



# Trumbull Town Clerk's Office Monthly Newsletter – January 2013

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Suzanne Burr Monaco, Town Clerk  
Gloria Murphy and Susan Cole, Assistant Clerks  
Marilou Mangiamele, Office Assistant



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

We have collected \$1425.00 as of 12/18.  
for the soldiers.

We appreciate your kindness  
and support!

## **Town Hall Closings**

Town Hall will be closed on  
Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Have a  
safe and happy holiday! Town  
Hall will also be closed on  
Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for  
Martin Luther King Day.

## **BEI – Business Education Initiative**

The goal of the Town of Trumbull Business/Education Initiative is  
to assist in preparing Trumbull students K – 12 to be work-ready  
after their high school and college diplomas. We support the public  
and private school educational process in their effort to bring about  
a more complete understanding of the work place requirements and  
an understanding of the business environment.

*On behalf of the Trumbull Town Clerk's Office, we  
extend wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.*

*May you find forgiveness, contentment and happiness during 2013.*

*May your hearts be filled with joy-*  
*Suzanne, Gloria, Susan and Marilou*

## 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

## 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.



### 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 Lavernoch 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 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 - Happy New Year - Libraries Closed January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, New Year's Day.**

**Friends of the Library Book Nook Sale.** Saturday, January 5, 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>

**Connecticut Author Talk: The Inheritance of Greatness, by Christopher Michael Holms.** Sunday, January 13, 4-4 pm. What was meant to be a private meditation at the death of his grandfather blossomed into a novel: the creation of Thomas Carver and Holms' book *The Inheritance of Greatness*. Thomas Carver is a 14 year old Fairfield boy in 1809, struggling with neighborhood bullies and his own identity. He comes to understand, with his grandfather as mentor, how to complete his coming of age. Drop in. Copies will be for sale and signing.

**Home Organizing 101 with FOCUS.** Tuesday, January 15, 6:30-800 pm A panel from the Fairfield Organizers Creating Ultimate Solutions (FOCUS) will provide solutions for managing the household mail and bills, food and supplies, clothes and donations, photos, schoolwork and more! Clear out with the New Year! Drop in.

**Upcoming: Ebook Reader/Overdrive Demo.** Wednesday, January 23, 10-11:30 am

### Children's Events

**Family Chess Club.** Saturday, January 5, 10am – 12 noon. 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.

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.

### **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.



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## 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.

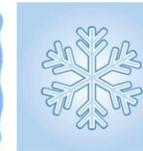
**Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower.** The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

**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 January 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Long Hill Conference Room due to the New Year's Day holiday.

First Selectman's coffee is on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

### **Red Cross Blood Drives**

1/2 Nichols United Methodist Church, 35 Shelton Rd. Trumbull, 9am-2pm

1/4 St. Mary's Church, 24 Dodingtown Road, Bethel, 1:30-6:30 pm

1/19 Trinity-St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 554 Tunxis Hill Road, Fairfield, 8am-1pm

1/25 Cooper Surgical, 95 Corporate Drive, Trumbull, 9 am – 2 pm

1/31 Christ Episcopal Church, 2000 Main Street, Stratford, 1:45 – 6:45 pm

### ***From the Tax***

### **Collector - Reminder**

Real Estate, Sewer Assessment, Personal Property & Motor Vehicle Taxes are due January 1, 2013. The last day to pay without penalty is February 1, 2013. 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*