



# *Trumbull Town Clerk's Office*

## *Monthly Newsletter – April 2010*

*Suzanne Burr Monaco, Town Clerk*  
*Gloria Murphy and Susan Cole, Assistant Clerks*  
*Marilou Mangiamele, Office Assistant*

### *Calling all Korean War Combat Veterans*

Please help the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to locate Combat Veterans of the Korean War who live in Trumbull. Just call the Town Clerk's office (203-452-5037) to let us know who you are, and where you are.

Thank you for your help.

### *First Selectman Appoints Maria Pires, Director of Finance*

First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst on Monday announced the appointment of Maria Pires as Director of Finance for the Town of Trumbull. Pires has served as Acting Director of Finance since Herbst took office on December 7<sup>th</sup> of last year. Before being appointed Acting Director of Finance, Ms. Pires served as Assistant Finance Director the last 10 years. As Finance Director, Ms. Pires will be the chief financial officer for the Town of Trumbull and its 135 million dollar budget.

Herbst indicated that after going through the budget process with Pires, he was convinced by her work that she was the ideal person for the job. "Maria was required to step in under very trying circumstances," Herbst said. "Not only did she have to deal with a new administration, but she also had to deal with a very tough budget environment that was seriously impacted by a severe national recession. Maria didn't walk away from the challenge, she welcomed it. She's ready to lead the Finance Department and I am proud to appoint her."

Although Herbst began the process of seeking applications for the position, he said after going through the budget process with Pires, he was convinced that she was the ideal candidate for the position. "When I came into office, we were faced with a \$3 million dollar revenue shortfall over the course of the next two years. Despite being dealt a very tough hand, we were able to hold the increase in expenditures to less than 1% and we were able to hold the overall increase to less than 2%. This was due in large measure to Maria's efforts of cost containment and consolidations."

Herbst further indicated that Pires has the respect of all Town employees, most especially those that work in the Trumbull Finance Department. "Maria has steadily climbed the ranks because she is conscientious, dedicated and hard working," Herbst said. "Further, she is completely apolitical. She has served both Republican and Democratic administrations because she stays focused on doing the best job possible on behalf of the Trumbull taxpayers. She brings a level of continuity and objectivity that is needed in government now more than ever."

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### *Trumbull Public School Vacations:*

No School Friday, April 2, 2010

Spring Break, April 19-23, 2010



*First Selectman Timothy Herbst presents the  
State of the Town address at  
Frenchtown Elementary 7p.m., April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
All are welcome.*

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

The inaugural book of the new Trumbull book Club (read and discuss a book with friends) - a choice of a thirty member committee – is *The Selected Works of T. S. Spivet* by Reif Larson. The book is focused on the life of a twelve year old, with drawings throughout. The narrative style captures the energy and brightness of the twelve year old, so the book will appeal to many. A book signing, and lecture are planned along with a cooking class of cowboy cooking. Contact the library for further information.

### **Map Making Contest**

Make your own personal map of Trumbull.

3 categories Child –to grade 5, teen – grade 5-12, adult – 18+

You must be a Trumbull resident. You may submit only one entry.

Landmarks can be anything you want: buildings, people, animals, trees, even potholes – details are available on the Events list of the library website:

[www.trumbullct-library.org](http://www.trumbullct-library.org).

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

### **Mark DeVestern appointed Tax Assessor**

First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst today announced the appointment of Mark E. DeVestern as the new Tax Assessor for the Town of Trumbull. Mr. DeVestern comes to Trumbull with thirty years of experience in property re-evaluation, appraisal and assessment. “As Trumbull prepares for another property re-evaluation, it is critical to have a Tax Assessor with the years of experience in performing, understanding and administering property re-evaluation in a municipality. Mr. DeVestern clearly has that experience not only as a Tax Assessor but also as a manager in re-evaluation companies that have served numerous municipalities throughout Fairfield County,” stated the First Selectman.

Mr. DeVestern began his career at Col-Layer-Trumble Company as a re-evaluation manager. In that role Mr. DeVestern was responsible for managing the re-evaluation of all real and personal property for various Connecticut municipalities, including the municipalities of Bridgeport, Danbury, Southbury, Stamford, Trumbull and Westport, Connecticut. During that time Mr. DeVestern acquired specific knowledge in the appraisal and defense of commercial, industrial and other complex special purpose properties. Thereafter, in 1989 Mr. DeVestern was appointed Tax Assessor for the Town of Newtown Connecticut. In that role Mr. DeVestern directed the appraisal of all the real and personal property within the town, administered state laws, prepared reports and performed all other Grand List duties. Mr. DeVestern was also responsible for the supervision and training of departmental staff and all assessment related matters.

Mr. DeVestern then went to Deloitte & Touche, where he again worked in the area of property appraisal on behalf of clients with commercial, industrial and other complex special purpose properties. In announcing Mr. DeVestern’s appointment, the First Selectman stressed Mr. DeVestern’s extensive experience with respect to property re-evaluation as one of the key factors which led to his appointment as Tax Assessor. “Mr. DeVestern clearly understands the importance of the Tax Assessor’s function in municipal government. Indeed, Mark will hit the ground running. He provides the type of perspective that is necessary to move the department forward. I have every confidence in Mark’s ability to be an outstanding Tax Assessor,” stated Herbst.

Mr. DeVestern is a Certified Connecticut Municipal Assessor. He also holds certifications as a revaluation supervisor and a revaluation commercial/industrial appraiser. Mr. DeVestern is a past president, treasurer and member of the Fairfield County Assessors Association and the Connecticut Association of Assessors Officers. A resident of New Milford, Connecticut, Mr. DeVestern is married with two children.

### **THE ARTS COMMISSION – April to May 2010**

**April 16, Friday, Val Ramos “Flamenco Ensemble”, 7:30 pm Cabaret**

**May 7, Friday, “Bellyissima”, 7:30 pm, Cabaret, Traditional Belly Dancers**

All performances take place at the Center at 23 Priscilla Place in Trumbull. Pre-purchase of tickets is suggested. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Space is limited. Bring your own refreshments. For additional information contact Emily Areson at 203-452-5065.

## **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

**Fire Marshal, Meghan Murphy**  
203-452-5080

**Transfer Station**  
203-452-5167

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

**Engineering**  
203-452-5045

**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

## Tax Office



Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, there will be a fee of \$2.00 charged for each duplicate tax bill requested. Also effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, all printouts will be \$1.00 per copy. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Should you have any questions, kindly call the tax collector's office at 203-452-5027.

Mary Moran, Tax Collector.

### **Adult Open Rec:**

18 years and older: Hillcrest Middle School Friday evenings from 7-9 pm through April 23<sup>rd</sup>

30 years and older: Booth Hill School Thursday evenings 7-10 pm through April 29<sup>th</sup>

40 + Over the Hill: Jane Ryan School Tuesday & Friday evenings 7-9 through June 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Recreation – Mary Markham, Director**

### **Open Rec:**

Booth Hill School: Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm through April 27<sup>th</sup>

Hillcrest Middle School: Saturday and Sunday afternoons 12-3:30 through April 25<sup>th</sup>

Madison Middle School: Sunday afternoons 12-3:30 through April 25<sup>th</sup>

Tashua School: Monday evenings 7-9 pm through April 26<sup>th</sup>

Saturday afternoons 12-3:30 through April 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Early Bird Swim:**

Monday – Friday 6-7:15 am year round except for holidays

### **Family swim:**

Saturdays 2-3:30 through April 24<sup>th</sup>

Sundays 1:30-3:30 through April 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursday evenings 7-8:15 pm through April 29<sup>th</sup>

***The Recreation Department sells discounted tickets for  
The Bow Tie Cinema. Stop by and pick some up!***

### **Adult Open Swim:**

Sunday 12-1:30 through April 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday and Wednesday 10:45-11:45 am through May 12<sup>th</sup>

All dates and times subject to change, call the office at 203 452-5060 or listen to WICC.

## ***James Henderson appointed Internal Auditor***

James Henderson, of Waterbury, Connecticut was recently selected by the Trumbull Board of Finance to serve as the new Internal Auditor. First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst offered congratulations to Henderson and thanks to the Trumbull Board of Finance for selecting such a fine candidate. "I want to congratulate the Trumbull Board of Finance on a job well done in selecting Jim Henderson," said Herbst. "Jim's background in both the public and private sector is impressive. Jim understands and respects the critical function that the internal auditor can provide. This administration is committed to allowing Jim to examine every account and every aspect of our budget to identify operational efficiencies and cost containment. I believe this is a necessary and vital function for both the Town side of the budget and the Board of Education side of the budget"

Before becoming Internal Auditor, Mr. Henderson was an independent consultant to various municipalities throughout Connecticut. Before that time, Mr. Henderson was a senior accountant to a private based Farmington Company. Mr. Henderson previously served as the Business Manager for the Torrington Board of Education and as Finance Director for the Town of Middlebury, Connecticut. In Middlebury, as the Town's Chief Fiscal Officer, Mr. Henderson was charged with developing and managing the annual operating and capital improvement budget in collaboration with the First Selectman, in addition to overseeing the appropriate application of accounting principles and practices. "As someone who has been required to review and monitor expenditures for Town departments to ensure alignment with budgeted funds, I believe Jim has the type of critical analytical skills that will serve the Town of Trumbull well. I wish him a successful tenure with the Town of Trumbull."

Mr. Henderson holds a BS in Accounting from Post University and an Accounting Certificate from the Hartford Institute of Accounting. He also holds Business Manager Certification from the State Board of Directors of Finance for City Government.

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT 06611**

***NOTICE TO TRUMBULL PARENTS OF CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN***

***JANUARY 2, 2005 AND JANUARY 1, 2006***

If you expect to enroll your child in a Trumbull Public School Kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year, please contact your respective school. If you are unsure of the school your child should be attending, please contact Central Office at 452-4301.

**Kindergarten Registration dates are as follows:**

***BOOTH HILL, 545 Booth Hill Road (452-4377)***

Parent Orientation – March 30, 2010

Registration Dates – April 1, 8, 12, 28, 2010

***DANIELS FARM, 710 Daniels Farm Road (452-4388)***

Parent Orientation – March 30, 2010

Registration Dates – March 31, April 6, 8, 27, 2010

***FRENCHTOWN, 30 Frenchtown Road (452-4227)***

Parent Orientation – March 31, 2010

Registration Dates – April 6, 13, 15, 27, 29, 2010

***JANE RYAN, 190 Park Lane (452-4400)***

Parent Orientation – March 31, 2010

Registration Dates – April 9, 13, 15, 28, 2010

***MIDDLEBROOK, 220 Middlebrook Avenue (452-4411)***

Parent Orientation – April 1, 2010

Registration Dates – April 9, 14, 26, 29, 2010

***TASHUA, 401 Stonehouse Road (452-4433)***

Parent Orientation – April 1, 2010

Registration Dates – April 7, 12, 14, 26, 2010

***PLEASE NOTE:***

REGISTRATION IS BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE  
CONTACT SCHOOL FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.

***The AgriScience Center***

**Easter Plant sale:**

Easter Plant Sale - 3/ 31 – 4/3 - Beautiful plants and flowers at reasonable prices.

Come buy your Easter gifts and buy some for yourself!

Hours for those days are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**And please mark your calendars:**

Mothers' Day Plant Sale 5/5- 5/8

10:00 am- 4:00 pm

***Farm Fair 5/8 9:00 am - 3 pm***

The kids have been working on these plants for these plants sales for a while - please come and support the kids and get some gorgeous flowers, too!

***Calling 911***

Most people know to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. Few people know what to expect and what to do once the dispatcher answers the phone.

When calling 9-1-1 for a police, fire or medical emergency follow these simple tips to ensure help is sent to the correct location as quickly as possible.

Stay calm.

Speak clearly and slowly.

Provide your location. You may also be asked to repeat it for verification. An accurate location is essential to receiving the service you need.

Provide your phone number.

This will allow the dispatcher to call you back in the event you are disconnected, or if they need additional information.

Answer any additional questions.

Follow directions and complete tasks as asked.

Stay on the phone until the dispatcher say it is okay to hang up.

***Finance Director con.***

Town Treasurer John Ponzio, also elected this past November, offered praise over the selection of Pires as Finance Director. "As a former corporate comptroller, CFO and CEO, I believe Maria Pires is just what the Town needs in a Finance Director in these difficult economic times. She cares deeply about the Town of Trumbull. During these last 2 1/2 months, Maria has demonstrated sound leadership of the Finance Department. Further, she has the respect of all other Town department heads. In my opinion, she will work tirelessly for the best interests of our Town with her financial acumen, integrity and leadership."

The announcement of Pires as Finance Director follows the First Selectman's choice of Public Works Director. By Charter, the First Selectman appoints the Director of Finance and the Director of Public Works.

Pires, a resident of Monroe, came to the United States from Portugal when she was 12 years old. She grew up in Bridgeport, where she later graduated from Central High School. She attended Sacred Heart University, where she graduated with a degree in Finance. Before joining the Town of Trumbull in 2000 as Assistant Finance Director, Pires worked for 19 years in private sector accounting.