



MAKING MERIDEN BUSINESS CENTER FEATURES PROPERTY LISTINGS



A new feature of the Making Meriden Business Center on the meridenbiz.com website is the property listing page: <http://www.meridenbiz.com/making-meriden/properties-available-for-lease-or-sale/> This section of the site features a variety of properties for sale and for lease. You can check out the opportunities for businesses to become part of the growth and excitement that is BACK in downtown Meriden. **If you need your property listed or have any questions, contact David Cooley at (203) 494-5575 or email Dave at downtowndavecooley@gmail.com.**

**Please Update
Your Records**

WE MOVED!

**546 South Broad St.,
Suite 2C
Meriden, CT 06450**

CT RAIL HARTFORD LINE UPDATES



The level of service on the Hartford Line is getting better each and every day. If you are looking for service announcements for Hartford Line trains, you can check the Twitter feed displayed on the hartford-line.com website or directly from Twitter at twitter.com/hlalerts to get on line and real time updates.

MERIDEN COMMONS OPENING & CLOSING ON THE SAME DAY!

On July 24th, Pennrose Properties LLC hosted a grand opening of Meriden Commons 1 at 177 State Street in downtown Meriden. This development features 150 residential apartments and about 4,000 Sq ft of available first floor commercial space. The corner retail space is already rented. We had a tour and the units and the amenities are wonderful.

On the same day and at the same event, Pennrose also celebrated the closing of the development rights just south of Meriden Commons 1. Meriden Commons 2 will be on the Meriden Green. This also will be a mixed-use and mixed income development with 76 residential units with 1,500 sq ft of retail space.

Both of these projects are extremely important to the district as the new residents in the district will help create the demand and the critical mass for businesses to thrive. Look for construction of Meriden Commons 2 to begin this summer! [Learn more...](#)



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**Control Health
Insurance Costs
YBLCT Mini-Golf
BAH: MxCC@Platt
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...and LOTS More**

## LOTS OF WHAT WE DO FOR MEMBERS IS LINKING YOU ...

to resources, services, support, and fellow members. Here are some EASY LINKS to the Midstate Chamber to "always keep you in the loop":  
NEWS: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/News>  
RESOURCES: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources>  
CALENDAR: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>  
DIRECTORY: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Directory>



Séan W. Moore

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### WE HAVE A VERY BUSY AUGUST...

We *STILL* know that your sales quotas don't disappear in the summer so we don't slow down during the summer either. Connecting remains more important than ever in this competitive world and we have created LOTS of summer time opportunities.

We hope you can find the time this summer to remain connected with your fellow Chamber members. Our events offer both social and business elements and you will establish great business contacts at each program. If you are interested in attending, all of our events can be found at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com).

In August, TWO Business After Hours bring members together. The first was on August 1st, 2018 at the Law Offices of E.B. Quirk (see a few pics below) and the second will be on Thursday, August 23rd which includes a Ribbon Cutting for "MxCC@Platt" – the Middlesex Community College classes offered at Platt High School. Both of these events are worthy of your time.



Lucky Winners of the drawing at the Quirk BAH: Antonio Pascarella, Pascarella Accounting Group, LLC; Atty. Quirk; Ed Zavaski, Stamford Insurance Group - SIG; Andre Holloman, Keller Williams Real Estate; Séan W. Moore, Chamber President. Don't miss the next event!



Be held CAPTIVE no longer - If you employ more than 20 employees you will want to attend this program on **August 15th** (flyer inside) hosted by fellow members, Bongiovanni Insurance and Financial. Learn about this ground-breaking new option for health insurance only for chamber members ... don't miss it. **Register NOW.**

For those interested in the 21 – 39 year old crowd, The Young Business Leaders of Connecticut (YBLCT) are hosting their 10th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament (flyer inside) on **Wednesday, August 15th**. This special event raises funds for BOTH the Dan M. Hunter Education Award and for the Boys and Girls Club of Meriden. Foursomes and sponsorships are available.

And Chamber member The Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) is hosting their annual Wine Tasting on **August 23rd**. Do drop in and support a great cause.

In addition, we anticipate rolling out our NEW website towards the end of summer. In the mean time, we will be soliciting ads for both the new site AND for the final push for the InSight Magazine which is due in the fall. Look for a special mailing later in August with 10% discounts when you advertise for BOTH projects.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The heat is on at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce and the committee that is most on fire is the YBLCT (Young Business Leaders of CT). This group has really come together and I am very excited to see it grow. They also voted on a new chairperson and I'm excited to announce that **Josh Suzio from Bouvier Insurance**



Nate Bottone

will be filling that seat. He is extremely hard working and dedicated to making this group great.

I would also like to personally invite all of you to the **10th Annual Young Business Leaders and Boys and Girls Club Mini Golf Tournament on August 15th** starting at 5:30 PM (flyer is inside) There are many sponsorship levels available. So bring the whole family down for some fun. \$30 per person or \$100 for a foursome.



I love that our Chamber takes part in so many ribbon cutting ceremonies. Last month I was lucky enough to participate in one of them. It is always exciting to welcome another enthusiastic entrepreneur into our Chamber family. I love hearing about their passion for their business and offering them our support if needed.

I also want to thank all the committee members who met last month. I know how hard it is to carve out time in your busy day. We are stronger as a group because of you.

With much appreciation ... Nathaniel Bottone



<https://www.instagram.com/midstatechamberofcommerce/>



Midstate Chamber of Commerce



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Midstate Chamber of Commerce

### Questions? Here's How to Reach Us...

This issue of Chamber News is a member service of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Inc. with offices located at 546 South Broad St., 2C, Meriden, CT 06450. You can also visit us on line at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com). Ph: 203.235.7901 Fx: 203.686.0172 [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com). We welcome Chamber member and community news, events and other articles of interest from our diverse membership base. The Midstate Chamber of Commerce serves its member businesses in Meriden, Wallingford, Southington, Berlin, Cheshire and Middletown, Connecticut. We invite all businesses to join with us and become members of our chamber.



For all of your needs visit our members at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)

## “MOORE” UPDATES FROM THE PRESIDENT!



Séan W. Moore

### WORK HAS BEGUN ON I KING PLACE

The City of Meriden has commenced hazardous building materials abatement at the **former Meriden Wallingford Hospital site** located at I King Place in downtown Meriden.

The City acquired I King Place as an owner of last resort through tax foreclosure in January 2014. The site contains a 325,000 square foot former hospital structure and a two-story parking garage that spans two city blocks on 5.64 acres. The City has committed to completing remediation and hazardous materials abatement to advance the adaptive reuse of the building and parking garage in cooperation with a private developer.

In 2016, the City selected One King LLC through a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process as the preferred site developer. The City signed a Master Developer Agreement with One King LLC in June 2017. The City and developer's goals for the site include repurposing the building into a mixed-use, private development that includes housing and commercial development. The developer has committed, following an 18-month cleanup schedule, to invest over \$30 million into the facility to convert the property to residential, medical office, and related retail space. The proposed development plan complies with the City's TOD zoning ordinance, POCD, and overall goals for the redevelopment of downtown.

In April 2018, the City selected American Environmental Inc. (AEI) of Holyoke, MA as its abatement contractor after conducting a competitive bid process. AEI submitted a low bid of \$3.443 million for hazardous building materials abatement. Funds for the abatement project were provided by a Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Municipal Brownfields Assessment and interim cleanup grant (\$401,000), a 2018 DECD Municipal Brownfields cleanup grant (\$2 million), and a 2018 DECD Municipal Brownfields cleanup loan (\$2 million). The abatement project will be completed in 170 working days.

During the site abatement, access to the site is strictly prohibited. Site access requires City approval and the use of Personal Protective Equipment at all times. For more information, please contact the City of Meriden Department of Economic Development at 203 630 4151



### CEDF PRODUCES “SMALL BUSINESS AS USUAL” PODCAST WITH CHAMBER PRESIDENT MOORE

Fred Welk of the Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF) is continuing his monthly podcast series about the art of operating small enterprises and the issues faced by the owners with an episode on Effective Networking with Chamber President Sean Moore. This series has been especially valuable to business owners who can't generally attend educational programs during a “normal” work day. You can click on at anytime and get valuable business tips.

The direct link to the CEDF Networking podcast is <https://www.cedf.com/chalkboard/small-business-as-usual-episode-18-8> but be sure to click on any of the other episodes as well.

### JUNE ENTREPRENEURIAL EVENT DEEMED A SUCCESS

On June 28th the Making Meriden Business Center hosted a free Entrepreneurial Workshop at the Silver City Ballroom on Colony Street with an amazingly eclectic crowd of business owners, developers, entrepreneurs, property owners, local leaders and City officials. The evening concluded with a reception to allow the crowd to mingle a bit.



For those who may have missed the program, the Center is pleased to provide the link to the full video of the June 28th event. For convenience, three ‘chapters’ have been bookmarked:

- #1. Introductory comments from Tom Welsh, president of MEDCO, and Lisa Biesak, CT Main Street Downtown Fellow at the Making Meriden Center,
- #2. The distinguished panel moderated by DECD Deputy Commissioner David Kooris and
- #3. Downtown updates provided by Juliet Burdelski, City of Meriden Economic Development Director.

The video link is [www.tinyurl.com/MMBCentrepreneurs](http://www.tinyurl.com/MMBCentrepreneurs)





PROMOTION

**NOW is PRIME TIME**  
**to JOIN Midstate Chamber of Commerce.**  
**Kindly SHARE this APPLICATION**  
**with your business associates!**



LEADERSHIP



EDUCATION



NETWORKING

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 1-5 Employees   | \$295.00 |
| 6-10 Employees  | \$315.00 |
| 11-20 Employees | \$440.00 |
| 21-30 Employees | \$560.00 |



The Midstate Chamber supports, promotes and serves our member businesses in Berlin, Cheshire, Meriden, Southington, Wallingford and throughout central Connecticut.  
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## Membership Application

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Business/Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Owners: \_\_\_\_ # of Employees: \_\_\_\_ Full-Time \_\_\_\_ Part-Time \_\_\_\_ Year Founded: \_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### How Did You Learn About Us?

#### Chamber Activity / Interests:

- Promotion:**  Member Directory Advertising  Web Site Advertising  Chamber Business Expo  Newsletter Advertising  Marketing Committee, etc
- Education:**  Education Committee  Education Awards  Workshops  School-Business Partnerships  Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action (HOLA), etc.
- Networking:**  Business After Hours  Breakfast Club Celebrates  Annual Meeting/Dinner  Annual Golf Tournament  Young Business Leaders of CT  Ambassadors  Membership Committee, etc.
- Leadership:**  Government & Business Development Committee  Pizza, Pasta, & Politics  Health Insurance, etc

**\*\* Please Include Your "Web Words":** Web Words are a 25-30 word description of your business that appears with your Member Directory listing on www.midstatechamber.com: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please E-Mail Your Key Employees Information to info@midstatechamber.com.** Key employees are employees who you wish to receive additional Chamber updates/information and who may be attending events. Key employee information may consist of name, title, direct phone number or extension and e-mail address.

Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Card Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Verification Code \_\_\_\_\_



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

• A one-time \$15 dollar set up fee is due at time of application  
Membership dues in this organization may be tax deductible as an ordinary & necessary business expense. Dues paid to this 501c(6) are not a charitable tax deduction. The organization serves as an advocate for and promotes its member businesses.

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Looking to gain  
control of your  
health insurance  
costs?



JOIN US for breakfast to learn how  
**Medical Insurance Coalition** can be the  
solution to rising healthcare costs.

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**WHEN** 8:00AM AUGUST 15TH, 2018

**WHERE** FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON  
275 RESEARCH PARKWAY  
MERIDEN, CT 06450

**COST** FREE! EMPLOYERS WITH MORE  
THAN 20 EMPLOYEES ARE WELCOME

**PROGRAM WILL START AT 8:00AM, FOLLOWED BY Q & A**

RSVP to the Midstate Chamber:  
[info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com) or 203.235.7901

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**Young Business Leaders of CT & Boys and  
Girls Club of Meriden Present:  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Golf Tournament**

**Wed, August 15, 2018**

**Gather Family & Friends**

**Great Team-Building  
Event!**

**Kid-Friendly**



**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**Where:**

**Putter's Paradise at  
Berlin Batting Cages**

**1801 Berlin Turnpike  
Berlin, CT 06037**

**Registration:**

**Call or email today to  
reserve your spot!**

**Phone: 203.235.7901  
Email: [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com)**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**\$30 per player or \$100 per foursome**

**Proceeds to benefit the YBLCT Dan M. Hunter Community Service Education  
Award and Boys & Girls Club of Meriden**

**Light fare and beverages served during the program after golf**

**Please support the Young Business Leaders and Boys & Girls Clubs of Meriden  
by signing up today!**



Wednesday, August 15, 2018

5:30PM Registration

6:00PM Shotgun Start



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

## Young Business Leaders of CT and Boys & Girls Club of Meriden 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Golf Tournament Sponsorship Levels

### Gold Sponsor - \$300

- Company banner prominently displayed on the course
- Company name and logo on the Midstate Chamber website
- Hole sponsorship
- Foursome included in sponsorship

### Silver Sponsor - \$200

- Company name and logo on the Midstate Chamber website
- Hole in 1 sponsor with displayed signage
- Two golfers included in sponsorship

### Bronze Sponsor - \$100

- Company name and logo on the Midstate Chamber website
- Hole sponsorship

### Golfer Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

GOLFER'S NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK IS ENCLOSED FOR: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHARGE (AX, VI, MC, DISC)

CC#: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP: \_\_\_\_\_ VER. #: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO: The Midstate Chamber of Commerce  
 546 South Broad St. – 2C  
 Meriden, CT 06450  
 Note YBL Miniature Golf Tournament

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Business  
After Hours



**COME CELEBRATE  
OUR  
FIRST YEAR @ PLATT!**

**Thursday, August 23  
5-7 pm | Platt High School  
220 Coe Ave., Meriden**

*Come take a tour of our classrooms and Media Center Library at  
Platt High School.*

At Middlesex Community College, you will get personal attention from dedicated professors in small class settings; guidance from experienced counselors and advisors; programs in some of today's fastest growing fields; and affordable tuition.

Learn about our many Certificate and Associate Degree Programs, as well as our Continuing Education Programs.

**Enjoy Refreshments, Tours,  
Networking, Door Prizes, and more!**

***We look forward to seeing you on August 23rd.***

**Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber:  
203-235-7901, e-mailing: [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com), or  
visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)**

*This Business After Hours event is in association with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce to showcase the sponsoring member and to offer both members and members-to-be the opportunity to network and enjoy a wonderful evening.*

***Interested in hosting a future BAH? Call us at 203.235.7901 to book a date. Limited dates available in 2018 and booking into 2019 now!***



**MANY THANKS to our Golf Tourney Sponsors!  
June 6th at Hunter's GC & Viola's Restaurant...**

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Gold Sponsors



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MidState Medical Center  
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Westfield Property Group - Westfield Meriden**



Team Meriden Hyundai  
2018 Boardman Cup Champs



Team PROSHRED

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Wadsworth Family Foundation



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Class Act Auto Wash LLC  
Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc.  
ImageFIRST Healthcare Laundry Specialists  
MembersFirst CT Federal Credit Union  
New England Capital Financial Advisors LLC



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Carts Sponsor - Dunkin' Donuts  
Putting Contest Sponsor - Suzio York Hill Companies

On Course Experience: SwingU | Westbrook Lobster  
IvyRehab Wallingford LLC

Cocktail Hour Sponsors: Bongiovanni Insurance & Financial,  
Class Act Auto Wash, DLL Financial Services,  
Mule Security Systems, Inc., Web Solutions, Inc.

Hole in One Event Sponsors

Wallingford Buick - Hole 2  
Moran's TV and Appliances - Hole 17

*A special thanks to Boardman Silversmiths for creating  
and maintaining the Boardman Cup Tournament Trophy*

*Veteran Sponsorships: Some companies are unable to participate in the golf part of our event, but would like the exposure as a sponsor. This tournament has a "Sponsor a Veteran" option at any level, where the sponsoring company receives that package's perks plus special recognition in the program and during dinner! What a way to say THANKS to our Veterans!*





## **NEW MEMBERS!**

We are delighted to introduce our new members - the lifeblood of our organization and the reason we exist. Please welcome them by visiting their website, sending them an email or stopping by to introduce yourself. The personal touch will help our chamber continue to grow and thrive as we continue on our goal to reach 650 members in the coming months! A membership application is enclosed - **SHARE** it with a friend ... don't keep us a secret!

**Town of Berlin:** 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037. The phone number is 860.828.7005. Chris Edge, Director of Economic Development, is the primary contact.

**Bibleway Church Worldwide, Inc.:** 269 South Colony Street, Meriden, CT 06450. Mr. Larry Elliott is the primary contact. The authenticity and orthodoxy of the Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ World-Wide can be attested as to its validity historically, experimentally and doctrinally. Historically, its spiritual roots go back to the 1st century AD 30, in the upper room at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, about 9am; the third hour of the memorable feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church.

**The Dapper Gentleman & Elegant Lady/Brows by Design:** 425 South Broad Street, Meriden, CT 06450. Ms. Carmen Roach is the primary contact for the full service skin services spa that caters to men and women. Carmen is passionate about helping people reach their skincare goals, and look their best. Mark your calendars and devices for a Ribbon Cutting on September 27th where you can meet Carmen and her partner in the business, Tasha Pye, Brows by Design, who brings her passion for health, beauty and wellness to each client she serves.

**Flavor Point Restaurant:** 587 Hanover Road, Meriden, CT 06451. The restaurant now serves beer and wine and has a lovely outdoor patio. Stop in to say hello and try them out - their menu includes pizza, grinders, salads, appetizers, dinners and soups!

**Hair & Nail Art Studio LLC:** 152 Colony Street, Meriden, CT 06451. Ms. Janice Oriol is the primary contact for the downtown full service hair and nail salon.

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**\$0 CLOSING COSTS, \$0 APPLICATION FEE, \$0 ANNUAL FEE  
APPLY BY AUGUST 31, 2018**

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**Highpower Security Products LLC:** 290 Pratt Street, Unit 24, Meriden, CT 06450. The primary contact is Mr. Daniel Demerchant. Since 1997 Highpower Security Products has is a manufacturer of performance access control systems and hardware for commercial applications.

**SHARE the Membership Application with a friend in business. It's on the last page of this newsletter. To THANK YOU, we'll give you a \$35 credit you can use toward your renewal or a chamber event, ad, etc.!**

## **MEMBER RENEWALS...**

We **recognize and thank** our members who have joined or renewed their investment in the Midstate Chamber within the last month.

Visit [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com) for the most up-to-date listing of members in good standing!

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Achieve Financial Credit Union           | JLN Contracting                            |
| Adecco Employment                        | James T. Kay Co., Inc.                     |
| Advanced Energy Group LLC                | Key Bank - Chuch St., New Haven            |
| Allied Funding Group                     | Lighthouse Financial LLC                   |
| Alvista Willow Brook                     | MEDCO - Meriden Economic Development Corp. |
| Aqua Turf Club                           | MedExpress Urgent Care                     |
| Augusta Curtis Cultural Center           | Meriden Business Park, LLC                 |
| Alan Barberino Real Estate, LLC          | Meriden Dental Group                       |
| Bongiovanni, Sloan & Paradiso Insurance  | Meriden Housing Authority                  |
| Children First Initiative                | Meriden Y.M.C.A.                           |
| Concentra Medical Center                 | Mule Security Systems, Inc.                |
| Connecticut Energy Solutions, LLC        | New Britain Transportation Company         |
| Connecticut Temperature Controls         | New Opportunities of Greater Meriden       |
| The Curtis Home                          | Paul Davis Restoration of Central CT       |
| CW12 - Construction Workforce Initiative | PROSHRED                                   |
| Dunkin' Donuts                           | Razor Rep2, LLC                            |
| East Ridge Manor, Inc.                   | RE/MAX Professionals                       |
| Express Employment Professionals         | RFS Cablewave Systems                      |
| For Your Paws Only                       | Southington Country Club                   |
| Four Points by Sheraton Meriden          | Star Auto Sales                            |
| Hunter Golf Club                         | Updike, Kelly & Spellacy                   |
| JD Byrider                               | USA Elite Training LLC                     |

**Members Use Members!**

**AND, BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE A FELLOW MEMBER!**



## UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS:

Mark your calendars, iPhones, Droids, etc. with these event dates. **M** = Chamber or Business event; **C** = Community event. More details and RSVP information for these events may be found on [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)! Chamber event RSVP line: 203.235.7901



*This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our business and community calendars.*

**This is a SHORT LIST of some of our KEY events – for MORE business and community events including Chamber Committee meetings - details & updates visit [www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar](http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar)**

**HELP us \*GROW IN 2018\* INVITE Your Biz Neighbors to JOIN the Midstate Chamber! Earn Chamber BUCKS for you & your biz. 203.235.7901**

### COMMITTEE CONNECTION

A LOT of work happens at the committee level here at the Midstate Chamber. We do encourage your involvement and that of your employees on **any** committee! ALL committee meeting dates and times are listed on the Midstate Chamber's website. Come on out and sit in on a meeting to try it - you will like it: the experience, sharing your knowledge, the connections you will make and more!



**Your participation helps YOU, helps YOUR BUSINESS and helps OUR CHAMBER! Questions? Call us at: 203.235.7901**

- C** Fri, Aug 3 | 6:00 pm: Dancing with the Stars of Meriden at Silver City Ballroom. Tickets \$35: 203-235-2630.
- C** Fri, Aug 3 | 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green
- C** Sun, Aug 5 | 12:00 pm: 51st Meriden Annual Puerto Rican Festival held at Hubbard Park
- C** Sun, Aug 5 | 5:00 pm: The "All White" Affair on the Lake (wear your summer white attire!) with S.W.E.E.T. Potato Society Inc.: **Chamber BOGO** held at Harbor Park Landing - see flyer inside.
- C** Tue, Aug 7 | 10:00 am: Meriden YMCA & Meriden Rotary Golf Tournament held at Wallingford Country Club
- C** Tue, Aug 7 | 6:00 pm: Surf & Turf Dinner held at Meriden YMCA Mountain Mist Outdoor Center
- M** Thu, Aug 9 | 9:00 am: **SCORE - Counseling Sessions for Businesses** held at Chamber of Commerce
- C** Fri, Aug 10 | 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green
- C** Sat, Aug 11 | 12:00 pm: The Roadway of Hope Families in Focus Picnic held at Hubbard Park Band shell
- C** Tue, Aug 14 | 8:00 am: 2nd Annual Fred Ulbrich Jr. Golf Marathon held at Farms Country Club
- C** Tue, Aug 14 | 6:30 pm: AAC Recovery Allies Group! held at Middlesex Community College, ROOM 808A
- M** Wed, Aug 15 | 7:45 am: **Bongiovanni Insurance: Control Health Insurance Costs:** at Four Points by Sheraton (see flyer)
- M** Wed, Aug 15 | 5:30 pm: **YBLCT Miniature Golf Tournament** held at Putters Paradise
- C** Fri, Aug 17 | 7:00 pm: Twilight Music Series held at The Amphitheater at the Meriden Green
- C** Mon, Aug 20 | 23rd Annual Franciscan Golf Classic held at Tunxis Plantation Golf Club
- M** Thu, Aug 23 | 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours featuring MxCC@Platt** held at Platt High School
- C** Thu, Aug 23 | 5:30 pm: 8th Annual Winemakers Wine and Beer Tasting Event held at Toyota Oakdale Theater
- C** Sun, Aug 26 | 12:00 pm: The Meriden Latino Expo held at The Meriden Green

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## MEMBER UPDATES

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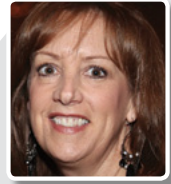
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There is **SO MUCH GOOD NEWS TO SHARE**, and we recognize how valuable your time is ... so we are introducing an abbreviated news section with catchy headlines and you can click for more details on the items ... and/or click this link for all of the current news submitted from Midstate Chamber members:  
<https://www.midstatechamber.com/News/newsbydate.asp>

**American Addiction Centers, Inc.** is pleased to announce the promotion of Melissa Tashjian from National Director, Business Development to Vice President, Business Development. Melissa joined American Addiction Centers six years ago as a Treatment Consultant for Connecticut and then advanced to the Northeast Regional Manager role where she built a highly successful team in CT, NY, NJ and PA; proving herself to be a committed company advocate. In August of 2017, Melissa assumed the leadership role for the Business Development team where she has played a key role in rebuilding a new management structure, implementing standardization and is currently leading the charge of expanding the outside team's reach throughout the country. With over 20 years of service within the addiction field, Melissa brings a wealth of experience, energy and enthusiasm to the Business Development team. We are confident Melissa will make a positive impact on her team and AAC overall.



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**Eversource Energy** - The American Red Cross is proud to be a charity partner of the 25th Annual Eversource Hartford Marathon. This is the third year the Red Cross is participating in the race which brings together people from throughout New England and around the world. More info may be found here: <https://www.hartfordmarathon.com/eversource-hartford-marathon-2/>



**Assisted Living Services Inc.**  
- Smoke alarms and sprinklers can be very important parts of fire safety, but they don't come into play until the fire has already started. CookStop has created an amazing stove fire prevention device that help prevent unattended fires from happening in the first place. If you get busy with distractions and forget about the kitchen, CookStop will shut off the stove for you. Please give us a call if you would like to know more about the fire prevention systems we offer (203) 235-8324 or visit our website [www.assistedlivingtechnologies.com](http://www.assistedlivingtechnologies.com).



**Ion Insurance Corporation**., a full-service independent insurance brokerage affiliated with Ion Bank, presented Jane Doe No More with a check for \$670, which was raised from their Quotes for a Cause program. The program was created to help local Connecticut charities every quarter by making a donation of \$5 for every new insurance quote provided. A different local charity is selected each quarter.



Find community resources at: [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com)



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For more information contact: Rosa Carrero; Phone: 860-344-7328; Email: rcarrero@liberty-bank.com

### Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

has created an online directory for Meriden businesses and organizations that serve youth, families, and seniors. This website, Meriden Community Connection, is replacing their paper directories for youth, family, and senior services. Businesses and organization that serve these populations are encouraged to register their services and programs on the website: <http://www.meridencommunityconnection.org/>



**Rotary Club of Meriden** is looking for Community Corps Members. Community Corps is made up of members of the community who would like to volunteer their time with various hands-on projects but without the commitment to being a Rotary Member. We are always looking for Community Corps members to assist in service projects - usually only a "one day or less" project. To get more info call Kristilee LaHaye at 203-645-6446 or email her at [kleelahaye@aol.com](mailto:kleelahaye@aol.com).



### United Way of Meriden & Wallingford



invites you to TWO Signature events in September: **1.** Join the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford in celebrating Maria Harlow as Executive Director to the United Way. Maria's first **Campaign Kickoff is Thursday, September 6 as a Business After Hours** with the Midstate Chamber of Commerce from 5-7 pm at Connecticut Hospital Association, 110 Barnes Road, Wallingford. Please RSVP: 203.235.7901 or [info@midstatechamber.com](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com). **2.** ALL are invited to the **Silver City Wine and Brewfest on Friday, September 21, 2018 at Mountain Mist - YMCA Outdoor Center**, High Hill Road, Meriden! Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door and include a variety of tasty food samples and items from area eateries, and beer and wine tastings all evening. Check out the sponsorship flyer inside - lots of great options to support this event. Get your tickets at the United Way of Meriden & Wallingford, or from any Meriden Rotarian.

### Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)

is happy to share their Spring/Summer newsletter: <https://www.facebook.com/SpanishCommunityWallingford/photos/pcb.10156787163892638/10156787153147638/?type=3&theater>



### Women and Families Center

in Meriden is currently recruiting for several part time and per diem shifts for our Transitional Housing program for young adults. This program is based in Meriden. Part-time | Salary: \$12.00 /hour | Generous part time benefits including paid time off including holidays. Please send resume to Carissa Conway, WFC, 169 Colony St., Meriden, CT



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Please return to: Meriden Rotary, PO Box 773 Meriden, CT 06450 **by Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
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