



Trumbull Town Clerk's Office Monthly Newsletter – December 2011

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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 \$183.00 for the soldiers. Thank you

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas Day and on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's Day Holiday. *Happy 2012!*



Honoring our Veterans

Remember the Anniversary of Pearl Harbor on Wednesday, December 7th. And remember to thank a veteran for the freedoms you enjoy!



Swearing in Ceremony of Elected Town Officials

Swearing in ceremony of elected Town Officials will take place on Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. at Trumbull High School's auditorium. All are invited and welcome. Send reservations to: firstselectman@trumbull-ct.gov by December 2nd, 2011.

Town Hall Holiday Green Lighting

Come and enjoy the festivities at the lighting of the Town Hall Green Gazebo! It will take place on Friday, December 9th at 7 p.m. **Tree lighting**, visit from Santa riding on the Long Hill fire truck. He will be giving out goodies and hot cocoa to the children in attendance. Madison Middle School band will play. All are welcome!

"Tree of Light" lighting ceremony in honor of cancer survivors will take place on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm on the Town Hall Green.

Call Town Hall (203-452-5005) for details of the **Menorah lighting on the Town Hall Green**, which will begin on Chanukah on December 19th.



***Have a happy healthy holiday season
and a wonderful new year!***





MERRY CHRISTMAS



Leaf Pick-up Program began Monday 11/28

2011 Leaf Pick-up Program

Leaf Pick-up began on Monday, November 28th.

In an effort to complete the leaf pick-up program before snowfall this year, we will be collecting leaves in the following manner:

All main roads will be done first. That should take 2 full weeks. After completion of the main roads, the crews will then start from the north end of town (since that's when the leaves fall first) and continue south, one crew on each side of the Pequonnock Valley, until finished.

We are asking all residents to put their leaves at the curblin as soon as possible, so the south side of town, which is scheduled at the end of the program, will be ready if scheduling can be accelerated.

Once the Leaf Pick-up Program is underway, you can track the progress daily via the Town website by clicking on the menu tab to the left entitled "Leaf Pick-up Progress". To view Street Names, zoom to 300% or more and use the "Hand" tool to pan around the document in order to navigate to your street.

WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY PUSH THE LEAF SCHEDULE BACK.

THE LOOSE LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM IS DONE ONLY ONCE ON EACH STREET. DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE THE TRUCKS COME BACK TO YOUR STREET. A COMMON COMPLAINT IS THAT OUR TRUCKS "MISSED" ONE HOUSE ON THE STREET, BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE AS THE TRUCKS MOVE RIGHT ALONG THE GUTTER. IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF YOU PUT YOUR LEAVES OUT AFTER THE TRUCKS HAVE GONE BY!

As in years past, DO NOT PUT THE LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY. ANYONE PUTTING LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$90 FINE. Putting leaves on the pavement presents potentially dangerous situations.

In the event of an early snowfall, leaves in the gutter are plowed back onto your lawn...maybe 10 or 15 feet.

While some people think the leaves kill the grass, our experience shows this does not happen frequently. The grass may show signs of stress because it is covered over, but come the spring most residents report no problem. This is particularly true if we are able to keep the program on schedule.

If you want to be EXTRA HELPFUL, please consider the disposal of leaves on your own property. Create your own compost site, or bring them into your woods and disburse them around the trees. Your "forest" will be healthier for your efforts, and you will help your Town by keeping the cost of this program down! PLEASE DON'T DUMP YOUR LEAVES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY OR THE VACANT LOT ON THE STREET, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE OWNER'S PERMISSION. Residents in all districts may call for bagged leaf pickup throughout the program period - 452-5070 or 452-5071. All bagged leaves must be in PAPER BAGS or they will not be picked up. Use these same numbers for any questions or comments.

Trumbull High School AgriScience - Holiday Flower Sale

Holiday Flower Sale at the AgriScience Building
Holiday Shop will run from Saturday,
December 3rd through
Wednesday, December 14th from
9 to 3 weekdays and 10-4 weekends!
Support our students!



Town Phone Directory

- First Selectman, Timothy M. Herbst
203-452-5006
- Animal Control, Lynn Dellabianca
203-452-5088
- Arts Cordinator, 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

- January 22** "Eight to the Bar" 1 pm Cabaret - a mix of swing, jump blues, jazz, rockabilly, fifties-style classic, R&B
- February 17** "Broadway...with a little jazz" 7:30 pm Cabaret – Michael Jovovich, Dr. Joe Utterbak, Tony LaVorgna, Brian Coralian, Nick Macri, Emily Pisarra
- March 11** "Cool Choes 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.

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.

Library

Friends' of the Library Book Nook Sale. Sat. Dec. 3, 9am - 3pm. Friends of the Trumbull Library sales are the first Saturday of each month from September through June. For information or to volunteer, call the Library or get contact information at their website: <http://friendsofthetrumbulllibrary.books.officelive.com>.

Wi-Fi Router and Facebook Security with Gary Koos. Sun. Dec. 4, 2 - 4pm. Mr. Gary Koos returns to cover how to configure your wireless router for maximum security and privacy. Social networking (Facebook) security and privacy concerns will also be discussed. Free. Drop in.

Non-Fiction Discussion Group: The Director's Club! Brown Bag Lunch Meeting. Wed. Dec. 7, 12 – 1pm. Dec.'s title: *At Home: A Short History of Private Life*, by Bill Bryson. Bryson's usual wordsmith's wit takes readers on a tour of his house, a rural English parsonage, showing how each room has figured in the evolution of private life. "Houses aren't refuges from history; they are where history ends up." Check at the Library for copies. Drop by if you'd like to join!

How to Fund College Without Going Broke. Sat. Dec. 10, 11am - 12:15pm. Trumbull resident Mike Dailey's excellent class covering the best way to manage the expense. See where you are and how you can get there! Program includes a family financial run. Registration required. Free.

Family Chess Club. Sat. Dec. 3, 10am - 1pm. Chess learners and experts from 4 to 94 are welcome. Meet in the Children's Section with your own board, or come to watch. Club meets the first and third Saturdays (except for long weekends).

Tamil Language Class. Sun. Dec. 4, 1:30 – 4:30pm.

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

Senior Citizens News

Christmas Bingo – Dec. 9 1 pm, reservations required

Christmas Party – Dec. 16 1 pm, Reservations required, \$5pp

AARP Income Tax Training 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, 1/5, 1/6

Social Services:

Medicare Annual Enrollment Period now until December 7. Mark your calendars.

Energy assistance applications for 2011-2012 are taken by appointment for Trumbull residents only. Call 203-452-5198 for an appointment. Documentation is required.

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.

Travel Corner

Wednesday, December 7, Newport Playhouse "Never Get Smart with an Angel". This is a funny play all the way! Salvatore, Carmine, Paolo, and Dorothy will keep you laughing – and of course Sal's deceased wife who is an angel, but not angelic will help! Lunch includes an extensive hearty buffet. \$73pp

Wednesday, Dec. 7, WalMart, 11 am-3 pm, call Sharon for reservations 203-452-5137

Wednesday, Dec. 21, Trumbull Mall, 11 am – 3 pm, call Sharon for reservations 203-452-5137

Holiday Safety Tips

The Trumbull Police Department would like to wish everyone a very Happy 2011-2012 Holiday Season and offer the following Holiday Safety Tips.

As many people travel during the holiday season to visit family, friends, and relatives; the most important tip that we can offer is to drive safely. It is estimated that the amount of vehicular traffic during the Holiday Season doubles. Whether driving to a family function or a shopping center to do holiday shopping, drivers are reminded to obey all of the traffic laws and be patient when sitting in traffic. Observant drivers free from any type of distraction (including cell phone use) is less likely to be involved in a crash while operating a motor vehicle.

Drinking and Driving is not tolerated during the increased amount of traffic and travelers during the Holiday Season. Trumbull Police Department has taken a strong initiative to detour and combat the amount of drinking and driving. Extra motor vehicle / DUI patrols have been added to the schedule throughout the holiday season including the actual Holidays themselves.

When traveling or shopping at a place of business, have a plan. Be sure to let your family members know where you are traveling to, the route that you will be taking, the estimated time that you will be away, and any other pertinent information. (backup route in case of heavy traffic)

When your vehicle is at rest, be sure to LOCK THE DOORS, and keep any expensive items out of view. Make sure your vehicle is in proper working order and do not let your gas tank fall below one quarter of a tank in case you get stopped in unexpected traffic.

Remove any / all GPS units from the window and secure them (preferably in a locked container) and remove any indication from the window that your car has a GPS unit. (circle left by suction cup).

Lastly remember to fasten your seatbelt and make sure that any car seats are properly installed. Seat belts save lives.

Happy Holidays and Drive Safe.



HOLIDAY Safety Recommendations - Trumbull Fire Marshal's Office

1. Before natural trees are set up, the trunk should be sawed above the original cut, set in a stand and tap water added. This initial fresh cut opens up the sap channels in the tree so that it can take up water. Keep your tree stand water level above the cut in the trunk to prevent the tree from forming a sap seal. A sap sealed tree trunk will not draw water which is needed for it to remain fresh.
2. All trees should be held upright in sturdy stands having a base that is sufficiently broad enough to effectively support the tree. Guy wires may be needed to steady oversized trees.
3. Natural trees having root balls should be moistened daily and cut natural trees should be placed in containers of water sufficient to provide at least a one day supply. A container holding at least 1 quart per inch in stem diameter is recommended.
4. Natural trees should remain indoors only for as long a period of time as they are fresh. Cut trees are thirsty! Depending on tree size, they may use from two pints to one and one half gallons or more per day – so make sure to check the water level daily and supply fresh water as needed. Remove any tree that shows evidence of drying or severe shedding.
5. All trees and decorations should be located a safe distance from sources of heat such as heaters, fireplaces, stoves, television sets, candles and the like. Never put real candles on your tree!
6. Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday-related accidents. Worn-out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced. Avoid too many plugs in one outlet. Use multi-outlet power strips when running many applications or decorative light screens. All sources of electric lighting, both direct and indirect, should be in good condition and consist of equipment that has been tested and labeled or listed for the specific purpose by a recognized testing laboratory. All lighting should be turned off or better yet, disconnected, when the area is unattended. This is especially important in occupied residences when the occupants are asleep.

