

GIVE US YOUR 21-39 YEAR OLDS: LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OF MERIDEN & WALLINGFORD



The Midstate Chamber has been awarded a grant from the James H. Napier Foundation to help fund our 2018-2019 Leadership Meriden Wallingford program. This is an eight-part series of half days designed to foster leadership and to develop the next generation of leaders in our businesses and in our community.

The series will be modeled after our previously successful LGM series and will include meetings with a variety of business and community leaders. We believe that both of the similarities and the contrasts of Meriden and Wallingford will demonstrate many different leadership challenges, opportunities and styles.

The main "textbook" will be "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C. Maxwell. Other elements from the Maxwell series will be used to complement the program materials.

Participation in this program will be limited to only 15 participants. If you know of an individual or organization who may benefit from this program, call Sean Moore at the Midstate Chamber today. We will kick off the first session in January 2019.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES IN MERIDEN

Meriden has three designed opportunity zones that include census tracts 1701, 1702 and 1709. This area includes much of our TOD district and several areas poised for redevelopment including 116 Cook Ave and 1 King Place. The designation has the potential to allow developers to defer capital gains taxes for qualified investments located in the



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opportunity zone. This could be an important incentive for private investors and developers that make equity investments, rehabilitate properties, and bring new commercial activity to downtown Meriden. For more information about investment opportunities inside the opportunity zone, please contact the City of Meriden Economic Development Department at 203.630.4152.

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Check Out ALL Flyers Inside Including: **** **BAH & RIBBON CUTTING 10/23** we'll get you connected

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

THANKS FOR VOTING FOR US & FOR EACH **OTHER IN THE READERS CHOICE** t-lournal **AWARDS!** READERS

On behalf of the Board and Staff at the Midstate Chamber, I'd like to thank you all for voting for the Midstate Chamber of Commerce in the Record-Journal Readers' Choice Awards contest. It was also great to see so many of our fellow Chamber members nominated as well...and thanks on their behalf too for your votes. It's always important for members to support each other. The contest wraps up with an event on October 10th at the Aqua Turf Club (also a Chamber member) with all of the nominees in

attendance. We are looking forward to the event on the 10th...and we'll let you know how we did!

SAVE THE DATE: Wed., Nov. 14 - 2nd Annual 4Chamber BAH at RJ Media Group! See inside for details. LOTS OF WHAT WE DO FOR MEMBERS IS LINKING YOU ...

NEWS: http://www.midstatechamber.com/News RESOURCES: http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT INSIGHT MAGAZINE AD SALES & PRODUCTION DATES

Séan W. Moore We are rolling along with the 2019 Edition of Insight Magazine, affectionately called "The Chamber Book", and we will be approaching the advertising deadline at the end

of this month. We will need your ad copy so we can get the publication to the printer in a timely manner. We print well over 2,000 copies each year and they literally **fly out of our office into our communities.** Many keep them at their desks for quick reference or on a coffee table in their lobbies for visitors to see that they are proud Midstate Chamber members and supporters.



In addition, the PDF version of InSight

magazine is frequently downloaded from the home page of our website at www.midstatechamber.com...or for a really quick reference, you can type or click www.TheChamberBook.com for your own file. Many people actually prefer the electronic version as they can either easily flip through the pages or quickly search (CTRL + F) the entire magazine for businesses and resources that they seek.

Consider stepping up your visibility with an ad in the Insight Magazine. Call us at 203.235.7901.



WE REALLY WANT TO SEE YOU SO COME JOIN US!

One of the most important features of Chamber membership is the connection to other Chamber members so please consider this note as your personal invitation to come on out and attend our upcoming Business After Hours and Ribbon Cuttings. Both events are FREE and all key employees in your organization are welcomed to attend. They are great ways to see other businesses and to meet their staff.

The attendees generally are a diverse group of business and community leaders. Certainly it's social but a lot of business cards do get exchanged and follow up appointments are established and confirmed. Remember: People do business with people they know, like and trust. Take the first step and come on out so your fellow chamber members can get to know you. Look for specific event details on the Chamber's NEW website at www. midstatechamber.com. You can even RSVP there too!

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Who's excited for Autumn, I know that I am! With the changing of the season comes new opportunity. What I love most about the Midstate Chamber Commerce are all the opportunities that they



Nate Bottone

provide for us. Have you checked out a Business After Hours or a workshop yet? This month is packed with some exciting ways to help us grow.

One class, that every Entrepreneur should sign up for, is Ready, Set, Go, a Small Business Entrepreneurship workshop series presented by the Small Business Administration. The first class in the three part series is being held at the Chamber offices on October 17th. This workshop will provide you with the tools to stay afloat in this ever changing economy. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Have you checked out our new Website? It is so easy to navigate and provides endless information about upcoming events, resources and member information. The website also has information about the date and time of the next Business After Hours gathering or when a workshop is being held and you can register right there too.

I especially 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/





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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. Ph: 203.235.7901 Fx: 203.686.0172 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.



'MOORE'' UPDATES FROM THE PRESIDENT!

Séan W Moore

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WE HAVE A SOLUTION TO A TIGHT JOB MARKET

You can find the talent that you need at the lob Fair at Westfield Mall on October 25, 2018. We have 25 employers and

resources already registered



with 3 weeks to go! (Our June Job Fair had 25 so we're way ahead.) It will be an awesome location and we will be doing extra outreach to get the job seekers to the event. (Last fair we had more than 300 registered job seekers!) This is a regional job fair with a variety if employers from all over central Connecticut and beyond. Some may be seasonal positions but we anticipate that most will be long-term full-time positions.

There is always room to participate as an Employer or a Resource so call the Chamber today for details. You can also visit www.midstatechamber.com/meriden-career-fair to see who else is looking for workers.

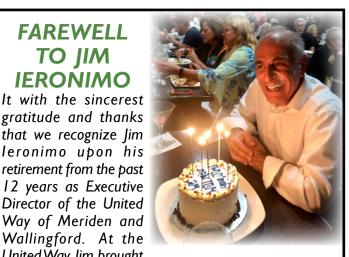
Job Seekers can pre-register at https://events.r20. constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efpod yr8b182ecaa&oseq=&c=&ch=



CEDF "SMALL " **BUSINESS AS USUAL** PODCAST WITH CHAMBER PRESIDENT

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. The direct com/chalkboard/small-business-as-usual-episode-18-8 but be sure to click on any of the other episodes' as well.





United Way, Jim brought focus, direction, foresight and a unification of all of the agencies and donors of Meriden and Wallingford.

Prior to the United Way, Jim was with the Meriden Board of Education in the Adult and Continuing Ed division. With this work experience, Jim brought a broad perspective to the Midstate Chamber's Education Committee as Chairman for many years and to the Chamber's Board of Directors serving a term as well. We'd like to also thank lim for his service to the Chamber.

lim was also extremely active with the Workforce Alliance, our 35 town regional workforce development board, as a Board Member, Executive Committee Member and chairman of the Youth Council. From early learning through school systems and through workforce training, Jim was a strong advocate for business education and training. Thanks lim.

And for some of us, Jim was our English teacher way back in high school. Through lim, we understood that words matter. Jim has always been and remains an outstanding communicator. Jim often spoke of ONE United Way Community. When Jim speaks of the ONE United Way Community of Meriden and Wallingford, he is making a broad statement that we can do significantly more together. And he and we have demonstrated that over the 12 years that Jim served as Executive Director.

We wish Jim all the best in his future bi-coastal plans and hope he comes by to visit with us often.

Call 203.235.7901 to REGISTER NOW Share - OPEN TO ALL!!!!

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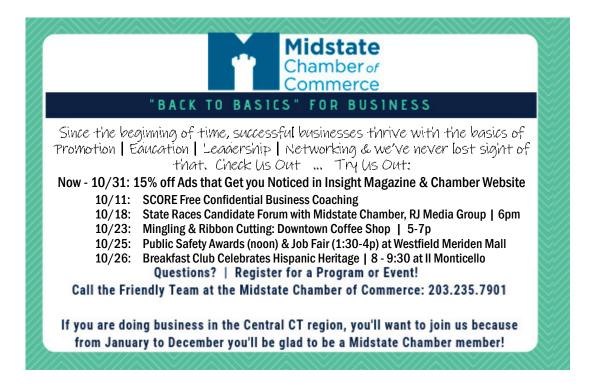
Grand Opening Business After Hours Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, October 23rd | 5-7 pm Downtown Coffee Shop 33 West Main St., Meriden

ALL are invited to this celebration. Enjoy tasty samples while mingling with the owner and fellow chamber members. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony will take place by 5:30 pm followed by more networking and refreshments until 7 pm.

For more information or to RSVP, please call the Chamber at 203.235.7901 <u>info@midstatechamber.com</u>









STAND OUT in the MAGAZINE & NEW WEB SITE! (pg 1 of 2)

Midstate Not 1 ... Not 2 ... But 3 Ways to Chamber of SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS: Commerce

1. Web Ad on our NEW mobile-enabled website

2. Print Ad in the "MOST-USED" Guide in the Area

3. OH, by the way, you can get *both* for UNDER \$500 (that's for a whole year ~ not a month) - and save 10%

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DEADLINE IS

Option 1: Website Digital Ad Only

TOP REASONS TO BE ON MIDSTATECHAMBER.COM:

- * Its NEW UPGRADES make it mobile-friendly for Residents, Visitors & Those Doing Business in the Region
- * Current ads average 9,000 VIEWS / MONTH driving MORE TRAFFIC to YOUR site!
- * Increase YOUR VISIBILITY on the web & GET Your FAIR SHARE of the Internet Market
- * Your Ad CAN be CHANGED seasonally/monthly

Option 2: InSight Magazine Print Ad Only

TOP REASONS TO BE IN THE MAGAZINE:

- * It's THE GO-TO Resource for Residents, Visitors & Those Doing Business in the Region
- *It's the Official Who's Who Business Guide & Membership Directory of the Midstate Chamber

*Full Color Ads - 5,000 Copies (print & digital)

*Quick Reference Guide: Berlin | Meriden | Wallingford

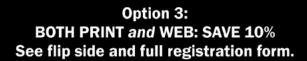
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Example of Homepage or Interior Page: Actually 340 pixels wide x 340 pixels high





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STAND OUT in the MAGAZINE & NEW WEB SITE! (pg 2 of 2)

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS ON THIS FORM AND REMIT ASAP TO HOLD YOUR SPACE!

Payment and ad copy deadline is 9/30/18

Option 1: Website Digital Ad

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Homepage Feature*	950	340 wide x 340 tall
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Footer All Pages*	200	600 wide x 200 tal

* All website ads appear in rotation in the desired section

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Quarter Page H	3		725
Third Page H or V	4		925
Half Page	6		1,275
Two Thirds Page	8		1,675
Full Page	12		2,475
Full Covers	12		2,995

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Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 5p - 7p

Record-Journal - 500 South Broad Street, Meriden, CT Enjoy cocktails, heavy appetizers, gift bags, exciting prizes and more!



RSVP by October 10, 2018 by clicking this link: <u>www.myrecordjournal.com/4chambers</u>

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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.

WHEN	8:00AM OCTOBER 23, 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 or 203.235.7901







Employers looking to hire can find the talent on

Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the 2018 Job, Employment and Career Fair at Westfield Meriden Mall, 470 Lewis Ave., Meriden, CT

Our previous Job Fair in June 2018 was amazingly SUCCESSFUL and attracted <u>over 300 registered job seekers</u> with a variety of talents. All exhibiting employers were very pleased and now we're hosting a pre-holiday and pre-New Year job fair at Westfield Meriden Mall. Start 2019 off right with the human resources that your company requires.

This event is also happening on the same day as the 2019 Public Safety Awards program at the mall so there should be additional persons of interest on site as well. The Award program runs from Noon until 1:00 p.m.



Westfield Meriden Mall will be transformed into an employment networking space from 1:30 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. and feature 25 employers or more.

The job fair is co-hosted by Workforce Alliance, the American Job Center, the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, Westfield Property Group Meriden and the Record-Journal Media Group.

This is one of a series of job fairs held in South Central Connecticut to bring together jobseekers and employers in the region. Workforce Alliance runs four American Job Centers in New Haven and Middlesex Counties...including the one right at 85 West Main St., Meriden CT.

Jobseekers can get more information at the American Job Centers in Meriden, New Haven, Middletown or Hamden, or visit <u>www.workforcealliance.biz/business-services/recruiting-hiring</u>.

Additional Employer and Job Seeker resources will be onsite during the Job Fair including the Business Services Unit of the Workforce Alliance and a photographer to take LinkedIn profile photos.

Employers can register through the Midstate Chamber of Commerce at (203) 235-7901, email <u>info@midstatechamber.com</u> or contact the Workforce Alliance at (203) 867-4030 x 254.



Employers can also visit <u>http://www.midstatechamber.com/meriden-career-fair/</u> for more details and to see which other businesses are participating!

SAVE THE DATE OF OCTOBER 25, 2018 and REGISTER TODAY!





Application for the **2018 Job, Employment and Career Fair** on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Westfield Meriden Mall, 470 Lewis Ave., Meriden, CT 06451

Exhibiting Company Information: Please print clearly

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Visit www.midstatechamber.com or www.midstatechamber.com/Content/JobFair2018.asp for more details



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!

NEW EMBERS

Downtown Coffee Shop: 33 West Main Street ~ Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203-237-0143. "Tina" Kuitima Dalipovski is the owner of the shop. Check out their facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/downtowncoffeeshop33/. The downtown eatery has a cozy atmosphere, friendly staff, terrific coffee, including seasonal flavors, soft drinks and a variety of sandwiches, wraps and paninnis, soups and specials. They are open Monday - Friday from 7am - 5pm. AND, Saturday's and Sunday's from 8am - 2pm!

Stop in soon to welcome Tina and wish her the best. She invites everyone to a Midstate Chamber Business After Hours Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Celebration on Tuesday, October 23 from 5-7 pm where you can get a chance to sample some of her items. But don't wait, stop in before that!



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 FREE BANNER AD FOR 6 Months on our NEW WEBSITE!

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** for the most up-to-date listing of members in good standing!

AT & T- External Affairs Automotive Core Recycling LLC Avanti Restaurant & Pizza **B & L Financial Architets** R.J. Carabetta & Company, PC Child Guidance Clinic For Central CT, Inc. **Clean Homes by Valerie LLC Cornerstone Fence & Ornamental Gate LLC Country Flower Farms** Dental Group of Meriden-Wallingford G.T. Silver City Tire Co., Inc. Gaylord Specialty Healthcare General Technology Group Inc. H & R Block Higher Movement, LLC Horton Insurance Services LLC Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc. Ion Bank **Jonal Laboratories Incorporated** Juan M. Jose, D.D.S., P.C Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc. Little John's Moving & Storage, Inc. Luby, Olson P.C. Meriden Manufacturing Inc. Meriden Public Library Middlesex Community College MidState Radiology Associates, Inc. Mount Hebron Baptist Church Regency House of Wallingford, Inc. Roman Oil Co. Inc. Suzio Insurance Center, Inc. Suzio York Hill Companies Tuxis-Ohr's Fuel Inc. Verdolini's Transmission Service, Inc. Wallingford Buick GMC

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

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS:

Mark your calendars, iPhones, Droids, etc. with these event dates. **1** = Chamber or Business event; **2** = Community event. More details and RSVP information for these events may be found on www.midstatechamber.com! Chamber event RSVP line: 203.235.7901



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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

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

🟴 Sat, Oct 6 8:00 am: Meriden Farmers' Market held at Meriden Green EVERY SATURDAY!
📁 Sat, Oct 6 10:00 am: Groovy Tie Dye Event held at Lufberry Park, 10 Cheshire Road – Wallingford
🟓 Sat, Oct. 7- Sun, Oct. 7 11:00 am: CELEBRATE Wallingford – visit http://www.celebratewallingford.com/index.php
🟓 Sat, Oct 6 12:00 pm: Local and Northeast Authors Meet and Greet Book Signing held at HUBCAP Wallingford
🟓 Tue, Oct 9 6:30 pm: AAC Recovery Allies Group! held at Middlesex Community College, ROOM 808A
Thu, Oct 11 9:00 am: SCORE - Counseling Sessions for Businesses held at Chamber of Commerce. 203.235.7901
Fri, Oct 12 8:00 am: Coalition on Housing & Homelessness Presents 2018 Candidates Breakfast at Meriden Public Library
📕 Sat, Oct 13 2018 Eversource Hartford Marathon!
📕 Sat, Oct 13 9:00 am: ARC Run 2018 held at The ARC
📕 Sat, Oct 13 12:00 pm: 94th ANNUAL FALL ART SHOW OPENING at Gallery 53 held at Gallery 53
Tue, Oct 16 8:15 am: REALTOR BREAKFAST: OPIOIDS 101, Meriden Dept. of Health & Human Svcs., 2nd floor - see flyer
Wed, Oct 17 5:30 pm: Session 1: "Ready, Set, Go!" Small Business / Entrepreneurship Workshop Series at Midstate Cham-
ber of Commerce - see flyer - OPEN TO ALL!
Thu, Oct 18 6:00 pm: State Races Candidate Debate held at Washington Middle School - see flyer!
Fri, Oct 19 7:00 pm: Meet the REAL Ghostbusters! The Library Wine Bar & Bistro; \$30pp - call 203-774-5002.
Past, Oct 20 9:00 am: Airport Fly-In Festival held at Meriden Markham Municipal Airport - FUN, FREE community event!
📕 Sun, Oct 21 10:00 am: 1st Annual Gala Breakfast & Silent Art Auction & Raffle held at MASONICARE ASHLAR ASHLAR VILLAGE
Tue, Oct 23 8:00 am: <i>Take Control of Health Insurance Costs</i> Bongiovanni Ins. & Fin. Four Points by Sheraton. See inside!
Tue, Oct 23 5:00 pm: Business After Hours & Ribbon Cutting at Downtown Coffee Shop! See info inside!
Tue, Oct 23 6:30 pm: AAC Recovery Allies Group! held at Middlesex Community College, ROOM 808A
Wed, Oct 24 5:30 pm: Session 2: "Ready, Set, Go!" Small Business / Entrepreneurship Workshop Series at Chamber
Thu, Thu, Oct 25 12:00 pm: Meriden Public Safety Awards Program held at Westfield Meriden Mall Center Court
Thu, Oct 25 1:30 pm: ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS - Come to the Job Fair at the Westfield Meriden Mall - all industries!
Fri, Oct 26 8:00 am: Chamber Breakfast Celebrates Hispanic Heritage at Il Monticello - see flyer!
Sat, Oct 27 8:30 am: TriCircle, Inc. Symposium for Guardians & Loved Ones Impacted by Addiction held at Brooker Building a
Gaylord Specialty Healthcare
Sat, Oct 27 9:00 am: FIRST ANNUAL TECH-O-TREAT held at H. C. Wilcox Technical High School, Oregon Rd, Meriden
🟓 Mon, Oct 29 4:00 pm: The Assisted Technology Training Center of CT Open House, 290 Pratt St., Meriden

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MEMBER UPDATES



This QR code in the upper right corner also brings you right out to our member news section of the website where you

can view FULL news articles by submission date OR by member. Just SCAN and CLICK!

Find ALL of our members' news online:

http://www.midstatechamber.com/News

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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

ASG Information Tecnologies: The #1 threat to your security is YOU! And your employees. Like it or not, human beings are our own worst enemies online, inviting hackers, viruses, data breaches, data loss, etc., through the seemingly innocent actions taken every day online. In most cases, this is done without malicious intent -



but if you as a manager or owner aren't monitoring what websites your employees are visiting, what files they're sending and receiving, and even what they're posting in company e-mail, you could be opening yourself up to a world of hurt. **Read More...**

Bongiovanni Insurance and Financial is excited to

welcome Nikki Bongiovanni Grillo as our Corporate Health and Wellness Coordinator. With the growing trends in health care and the increased focus of wellness in the workplace, it was the perfect time to expand and provide more health and wellness support for our clients. Nikki is spear heading the department and taking on the initiative to improve the health of current and



future clients. She will be working directly with employers to customize programs to best fit their needs, improve the lives of their employees, and improve the cost of insurance. Nikki is a former Olympic level gymnast who spent several years on the US National Gymnastics Team and went on to finish her career as an NCAA division I scholarship athlete at the Pennsylvania State University. For over a decade, Nikki has dedicated herself to changing the lives of hundreds through her expertise in personal training, nutritional coaching, and mind set development. Nikki is a top ranked competitive Fitness Professional and the runner up Ms. Fitness Universe. She has utilized her experiences as an elite athlete and coach to help guide others to overcome fears, believe in themselves, and design balanced, healthy lifestyles. We are so excited to add Nikki's expertise and guidance to our list of services for our clients

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Diversified Physical Therapy LLC - Crystal Bowl Meditation- Friday October 5th at 5:30pm. Join Michelle for an hour of meditation and relaxation. This month we will be focusing on entering a deep state of relaxation. The soothing tones of crystal bowls help you get into a deep state of relaxation. There are many benefits of meditation. Call or email to register: \$20 with registration, \$15 if you bring a new friend and \$25 at the door. Call 203-630-3939 for more information. If you would like to come to all the meditations in the series from September to June (10 sessions, once per month) you can pay \$125 and attend all! Weekly ongoing classes: Core Stability - Mondays_at 6:15pm. | InnerGarden Yoga- Wednesdays at 7pm. | Therapeutic Massage | DPT Gym- For only \$25 per month you can use the equipment at DPT anytime the office is open, as often as you like. We have a treadmill, recumbent bike, lifecycle, total gym, free weights, therabands, ankle weights, foam roller, Bosu and balls of all weights and sizes. Pay per month with no extra fees and no commitment. Friendly atmosphere! Call for more information 203-630-3939. DPT Mart- We have a variety of items for sale including Biofreeze, microwave hot packs, theraband, foam rollers, exercise balls, Squatty Potty, stretching straps, Slippery Stuff and more! Stop in to DPT and check out our supplies. Our prices are better than on Amazon! "Like" us on Facebook for special offers, updates, sales, newsletters, tips and more. Check out the calendar on our website to find more information. http://www.diversifiedpt.com/calendar.aspx



Seasons Federal Credit Union - Meriden | Hundreds of children at Connecticut Children's Medical Center



will receive toys through the year thanks to Seasons FCU. Seasons FCU members and employees donated hundreds of toys after hearing in the news the supply of toys given to patients is running low. During the month of August, Seasons FCU was able to fulfill this need with a successful membership toy drive. Members were invited to drop off new toys and games in the branch. Donated items will be used throughout the year as gifts to individual patients in various age groups. At the hospital, they give kids new toys to help them with the recovery process after surgery or a medical procedure. "We believe in the importance of giving back to the tremendous communities we serve," said Keith Wiemert, President/ CEO of Seasons Federal Credit Union. "We are extremely grateful for the generosity, efforts and contributions from both our members and our employees to help patients and their families at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. It's a true demonstration of people working together as a community."

TriCircle, Inc. - 2nd Friday of Every Month - Monthly Setback Tournament - Center Street Luncheonette, 18 Center Street, Wallingford, CT 06492. Doors open at 5:00pm, first game starts at 6:30pm. Proceeds go toward support-



ing TriCircle, Inc. Hope & Support Groups. \$20.00 buyin. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Q's? Contact Ana: (203) 213-0329 or ana@tricircleinc. com.

Horace C. Wilcox Technical High School - Fellow Chamber member, Wilcox Tech was recently featured on a new segment on WTNH Channel 8, "What's Right With Schools." The segment featured the Culilnary Program at Wilcox Tech and the Silver City Bistro! Check out this link to see what our students and future leaders are up to: http://www.wtnh.com/on-air/whatsright-with-schools/what-s-right-with-schools-culinarycurriculum-at-h-c-wilcox-technical/1461998334



The Silver City Bistro, located inside Wilcox Tech on Oregon Rd., Meriden is open to the public daily. It opens at 10:45 a.m. and orders must be placed by noon. The Bistro is open until 12:30 p.m. The telephone number is 203-317-5887.







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Pascarella Accounting Group, LLC - Outsourcing makes sense when it saves you money, saves you time, or provides expertise you lack. Outsourcing payroll hits all three of those criteria for many business owners. Payroll is one function most business owners are happy to outsource or hire someone else to handle. Unless you're a bookkeeper or accountant, you probably didn't start your business because you like cutting paychecks and filing payroll taxes.

Managing your payroll is complicated, time consuming, and the penalties for paying taxes late or making filing mistakes are harsh. It involves a lot more than just writing out a few checks. There are deductions for retirement plans, benefits, and garnishments to manage. There is withholding for federal, state, and local taxes. There are forms to file and payments to make according



to strict deadlines.There are monthly, quarterly, and year-end reports to file.W2s and 1099s have to be distributed to employees and contractors.

Every hour you spend administering your payroll is one less hour you can spend on activities that generate revenue. For that reason, outsourcing functions like payroll that aren't part of your core business is often a smart move, but it isn't always so cut and dried. You have to figure out how much it will cost you to outsource or hire someone and whether the cost is worth it in terms of time, money, and aggravation saved. However, you need to do your homework before you decide which payroll provider will work for you. One of the most frequent complaints about the big payroll providers is poor customer service.

If you're expecting immediate support whenever you have a question, you might be in for a let-down. Customers often complain about waiting on hold and slow turnaround times on support requests. Personal service, such as a dedicated account rep familiar with your account, is not likely either. These are not small local outfits you can call anytime or visit to go over your questions in person.

So, before you choose a payroll provider, give us a call and we will answer any questions you might have. One thing is for sure: we enjoy talking to our clients and provide an outstanding service, so, you will never have to wait "in line" and if your call is missed, it will be returned within minutes. That's our promise!

Antonio Pascarella, MBA, Enrolled Agent, Notary Public - Principal of Pascarella Accounting Group, LLC -CEO of PAG Payroll Solutions, LLC - 48 South Broad Terrace, Meriden, CT 06450 - Phone: (203) 235-1341 | Fax: (203) 235-1342 - apascarella@apaccountinggroup.com

Pennrose Properties, LLC - Chamber representatives recently had a tour of Meriden's newest apartment building called "Meriden Commons" at 161 State Street and it is absolutely beautiful. Meriden Commons (MC), featuring both affordable and market rate units, is currently offering a preferred employer incentive program by offering employees \$100 off their first month's rent. MC would like to add local companies that are members of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce to their list of preferred partners! MC is striving to service more Meriden locals within the area. If you are interested, email Angela Holley, Penrose Properties Leasing Agent, at aholley@pennrose.com or call the Meriden Commons leasing office at (203)-443-1313.



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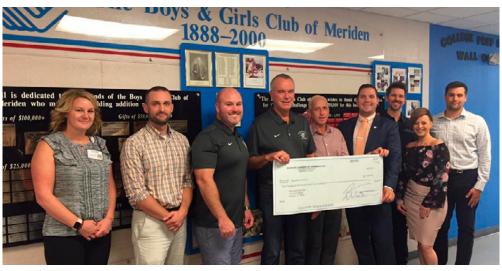
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