



# Trumbull Town Clerk's Office

## Monthly Newsletter –December 2013

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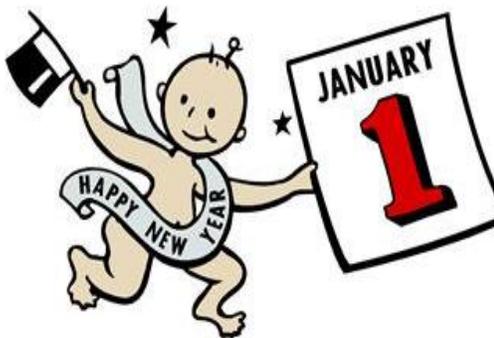
[www.trumbull-ct.gov](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov)  
9 AM – 5 PM

The Town Clerk's Office is collecting funds for "Care Packages for Soldiers" in our office. All proceeds are sent to "Project from the Heart" and are used for postage. Help us aid our soldiers and military personnel. Thank you,

Suzanne Burr Monaco, Town Clerk



As of 11/15/2013 we have collected \$2,510.00 for our servicemen and women. As always, we appreciate your kindness and support!



**Town Hall Closed-January 1**

## Town Hall Green Tree Lighting At the Gazebo



**Friday, December 13, 2013, 7 p.m.**  
Santa and the Fire Truck ablaze with holiday lights will be there!  
The Madison Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Rob Thornton once again will play holiday songs.  
Come and join the fun!

### Board of Education

Substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals needed all grade levels  
Please contact Debra Kohn  
Substitute Coordinator 203-452-4363.



### Happy Chanukah



**Town Hall is closed on Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day  
and Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.  
Please call for office hours on both Tuesdays.**

## *Trumbull Arts Commission presents*

### **“Concerts and Cabarets”**

January 26	The Frank Porto Band, Big Band Sound, 1 p.m.
February 14	Michael Jovovich, Dr. Joe & Co., Songs from the Heart, 7:30 p.m.
February 23	“After All”, classic dance music from the 50’s to now, 1 p.m.
March 9	“Goldrush” Accoustic Country Band, 1 p.m. (daylight savings time)
March 23	“Primavera Duo”, Traditional Italian-American Music, 1 p.m.
April 6	“Key West Trio”, Tropical Island Flavor Music, 1 p.m.
April 25	Krista Adams Santilli & Friends, Cabaret Potpourri, 7:30 p.m.
May 9	“Fiesta del Norte”, Interactive Mariachi Band celebrating Cinco de Mayo, 7:30 p.m.

### ***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 \$1,600). Families are welcome at this event and children ages 12 and up may play. Admission is \$2.00. Bingo card fees are extra.

### **2013/14 Leaf Pick-up Program**

We are monitoring the rate at which the leaves are falling, and once they are “significantly” off of the trees, we will start the leaf pick-up, working our way from the north end of town and toward the south, until we are finished.

**We expect to begin leaf pick-up either the first or second week of November.**

More manpower will be picking up the leaves this year, thereby completing the leaf pickup sooner. Please put your leaves out in front of your residence, down by the curb, as soon as they’ve fallen.

Once the Leaf Pick-up Program is underway, you can track the progress daily via a link we will add to the Town website.

**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.

### **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  
Business Education Initiative  
John Annick, 203-377-5803  
Trumbull Community Television  
Kate Donahue, 203-767-4512  
Fire Marshal, Megan Murphy  
203-452-5080  
Transfer Station, 203-452-5167  
Chief of Service, EMS, Joseph Laucella  
non-emergency number, 203-452-5146  
Civil Service /HR, Mary Ann Meier  
203-452-5040  
Economic & Community Development  
Director, Ed Lavernoich 203-452-5043  
Engineering - 203-452-5045  
Finance Director, Maria Pires  
203-452-5113  
Golf Course Superintendent  
203-452-5085  
Golf Pro Shop, 203-261-5989  
Health Department  
203-452-5184  
Highway Garage  
203-452-5070 or 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. T.R. Rowe  
203-452-5063  
Public Works Director, John Marsilio  
203-452-5045  
Purchasing, Robert Chmini  
203-452-5042  
Recreation, Mary Markham  
203-452-5060  
Registrars of Voters,  
William Holden & Laurel Anderson  
203-452-5058 and 203-452-5059  
Senior Center, Jean Ferreira - 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, Mary Moran - 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

## **Library News – Library closed on December 25 and January 1**

**Non-Fiction Discussion Group: Brown Bag Lunch Meeting.** Wed. Dec. 4, 12 – 1pm. Director Sue Horton's group. Bring lunch! Dec.'s title is *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by **Susan Cain**. Drop in to join!

**Film Fanatics!** Wed. Dec. 4, 6:30 – 8pm. Joe Meyers hosts our film club, and tonight will discuss Holiday movies and year-end critics' awards and nominations. Details online. Register. Free.

**Starting a Successful Not-for-Profit Business in CT, with Cliff Ennico and Kimberly Kaiser.** Thurs. Dec. 5, 6 - 7:30pm. Are you passionate about a worthy cause, or have you identified a group of underprivileged people in need of help? This fast-paced, entertaining program will teach you, step by step, how to build a successful not-for-profit, and identify resources that will help you to help those in need. Details online on both presenters!!! Free. Register.

**Friends of the Library Book Nook Sale.** Sat. Dec. 7, 9am – 3pm. Friends of the Library Book Sale is today! For information or to volunteer, call the Library or get contact information at their website: [www.the-friends-of-the-trumbull-library.com](http://www.the-friends-of-the-trumbull-library.com).

**How to Fund College Without Going Broke.** Sat.s Dec. 7 & Dec. 14, 11am - 12:15pm & Mon. Eve., Dec. 9, 6:30 – 7:45pm. 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. Register. Free.

**Author Talk. A Storm Too Soon: A True Story of Survival and a Remarkable Rescue, by Michael Tougias.** Sun. Dec. 8, 2 – 3pm. *A Storm Too Soon* is '...a real-life sea story that reads like a thrilling novel.' The *CT Post*. Copies for purchase and signing.

**"Allons-y!" -- 50 Years of Doctor Who! Author Talk: Doctor Who: A History, with Alan Kistler.** Tues. Dec. 10, 6:30 - 7:30pm. *Doctor Who: A History* is an in-depth look at the world's longest running and most successful science fiction show. Details online. Copies for purchase and signing. Register. Free.

**Teens and Tweens - Magazine Bows.** Thurs. Dec. 12, 5 – 6pm. Create imaginative gift bows using old magazines and catalogs. All materials provided. Register. Limited to 20 participants in grades 6 - 12. Refreshments included.

**Upcoming for Teens: Teen Book Club Discusses Airhead by Meg Cabot tonight. Tues. Dec. 17, 5:30 – 6:30pm.**

**Teen Book Discussion.** Tues. Dec. 17, 5:30 - 6:30pm. Tonight's title is *Airhead* by **Meg Cabot**. A freak accident mortally injures Em and leaves superstar model Nikki brain dead. After a brain transplant, Em wakes up in Nikki's body and learns that she must keep her identity a secret and live her life as Nikki! Copies in Children's! Drop in for lively discussion & bring a friend!

**Access Answers, Research, & Sample Tests Free! Database Discovery @ the Library.** Wed. Dec. 18, 10 - 11:30am. Join us as we showcase the multitude of e-databases at the Trumbull Library free to residents! You are bound to discover new ways to find out information! Lecture demonstration led by Walter Dembowski, Head of Reference Services at the Trumbull Library. Registration is suggested.

**Upcoming: Learn How to Get Free E-Books with Overdrive.** Wed. Jan. 8, 2014, 10 - 11:30am. Register. Free.

**Soon: The Russians Are Coming! Connecticut Little Symphony presents Russian Musical Selections to Announce the Winter Olympics in Russia! Sun. Jan. 12, 2014, 2 – 3pm. Drop in.**

### **Children's Events**

#### **Fairchild Nichols Branch**

**Family Fun Night @ Fairchild Library.** Mon. Dec. 16, 7 – 7:30pm. Get the whole family together for stories, songs & activities for all ages. Drop-in. Child/caregiver must be Trumbull resident.

#### **Children's Events**

**Family Chess Club.** Sat. Dec. 7, 10am – 12pm. Selva Selvarajan's Family Chess Club will assemble on the first and third Saturdays (except for long weekends). Chess learners and experts from 4 to 94 are welcome. Meet in the Children's Section with your own board, or come to watch.

**Chess Tournament! Family Chess Club's Annual!** Sat. Dec. 14, 9am – 1pm. Enjoy playing chess? Join us at the library for this year's Family Chess Club Tournament. Ages 4 to 94. Registration Required.

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

## ***Senior Citizens***

**Travel-** call 203-452-5199

Foxwoods, December 2, \$22.00 pp

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Log Cabin, March 14, TBA

### **AARP SAFE DRIVERS COURE –**

Members pay \$12.00 and non-members \$14.00 Reservation by check only. Please make checks payable to AARP (No cash please). For more information and to reserve your seat please call Jean at (203) 452-5199.

### **Monthly Birthday Party**

**Pizza and a Movie –** December 20, noon, \$2 pp, White Christmas starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney

**Bingo game** December 27, 1pm

### **Senior Center Trips**

**Wednesday, December 4, Christmas Tree Shop, 11 am**

**Wednesday, December 18, WalMart, 11 a.m.**

**Birthdays, Thursday, December 12, 11 a.m.**

## ***Social Services at the Senior Center***

Food Pantry is available (by appointment only) Call 203-452-5198 for guidelines or appointments.

Town of Trumbull Beach Bags are available at the Senior Center and the Town Clerk's Office for \$10 each.

***Dog Licenses*** are still on sale in the Town Clerk's office. Beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> there is a \$6 late fee. Keep your dog legal! Fines for unregistered dogs are \$75.00.



## ***"Trumbull Historical Society Holiday House Tour"***

The Trumbull Historical Society is hosting its **2nd annual Holiday House Tour on December 14th, 2014 from 11AM-4PM**. The self-guided tour includes five unique and architecturally significant Trumbull homes. Also, the Historical Society Museum and Nichols Country Store will be open from 10:30AM-5PM with a special holiday exhibit, Trumbull related gifts and refreshments. This year the tour will include a very special free holiday concert at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Nichols from 3-4 pm with musicians John Karpinski, Cathleen Cain and Michael Cain.

Tickets are \$30 in advanced, and \$35 the day of the tour. Ticket order forms are available through the Historical Society and at both Trumbull Libraries. Tickets will be for sale at the Town Clerk's Office, Flourishes Gift Shop and City Line Florist in Trumbull. Please contact the Historical Society at (203)377-6620 or email us at [Trumbullhistory@gmail.com](mailto:Trumbullhistory@gmail.com) with questions or ticket inquiries. Visit our website at [www.Trumbullhistory.org](http://www.Trumbullhistory.org) or visit us on Facebook.



### **December 15th 1-4pm: "Annual Holiday Open House at the Historical Society – A Dickens Christmas."**

Adults and children of all ages are invited to celebrate the holidays with our special new exhibit, "Christmas Past." Learn about the history behind our Christmas traditions and decorations. Enjoy refreshments and visit our holiday gift shop for last minute gifts and stocking stuffers! There will be a \$5 suggested donation to help support the Historical Society.

## ***First Selectman Brown Bag Lunch or Coffee***

The First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch in the Long Hill Conference Room is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. First Selectman's coffee is on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

## ***Red Cross Blood Drives***

- 12/3 Perkin Elmer, 710 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton, 8am – 1:45pm
- 12/5 Knights of Columbus, 2252 Main Street, Stratford, 1:45 - 6:45pm
- 12/6 Shelton Community Center, 41 Church Street, Shelton, 1 - 6:30pm
- 12/9 Congregation B'nai Israel, 2710 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, 1- 6pm
- 12/11 Gaelic American Club, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield, 1:45 - 7pm
- 12/12 VA Healthcare, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, 7:30am – 5:30pm
- 12/13 Masuk High School, 1014 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, 7:45am – 1:30pm
- 12/16 R.D. Scinto, 2 Corporate Drive, Shelton, 8am – 1:45pm
- 12/21 Nichols United Methodist Church, 35 Shelton Road, Trumbull, 8am -1pm
- 12/22 Easton Community Center, 364 Sport Hill Road, Easton, 12 – 5pm
- 12/24 Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 2385 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, 8am – 1pm
- 12/27 United Methodist Church, 2600 Main Street, Stratford, 12:30 – 6pm
- 12/30 Newtown Municipal, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, 11am – 4pm

