



Trumbull Town Clerk's Office

Monthly Newsletter – February 2013

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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 1/30/2013
we have collected \$ 1570.00
for the soldiers.
We appreciate your kindness
and support!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

NOTICE TO TRUMBULL PARENTS of children born on January 1, 2009 or prior

If you expect to enroll your child in Trumbull Public Schools kindergarten for the 2013 - 2014 school year, please contact your respective school. If you are unsure of the school your child should attend, please contact Central Office at 203-452-4301.

Booth Hill	545 Booth Hill Road	203-452-4377
Daniels Farm	710 Daniels Farm Road	203-452-4388
Frenchtown	30 Frenchtown Road	203-452-4227
Jane Ryan	190 Park Lane	203-452-4400
Middlebrook	220 Middlebrook Avenue	203-452-4411
Tashua	401 Stonehouse Road	203-452-4433

All forms for kindergarten registration can be found at www.trumbullps.org

Town Hall Closings

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18th for Presidents' Day.



Vivian L. Burr *1922-2013*

I take the liberty to write briefly to express my thanks in honor of my mother, who served as the Town Clerk for eight years in Trumbull as well as in many other capacities. So many people expressed their condolences to us on her passing, and we are sincerely appreciative. She loved being active and involved in all facets of life. She was a wonderful wife and mother, adoring her grandchildren and her four great-grandsons. My father will miss her, as will my brother and his family, and my husband and I. Her suffering has ended; she is at peace.

Suzanne Burr Monaco

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.

Trumbull Arts Commission presents

"Concerts & Cabarets 2013"

Feb. 8 ~ Glenda Davenport, Chanteuse & the Hiroshi Yamazaki Trio -
7:30pm - Easy Listening Jazz

March 10~ Krista Adams Santilli - 1:00pm - Opera, Broadway & Pop

March 22 ~ "The Kerry Boys" - 7:30pm - Irish songs & Humor

April 12~ "Stingray" - 7:30pm - Elvis Tribute Impersonator

April 26~ Jodi Keogan & Friends - 7:30pm - Opera

May 10~ "Radio Ranch" - 7:30pm - Country Western Band

All Cabaret Performances take place at the
Center at 23 Priscilla Place, Trumbull

PRE PURCHASE OF TICKETS IS NECESSARY!

\$5.00 person. Space is limited. Bring your own refreshments.

For information or to purchase tickets, please call 203-452-5065.

Trumbull BEI Funded Projects

Botball Robotics Tournament, Hans Drenkard, THS – Students in grade levels 9-12 get the opportunity to design, program, build and operate robots. This tournament involves an early spring workshop where two team leaders are provided the robot kits, programming and assembly instruction and tournament rules. The leaders return to teach the rest of the team and lead the 6 week design and fabrication effort on competitive robots. Read more on www.TrumbullBEI.com

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 Coordinator, Emily Areson
203-452-5065

Building Department, 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

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
203-452-5009

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. John Chiota
203-452-5063

Public Works, John Marsilio
203-452-5045

Purchasing, Robert Chmini
203-452-5042

Recreation, Mary Markham
203-452-5060

Recycling Coordinator, Robin Bennett
203-452-5056

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,
Ralph Iassogna - 203-452-4301

Tax Assessor, Mark DeWestern
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 Libraries Closed February 18th Presidents' Day

Upcoming: Friends' of the Library Book Nook Sale. Sat. Feb. 2, 9-3pm.

Non-Fiction Discussion Group: The Director's Club! Brown Bag Lunch Meeting. Wed. Feb. 6, 12 – 1pm. Today's title is *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss*, by Edmund de Waal. In the 1870s, Charles Ephrussi assembled a collection of 360 Japanese ivory carvings known as 'netsuke.' In this grand story, the fifth generation to inherit the collection traces the story of a remarkable family and a tumultuous century. Check at the Library for copies; suggestions welcome! Drop by if you'd like to join!

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Reverse Mortgages! Wed. Feb. 6, 6:30-7:30pm. 'What is a Reverse Mortgage?' and 'Am I Eligible?' Common questions that Michael Buchas, Assoc. Examiner at the State Dept. of Banking will answer, and more! He will also discuss the difference between reverse mortgages and home equity loans, loan limits, and the distribution of money from a reverse mortgage. To consider the facts, join us. Min. attendance req., so please sign up! Free.

How to Fund College Without Going Broke. Sat. Feb. 9, 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. Register. Free.

SAT Bootcamp for Teens. Sat. Feb. 9, 12noon – 2pm. Intensive SAT preparation workshop to help you score higher! Bootcamp presented by First Choice College Placement of Milford. Please Register.

AARP Drivers Safety Program: One Day / 4 Hours. Tues. Feb. 12, 12:30 - 4:30pm. Take this Safety Program for motorists age 50+, and refocus on safety. Completion cert. for possible insurance discount. Registration req. by phone or in person. \$12 fee for members/\$14 for non-members, payable to AARP by check or cash, in person or at the door. Bring your card if you have one. Details online.

Valentine Critters for Teens & Tweens. Tues. Feb. 12, 4 - 4:45pm. Create several of these adorable magnetic Valentine's Day message critters to stick on your friends' lockers! Write your own little personal message for each one. Registration required.

Intro to Quickbooks and Sage 50 (Peachtree). Accounting Series Part 2. Programs for Businesses and Business People. Tues. Feb. 12, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Software for your small Biz?!? Do you need better information about your company finances? Caren Schwartz of Time & Cents Consultants, LLC will talk about these products and show the benefits. Q&A. Register. Free.

New Year - New You! Building an Effective Personal Brand in Today's Job Market. Evening Career Lectures. Wed. Feb. 13, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Personal branding is much more than a slick tagline; it is part of getting a job. Companies use branding to differentiate themselves from the competition; in today's job market employers are the consumers! Present yourself as distinct, and as a valuable solution and you will stand out and be selected! Elizabeth Kaufman, Career Management & Talent Acquisition Professional, presents. Registration requested. Free.

Children's Events

Upcoming: 'Take Your Child to the Library Day.' Feb. 2, 2013. Five sessions from 11 – 4pm. Registration and details at the Library or online at www.trumbullct-library.org.

Family Chess Club. Sat. Feb. 2, 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). Free.

Fairchild Nichols Branch

Branch Adult Event: Birds and Bird Watching in Winter. presented by the CT Audubon Society! Sat. Feb. 9, 11am – 12:15pm. Discover which birds are around locally in winter, how to attract them, and how to recognize them! Presentation inside; then go outside to see if we can spot some!!! Wear warm clothes and shoes to walk a bit. Binoculars will be supplied, or bring your own. Space limited, register! Free. Refreshments. Hot cider and donuts!

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

**Sonnet, haiku, limerick or rap...
no matter what your literary style,
come read us a poem!**

Open Filming Sessions:

Saturday, Feb 16

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Sunday, Feb 17

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

@ Trumbull Main Library
Community Room



**Trumbull
Community Television
will air the "Poetry in Us"
segments in April,
National Poetry Month.**

**TRUMBULL
COMMUNITY
TELEVISION**

Listen in!!!

**Charter Ch. 17
AT&T 99**

WINTER RECREATION

As a liability issue, the town of Trumbull does not sanction any areas for skating. We have sledding hills at Indian Ledge and Twin Brooks, however, the parks are the last roads to get plowed; so, they may not be open to traffic during or immediately after a snowstorm. Twin Brooks would most likely open first due to the size of the park and the terrain.

All of our programs run throughout the winter except during inclement weather and then all cancellations are on WICC. For further information contact the recreation department at 203-452-5060.

Winter Weather Tips from the American Heart Association

Combo of colder temperatures and physical exertion increases the workload on the heart

The American Heart Association says that for most people, shoveling snow may not lead to any health problems. However, the association warns that the risk of a heart attack during snow shoveling may increase for some, stating that the combination of colder temperatures and physical exertion increases the workload on the heart. People who are outdoors in cold weather should avoid sudden exertion, like lifting a heavy shovel full of snow. Even walking through heavy, wet snow or snow drifts can strain a person's heart.

To help make snow removal safer, the American Heart Association has compiled a list of practical tips.

Give yourself a break. Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.

Don't eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling. Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.

Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

Learn the heart attack warning signs and listen to your body, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1

Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

Consult a doctor. If you have a medical condition, don't exercise on a regular basis or are middle aged or older, meet with your doctor prior to the first anticipated snowfall.

Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat because much of your body's heat can be lost through your head.



Senior Citizens

Travel- call 203-452-5199

2/4 Foxwoods Casino, includes a free buffet and \$15.00 Keno, \$22pp

3/14 St. Patrick's Day Festival, Pomona, NY. Dinner at noon, complimentary wine with dinner, corned beef & cabbage or half a roast chicken or poached salmon and a steamship roast at the carving table -see brochure, \$80 pp

Social Services

SS is currently taking applications for the 2012-2013 Winter Heating – Energy assistance program. Please call the office to obtain this year's program requirements and to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Home visits are available to those in need.

First Selectman Brown Bag Lunch or Coffee

The First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch scheduled for February 5 at noon in the Long Hill Conference Room. First Selectman's coffee is on February 19th at 6 pm.

Red Cross Blood Drives

2/4 Milford Elks, 124 New Haven Av., Milford 1- 6:45

2/5 & 6 Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, 11-4:30

2/11 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Rd., Trumbull, 1-6:30

2/12 Masuk High School, 1014 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, 7:45-1:30

2/14 Congregation B'nai Israel, 2710 Park Av., Bpt, 1-6:30

2/15 Shelton Community Ctr., 41 Church Street, Shelton, 1-6:45

2/18 RD Scinto, 2 Corporate Drive, Shelton, 8-1:45

2/22 Baldwin Senior Center, 1000 West Broad St., Stratford, 1:45- 7

2/28 Dianon Systems, 1 Forest Pkwy. Shelton, 7-12:45

