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October Newsletter



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



Chamber's Campaign for Good Business

Tip O'Neill's book *All Politics Is Local* includes the "rules of the game" that are refreshing and pertain to this year's campaign as well as the Chamber's campaign for good business that is ongoing and relentless. His checklist goes something like this:

"It's a round world – what goes around, comes around."

"Compromise is the art of politics."

"Never forget whence you came."

"Never lose your idealism."

"Learn to say, "I don't know but I will find out."

Keep in mind his list and vote for the Chamber as your premier business resource promoting economic growth while enhancing the quality of life in NW CT. Here are the reasons:

The unanimous choice for the "event not to miss" goes to the Legislative Reception on Oct. 10th FROM 7:30am to 9:00am at the Arts & Science Atrium of CT State Community College Northwestern, 209 Holabird Avenue, Winsted. Our Legislative Delegation will be attending to give you an update on their initiatives, including opportunities and challenges. The event is open to all and is expected to draw a large number of interested business leaders. Be sure to register with us.

Cast your ballot for the Chamber's Job Fair on Wednesday, October 16th from 10am to 2pm at the Torrington City Hall Auditorium. Please prepare your resume and dress appropriately and join the outstanding companies and businesses from throughout the region. Be sure this day and time are selected by you to enhance your career.

Your vote for one of the most important initiatives goes to the Economic Summit on November 21st at The Torrington Country Club from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Listen and learn from Chris Davis, CBIA Moderator and panelists, Anthony M. Anthony, Director of CT Office of Tourism, Director Paul Mounds, Yale New Haven Hospital VP for Community Affairs and Dr. Manohar Singh, President of Western CT State University.

There is "Hope for the Holidays" following election season so be prepared to get involved in a positive, award-winning initiative through a collaboration of WZBG, the Chamber and 15 businesses. Watch for the commitment!

One last thing... we may not be on the ballot, but we hope we are the front-runner and eventual winner in the campaign for good business.

20th Annual WOW! Forum

Tickets are selling fast. Don't miss out!



Empower

Elevate

Enrich

Encourage

“20 Years of Empowering Women”

Together, we are advancing women's leadership across careers and cultures in order to share knowledge and ideas and to enrich each other's lives.

Friday, October 4, 2024

The Warner Theatre
Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center
82 Main St. Torrington CT

7:45 am - 4:00 pm \$120 per person

Presenters

Brooke Goff

Kathy McAfee

Lynn Rapsilber

Maria Coutant Skinner

Nicole Zuraitis

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NWCT Arts Council Announces UNICO Grant Recipients

Two artists from the Litchfield County region have been selected to receive a **grant of \$500 each from the Torrington UNICO Foundation**. Anya Stephenson of Torrington and Kaylee Naomi of Thomaston were selected by the NWCT Arts Council based on artistic excellence and their contributions to the community.



**Anya K. Stephenson (AKS) ,
Torrington**

This grant will help Anya work to connect creatives in the northwest corner and spread the word of the arts throughout the tristate area.



Kaylee Naomi, Thomaston

This Fall Kaylee will intern with the artists Kathleen Kucka who runs **Furnace- Art on Paper** in Falls Village, and KK Kozik who runs **IceHouse Project Space** in Sharon.



CT State Northwestern Offers Pharmacy Tech Classes

Classes will run from October 10, 2024 through January 26, 2025 via an online platform. The cost of the program is \$1,999. Financial aid may be available.

For more information, contact Laura McCarthy at laura.mccarthy@ctstate.edu or 860-738-6351.

Calling All Women Entrepreneurs, Business Owners, & Professionals!

Rediscover, Reignite and Realize Your Purpose

Bring Business Success by Leveraging Your Purpose

Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center
229 East Litchfield Road
Litchfield, CT

Located in the serene surroundings of the Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center in beautiful Litchfield, CT, you'll find the perfect setting to relax, reflect, and reconnect with your inner wisdom.

Monday - October 14, 2024

9 AM - 5 PM

(Optional Pre-Workshop Add-on)
Guided Hike & Wine Tasting

Sunday - October 13, 2024

1 - 6 PM

[Rediscover, Reignite and Realize Your Purpose](#) is a unique opportunity to explore your passions, clarify your purpose, and create a roadmap for success.

Whether you are seeking career clarity, personal growth, or a deeper connection to your true calling, this retreat is designed to support you on your journey to fulfillment and success.

Come as a group, making this a women's empowerment weekend. Sharing this experience with your business partner, family/friends or colleagues can amplify the impact, providing mutual support, inspiration, and accountability.

[Register today!](#) Early Bird Special ends 9/14/24.

Questions? email Jackie@CoachJackieRoss.com.

Do not miss this chance to invest in yourself, unlock your potential, and design a life that truly lights you up!



MY OFFICE
BOOKKEEPING SERVICES LLC



Organization
INK

Organization INK, Inc. Acquires My Office LLC of Torrington, CT

Organization INK, Inc., a provider of bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, and human resources services in western Massachusetts and the surrounding areas acquired My

The majority of My Office's staff, including Cynthia Rines, will join Organization INK, ensuring continuity of service for existing clients and contributing to the

Office LLC in Torrington. The acquisition, which was finalized on September 2, 2024, comes as My Office LLC's owner, Cynthia Rines, seeks to retire after 13 years in business.

expanding regional presence of Organization INK. Clients of My Office can expect a seamless transition, with enhanced access to human resources services, which are not offered by My Office.

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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.

BUSINESS
after **HOURS**

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

Hosted by
YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Sponsored by
Your Logo

Your Company Address

[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

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 Company Name
Your Address

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Interested in Hosting a Learn at Lunch?

	<p>Name of Topic</p>
<p>Presented By: Your Company Name and logo</p>	

If you have an idea for a Learn at Lunch topic

or

If you are interested in hosting a Learn at Lunch

Email: JoAnn@nwctchamberofcommerce.org

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2024 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

MEET AND MINGLE WITH STATE AND LOCAL DELEGATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024

7:30-9:00 AM

Hosted by CT State Community College Northwestern
Arts & Science Building Atrium, 209 Holabird Avenue, Winsted

CT STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NORTHWESTERN

Register from our Event Calendar:
<https://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/>

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Thursday
Oct. 10, 2024
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by



Northwest Hills Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
2033 East Main St, Torrington
Come see our newly renovated facility!

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

CITY HALL AUDITORIUM (2ND FL)

140 MAIN STREET, TORRINGTON

JOB SEEKERS

The Job Fair is **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public

Hundreds of job openings in a wide range of industries

Bring multiple copies of your resume and dress for success!

Visit nwctchamberofcommerce.org for details



BUSINESSES

All industries and businesses are welcome!
Payment includes 1 six foot table, 2 chairs, coffee all day and lunch for vendors.

Chamber Members: \$150 per table

Non-Members: \$200 per table

**RSVP by Oct. 7, 2024 to
Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org
to reserve a table**

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP via email

Business Model Canvas II

by John Schnyder

A NWCC Entrepreneurial Center Event

Do you need to rethink your business plan? Do you have an idea for a new business? Every early-stage startup founder needs to understand what problem they're solving, who they're solving it for, and how to reach the right customers to generate revenue. They also need to understand their key partners, resources, and activities so they can have a solid understanding of their costs.

The Business Model Canvas is a tool for quickly identifying key ideas and testing them before wasting valuable time & money building the wrong business. In this second installment of the BMC, we'll do a deep dive into attendee's canvases and help them work through their specific challenges!

This important framework will be taught by John Schnyder, startup mentor, member of the Board of Directors for Connecticut Entrepreneurs Forum, and Director of Business Development at Organization Ink, Inc.



Tuesday
October 22nd
5:30 to 8:30 pm

For more information and to register
nwcc.edu/ec

REGISTRATION REQUIRED ⚙

TO REGISTER, VISIT www.nwcc.edu/ec ⚙

MAX 15 PARTICIPANTS ⚙

FREE IN-PERSON EVENT ⚙

@ The Norfolk Hub, 2 Station Place, Norfolk, CT

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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 20th, 5-7 PM
Saltwater Grille
26 Commons Drive, Litchfield CT

Bring a coworker!

If possible, please RSVP at nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar

For more information, contact the Chamber at 860-482-6586 or infor@nwctchamberofcommerce.org

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

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Past Events

Ribbon Cutting
@ The Abner Hotel
15 West Street, Litchfield
Monday, September 9, 2024



Managed by the prestigious Salt Hotels, this boutique hotel with restaurant and rooftop lounge officially opened on Thursday, September 12th.

Congratulations!

Bill Drury Leadership Workshop

**@ Crystal Peak
164 Torrington Rd, Winsted**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024



Amazing Workshop! Bill was funny and engaging. We learned a lot.

Business After Hours
@ Manor House Inn
69 Maple Avenue, Norfolk
Thursday, September 19, 2024



A Beautiful Hideaway and a Wonderful Place for a little R & R

Young Professionals Networking Event
@ The Mill House Kitchen & Bar
367 Winsted Rd, Torrington
Wednesday, September 25, 2024



Such an enjoyable event, and owner, Fred Rizvani, was very generous and kind.

Winsted EDC Job Fair
@ American Mural Project
90 Whiting Street, Winsted
Thursday, September 26, 2024



Over 100 job seekers attended the Winsted EDC job fair.

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Upcoming CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct. 1 - Small Business Council - 8 AM

Oct. 2 - Wow Advisory Committee (Final Details) 9:00-10:00 AM

Oct. 3 - Membership Committee - 8 AM

Oct. 4 - 20th Annual WOW! Forum @ the Warner Theatre, 82 Main Street, Torrington,
7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

Oct. 10 - Legislative Reception @ the Arts & Science Building Atrium of CT State
Community College Northwestern, 209 Holabird Ave, Winsted, 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Oct. 10 - Business After Hours @ Sullivan Automotive, 2033 East Main Street, Torrington,
5-7 PM

Oct. 16 - Health Council [GUEST SPEAKER: Lori Fedewa, Office of Rural Health]@
Community Health & Wellness, 469 Migeon Ave, Torrington - 8 AM

Oct. 16 - Job Fair @ City Hall Auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, 10 AM - 2 PM

Oct. 24 - Board of Directors Meeting - 8 AM

Oct. 28 - Leads I - 12 PM

For more info, see our website calendar of events:

www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/

SAVE THE DATE

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

Nov. 20th --- Young Professionals Networking Event @ Saltwater Grille, Litchfield,
5-7 PM

Nov. 21st --- Economic Summit [**MODERATOR**: Chris Davis, CBIA; **PANEL**: Anthony
M. Anthony, *Office of Tourism*; Paul Mounds, *Yale New Haven Health VP*; Dr. Manohar
Singh, *Western CT State University President*] @ Torrington Country Club, Goshen,
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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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