



Northwest Connecticut  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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# November Newsletter



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## November Calendar

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

[Tap Tech, LLC](#)

*From the Desk of Our  
President & CEO*  
**JoAnn Ryan**



**Thanksgiving Month**

Thanksgiving...it is one of my favorite holidays of the year. There are so many wonderful memories...the family gatherings that always included an extra spot for a lonely soul, that delightful aroma that permeated the entire house, preparing and delivering meals to special friends who were not able to join us, carving the turkey on the kitchen table while insisting on a taste test, watching the Thanksgiving Day parade and the grace where each added our own special thanks.

Attitudes of Gratitude by M.J. Ryan summarizes the special meaning of Thanksgiving. "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion to clarity...Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Despite the challenges we face in our professional and personal lives, we have much to be grateful for as we reflect on our accomplishments. Look around...we live in the beautiful Litchfield hills of Connecticut that many say can boast about the quality of life being the best in CT; our cities, towns and villages focused on revitalization and historic preservation; the educational opportunities for our residents with higher learning in our back yard; the cultural opportunities with The Warner, Five Points, Nutmeg Conservatory, Chorus Angelicus and the Arts Council leading the way; and civic opportunities for those who are inclined to participate. Most of all, we are blessed with special people who support this vibrant community.

Thank you to our generous Corporate Sponsors, Premier Members and Friends of the Chamber whose investment in our program of work continues because of their generosity and belief in our programs. We appreciate our loyal Executive Committee and Board of Directors who meet with us monthly and as needed to ensure that we are fulfilling our commitments to you.

Thank you to Karen, Ali, Sharon and Pam, our staff, and the Committee Chairs for their outstanding leadership in guiding their colleagues as we fulfill our Mission.

Thank you for sharing your impossible dreams and your indomitable spirit as we renew our commitment of making this the best place in which to live and work. Thank you to all for truly exemplifying the spirit of Thanksgiving.

## You're Going Places. Is Your Bank Keeping Up?

Your business is all about building strong relationships.  
That's the way we do things here, too.

At Torrington Savings Bank, our team is dedicated to providing individualized banking solutions with expert advice at every moment.



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# LET'S THRIVE!

## 2024 Economic Summit Panel Discussion

Join us for a lively discussion moderated by **CBIA's Chris Davis** and learn from Connecticut's top experts on how to THRIVE versus just survive in today's challenging economic times.



Thursday, November 21, 2024



11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Torrington Country Club  
250 Torrington Road  
Goshen CT 06756

### Investment:

\$50 pp, Chamber Members

\$75 pp, Non-Members

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## THE PANEL LINEUP



**Anthony M. Anthony**

State of Connecticut  
Chief Marketing Officer



**Paul Mounds**

Yale New Haven Health  
Community & Corporate Alliances  
Vice President



**Dr. Manohar Singh**

Western Connecticut State University  
President

Moderated by:



**Chris Davis**

CBIA  
Public Policy  
Vice President

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 	<small>NW CT Chamber's premier network building event featuring opportunities to gain new contacts &amp; build your lead base while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres &amp; visiting our host's location.</small>	<b>Interested in hosting a Business After Hours?</b>	
	<b>BUSINESS <i>after</i> HOURS</b>	Sponsored by	 Your Business and logo could be listed here
	<small>Wednesday Date 5:00-7:00 p.m.</small>	Your Logo	
	<small>Hosted by YOUR BUSINESS NAME</small>	Your Company Address	
<small>RSVP ONLINE AT <a href="http://NWCTCHAMBEROF.COMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR">NWCTCHAMBEROF.COMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR</a></small>		Send us an email to schedule a date: <a href="mailto:karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org">karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org</a> Or Call: 860-482-6586.	

 	<small>Join us at our morning roundtable discussion</small>	<b>Interested in hosting a Business with Breakfast?</b>	
	<b>BUSINESS <i>with</i> BREAKFAST</b>	 Your company name, address, and logo could be listed here.	
	<small>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.</small>		
	<small>Tuesday, Month Date, 8:00 a.m.</small>		
<small>Hosted by</small>		Your Company Name	Send us an email to schedule a date: <a href="mailto:karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org">karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org</a> Or Call: 860-482-6586.
	Your Address		

 	<small>Name of Topic</small>	<b>Interested in Hosting a Learn at Lunch?</b>	
	<small>Presented By: Your Company Name and logo</small>	If you have an idea for a Learn at Lunch topic or If you are interested in hosting a Learn at Lunch	
		Email: <a href="mailto:JoAnn@nwctchamberofcommerce.org">JoAnn@nwctchamberofcommerce.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org">Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org</a>	

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
FRIENDS OF THE CHAMBER**

Aptyx  
Daley Moving & Storage, Inc.

## Pharmacy Tech Training at Northwestern

STARTS: Wednesday November 6, 2024

COST: \$1999 (includes tuition, books, and  
Pharmacy Tech Credential testing)

Class offered online asynchronously

Click [HERE](#) for more Info

### Pharmacy Technician





# OPEN HOUSE!

## OLIVER WOLCOTT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

75 Oliver Street, Torrington, CT 06790

For Parents & Students

November 19th

5 PM- 7PM

**Are you looking for new  
employees?**

**Target the NEW  
generation!**

**All businesses are  
welcome!**

### Vendor fees:

**Chamber Members \$150  
Non-Members \$200**

**Fee includes a 6-foot table,  
2 chairs and light  
refreshments**

**Register with the  
Northwest Chamber of  
Commerce**

**RSVP by Nov 15th**

**[Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org)**



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**Young Professionals Organization**


The NWCT Chamber Young Professionals Organization  
invites local young professionals, ages 21+  
to our next free networking event:

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 PM**  
**Saltwater Grille**  
**26 Commons Drive, Litchfield CT**

Bring a coworker!

If possible, please RSVP at [nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar](http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar)

For more information, contact the Chamber at 860-482-6586 or [infor@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:infor@nwctchamberofcommerce.org)

Young Professionals Organization is sponsored by  Conquest [creativity. marketing. technology.](http://creativity.marketing.technology)

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# Legal 101

by **Gideon Rothschild****A NWCC Entrepreneurial Center Event**

Most startup and small business owners aren't legal experts. But every business needs to interact with, follow, and be aware of the laws that govern their company and their industry. In this seminar, you'll learn from legal expert Gideon Rothschild what regulations exist that will impact your business, from incorporation and launching your idea to building customer relationships, selling products or services, paying taxes, filing for IP and trademarks, and eventually growing and potentially selling your business.

You'll also learn what new changes in the law mean for you if you are an LLC, and you'll get a chance to ask your most important business-law related questions.

This seminar will be taught by Gideon Rothschild, a retired attorney and CPA with extensive experience advising business owners on tax and asset protection planning.



**Wednesday  
Nov. 20th  
5:30 to 8:30 pm**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED ☀

TO REGISTER, VISIT [www.nwcc.edu/ec](http://www.nwcc.edu/ec) ☀

MAX 15 PARTICIPANTS ☀

FREE IN-PERSON EVENT ☀

@ Market Street Creatives, 100 Lawton St, Torrington CT

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For more information and to register  
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# LEARN AT LUNCH

Learn about the College & Career Accelerator (CCA), in partnership with the Northwest Chamber of Commerce

## Event Details

Join us for a light lunch and learn about the College & Career Accelerator (CCA) at the Kitching Regional Learning Center in Torrington, CT. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour our state-of-the-art facilities and see firsthand how the CCA operates.

Discover how the CCA provides customized postsecondary educational and career pathways for students while they are still enrolled in high school. The event will also offer a chance to network with key stakeholders and explore opportunities for collaboration.



**12PM TO 1PM**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

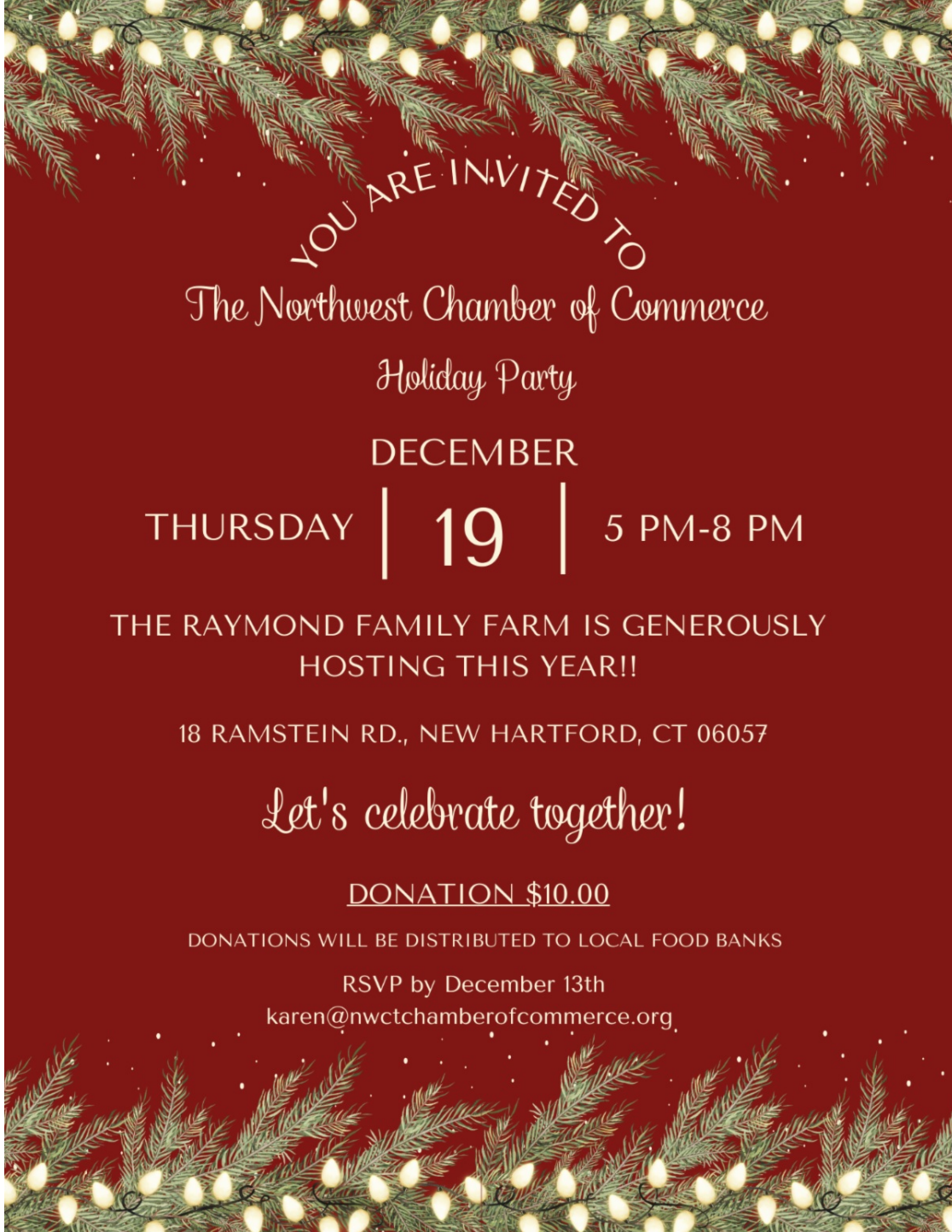
KITCHING REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER  
(RLC), 215 HOGAN DRIVE, TORRINGTON

Please register by clicking here.

For more information: Contact Taylor Van Antwerp at 860.712.0350 or [vanantwerp@edadvance.org](mailto:vanantwerp@edadvance.org)

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Holiday Party

DECEMBER

THURSDAY | 19 | 5 PM-8 PM

THE RAYMOND FAMILY FARM IS GENEROUSLY  
HOSTING THIS YEAR!!

18 RAMSTEIN RD., NEW HARTFORD, CT 06057

*Let's celebrate together!*

DONATION \$10.00

DONATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

RSVP by December 13th  
[karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org)

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## Thank you and Farewell to Luis Sanchez

We thank Luis Sanchez for all the work he had done for our Chamber with marketing and social media. We wish him well as he completes his senior year and graduates from Central Connecticut State University in the Spring. There's a bright future ahead of him.



# Past Events

## 20th Annual WOW! Forum

@ The Warner Theatre  
Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center  
82 Main Street, Torrington  
Friday, October 4, 2024



## Legislative Reception

@ CT State Community College Northwestern  
Arts & Science Building Atrium  
209 Holabird Ave, Winsted  
Thursday, October 10, 2024



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**Business After Hours**  
@ Sullivan Automotive  
2033 East Main Street, Torrington  
Thursday, October 10, 2024





## **Job Fair**

@ Torrington City Hall Auditorium  
140 Main Street, Torrington  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024



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**Leadership Northwest 2024-2025 Kickoff**  
@ The Mill House Kitchen & Bar  
367 Winsted Rd, Torrington  
Wednesday, October 30, 2024



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# Upcoming CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Nov. 5** - Small Business Council - 8 AM

**Nov. 6** - Wow Advisory Committee (Recap) 9:00 AM

**Nov. 7** - Membership Committee - 8 AM

**Nov. 12** - Insurance Committee - 8 AM

**Nov. 14** - Government Relations Committee - 8 AM

**Nov. 19** - Open House (*Primarily for Manufacturing and Healthcare Industries*) @ Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, 75 Oliver Street, Torrington, 5-7 PM

**Nov. 20** - Health Council @ Community Health & Wellness, 469 Migeon Ave, Torrington- 8 AM

**Nov. 20** - Young Professionals Happy Hour Networking Event @ Saltwater Grille, 26 Commons Drive, Litchfield, 5-7 PM

**Nov. 21** - Board of Directors Meeting - 8 AM

**Nov. 21** - Economic Summit [**MODERATOR:** Chris Davis, *CBIA Public Policy VP*, **PANEL:** Anthony M. Anthony, *State of CT Chief Marketing Officer*; Paul Mounds, *Yale New Haven Health Community & Corporate Alliances VP*; Dr. Manohar Singh, *Western CT State University President*] @ Torrington Country Club, Goshen, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Nov. 22** - Learn at Lunch: College & Career Accelerator (PRESENTED BY: EdAdvance) @ Kitching Regional Learning Center, 215 Hogan Drive, Torrington, 12-1 PM

**Nov. 25** - Leads I - 12 PM

For more Info, see our website calendar of events:

[www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/](http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Dec. 2nd - 20th (weekdays)** --- Hope for the Holidays

**Dec. 19th** --- Annual Holiday Celebration @ The Raymond Family Farm, New Hartford, 5-8 PM



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