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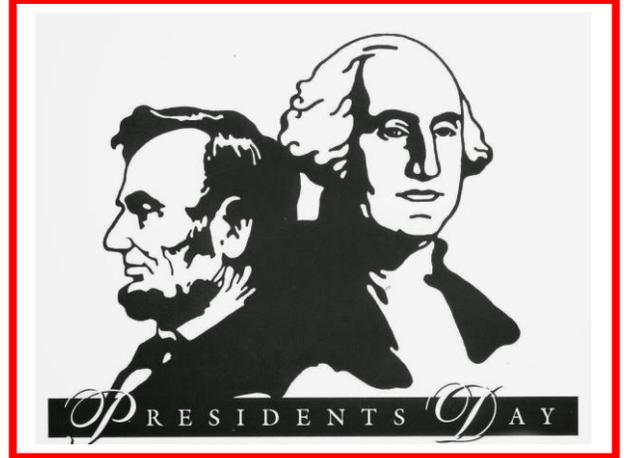
*Trumbull
 Town Clerk's
 Office
 Monthly
 Newsletter
 February
 2017*

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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
 \$8 LATE FEE IN FEBRUARY

**TOWN HALL CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 PRESIDENTS' DAY**



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.

Helpful Information from the Police Department

The Police Department would remind drivers that when the roads are icy or snow covered that they should increase the distance between their vehicle and the vehicle in front of them significantly. The reason is it will take considerable more distance for them to stop if the other vehicle brakes. They should also remember that they need to reduce their speeds, especially on curves and downhill.

**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 1/30/2016 we have collected 5,485.00 for our servicemen and women.

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

Thank you – Suzanne and Staff



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

IF YOU HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE CURB, THE TOWN DOES NOT COLLECT THEM. YOU MAY BRING IT TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON SPRING HILL ROAD, OR ASK YOUR TRASH HAULER IF THEY WILL TAKE IT FOR YOU. THANK YOU!



TOWN PHONE DIRECTORY

First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst
203-452-5005
Animal Control, Lynn Dellabianca
203-452-5088
Arts Coordinator, Emily Areson
203-452-5065
Building Department, 203-452-5020
Trumbull Business Education Initiative
Dan Neumann -203-362-8570
Trumbull Community Television
Kate Donahue, 203-767-4512
Fire Marshal, Megan Murphy
203-452-5080
Chief of Service, EMS, Joseph Laucella
non-emergency number, 203-452-5146
Civil Service/HR
Jim Haselkamp, 203-452-5031
Mary Ann Meier 203-452-5041
Economic Development –Rina Bakalar
203-452-5043
Engineering - 203-452-5045
Finance Director, Maria Pires
203-452-5013
Golf Course Super.- 203-452-5085
Golf Pro Shop, 203-261-5989
Health Department –Rhonda Capuano
203-452-1030
Highway Garage
203-452-5070 or 203-452-5071
Librarian
203-452-5129
Library - 203-452-5197
Nature and Arts Center
203-452-4421
Nursing Director –
203-452-5090
Parks & Rec. Director
Stuart McCarthy, 203-452-5064/5060
Economic & Comm. Dev. –
203-452-5043
Planning & Zoning, Rob Librandi
203-452-5047
Police Chief, Chief Michael Lombardo
(non-emergency) 203-261-3665
Police Emergency 911
Probate, The Hon. Judge T.R. Rowe
203-452-5063
Public Works Director, John Marsilio
203-452-5045
Purchasing, Kevin Bova 203-452-5042
Registrars of Voters,
William Holden & Laurel Anderson
203-452-5058 and 203-452-5059
Senior Center, Michele Jakab -452-5199
Social Services, Jennifer Gillis-452-5198
Superintendent of Schools,
Dr. Gary Cialfi - 203-452-4301
Tax Assessor, Mark DeVestern
203-452-5016
Tax Collector, Donna Pellitteri
452- 5026
Town Clerk, Suzanne Burr Monaco
203-452-5037
Town Treasurer, Anthony Musto
203-452-5012
Transfer Station, 203-452-5167
Trumbull Historical Society
203-377-6620
Zoning Enforcement, 203-452-5052

LIBRARY NEWS – CLOSED MONDAY – FEBRUARY 20, PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Non-Fiction Discussion Group. Wed. Feb. 1, 12 – 1pm. Feb.’s title is *Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America* by Michael Beschloss. This title is also the TLS 2017 *One Book - One Town* selection. Portraits of several courageous presidents give us a lasting standard of the best in leadership. Check the Library for copies! Drop by to see if there is room! Bring lunch.

Very, Very, Very Basic Internet Searching. Wed. Feb. 8, 2 - 3:30pm. This lecture-demonstration offers a starting from scratch introduction to searching the Internet. Free. Register.

Starting and Running Your Own Non-Profit, with Cliff Ennico. Programs for Businesses and Business People. Wed. Feb. 8, 6:30 – 8pm. Back by Popular Demand! Are you passionate about a worthy cause, or have you identified a group of underprivileged people in need of help? You may have thought of starting a non-profit. With this information, build a successful organization, & identify resources that help! Details online. Free. Register.

Language and Culture Club. Ages 10 and Up, All Ages! Sat. Feb. 11, 3 – 4pm. Enjoy learning about new places? Like to eat new foods? Want to know how much an American dollar can fetch you in a foreign country? Learn about cultures and languages as a family by playing games and telling stories in different languages, including Spanish, Mandarin, Hindi, and Latin! Also 2/25. Free. Register.

Valentine's Day Critters. Teens and Tweens. Sat. Feb. 11, 3 - 4:30pm. Create several of these cute magnetic Valentine’s Day message critters to stick on lockers! Write your own message for each one. Free. Register.

Film Fanatics Club -- Oscar Time! Tues. Feb. 14, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Joe Meyers leads a discussion on this year's contenders! Drop in.

Fairchild Nichols Branch

Fairchild: Talk to the Animals Show – for Take Your Child to the Library Day! Ages 3 & Up. Sat. Feb. 4, 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Animal Embassy will take families around the world with a unique group of rescued animals, representing diverse habitats. Live “animal ambassadors” are visiting! Details online. Register each child separately.

Fairchild: Chocolate Workshop. Adults. Mon. Feb. 6, 6 – 7:30pm. Join Alissa Monteleone, author of *Everybody Eats*, for a fun and interactive workshop that is all about chocolate! Make your own chocolate bark to take home and a delicious flourless chocolate tart. Copies of her new book available for purchase. Free. Register; 25 max. Nuts are used.

Fairchild: Make Your Own Earrings Workshop. Adults. Wed. Feb. 8, 6:30 - 7:45pm. Make your own pair of earrings with a Valentine's Day color theme. All materials provided. Register.

Check out our website at www.trumbullct-library.org, see upcoming events from the home page, and register online. 203-452-5197.

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

DID YOU KNOW that the ice cream Sundae was so named because the law forbade soda fountain drinks on Sunday. So, creative minds made the concoction without the soda water, changed the “y” on Sunday to “e” and *viola* – the ice cream sundae made its appearance!

F.Y.I.: First Selectman’s Brown Bag Lunch is Feb. 14 from 12-1pm, and Coffee, is February 21 from 6-7pm.

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***



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 – FEBRUARY (contact the center for other new classes and events!)

Lunch and Movie Friday, February 17th 11:00 AM—1:00 PM Sponsored by Ludlowe Center for Health and Rehabilitation. **Feature Film: Still Alice** -the story of Alice Howland, a linguistics professor, mother, and wife who is diagnosed with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease - **subject to change due to availability.***

Mark Albertson Presents: Wednesday, February 22nd, 10:30 AM America's Founding Document, explaining the Declaration of Independence. American contribution to political literature is America's Article of Faith.

Lunch and Learn Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters Thursday, Feb.23rd 5:30:30PM If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss and/or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. This interactive workshop, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, provides education about early detection of Alzheimer's disease and information to plan for the future. Lunch will be sponsored by Maefair Health Care Center.

Monthly Birthday Party, Friday, February 24th 11:30 AM -Come celebrate our February birthdays! Cake and coffee will be served. This event is sponsored by Synergy Home Care.

Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission Meeting Friday, February 24th 10:00 AM- Meetings are held in the Nichols Room located in Town Hall and are open to the public.

Bingo Friday, February 24th 1:00 PM—2:30 PM Prizes and refreshments! Seating limited. This event is sponsored by the Trumbull Senior Commission and Synergy Home Care.

Fun with Beads February 28th 1:00 PM—3:00 PM -for beginners to advanced jewelry makers. Bring your own jewelry in for repairs and/or make new items. Beads are not included, but are available for purchase. Make new items such as necklaces, earrings and bracelets. \$5.00 per class, includes instructions and repairs.

Weekly Shopping Trips

Thursday, February 2nd — Stew Leonard's in Norwalk ; Thursday, February 9th — Trumbull Mall

Thursday, February 23rd— Walmart and Duchess Restaurant in Shelton

Day Trips in February: Trumbull Historical Society and Romanacci Pizza Bar - Thursday, February 16th

Join us for a guided tour at the Trumbull Historical Society. Maximum of 14 people. Be sure to RSVP by calling (203) 452-5137.

Knights of Columbus Museum and Cracker Barrel Restaurant Wednesday, February 22nd Take a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven. Stop by their gift shop on the way out. Enjoy lunch at Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Be sure to stop by the front desk for a menu. RSVP, call (203) 452-5137.

EMS Health Message

Trumbull EMS reminds you to seek treatment if you ever experience signs of a possible Heart Attack. Some possible signs of a Heart Attack can include but are not limited to:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Please call 911 if you believe you are experiencing one or more of these possible signs of a Heart Attack. Trumbull EMS and First Responders can begin treatment when they arrive and will ensure safe transport to the hospital. For more information about heart related issues, please visit the American Heart Association website at www.heart.org



Appointments: 1-800-733-2767

Red Cross Blood Drives

- 2/1 Cooper Surgical, 95 Corporate Drive, Trumbull, 11:15AM-4:45PM***
- 2/2 Maefair Healthcare, 21 Maefair Court, Trumbull, 1:15-6:15PM***
- 2/3 Masuk High School, 1014 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, 7:45AM-1:30PM***
- 2/4 Spring Meadows, 6949 Main Street, Trumbull, 8AM-1PM***
- 2/6 Fairfield University Student Center, North Benson Road, Fairfield, 11AM-4:45PM***
- 2/7 Shelton Community Center, 41 Church Street, Shelton, 1-6PM***
- 2/13 Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, 11AM-4:30PM***
- 2/15 Easton Public Library, 691 Morehouse Road, Easton, 1-6PM***
- 2/16 Calvary Evangelical Free Church, 498 White Plains Road, Trumbull, 1:30-6:30PM***
- 2/20 Congregation B'nai Israel, 2710 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, 11AM-4PM***
- 2/23 Dianon Systems, 1 Forest Parkway, Shelton, 7AM-12:45PM***

(Trumbull drives are in bold and italic!)

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Annual Bulk Pick-Up Call for an Appointment!

The bulk pick-up program will start on April 3, 2017, and residents can call the Highway Dept. at 452-5070 towards the end of February for an appointment –

it is by appointment only.

The program generally ends in September. It is 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