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Trumbull Town Clerk's Office Monthly Newsletter – January 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 \$259.00 for the soldiers. Thank you

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's Day holiday, and Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day. Happy 2012!

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.

BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

The following burglary prevention tips will help to make you and your family safer.

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break into.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave, or before you go to bed.
- Leave lights on when you go out. Use automatic timers in several rooms.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of newspapers and mail to build up while you are away.
- In the warm weather have your lawn mowed, and in winter have your snow shoveled while you are away.
- Install deadlock bolts on all outside doors.
- Store equipment out of sight.
- Lock your shed.
- Use curtains or blinds in the garage.

Have a happy, healthy new year!

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.

From the Tax Collector - Reminder

Real Estate, Sewer Assessment, Personal Property & Motor Vehicle Taxes are due January 1, 2012. The last day to pay without penalty is February 1, 2012. Tax Collector's office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions? Please call the Tax Collector's Office at 203-452-5023.

Mary Moran, Tax Collector

First Selectman Brown Bag Lunch or Coffee

The First Selectman's Brown Bag Lunch will be on January 3rd –at noon in the Long Hill Conference Room. Coffee with the First Selectman will be on January 24th at 6pm.

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

- 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 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.

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 – Happy New Year! Libraries will close Sunday, January 1, & Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Holiday, and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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 150th 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. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Friends' of the Library Book Nook Sale - Saturday, Jan. 7, 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>.

TAG - Teen Advisory Group Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 5 – 6pm. Plan social activities, suggest library improvements, make new friends! Contact Sandy Miller.

Doing Business on the Internet: Five Steps to Building a Successful Business with E-Commerce.

Programs for Businesses and Business People. Thurs. Jan. 12, 6:30pm. Cliff Ennico will lead us through the process of doing business online, including building, marketing, and measuring! Presentation will include social media. Doors open at 6pm. Free. Registration required.

Knitting Club Starts! (Also Learn to Knit!). For Ages 10 to 18. Sat. Jan. 14, 11 - 12:00noon. 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 are online.

Teens: ACT Practice Test. Sun. Jan 15, 1pm – 4 or 5pm. A practice exam is offered today at the Main Library, to give you a chance to familiarize yourself with this college prep test, AND get used to a timed environment! Presented by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. Registration required. Free. *Results and test strategies session will follow on January 30, 6-7pm.*

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

New Year Safety Tips

The Trumbull Police Department would like to wish everyone a very Happy 2012 and offer the following 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) are 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.

Senior Citizens News

AARP Income Tax Training 1/5, 1/6

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 that provides 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.

