



# Trumbull Town Clerk's Office

## Monthly Newsletter – February 2012

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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 \$322.00 for the soldiers. Thank you

**Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20th for the Presidents' Day holiday.**

**Schools are closed February 20-24<sup>th</sup>.**

### ***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**

### ***Library News***

**February is Healthy Heart Month! Free Blood Pressure Screenings from Trumbull Monroe Health District.** Sat. Feb. 11, 12:30 – 3pm. Main Library Lobby. Today we're doing free blood pressure screenings before, during, and after our Heart Panel! TMHD was established in 2004 as a governmental agency to provide local public health services to the residents of Trumbull and Monroe. Free. Drop in.

**Resolve 2012 to Be Your Year for a Heart-Healthy Lifestyle: Panel Discussion for February Heart Health Month!** Sat. Feb. 11, 1 - 2:15pm. Our panel of cardiologists and health experts discuss the 5 risk factors for heart disease: lifestyle, age, diabetes, gender, and genetics! Also, Life's Simple 7: steps you can take toward a new lifestyle, as well as the latest news on cardiovascular research and medications. Q&A after! Details are online. Free. Registration required. Co-sponsored with the University of Bridgeport Human Nutrition Institute.

Board of Finance Meeting dates and times are located on the website:

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## **Public Works Department**

The bulk pick-up program will start in March, 2012, and townspeople 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's 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.

### **SNOW PLOWING POLICY**

There are approximately 200 miles of streets in Town. Snow removal can cost as much as \$4,000 per hour; therefore, it is important for the Department of Public Works to use its resources wisely, with cooperation from the residents to minimize the cost.

**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 main roads must remain open.

**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.

**MAILBOX DAMAGE:** The Town repairs or replaces only mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by a plow blade. Usually a paint mark or truck-tire tracks supply evidence of a mailbox strike. The Town does not repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside.

**PRIVATE PLOWING:** The Town of Trumbull prohibits plow contractors from pushing snow from driveways or parking lots onto Town streets. This practice is dangerous and impedes the Town's snow removal efforts. If there is no other alternative to pushing snow into the street, the plow driver must plow off the windrow left across the street by re-plowing until the road is safe and clear. This may not necessarily mean bare pavement, but certainly it should be no worse than when the driver began work.

Residents who feel they have a legitimate complaint should call the Town Garage at 452-5070 or 452-5071.

**NOTE:** This policy has been in effect for over 25 years.

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

The First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> –at noon in the Long Hill Conference Room. Coffee with the First Selectman will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

### **Red Cross Blood Drives**

In our area there is a blood drive on Monday, February 13, 2012 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 406 White Plains Road in Trumbull, taking place from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Please consider making an appointment to give blood.  
1-800-RED-CROSS



### **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

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***

- 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 Shoes 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.

### ***Library News continued: - One Book, One Town***

The 2012 One Book One Town selection is *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. This compelling historical novel of one civil war soldier's journey was chosen for its excellence and to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War. For those who have taken part in One Book One Town in the past, you know how enjoyable and thought-provoking this event is. And for those first timers – get ready for a different reading experience centered around programs for all ages and interest levels including a re-enactment, music, contests, dancing, speakers and of course, stimulating discussions. For a full list of programs and events which will take place during March 2012, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or by visiting the Library's website, [www.trumbullct-library.org](http://www.trumbullct-library.org). Copies of the book are available at the Library.

***Non-Fiction Discussion Group: The Director's Club! Brown Bag Lunch Meeting.*** Wed. Feb. 1, 12 – 1pm. Feb.'s title is *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson. In 1933, President Roosevelt selected unknown William E. Dodd to be the U.S. Ambassador to Nazi Germany. Dodd took his family with him, including his 25-year-old daughter Martha. Larson offers a chilling first-person account of Germany's transformation under Hitler's rule. 2011. Check the Library for copies. Drop by if you'd like to join!

***Knitting Club. (Also Learn to Knit!). For Ages 10 to 18.*** Sat. Feb. 3, 11am – 12pm. Elsa Worth hosts a 6 week knitting club, for all abilities! Beginners bring: two skeins of 100% worsted-weight wool yarn in two colors, and size 10 needles. All others bring your yarn, your project, and a set of size 8 needles. Come to as many as you wish! Registration suggested, but not required. Free. Details online.

***Friends' of the Library Book Nook Sale*** - Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>- 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>.

***AARP Drivers Safety Program.*** Tues. Feb. 7, 12:30 - 4:30pm. New One Day / 4 hour Driver's Safety Program at the Trumbull Library. Refocus on safety, especially as you get ready for the vacation season. Course offers trained instructors, how to avoid hazards, course materials, and certificate for possible insurance premium discount. No tests. Register over the phone or in the Library on paper sign in sheet. \$12 fee for members, \$14 for non-members, payable to AARP by check or cash, in person or at the door. Students should have their AARP card ready, if they have one. Snow date Wed. 2/8/11.

***Teens: Celebrate Valentines Day! Make Duct Tape Roses!?!?*** Wed. Feb. 8, 4 – 5pm. Be creative! Bring out the romantic in yourself by making duct tape roses!!! Red if you like Valentine's Day; black if you don't! For your friends, your enemies, your boy friend or girl friend. Small group size, so register quickly! Free.

***TAG - Teen Advisory Group Meeting.*** Wed. Feb. 8, 5 – 6pm. Plan social activities, suggest library improvements, make new friends! Contact Sandy Miller.

***Where Are All the Jobs? Career Development Workshops.*** Tues. Feb. 14, 9:30am – 12:30pm. Develop an understanding of local labor market information to assist in career planning and decision making. Class conducted by a Career Specialist from the CT Dept. of Labor. Free. Registration required.

***How to Download E-Books to Your Reader through the Library!*** Wed. Feb. 15, 9:30 – 11am.

Lecture/Demonstration of how to use the Library's Overdrive system for downloading electronic books, audiobooks and videos to your computer, e-book reader or hand-held device. Will have available several different e-book readers for you to try after the presentation. Trumbull residents only. Registration required.

***Poster Contest Applications Available Today.*** Wed. Feb. 15. **Theme: United We Stand.** All ages! Posters due 3/4/12, the same day as the *One Book – One Town* community Read Kick-Off. Over 20 events accompany our community-wide read of Charles Frazier's sweet and sorrowful *Cold Mountain*. See details on brochures in the Library, follow on Twitter: @trumbulllibrary, 'like' us on Facebook, or visit our website, [www.trumbullct-library.org](http://www.trumbullct-library.org). Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. Civil War.

### ***Childrens' Programs***

***Family Chess Club.*** Sat. Feb. 3, 10am - 12pm. 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. 3, 1:30 – 4:30pm.

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

## ***News from the Trumbull Historical Society***

Join Jeff Williams, producer & host of the radio program *At the Ritz!* for a presentation on his new book *Home of Happy Dancers: The Story of Bridgeport, Connecticut's Ritz Ballroom*. He will share photos & personal memoirs from both patrons & celebrities who spent time at this famous ballroom. The event takes place on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM at the Trumbull Library and is free to the public. All are welcome! For more information contact [trumbullhistory@gmail.com](mailto:trumbullhistory@gmail.com) or call the museum at **203-377-6620**.

### ***Senior Citizens News***

#### ***Helpful Hints:***

Keep warm and avoid frost bite; should there be power outages due to storms have an emergency box with at least two days of medicine, battery radio, flashlight, water and non-perishable food, and a hand operated can opener and the availability of a town shelter when and if needed.

**Valentine's Dinner dance, Friday, Feb. 17, 1-4 pm**, enjoy stuffed shells and music by Mike Stavola. \$10 per person; limited seating. Please come in to make your reservation at the front desk.

**February Bingo Game, Friday, February 24, 1 pm** will take place in the Nutrition Room. Refreshments and plenty of prizes provided. Come join in the fun and free games. You must make advanced reservations. Please call 203-452-5199.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** - On days that it storms, or when inclement weather is predicted, please tune your radio to WICC 600 AM for cancellations. When Trumbull Schools close, the Senior Center will close. If there is a delayed opening of schools we will also have a delayed opening.

#### ***Social Services:***

**Energy assistance** - Trumbull Social Services is currently taking applications for the 2011-2012 Energy Assistance Program. Applications are taken by appointment only for Trumbull Residents. No WALK-INS. Please call 203 -452-5198 for an appointment schedule and required documentation.

**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.

#### **AARP Tax Aid**

A free program providing income tax preparation assistance for low and middle-income taxpayers age 60 and older. If married, both husband and wife should be present. Taxpayers must have available all information and documents that apply to their 2011 income taxes including:

- Copies of 2011 returns, checkbook, so that any refund due can be direct deposited, all 2011 income report forms that have been received, SSA-1099, Social Security Statement, 1099 form, W-2 wage and tax statement forms, W-2G gambling (winning forms), and original cost of assets sold 2011. Counselors are available every Wednesday 9:00 AM until Noon, starting February 3 until April 11. No appointment necessary.

#### ***Travel-***

**March 8, (Thursday)-** Mohegan Sun Casino \$15.00 food buffet and \$15.00 bet \$22.00 p.p  
Leaves Stern Village 8:15 AM and Leaves Penny Lane at 8:30 AM.

**May 24, (Thursday) -** Rhode Island Light house Cruise, Luncheon & Narrated \$60.00 p.p  
Cruise On Narragansett Bay. Depart at 9 AM and arrive at the Old Country Buffet for a full course buffet Luncheon, including a variety of salads, soups, hot entrees, delicious desserts and beverage choice. After Lunch board the Millennium Ferry for a narrated Narragansett Bay Lighthouse tour, including 10 beautiful lighthouses and a Newport Harbor tour. You'll cruise under the breathtaking Jamestown and Newport Bridges, past mansions, historic Fort Adams and other historic sights. Seating Limited.



### ***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.