



Trumbull Town Clerk's Office

Monthly Newsletter – February 2011

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Ice Safety Tips

Trumbull Police Department - SCUBA Team -

Gauging the strength of ice is very difficult.

There is no such thing as 100% safe ice.

Never walk or drive on cloudy ice. Only go on clear thick ice. Spring ice is **NEVER** safe.

The thickness of ice is never consistent- it will be flat on top, but not on the bottom. Snow on ice acts as an insulator- it makes ice warmer and weaker.

Extreme cold snaps will weaken the ice.

Ice formed over running water (rivers and streams) is more dangerous than ice formed over standing water (lakes and ponds).

General ice thickness guidelines **NEW CLEAR ICE ONLY**

Less than 2 inches- **STAY OFF!** Ice that is 4 inches and thicker- *probably safe* for walking or ice fishing. Ice that is 5 inches and thicker- *probably safe* for ATV or snowmobile. Ice that is 8 to 12 inches and thicker- probably safe for medium size trucks

Noisy ice doesn't necessarily mean safe ice. It's just the layer of ice shifting and moving on top of the water.

The safety of ice is ever-changing. It depends on the following multitude of factors:

thickness, temperature, snow cover, depth of the water under the ice, size of the body of water under the ice, water chemistry, currents, local climate, and distribution of weight on the ice.

Your most important tool is common sense.

What you need to venture out on the ice: crampons (shoe spikes for walking on the ice), personal flotation device (PFD), throw rope, and a set of ice picks.



Town Hall Notice

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day

First Selectman Brown Bag Lunches or Coffees

The First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch will be on *February 1st – at noon* in the Long Hill Conference Room. Coffee with the First Selectman will be on *February 15th at 5:15pm.*

(Please note change of time for the coffee.)

Board of Education

The Trumbull Public Schools will be closed for their Winter Recess from February 21- 25. Stay safe.

The Red Cross Needs Your Help!

Blood is desperately needed in Connecticut.

The following are blood drives scheduled for February:

Feb. 2 Sacred Heart University 11:45 – 5 pm

Feb. 3 Sacred Heart University 11:45 – 5 pm

Feb. 3 Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford, 1:45 – 6:45 pm

Feb. 4 Shelton Community Center 1 – 6:45 pm

Feb. 11 Milford Hospital 11 -4:30 pm

Feb. 14 Cong. B'Nai Israel, Bridgeport 1 – 6:30 pm

Feb. 14 Calvary Evangelical Free Church, Trumbull 1:30- 7 pm

Feb. 22 R.D. Scinto Towers 2 Corporate Drive, Shelton 8 am - 1:45 pm

Feb. 23 Our Lady of Grace, Stratford 1:15 – 6:30 pm

www.ctredcross.org Telephone: (877) 287-3327

The Board of Finance Public Hearing Schedule on the Budget is on the Town's website.

Board of Education Testing and Kindergarten Registration

Testing

The CMTs will begin on Friday, March 4th with the practice test. Testing will take place at the middle schools on Tuesday, March 8 (writing), Wednesday, March 9 (Reading Comp.), Thursday, March 10 (DRP) and Friday, March 11 (Math I); Tuesday, March 15 (Math II), Wednesday, March 16 (Editing & Revising), Thursday, March 17 (Math III) and Friday, March 18 (Reading Comp. II).

CMTs for Grades 3, 4 and 5 also begin March 4th with the practice test. March 8 is the Writing Assignment, March 9 Editing and Revising, March 10 Math I, March 11 Reading Comp. I, March 15 DRP, March 16 Math II, March 17 Reading Comp. II, March 18 Math III (grade 5 only – grade 3 & 4 supplementals), March 22 Science (grade 5 only).

Kindergarten Registration

Booth Hill – 3/30, 3/31, 4/7, 4/11, 4/14
Daniels Farm – 3/29, 3/30, 4/5, 4/7, 4/26
Frenchtown – 4/1, 4/5, 4/12, 4/14, 4/28, 5/3
Jane Ryan – 3/31, 4/6, 4/8, 4/13, 4/26
Middlebrook – 3/28, 4/1, 4/6, 4/8, 4/25
Tashua - 4/11, 4/15, 4/25, 4/27, 5/5

***IRS Forms are available on line
at: <http://www.irs.gov/>***

Watch Trumbull News on Channel 17 or 99...



**...Keeping Trumbull Tuned In
Check the weekly schedule at www.trumbullps.tv**

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.

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, Meghan 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 AND CABARETS

Friday, February 18th – “Songs from the Heart”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Michael Jovovich & Dr. Joe Utterback, Tony LaVorgna, Brian Coralian, Nick Macri

Friday, March 11th – “River City Slim & the Zydeco Hogs”, 7:30 pm cabaret, Zydeco, Cajun music and lore

Friday, March 25th – “The Kerry Boys”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Irish songs and humor

Friday, April 15th – “Radio Ranch”, 7:30 pm Cabaret, Country Western Dance Band

Friday, April 29th – “Broadway to Hollywood”, 7:30 pm, Cabaret, Joanne Kant & Wanda Grochowski, comedy and songs

Friday, May 13th – “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 Tickets is suggested. \$5.00 per person. Space is limited. Bring your own refreshments. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Emily Areson at the Arts Commission office, 203-452-5065.

Library News

February is Heart Month: Traditional Chinese Diet Therapy with Dr. Jennifer Brett.

Thurs. Feb. 3, 12 – 1pm. Dr. Brett of the University of Bridgeport will discuss Traditional Chinese Diet Therapy (TCM). It emphasizes balancing the flavors of food. Apply TCM diet therapy to optimize your heart health. Bring your lunch. Drop in.

Friends' of the Library Book Nook Sale. Sat. Feb. 5, 9:00am - 3pm. Friends of the Trumbull Library Book Sale is today. 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>.

Get Connected with Linked In! Career Development Workshops. Tues. Feb. 8, 9:30am – 12:30pm. Learn how to set up a professional profile on *Linked In* social network. Build your contacts, connect, and share information about job opportunities. Must have valid email address and resume in text format on memory stick. Class conducted by a Career Specialist from the CT Dept. of Labor. Hands on; max. 8. Free. Registration required.

New! One Day / 4 hour AARP Driver's Safety Program! Tues. Feb. 8, 12:30 - 4:30pm. Take this drivers' classroom refresher program for motorists age 50+ and learn: with trained instructors, how to avoid driving hazards; and without tests. Registration required, over the phone or in the Library: \$12/members; \$14/non-members, payable to AARP by check or cash. Bring AARP card. Completion certificate for possible insurance premium discount.

Programs for Businesses and Business People 2011. Exploring Self-Employment: At Home or with a

Franchise? Wed. Feb. 9, 6:30pm – 7:30pm. With Paska Nayden and Lena Gjonaj of The Entrepreneur's Source. Explore options, look for mentors/coaches, and learn about how we can control our destiny. Learn about franchising and being in business *for yourself* but *not by yourself*. Buy a job you like or invest in a business! Ms. Nayden & Ms. Gjonaj are business consultants & self-employment coaches. Co-sponsored by TLS and SCORE. Free. Registration required.

Author Talk: Alison Espach and The Adults. Sun. Feb. 13, 2 – 4pm. In this ruefully funny and perceptive debut novel, Espach deftly dissects matters of the heart and captures the lives of children and adults and they come to terms with love, death, and life itself. Drop in; copies available for purchase. Doors open at 1:45pm. Free.

Upcoming: A Night with Oscar and Joe Meyers, Connecticut Post Movie Critic! Wed. Feb. 16, 6:30 – 8pm.

Childrens Programs

Family Chess Club. Sat. Feb. 5, 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. Feb. 6 & Feb. 13, 2 – 4pm.

Fairchild Nichols Branch

Easy Sewing and Craft Making Demo--Adult Program at the Fairchild Branch. Sat. Feb. 5, 11am – 12:30pm. Learn useful stitching and elegant (easy) craft-making with Jo Lifrieri of the Sewing Craft Alliance. Includes some hand hems, machine basics, sew and no-sew crafts, etc. Free. Registration requested.

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

Trumbull Senior News

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 21st for President's Day.

AARP Tax-Aid, a free program that provides income tax preparation assistance for low and middle-income taxpayers for those 60 and older. If married, both husband and wife need to be present. Please have all available information with you.

Energy Assistance Program – accepting applications for 2010/2011. All applications will be taken by appointment only. Call Social Services to schedule an appointment and to obtain this season's guidelines and documentation criteria, 203-452-5198. Home visits are available.

Trumbull Food Pantry is available to all residents in need. Please call in advance for an appointment.

Bingo Game – Friday, February 18 at 1 pm. Free Prizes and Refreshments.

AARP Safe Driver Course – Friday, March 11, 9 am – 1 pm, \$12 for members For additional information call, 203-452-5199.

Senior Citizen Travel

Feb. 15 – Mohegan Sun – includes Buffet and a free bet, \$22

Mar. 15 – St. Patrick's Show Fest. Depart 9 am from Trumbull to southeast Massachusetts, return at 5 pm, \$60

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

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 23 plow trucks and 3 supervisors are on the road.

Please remember...emergency responders come first, so Police, Fire and EMS vehicles shall take preference.

Main roads are plowed first, collector streets next, and dead-ends last.

Please don't shovel the end of your driveway too soon, as it will only frustrate you each time the plow goes by and fills in the area with snow.

Any objects, such as mailboxes, posts, fences, sprinkler heads, curbing, etc., within the roadway area that are damaged, should be called in to the Highway Department at (203) 452-5070 within 2 weeks of the occurrence of a storm.

In the event that a parking ban becomes necessary, it will be posted on WTNH (channel 8), WICC 600 AM radio, and periodically on WFSB (channel 3). If our plow is unable to do its job because a vehicle is parked on the road, IT WILL BE TOWED.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation during this busy season!

Researching your Historic House History

The Easton Historical Society is offering a workshop presented by Dan Cruson on Sunday, March 20 at 2 pm inn the Easton Senior Center. The fee is \$25 and space is limited. For further information please call 203-261-2090 or 203-581-0850.

From our Police Department

The Police Department wants to remind people to lock their car doors when they park in driveways or businesses. We have had several thefts from cars, however it appears that people are leaving their doors unlocked and valuables in plain view.

***The message is to LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS AND HIDE ANY VALUABLES,
or remove them from the vehicle!***



Happy Valentine's Day!

