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July Newsletter



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July Calendar

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sherri Jacquemin

Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery, Inc.

Eastwood Country Club

Jacqueline C Ross LLC

Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra

The Curious Cat Bookshop

The Raymond Family Farm

USPS Litchfield

From the desk of JoAnn

Relax!



It is summertime and time to relax! Here are some good ideas borrowed from a book by Renata & Steven Ash. I have also taken the liberty of suggesting some Chamber events or initiatives that may help you do just that!

*Feel good about yourself. Work with us to turn this economy around. Join the Government Relations Committee that meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month to create the Legislative Agenda and meet regularly with our NW CT legislative delegation.

*Set goals. Make a list. It is amazing how great it feels to cross off an item from the list. Prioritize the tasks as you go...be sure you put things in perspective especially since it is the perfect time to take a break. It will also guide you as you clear your desk and unclutter your life.

*Be your own best friend for a week. Take some time for yourself and try something new for a change by leaving your comfort zone. I promise to make you feel at home. You can even make new friends where you will have the opportunity to get some innovative ideas.

*Blow your own trumpet once in awhile. Join us at NW CT Leads, Business with Breakfast, Small Business Advisory or some of the soon to be announced special meetings. You will discover a great way to brag about your accomplishments and hear from businesses you have never met before.

*Cut the caffeine. Darn! However, we also serve water when we host early morning seminars and meetings. Just check the website: www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org for the calendar of events. You may have to get up earlier but, believe me, it is worth the hour to learn about a topic of importance.

*Call a friend and then call us to RSVP. Participate in one of our many initiatives. Please watch for the monthly gatherings to learn and to make new connections. Consider the Bill Drury Seminar Series in September, the Fall Job Fair, the Economic Summit and of course the 20th Anniversary of the WOW Forum on October 4th.

*See the big picture. Be realistic but allow time to dream. We know that we cannot turn things around immediately, but we must keep on working toward that goal.

*Maintain your sense of humor and take time to laugh. Let us all relax while we continue to boost the economy business by business. Happy Summer !

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Date(s) room will be needed: _____
 Time(s) including setup & cleanup: _____

Room Requested: Conference Room (Seats up to 28)
 Library (Small meeting room - seats up to 6)

Audio/Visual Equipment Requested:
 Whiteboard Projector Flip Chart

Meeting Description: _____
 Number of Attendees Expected: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Business after-hours at Dutema Life Institute DBA Healing Haven

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 5:00 - 7:00PM

134 IRVING AVENUE, TORRINGTON
 860-359-5010

An evening of networking, fun activities
 and relaxation too!



Games for personal growth

Massage Chair

Yummy bites

Stress relief

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NW CT Chamber's premier network building event featuring opportunities to gain new contacts & build your lead base while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres & visiting our host's location.

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BUSINESS
after
HOURS

Wednesday
Date
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by
YOUR BUSINESS NAME

RSVP ONLINE AT NWCTCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR

Interested in hosting a Business After Hours?



Your Business and logo could be listed here

Send us an email to schedule a date:
karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org
Or Call: 860-482-6586.



Join us at our morning roundtable discussion

BB
BUSINESS *with* BREAKFAST

Enjoy easy networking over a light breakfast. Each attendee will then give a 30-second "commercial" for their business followed by a brief presentation by our host.

Tuesday, Month Date, 8:00 a.m.


Hosted by
YOUR LOGO Your Company Name
Your Address

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Your company name, address, and logo could be listed here.

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Name of Topic

Presented By: Your Company Name and logo

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or
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Congratulations Lisa!

**United Way of Northwest Connecticut Names
Lisa Ferris Executive Director**

Since April 2017, Lisa Ferris has been Dental Program Manager and Director of Community Relations at The Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial in Torrington. She has been an active United Way volunteer for 10 years and a founding member of Stock the Shelves. She is currently VP of the board of Prime Time House and a board member of Northwest Hills Credit Union, Litchfield Area Business Association, and the Women and Girls Fund as well as Chair of the Chamber's 2024 WOW!

Forum Advisory Committee.



CT STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Central Sterile Processing

Central Sterile Processing Technicians (CSPT) are responsible for packaging surgical instruments in hospitals, medical offices, surgical centers, and clinics.

CSPTs are highly needed healthcare professionals who improve the quality of patient care by minimizing infection rates.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Program Pre-requisites: 18 years old required for national exam

Program Cost: \$1,999

Program starts: July 8, 2024

Class Details:

For more information, please contact:
Laura McCarthy, lmccarthy@nwcc.edu
860.738.6351

Litchfield Community Center

**Elder Law Seminar - Creating A
Strong Estate Plan to Protect Your
Family and Finances**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
10:00am – 11:30am

Cost: FREE, Donations Welcome!
Pre-registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) for more Information.



BACKPACK BASH

THURS AUGUST 1ST 2024

5:30-7:30PM

Sunset Grille 834 Northfield Rd, Watertown, CT 06795

RSVP BY 7/26 AMANDA@SMALBINO.COM

WE WILL BE COLLECTING BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR OUR ANNUAL BACKPACK DRIVE

STUDENT ITEMS NEEDED

Backpacks, Pencils, Notebooks, Crayons, Erasers, Binders, Markers, Pens, Rulers
Colored Pencils, Scissors, Glue Sticks, K-2 journal (draw & write)

TEACHER ITEMS NEEDED

Color Copy Paper, Card Stock, Folders, Dry Erase Markers, Sticky Notes, Highlighters

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CT Partnership for Children.
Children's Community School.
Torrington Police Activities League.
Friendly Hands Foodbank

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CT STATE Community College Northwestern

Free Fall EMT Class*

Class starts August 28th!

Mondays and Wednesdays:

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturdays:

8:00am - 4:00pm



**Students are responsible for textbooks and supplies.*

For More Information, Email:
laura.mccarthy@ctstate.edu

Important Information About MyCT Savings

MyCT Savings, the state-sponsored retirement program, will be sending notifications to newly eligible employers in July. The enrollment deadline is **August 31, 2024**. To be eligible, businesses must have five or more employees, not offer a qualified retirement plan, and have been in business continuously since *January 1, 2023*. State law requires eligible employers to either enroll in MyCT Savings or establish their own private plan.



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Connecticut Magazine



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Past Events

Open House & Ribbon Cutting
@ Higher Collective
Saturday June 8, 2024



Young Professionals

Walk to End Alzheimer's
@ Torrington Middle School
Saturday June 8, 2024



Kudos to the Young Professionals Organization.
They raised **\$635** for the cause.

Business with Breakfast
@ Higher Collective
Tuesday June 11, 2024



**Meet the Attorney General
William Tong
@ NW CT Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday June 11, 2024**



Leadership Northwest Graduation
@Green Woods Country Club
Wednesday June 12, 2024



Congratulations!
2024 Graduates

Kimberly Aguilar

New Opportunities, Inc.

Rachel Allyn

BD

Cameron Breen

McCall Behavioral Health Network

Cheryl Christiano

Brooks, Todd & McNeil

Deena Conell

Community Health and Wellness Center

Stephanie Fisher

Union Savings Bank

Bree Grealis

CT STATE Community College Northwestern

Tracy Hall

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Jessica Koontz

Torrington Savings Bank

Samantha Maldonado

Torrington Savings Bank

Ali Mica

NW CT Chamber of Commerce

Sarah Todd

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Tina Webb

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

Legislative Reception
@CT State Community College Northwestern
Arts & Science Building Atrium
Thursday June 13, 2024



Ribbon Cutting
@ Charter Oak Home Care
Thursday June 13, 2024



Open House & Ribbon Cutting
@ Main Stream Canoes and Kayaks
Saturday June 15, 2024



Business After Hours
@Main Stream Canoes and Kayaks
Wednesday June 26, 2024



Celebration of Success
@Fairview Farm Golf Course
Thursday June 27, 2024



Congratulations!

Distinguished Leadership Awards

Business Leader

Ted Murphy

E.J. Murphy Realty

Community Leader

Joanne Borduas

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Upcoming CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

Jul. 2 - Small Business Council

Jul. 4&5 - **Happy Independence Day!** - CHAMBER CLOSED

Jul. 8 - Leads I - 12 PM

Jul. 10 - Wow Advisory Committee - 9 AM

Jul. 10 - Leads II - 12 PM

Jul. 11 - Membership Committee - 8 AM

Jul. 17 - Business After Hours @ Dutema Life Institute dba Healing Haven, 134 Irving Ave,
Torrington, 5-7 PM

Jul. 22 - Leads I - 12 PM

Jul. 24 - Leads II - 12 PM

For more Info, see our website calendar of events:

www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 11th & 12th --- Bill Drury Seminar, Crystal Peak, Winsted, Registration 7:30 AM,
Sessions 8 AM -12 PM

Sept. 19th --- Business After Hours at Manor House Inn, Norfolk, 5-7 PM

Oct. 4th --- 20th Annual WOW! Forum at the Warner Theatre, Torrington,
7:45 AM - 4:30 PM

To Be Announced...

- Fall Job Fair
- Economic Forecast
- Fall Legislative Reception

- Annual Holiday Celebration
- Hope for the Holidays



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