelton, 8 AM -1:45 PM

1/6 Grace Episcopal Church, 5958 Main Street, Trumbull, 1:30 - 6:30PM

1/10 Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West Street, Newtown, 8:30AM - 6:30 PM

1/13 R.D. Scinto, 2 Corporate Drive, Shelton, 8AM -1:45 PM

1/25 University of Bridgeport Student Center, 244 University Avenue, Bridgeport, 11AM – 4:30 PM

1/27 Shelton Community Center, 41 Church Street, Shelton, 1 - 6PM

1/31 OEM Controls, 20 Controls Drive, Shelton, 9AM – 2 PM
(Trumbull drives are in blood and italic!)

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