



PROPOSED USDOL WILL DO SIGNIFICANT HARM TO BUSINESSES

The US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (USDOL) Wage and Hour Division is proposing significant changes to the way business would be done by “Defining and Delimiting (the Overtime Wage) Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees.” USDOL wants to dictate more of which employees are subject to overtime pay...which will ultimately increase your cost of doing business. The change will cause many of your exempt supervisors and managers to be reclassified at non-exempt. You, as the employer, would start paying overtime at a rate of time and 1/2 to these previously salaried employees. These new proposed rulings are scheduled to go into effect in June of 2016 and we at the Chamber have been working hard to SLOW THIS DOWN.

We understand that only a few of our members who are affiliated with large national associations (YMCA, National Hospitality Association) have actually heard of the proposed rule change but in fact MOST businesses have not! This makes it impossible for business to submit comments when they don't know what's coming.

Our goal is to cause USDOL to look at how business is actually done in 2016 and make more appropriate changes that are more in line with how modern business really works. Our chamber formed an ad hoc committee (the participating committee members may be found on our home page) and have worked out a position paper on behalf of our entire membership. This was completed on August 27, 2015 and approved by the Chamber's Executive Committee for distribution. We submitted our formal comments to the USDOL on August 29, 2015. You can visit www.midstatechamber.com and from the home page, you can download the PDF of the full text of Midstate Chamber letter. In addition, there is also a link to the proposed regulation so you can get all of the details.

We also hope that you would **find the time and consider offering your own comments to USDOL**. This can be in the form of a short paragraph or two, in your own words, about specifically how this proposed ruling will significantly increase your cost of doing business. **Please note that the comment period is only available until September 4, 2015 so please do not delay.** Thank you.

CITIES, TOWNS AND A REGION IN TRANSITION: “NECESSARY INTERRUPTIONS”

We are entering a period of “necessary interruptions”. We anticipate that they will be relatively short lived and literally pave the way for even more economic development activity in the center of Connecticut. But they are real NOW. We intend to keep our members informed and involved as these changes occur so you can adjust accordingly.

- Please be aware that while Meriden does in fact have the required double tracks, the communities of Berlin, Wallingford and many areas north of Hartford do not have double tracking and it is necessary for the increased level of commuter service that is schedule to happen at the end of next year. In order to facilitate and expedite the double tracking project, the Northeast Regional and Vermonter Services between New Haven and Springfield will be temporarily replaced with shuttle bus service. As the busses travelling this corridor are not able to travel on a dedicated track, like, www.ctfastrak.com, travel times will be increased. For a complete (and ever changing) schedule of shuttle bus service, visit www.nhshrail.com for the most current schedule.

- Yes, downtown Meriden is ALIVE with trucks, heavy machinery & equipment, street closures, detours and parking issues. There is a lot of concrete pouring in our fair city. *Please allow some extra time when planning to visit to the Chamber office, Social Security, the Police Station, Courthouse or virtually any Chamber member business or location on State, Pratt, Colony, East or West Main Streets.*

- The Meriden HUB site is looking great. Water is beginning to flow in the daylighted brook and the signature pedestrian bridge construction has begun. Sidewalks are being poured, irrigation is in place and electrical as well. If you get a chance, do stop by the Chamber office and get a spectacular third floor view overlooking the activity as it is happening now!

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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>
- CALENDAR: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>
- RESOURCES: <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Resources>
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- NEWSLETTERS: <http://www.thechambernewsletter.com>
- 2015-16 CHAMBER BOOK: <http://www.thechamberbook.com>



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

CHAMBER HOSTS DELEGATION AND THE USEPA

Séan W. Moore



On the morning of August 28, the Midstate Chamber was pleased to host a visit from US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Regional Administrator Curt Spaulding as well as Senators Blumenthal & Murphy, Congresswoman Esty, City staff, local politicians and other invited guests. Deputy Mayor Bob Williams was presented with the "big check" for \$200,000 in grant funds to complete key tasks aimed at advancing the community revitalization plans.

Tasks to be completed include Community Engagement, Phase I/II/III Environmental Site Assessments, Site Reuse Planning and Project Management.

Key areas of focus includes the investigation of Brownfield sites located in the Transit Oriented Development District and Choice Neighborhoods area, however citywide sites can also be assessed as needs arise.

As you may know, the grant process is highly competitive and is also a "blind" application process as well. Meriden scored high as there has been a solid history with the USEPA of utilizing these investments wisely. Congratulations.

MERIDEN MID-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our Midstate Chamber Board Member and City Economic Development Director Juliet Burdelski recently published a report titled "City of Meriden Office of Economic Development August 2015 mid-year Highlights". This 5 page report details a lot of activity happening all over the City of Meriden.

Highlights include Chamber members **JD Byrider, Boscov's at Meriden Westfield Mall, Moran's TV and Appliances, Comfort Inn, Jersey Mike's, Accel International, Jonal Laboratories, Protein Sciences Corporation, Eben-Ezer Restaurant, Nina's Café, United Laundry, El Condado Grill Restaurant, Shield Driving School, Valentin Karate and more!**

You can download the complete report from the Chamber's website home page!



For all of your needs visit our members at www.midstatechamber.com

WHO'S WHO AND PEOPLE TO KNOW

It has been said that The Midstate Chamber is the BEST WAY to make connections within the communities of central Connecticut. In this section we keep you - our members - updated on area leaders in business and community.

MEET NEW DIRECTOR OF CEDF, JIM S. BZDYRA



Jim S. Bzdyra

The Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce it has named James S. Bzdyra, President and CEO of the organization. Mr. Bzdyra succeeds Donna Wertenbach who has held the position since 1998. Jim Bzdyra joins CEDF from First Niagara Bank and its predecessor banks (NewAlliance and New Haven Savings), where he served for 18 years, most recently as Senior Vice President, Market Executive, managing commercial and industrial (C&I) lending in

Connecticut. "I've been involved with CEDF for many years and I am thrilled to assume the leadership role as President and CEO. I look forward to carrying on the organization's important mission while continuing to grow the organization," said Jim. Throughout his career, he has spent much time lending to and developing relationships with small businesses throughout the state. He has a thorough understanding of the needs of Connecticut's low to moderate income small business owners and looks forward to meeting those needs. "I am excited by the forthcoming opportunities to help make a real difference for small businesses in Connecticut, stated Mr. Bzdyra." Alta Lash, CEDF Foundation Board Chairman stated, "We are delighted that Jim has accepted the leadership position at CEDF and we look forward to working with him in his new role." "In order to assure a smooth transition, Donna Wertenbach has agreed to assist in the transition until February 2016." Jim has served on numerous boards throughout his career. A Connecticut native, Jim graduated from The University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and then earned his Master of Business Administration at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He resides in Glastonbury with his wife, Heidi. Together they have two grown children, a daughter residing in Boston and a son in college. CEDF is a non-profit business development organization serving low-to-moderate income small business owners in Connecticut. Its holistic service approach provides startups and existing small business owners who cannot obtain traditional bank financing, with access to capital, education, business advice and resources all in one place for them to realize their dreams and achieve their success.



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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 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! 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. Just SCAN and CLICK! **RSVP NOW for the highlighted chamber events below - just click and enter your info!**

- M** **Midstate Chamber Summer Membership Campaign** runs through the end of September - Help us GROW! Sign a new member and get great promotion for YOU, YOUR BUSINESS and the NEW MEMBER!
- M** Mon, Sep 7: Chamber will be closed in observation of Labor Day.
- C** Wed, Sep 9: United Way Day of Caring. For more information or to register as a volunteer call 203.235.4403.
- M** Thu, Sep 10, 8:00 am: Middletown Step Up Conference will be held at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Chapman Hall, 2nd Fl., Middletown. For more info call 860-263-6731.
- M** Thu, Sep 10, 9:00 am: **SCORE - Free, Confidential Counseling Sessions for Businesses** will be held at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. Please call to reserve your session.
- C** Thu, Sep 10, 2:00 pm: Boscov's Job Fair at Westfield Meriden Mall, 470 Lewis Ave., Meriden. Lower Level - Macy's wing.
- M** Thu, Sep 10, 5:00 pm: **Business After Hours-2015-2016 United Way of Meriden & Wallingford Campaign Kick-Off** will be held at SCOW. See enclosed flyer. Don't miss this amazing event!
- M** Wed, Sep 16, 7:30 am: **Multi-Chamber Business BEFORE HOURS at HUBCAP Wallingford**. See enclosed flyer.
- M** Fri, Sep 18, 7:00 pm: **Funny Business - A Midstate Chamber Comedy Night** will be held at PNA Park. See enclosed flyer.
- M** Fri, Sep 25, 7:30 am: **Breakfast Club Celebrates with CT DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith at the Villa Capri**. See enclosed flyer.
- M** Mon, Sep 28, 6:30 pm: **Meriden Mayoral and City Council Candidate Debate** will be held at Washington Middle School.
- M** Tue, Sep 29, 5:00 pm: **Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Celebration at Valentin Karate**, 75 S. Colony St., Meriden.

These are some of our KEY events - for even more business and community events and updates visit... <http://www.midstatechamber.com/Calendar>

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, connections and more!

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

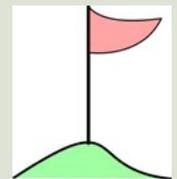


MEMBER GOLF TOURNEYS

Thu, Sep 3 - 25th Annual Boys & Girls Club of Meriden Alumni Association Golf Tournament & Picnic will take place at Hunters Golf Course, Westfield Rd., Meriden. For more information, call Lou Corte at 203.213.1549 or Larry McGoldrick at 203.235.8185.

Tue, Sep 15 - Hunter's Ambulance 26th Annual Golf Classic will be held at The Farms Country Club. For more info call 203.514.5180.

Tue, Sep 15 - EANE/MAC Golf Tournament at Country Club of Waterbury. For more information contact Don Marold at MAC/EANE at 203.596.1900.



Please remember to always check the business and community calendars at www.midstatechamber.com for additions and updates! And, LIKE us on FACEBOOK and FOLLOW us on TWITTER: @MidstateCoC



BREAKFAST CLUB TV

The Chamber's Breakfast program is NOW AIRING on Cox Public Access #15 - Frontier: #99 on Mondays at 9:00 p.m. Check the chamber website for details and get your popcorn ready!

Find event photos at: www.midstatechamber.com



MEMBER RENEWALS...

We *recognize and thank* our members who have joined or renewed their investment in the Midstate Chamber within the last month. Be sure to visit www.midstatechamber.com for the most up-to-date membership listing!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

24/7 Bail Bonds: 615 E. Main St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 860.250.7783. William Sobota is the primary contact.

Connoisseur Media Group: 102.9 The Whale, 440 Wheelers Farms Rd., Suite 302, Milford, CT 06461. The phone number is 203.783.8328. Rowena White is the primary contact. Connoisseur Media Group is the largest owner-operator of radio stations in Connecticut with great stations to do business with and listen to!

Higher Movement, LLC: 491 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.235.2630. Kirby Shields is the primary contact. Higher Movement, LLC offers classes in Dance, Zumba, and Self Defense. Thank you to Dana Hunter-Moyer from Hunter's Ambulance for inviting Kirby to join the Chamber!

Jersey Mike's: 533 S. Broad St., Meriden, CT 06450. The phone number is 203.886.0016. Bethany Seidel is the primary contact. Jersey Mike's makes high quality, authentic tasting submarine sandwiches using top quality premium brands certified Angus Beef and cheeses and the bread is baked on premises each day.

JLN Contracting: 510 Christian Lane, Unit C, Berlin, CT 06037. The phone number is 860.829.8820 and the fax number is 860.828.6230. Jack Neubieser is the primary contact. JLN Contracting offers a comprehensive approach to the planning, design and construction of any project you may be contemplating. Thank you to Team YBL for inviting JLN to join the Chamber!

Meriden Hubbard Park Pizza: 843 W. Main St., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.639.8941. Brian Berisha is the primary contact. Meriden Hubbard Park Pizza is a family owned restaurant business with quality cooks providing brick oven pizzas, home style dinners & lunches, wraps, salads, appetizers, stromboli's, calzones, and more. Thank you to Ron Nagy of Record-Journal Publishing Co. for inviting Brian to join the Chamber!

Vi's Pizza Restaurant: 1068 Old Colony Rd., Meriden, CT 06451. The phone number is 203.237.7700. Violet Afentoulides is the primary contact. Vi's Pizza Restaurant specializes in Greek & Italian homemade dishes and soups daily with free delivery for \$10 minimum order and they provide catering. Thank you to Lydia Heredia from the Community Health Center for inviting Violet to join the Chamber!

Wallingford Flower & Gift Shoppe: 190 Center St., Wallingford, CT 06492. The phone number is 203.265.1514 and the fax number is 203.284.4949. Sal Greco is the primary contact. Wallingford Flower & Gift Shoppe provides floral and event decorating for all occasions with the freshest flowers from around the world in stock at all times. Thank you to Ed Zavaski of Zavaski Insurance Agency for inviting Sal to join the Chamber!



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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!



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Alternative Healthcare Solutions LLC - Alternative Healthcare Solutions is proud to announce the addition of some new members of the Alternative Healthcare Solutions family. Join us in welcoming Massage Therapist Zoe Delancy, Naturopathic Physician Dr. Synthia Andrews, and Dr. Yvette M. Whitton to the team. With their expertise they've expanded their services to provide better care for patients. They now offer these services in addition to thermographic screenings and massage therapy: Naturopathic & Holistic Medicine, Classic Homeopathy, Acupuncture, Integrative Oncology. With the addition of these services we're happy to become a more comprehensive and inclusive healthcare clinic, helping our patients along every step of their life's journey. We're so excited about the progress we've made, and we're honored to have you with us. **As of August 1st, many of the services provided by Alternative Healthcare Solutions will be reimbursable and billable by our patients' health insurance providers. To learn more and see if you qualify, contact us at (203) 427-8803.** Alternative Healthcare Solutions is located at 1064 E. Main St., Suite 103, Meriden, CT 06450. Call us at (203) 427-8803 today to learn more and make an appointment for any of our services.

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Assisted Living Services is very pleased to announce that Christine O'Dell has joined our team as our new Scheduling Manager for Hourly Services. Christine has worked for many years as the Business Administrator for a large church congregation, has home care experience as a CNA, and clinical experience as an EMT. She is very enthusiastic to work in home care and dedicate herself to helping others. Christine can be reached at our main office located at 74 S. Broad St., Meriden, at 203-634-8668 or via email at Christine@assistedlivingct.com.

Boscov's is coming to Meriden! They plan to open in early October and are continuing to hold interview sessions for many and varied positions. Their hiring center is open Monday - Thursday from 10a - 6p; Friday from 10a - 1p and is located in the Macy's wing on the lower level of Westfield Meriden Mall, 470 Lewis Ave. Meriden. Many positions in all areas are available. **They will also be holding a special Job Fair on September 10th from 2-6 pm, especially for college students and recent graduates!**

CERC - Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. - A new quarterly survey designed to generate an ongoing measure of consumer confidence in the Connecticut economy has been launched by InformCT. The analysis addresses key economic issues such as overall confidence, reactions to housing prices, upscale consumer purchases, leisure to spending and current investments. Visit <https://www.cerc.com/Content/InformCT.asp> to view the results of Q1 survey now.

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Employers Association of the NorthEast - Effective July 2015, EANE welcomed The Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut (MAC) into the EANE family. MAC members benefit from EANE's comprehensive range of learning, services and solutions while EANE expands the depth and strength of our member base in Connecticut. MAC, as a division of EANE, will continue to function as the voice of manufacturing in Hartford through an agreement with lobbyists Gaffney Bennett & Associates. As part of EANE, MAC will also continue its efforts to save members money and provide price surety when purchasing electricity and natural gas. Employers Association of the NorthEast is located at 173 Interstate Lane, Waterbury, CT and they can be reached at 1-877-662-6444.

Ion Bank CONGRATULATIONS to the following employees of Ion Bank who have recently received promotions: **Kathleen A. McPadden** - Senior Vice President - Human Resources; - **Dawn D. Orsini** - Senior Vice President - Deposit Administration & Retail Delivery; **Nancy Fay** - Vice President - Consumer/Residential Loan Officer; **Stephanie Bliga** - Assistant Vice President - Alternative Services Delivery Manager; **Matthew Capristo** - Assistant Vice President - Solutions Architect Officer **Ann Hofmann** - Assistant Vice President - Deposit Administration; - **Allan V. Monteiro** - Assistant Vice President - Commercial Loan Officer.

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United Laundry, located at 72 Cook Ave. Meriden, is now open. They invite you to stop in, check out their new laundry facility. United Laundry offers wash/dry/fold service, pick up and delivery available, and they accept commercial accounts. Their washing machines range from 20 lb to 80 lbs and are clean and bright new machines. United Laundry is open everyday from 7 am to 9 pm, has plenty of parking and they accept credit cards..Any questions, please call 860-853-8591. TWO lucky folks recently won Mongoose Mountain Bikes by entering their grand opening drawing!

Westbrook Lobster Restaurant & Fish Market - has added a few new items to their Happy Hour Menu which was recently voted as one of the "Best Happy Hours" by the Hartford Courant's affiliate CTNow.com and also our Bar Bites menu. Come try our Fried Oyster Sliders, Buffalo Shrimp Sliders, Grilled Shrimp Tacos, and Grilled Chicken Tacos all available at reduced happy hour prices. Happy Hour is available everyday from 4-7pm and Sundays 12-7pm in our bar, lounge, and deck (300 Church Street, Wallingford).

Women and Families Center Open D.O.H.R. Employment Training Program is now offering enrollment for the Fall 2015 session of their Occupational Skills Training which include programs for: Certified Nurse Assistant, Computer Technician, Small Engine Repair & Technology, ServSafe Food Handler, and Customer Service & Sales/I-BEST (Adults interested in job training and obtaining GED/High School Diploma, no age limit.). All course materials are provided. CNA track includes Scrubs, Gait Belt, and Watch. Training Certificates provided upon completion of the program. Must be 17-24 years old. Program includes: Career/Education Counseling; Occupational Skills Certification; Basic Computer Application Classes; Job/Employment Skills Workshops; Paid/Unpaid Work Experience; Job Development & Placement Assistance; Math and Reading Tutoring Services. For more information and requirements, call 203.235.9297 ext. 128. Women and Families Center is located at 169 Colony St., Meriden. Some programs are offered off site and require transportation.



Member to Member Discounts:

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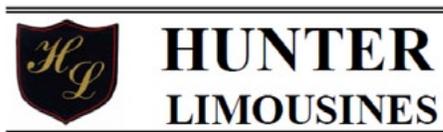
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Spanish Community of Wallingford, 284 Washington St., Wallingford

Event Sponsors



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Please RSVP to this event by calling the Chamber: 203-235-7901,
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BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS

A MORNING BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

Start Your Day Off Right by Making Great Business Connections at this Special Event held in conjunction with Cheshire, Hamden, Midstate, and Quinnipiac Chambers of Commerce

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 7:30—9:00 a.m.

Hubcap Wallingford, 128 Center Street, Wallingford



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- Meet colleagues from four area *Chambers of Commerce*:
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 - Explore *Wallingford Hubcap* and find out how your business can benefit from this community organization.

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Funny Business

Friday, September 18th

Polish National Alliance Park

17 North Plains Industrial Hwy., Wallingford

Doors open at 6pm ~ Show starts at 7pm

Featuring



**Host
Kevin Fitzgerald**

Leave business at the office: Take a break and come out for a relaxing, fun filled evening of laughs.



**Headliner
Linda Belt**

I'll have you rolling on the floor!!



**Feature
Rick Carino**

Laughter is good for the soul.

Advanced Ticket purchases encouraged. Cash Bar of Beer and Wine only.
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Cost is \$20 per person by Sept. 11th; \$25 per person after Sept. 11th

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FUNNY BUSINESS COMEDY NIGHT Sponsorship Opportunities

Table of 5 Sponsorship: \$150

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- Banner displayed at the event.

Table of 8 Sponsorship: \$240

- Reserved seating in front for 8
- Home Page Ad on the Chambers Website for 3 months (please provide)
- Banner displayed at the event.

About the Talent

Headliner Linda Belt

Linda is a native of New Jersey and moved to CT in 1987. She was a suburban pillar of the community attending PTO meetings and baseball games. Linda became tired of holding up that pillar and now holds her own as a professional stand-up comic. Linda's humor touches on the absurdities of modern life and explores marriage, sex, parenting and social mores, in other words: any subject she feels like discussing! Linda has performed throughout the US and Canada and has been featured in a number of comedy festivals and venues. As a full-time working comic, she can be found at various local & national venues, fundraisers, private and corporate events. Linda was profiled in the Hartford Courant, The Chicago Tribune and The New Jersey Star Ledger. She has appeared on Affiliates of NBC & ABC as well as PBS.

Feature Rick Carino

Rick is a product of a dysfunctional family. As a middle child, humor was his only way of being noticed. His comedy tackles a mix of self-depreciation and frustration with life as well as topics of growing up, parenting in the new world, and witty observations of the world around him. Rick has appeared at clubs locally and throughout the country and participated in various festivals. Additionally he can be seen organizing various fundraisers for animal rescues, scholarship programs and sports teams.

Host Kevin Fitzgerald

Kevin possesses the self-effacing bitterness only suburbia can inspire. As a Post-Colonial literary critic who ended having to teach High School English, Kevin is equally as comfortable deconstructing Apartheid as he is making fun of your kids. Besides performing at various comedy clubs throughout New York City, Kevin has also appears regularly at venues across New England. He has been featured in New York City's "StandUp 360 Comedy Festival" and "Solo Arts Festival." He is the site host for the online talent competition "Star on the Web", the winner of "The Next Big Thing" contest and a finalist in the "Make 'em Laugh" contest.

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The Breakfast Club Celebrates...

With DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith

Friday, September 25, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Villa Capri

906 North Colony Rd., Wallingford

The Midstate Chamber of Commerce of Commerce invites you to this breakfast as we welcome CT Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Catherine Smith. In April 2011, Governor Dannel Malloy appointed Catherine to lead this state agency that is responsible for attracting and retaining businesses and jobs, revitalizing neighborhoods and communities, and fostering appropriate development in Connecticut's towns and cities.



DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith

Program Format:

7:30—8:00 a.m. Arrival, Networking, & Great Breakfast Buffet

8:00—8:15 a.m. Announcements, Recognition 8:15—9:00 a.m. Presentation with Q & A

Company Name: _____

Name:

E-Mail:

Chamber Members:\$20 in advance;___ check enclosed Chamber Members:\$25 at the door (without a reservation) Members to be \$30. *Registration changes must be made 2 days prior to event to avoid charge*

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1 Breakfast Admission

3 Breakfast Admissions

Reserved table with 6 Breakfast Admissions

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Business Name Listing on event Web Page

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11 Breakfast Admissions including 1 Seat at the Head Table

Recognition from podium at Breakfast

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Recognition from podium at Breakfast

WEB AD on Chamber web site for 1 month

Up to 1 minute "commercial" at podium



Introduction of Guest Speaker

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