

## ECONOMIC SUMMIT & BUSINESS SURVEY

Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce will welcome economists Peter Gioia and Donald Klepper-Smith as the keynote speakers at our annual Economic Summit on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Torrington Country Club.

Over the last several weeks, CBIA and the Chamber have been conducting the 2018 survey of businesses. The leaders of Northwest Connecticut's business community were surveyed about their company's outlook, as well as finding and retaining the next generation of employees and making Connecticut economically competitive. The survey results will be reviewed and discussed at the summit.

The survey sponsors include: Torrington Savings Bank, Pequot Health Care, Chamber Insurance Trust, BantamWesson, Conquest, Dymax, HealthQuest, Litchfield Bancorp, Northwest Community Bank and O&G Industries. Mr. Klepper-Smith's participation in the summit is made possible through a grant from the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board.

Chamber members and guests are welcome to attend the summit, which begins at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person for Northwest Connecticut Chamber members, \$40 per person for affiliate Chamber members and \$50 per person for non-members. For information or to make your reservation, please visit [nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar](http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar) or call 860-482-6586.



*Peter Gioia*



*Donald Klepper-Smith*

## THE DOGS HEAD TO AUCTION

We hope you have enjoyed seeing the 39 dogs that were part of the Tails of NWCT public art project out on display during the last couple of months. Sitting pretty at their foster locations, the dogs warmed the hearts of people of all ages. Many of the foster companies have decided that they just cannot part with their pooches. However, we have 11 pups that will need permanent homes!



Join the Chamber's Education Foundation, the NW CT Arts Council and Prime Time House on Saturday, October 20th from 5-7 p.m. at Chatterley's Banquet Facility for

the auction event. Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, a cash bar and visit with the dogs before you place your bid! **These dogs will be the friendliest you've ever met. They will require no bathing, no walking, no feeding. There will be no veterinarian visits and no doggie day care. For those of you who always wanted a dog but thought you weren't home enough for one, this is your chance to make it happen!**

Admission to the auction is \$20 per person. Bidding paddles will be available to anyone in attendance. Bids will also be received and recorded at the Chamber should someone wish to bid but is not able to attend the event.

Please call the Chamber at 860-482-6586, visit [www.tailsofnwct.org](http://www.tailsofnwct.org) or stop by with any questions you may have.



*From the Chamber  
President & CEO*  
**JOANN RYAN**



It does not seem possible that it's October and the year is flying by at a rapid pace.

If you have not already responded, please take nine minutes of your valuable time to take the economic survey on Northwest Connecticut. The results will be published and distributed on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Economic Summit featuring Pete Gioia from CBIA and Don Klepper-Smith from Data Core. Copy and paste the URL into your internet browser: [https://cbia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eJ1tnWP4X2oDiQd](https://cbia.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJ1tnWP4X2oDiQd).

We appreciate your response and support for many of our initiatives. Kudos to the leaders of the Young Professionals who worked on the very successful Leaders Under Forty event and to the creators of the Chamber's Lead Group. We are already working on building the second group so contact Anita immediately to secure your spot.

Welcome to Christina Emery, the Chair of the Government Relations Committee. Her first task was to plan opportunities for you to meet the candidates. Thank you to those who met some of the Congressional candidates. Please do join us for the upcoming Roundtables:

- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at NCCC for the State Senatorial Candidates at the Draper Conference Center at Northwestern CT Community College at 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at NCCC for the State Representative Candidates at the Draper Conference Center at Northwestern CT Community College at 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am to meet Ned Lamont at the Chamber
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at noon to meet Oz Griebel at the Chamber

There's no stopping us now! Be sure to read the entire newsletter and open your Constant Contacts for the exciting programs, meetings, events and resources.

It's going to be a great 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Thank you.

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*Brooker Memorial hosted the Chamber's September Business with Breakfast program. Executive Director Cathy Coyle provided guests with a summary of their services and personalized tours.*



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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT'S CHAMBER

## WOW! Forum: Women of Strength & Courage

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual WOW! Forum was held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center at the Warner Theatre. Over 200 women attended the all-day professional development conference. Check the WOW! Forum Facebook page for photos of this year's event.

We would like to thank our wonderful emcee, KJ Johansen, for keeping us laughing throughout the day; and our esteemed speakers Lisa Bresson, Jamie Pleva-Nickerson, Sara Laschever, Lesley Jane Seymour, Jeanne Street, Silvia Baldini, and Sarah Calhoun for sharing their amazing stories.

The day would not have been possible without our very supportive sponsors:

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Supporters of WOW: Lily and Vine Floral Design, Litchfield Bancorp, Mount Claire Water, The Quiet Zone of Torrington, and Winvian Farm

We had a great penny and silent auction this year made possible by tons of area businesses who donated items—thank you!

And most importantly, thank you to the fabulous group of women on our WOW! Forum Advisory Committee who have worked tirelessly over the last 11 months **planning this year's event. This event takes many, many hours to organize and we couldn't do it without them.** Our 2018 Advisory Committee includes: Debra Aleksinas, Cindy Bensley, Sandi Conforti, Sarah Dziedzic, Lisa Ferris, Gina Galpin, Tia Haberern, Katurah Hall, KJ Johansen, Pam LaRosa, Christine Pescatore, Pam Pinto, Lori Puff, Melissa Root, Cathy Roscello, Valerie Royals,

JoAnn Ryan, Lisa Soliani, Darlene Sullivan, Colleen Suppa, Samantha Wald, and Debra Zavatkay.

If you are interested in joining our Advisory Committee for the 2019 event, contact Lauren Zordan at [lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org).

## Leads Group

The Chamber's first Leads Group has been meeting since August. The purpose is for members of the group to form alliances with one another to identify prospects and foster increased business; ultimately growing their customer base through a supportive network. Enrollment is based on a "first to respond" basis due to the format permitting only one individual per industry. At each Leads meeting, members are allowed to share details of their business, provide testimonials/referrals to other group members, and each meeting concludes with a 15-20 minute focus on one member or a beneficial activity for the group.

The second group is now in the process of forming. Those who have been placed on the waiting list will be given the first opportunity to participate. If you would like information on participating in Leads, please contact Anita Rosa at 860-482-6586 or email [anita@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:anita@nwctchamberofcommerce.org).

## Leadership Northwest

The Orientation for the 2018-2019 Leadership Northwest class was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Marino's Restaurant in Torrington. The 18 class participants and their employers attended the orientation where they were given a chance to network with each other, learn more about the Leadership program and class guidelines, and heard from keynote speaker, past Leadership graduate, Peter Callahan.

The participants in this year class are: Steph Burr, NW CT Arts Council; Shaun Calhoun, Torrington Savings Bank; Julie Cerruto, Explorations Charter School; Marysa Dailey, Litchfield Bancorp; Mikala Esty, Torrington Savings Bank; Jullian Feliciano, Lowe's Home

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## Presentations

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## Monday, October 22, 2018

Session 1: 1:00 pm      Session 2: 6:00 pm

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### Presenters

Djemal Araniti, CFP®, LPL Financial

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Seating is limited. Reservation required. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 17, 2018 to Susan Tycieski at Northwest Community Bank. 860-379-7561

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## COMING UP AT THE CHAMBER


### Candidate Forums

The Chamber's Government Relations Committee has begun hosting a series of candidate forums providing members the opportunity to meet with the individuals who want to be your voice in Hartford and Washington. In past weeks, Jennifer Nye, candidate for CT's 1st Congressional District and candidates for CT's 5th Congressional District, Jahana Hayes and Manny Santos each held round table meetings at the Chamber. In October, we welcome Gubernatorial candidates Ned Lamont on the 22nd at 11:30 a.m. and Oz Griebel on the 24th at 12 Noon for round table meetings. We will also hold two forums featuring candidates for state office. On October 11th, the Senate Candidate Forum will be held and on the 19th, the House of Representatives Candidate Forum will be held. Both will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Draper Conference Center of Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted. RSVP for all of these at [nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar](http://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar).

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### Chamber Travel Program: Greece Info Session

Experience 9 days and 7 nights (April 6-14) in Greece, the land of gods and heroes. The Peloponnese is home to an extraordinary collection of archeological sites as well as stunning mountainous scenery and charming villages where a traditional way of life has remained unchanged for centuries. On this splendid cultural journey, trace 5,000 years of Greek history while exploring the country's archeological treasures. Walk in the footsteps of Socrates on the Acropolis and examine artifacts of Athens' Golden Age at the outstanding Acropolis Museum, sail through the scenic Corinth canal, and enjoy the insights of the local guest speaker on the contemporary Greek economic and social scene. Includes hotels, meals, day trips and airfare from JFK. There is also an optional extension to Santorini. Sign up before October 26<sup>th</sup> for the early bird special price of \$2849 and a FREE Delhi tour. Join us for an informational session on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Chamber Office, 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington.

### Learn at Lunch: A New Era of Digital Marketing: On-Line Visibility

Lance Leifert, CEO of Conquest will present the next workshop in his series on the New Era of Digital Marketing on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Chamber. This session, "*On-Line Visibility*" will provide attendees with an overview of understanding and optimizing their businesses' on-line presence. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required. The fee is \$10 per person for NW CT Chamber members, \$20 per person for affiliate Chamber members and \$50 for non-members of the NW CT Chamber.

See More "Coming Up at the Chamber" on page 7.





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## Workshop: Organization Tips for Improved Office Efficiency

The Chamber will be hosting CONNSTEP as they present an informative workshop on October 31st. The free 90-minute workshop will provide an overview of streamlined office processes and procedures. You'll learn methodologies you can apply to your office environment to improve the flow of information while eliminating wasteful steps.

Presented by Matin Karbassioon, Process Improvement Expert at CONNSTEP, the event will ensure your office runs more efficiently. You'll hear about ideas to eliminate waste in your office which result in shorter response times to customers, reduced errors, transactions & costs, simplified processes, improved utilization of resources, increased capacity, higher customer & employee satisfaction.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. Please register online at [nwtchamberofcommerce.org/calendar](http://nwtchamberofcommerce.org/calendar) or call the Chamber office at 860-482-6586.



*KidsPlay Children's Museum hosted the Chamber's September Business After Hours. The beautiful, fun-filled facility reminded all in attendance of what it feels like to be a kid again.*

*Pictured above from left to right are: Amy Hannon of KidsPlay, Associate Member Gladys Cerruto, Julie Cerruto of Explorations Charter School, State Representative Brian Ohler, Chamber Board member Sandy Evans of Whiting Mills (who will host the October Business After Hours) and Patty Cassella of KidsPlay.*



*Marty Connor of the City of Torrington and Ken Merz of O&G Industries, Inc. and President of the Board of Directors of KidsPlay Children's Museum enjoy a laugh at the Business After Hours.*



*Chamber Membership Committee Members Doreen Roy of Northwest Hills Credit Union, John Seagrave of Barron Financial Group and Carla DuBois of People's United Bank caught up on business at KidsPlay.*

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# MEMBER NEWS

## Northwest Hills Council of Governments

A call to action for local business... Would you like to be discovered by more residents & visitors? In order to better promote events, destinations, jobs, and hiking trails in their 21 town region, the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NWHCOG) has launched a new regionally coordinated website: [DISCOVERLITCHFIELDHILLS.COM](http://DISCOVERLITCHFIELDHILLS.COM).

In order to have your business or organization participate, there are two quick and simple steps to take. Step 1 – watch a 6-minute video. This video explains how the website is different from others, what resources it will provide, and how it can benefit your business or destination. Watch it at [www.DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com/be-included](http://www.DiscoverLitchfieldHills.com/be-included). Step 2 – submit your business and events. NWHCOG plans to promote the new website to the public in the coming month, so make sure your business is on the map and your events are on the calendar (the video in Step 1 will show you how – it's very easy)! Do this by October 12, 2018 (or today) to ensure you are included.

## Foothills BMX & McCall Center

Haul for McCall! Hit the dirt to help kids live drug-free! Come to the Foothills BMX Track in Alvord Park on Kennedy Drive in Torrington on October 14<sup>th</sup> for a BMX day to benefit the McCall Center for Behavioral Health prevention programs. There will be track races, stunts, food and fun. The organizers are looking for sponsors, riders and area agencies who would like to set up informational tables to help make this day a success! For more information, please contact Shalyn Sheldon at 860-496-2100 or 910-231-0195 or email [Shalyn.Sheldon@mccallcenterct.org](mailto:Shalyn.Sheldon@mccallcenterct.org).

## Torrington Public Schools

Join Our Team! Are you committed to student achievement? If you answered yes, Torrington Public Schools may be the place for you and they are in need of paraprofessionals.

The vision of Torrington Public Schools is to fully realize success when every student in our care is able to graduate with the skills and attributes that empower them to enter the college or career of their choosing.

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As the largest school district in Litchfield County, Torrington enrolls approximately 4,200 students in grades pre-K through 12. Torrington High School students have been accepted at some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in our nation.

To qualify to be considered as a Paraprofessional for Torrington Schools, individuals must have 60 credits or a conferred Associate's degree from an accredited college/university, or successful passing score on the ParaPro Examination. Starting salary is \$14.60 per hour including medical & dental benefits. There are opportunities for professional growth. Apply now at <https://www.applitrack.com/torrington/onlineapp/default.aspx>.

## Community Health & Wellness Center & Oliver Wolcott Technical School

The 650 students attending Oliver Wolcott Technical High School are eligible to participate in the School-Based Health Center (SBHC), offered in partnership with Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) in Torrington.

CHWC's nurse practitioner works in collaboration with Oliver Wolcott Tech School nurse and a child's pediatrician in order to provide students with the best medical care possible. "An SBHC does not replace a family's primary care provider or the important role of school nurses," says Joanne Borduas, CHWC's CEO. "Rather, an SBHC offers the benefit of comprehensive, complementary adjunct care. Our providers work in collaboration with the student's primary care providers, nurses, parents, and other disciplines within the school, such as counselors."

The services the SBHC provides include primary medical care, behavioral care, nutrition education, and health education. Medical treatments and services include sports physicals, eye exams, immunizations, wound care, in-office nebulizing treatments for asthma and asthma management, sick visits, substance abuse counseling, sexually-transmitted infection counseling, and birth control counseling.

SBHC hours at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School are: Medical, Tuesdays 8 am – 12 pm; Behavioral Health, by appointment Monday and Thursday, 8 am – 12 pm, and nutrition services by appointment. Children will be able to access care when school is not in session at either of CHWC's two practice locations: 469 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, and 115 Spencer Street, Winsted. To enroll or for more information, contact Debra Ismail, Oliver-Wolcott Tech School Nurse, email address [Debra.Ismail@ct.gov](mailto:Debra.Ismail@ct.gov), telephone (860) 496-5300, extension #5355.

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Improvement; Lucien Francillette, BD; Jane Hall, Torrington Savings Bank; Bobbi Jo Klug, Union Savings Bank; Elizabeth Loomis, Petrovits, Patrick, Smith & Company LLC; Andrew Lyon, McCall Center for Behavioral Health; Alain Malcolm, Altek Electronics, Inc.; Darcie Martineau, Northwestern CT Community College; Nancy Merbaum, Visiting Nurse Services of CT; Shari Picard, CT Mutual Holding Company; Dominic Richards, Thomaston Savings Bank; Sarah Shopey, Union Savings Bank; and, Christy Tellier, Prime Time House, Inc.

The class will have their first full day session on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Deene Morris, Inspire Leadership, LLC, will lead the class in a day of self-discovery where they will learn more about their personality and the personality types of their classmates. In her business, Deene works with individuals, teams and organizations as a catalyst for meaningful change. Her passion is to help people and teams get unstuck—moving beyond obstacles to achieve their greater potential. From senior management to front-line staff, Deene facilitates the behavioral practice of management and leadership development—and imparts proven techniques and strategies to support sustained results. She works to help her clients achieve new levels of innovation, collaboration and problem solving, moving individuals and teams from resistance to resiliency and conflict to creative solutions. Thank you Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board for sponsoring this year's Leadership program.

## Young Professionals Organization

The Chamber's Young Professionals Organization hosted a CEO Series luncheon on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber Office titled "Advancing your Career". The panelists were Maria Coutant-Skinner, Executive Director, McCall Center for Behavioral Health; Matt Koehler, Plant Manager, BD; Chris Leone, Superintendent, Regional School District #6; and Kris Roberts, Managing Partner, The Roberts Tax Group. The panel discussion was moderated by Paul McLaughlin, EVP and COO of Litchfield Bancorp. Lunch was provided by Café 38.

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Warner Theatre hosted the Young Professionals group for networking, a behind-the-scenes tour and a focus group discussion on what would attract more young people to the Theatre and downtown Torrington. The Warner provided food, beer and wine and there was a great discussion about future programming to attract a younger crowd. Some upcoming events to check out at the Warner are their Annual Food and Wine Tasting on October 26<sup>th</sup> and The Road to Road Jam: A Jam Band Battle on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visit [warnertheatre.org](http://warnertheatre.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.

The NW CT Chamber's Young Professionals will partner with Avon's Young Professionals for a Fall Festival on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Brewery Legitimus in New Hartford. The Festival will feature fall themed activities, networking, and food trucks. To RSVP, email [Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:Lauren@nwctchamberofcommerce.org). Attendees must be 21-39 years old and work or live in Northwest Connecticut.

## Junior Leadership Northwest

Junior Leadership NW, sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank, kicked off with Orientation on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The students and their parents heard more about the program, its monthly sessions, the class ground rules, and learned about Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership from Northwestern CT Community College Registrar and Chamber Leadership Northwest graduate, Dr. Debra Zavatkay.

Junior Leadership is a program for area high school juniors and seniors designed to give students an inside look at how local government, banks, law enforcement and other local entities operate. Junior Leadership provides an awareness of local history and resources that will interest students hoping to become future community leaders.

There are 23 participants in this year's class from eight schools in our region including: Oliver Wolcott Technical School, Northwestern Regional High School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Thomaston High School, Litchfield High School, Torrington High School, Wamogo Regional High School, and home schooled students.

# COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

## Barkhamsted

For a full list of programs and registration information, visit the recreation section of [www.barkhamsted.us](http://www.barkhamsted.us).

The annual family event, Halloween Sock Hop, will be held at the Barkhamsted Elementary School on October 26th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Barkhamsted Recreation Ski Program's registrations are due by November 1st. Open to 3rd-6th graders, the program runs from 4-6 p.m. at Ski Sundown on Wednesdays starting in January. Fees apply.

## Canaan (Wendy Eichman)

An Oktoberfest Celebration will be held at the History Center Green on October 14th from 1-3 p.m. featuring fall crafts, pumpkin painting, donut bobbing, hayrides & more. A family fun movie will be held at the Douglas Library from 3-5 p.m. At 5 p.m., dinner will begin at the new Railroad Street Green (\$10 for adult, \$5 kids).

The Canaan VFW Post 6851 will host a Pumpkin Decorating event on October 22nd from 9 a.m. - noon at 104 S. Canaan Road (Route 7) under the pavilion. Come in costume and enjoy cider, donuts, cookies and coffee. Prizes will be awarded. For information, call 860-824-8158.

## Cornwall (Dianne Heiny)

Visit the town website at [www.cornwallct.org](http://www.cornwallct.org) for a full list of activities.

The Souterrain Gallery will open the Lazlo Gyorsok & The Housatonic Camera Club's exhibit "The Magic Corner" on October 13th from 3-6 p.m. The exhibit continues through December and is open Th-Su 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Toll House Gallery's exhibit of paintings by Donald Bracken, Lennart Sweded Arstrom & Scott Zuckerman and photographs by Ian Ingersoll continues. Open M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sa 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Parish House will showcase an exhibit of Susan Hellmann's "Mindful of Cornwall" beginning October 21st with an opening reception at 11:30 a.m. It will run through November 25th, M-F 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Su 10 a.m. - noon and by appointment.

Fall Festivals will be held on October 13th. Mohawk Mountain's will feature crafts and food trucks and run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Little Guild's will take place on the Town Green and run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their alumni parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the 5K Run & Wag Race begins at noon.

The Trinity Retreat Center will hold a New Comer's Tea

and Floor Board Show on October 20th at 4 p.m.

A talk on the Litchfield County Witches will be held at the Cornwall Library on October 20th at 5 p.m.

Meet the Democratic Candidates at Pearly's Café on October 21st at 2 p.m.

## Falls Village (Wendy Eichman)

The David M. Hunt Library will host Connecticut Academy for the Arts' Art Bomb! Toymakers Café, an exhibit of young CAFTA art students' work inspired by the popular eatery run by Ann & Greg Bidou in Falls Village. A reception will be held October 19th from 4-6 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

## Winsted (Fran Delaney)

The Farmers Market continues every Sunday at Rowley Field from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Stop and check out the many vendors as the Fall Season commences.

Whiting Mills's 3rd Sunday Open House will be held on October 21st from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Mills will also be hosting the Chamber's Business After Hours on October 18th from 5-7 p.m.

The American Mural Project continues to close-in on the completion of their building and the mural itself is being installed. Amy Wynn was recently appointed the Executive Director. Watch their website at [www.americanmuralproject.org](http://www.americanmuralproject.org) for updates.

Pearson School's new playground equipment installation will be completed soon. The playground is a result of contributions from the community and organizations.

Winsted's first distillery and beer tasting brewery will be under construction soon at 32 Lake Street. Watch the progress of Little Red Barn.

Friends of Main Street held their Fall Foliage Festival on September 29th. More than 50 exhibitors were featured. The organization will also hold a Halloween Window Painting Contest on October 27th. Visit [fomswinsted.org](http://fomswinsted.org) for more details.



# CORPORATE PARTNER *Shout Outs*

## Torrington Savings Bank



The Torrington Savings Bank Board of Trustees recently voted to appoint Charles E. (Chip) Roraback as Vice Chairman. Attorney Roraback was selected as a Corporator of Torrington Savings Bank in July of 1997. In February of 2007, Attorney Roraback was appointed a Trustee of the Bank.

Edwin G. Booth, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said, "We are pleased to appoint Attorney Roraback as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Torrington Savings Bank. His years of experience on the Board and his dedication to the community makes him an asset to the Bank's Board."

Attorney Roraback is a partner of the Law Firm Roraback & Roraback in Torrington. He is also a Director of the Connecticut Junior Republic and the Secretary of the Board at the Torrington Library.

## Litchfield Bancorp

Litchfield Bancorp is pleased to announce the election of Maura Malo as President of the Oliver Wolcott Library's (OWL) Board of Directors, as of September 2018.

Maura is the Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer for the Connecticut Mutual Holding Company, a company that consists of three financial institutions: Litchfield Bancorp, Northwest Community Bank and Collinsville Savings Society. In addition to her role with CMHC, Maura currently serves as a Girl Scout Leader, the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Five Points Gallery in Torrington, was a past President and Board member of the Junior Women's Club of Litchfield Hills, and a recipient of the 2013 New Leaders in Banking award. For the last two years, Maura has also served as the Library's Secretary.

Maura earned her B.S. in Business Administration from Western New England College and MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Maura lives in Litchfield with her husband and two daughters.

Also...Litchfield Bancorp will hold another Cash Mob event at Sportsmen's in Bantam. At each event, one local business will be "mobbed" by Litchfield Bancorp employees to show their support of local businesses by shopping local. Cash Mobs are open to the public. Join them on October 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sportsmen's, 725 Bantam Road, Bantam and receive 20% off your entire order and a free Sportsmen's t-shirt with your purchase. Just mention you are part of the Cash Mob.

## O&G Industries, Inc.

O&G Industries was recently recognized by Engineering News Record (ENR) on their annual *Top 100 Green-Buildings Contractor* list which ranks the country's top sustainable building contractors.

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At the Colechester Project (the construction of the William J. Johnston Middle School's new administrative and classroom wing), a ceremonial ribbon cutting was held in August. O&G was the construction manager for the project and was responsible for overseeing the construction of the 70,000 square foot addition. Phase 2 of the project, including a 29,000 square foot renovation of the school's west wing, will be fully completed in the winter of 2019.

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# RENEWING MEMBERS

The following Chamber members renewed their memberships during the period of August 21st through September 30th. Thank you for your continued commitment to Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce. Companies listed in bold indicate a Corporate Partner. Milestone anniversaries are indicated in parentheses.

- ◆ Act Natural Health & Wellness
- ◆ AFLAC, Steve Caruso
- ◆ Arethusa Farm Dairy
- ◆ BD
- ◆ Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
- ◆ Bowen Agency, LLC
- ◆ Boy Scouts of America, Connecticut Rivers Council
- ◆ **Chatterley's Banquet Facility**
- ◆ Diamond Creek Pet Retreat & The Canine Sports Center
- ◆ Edward Jones
- ◆ Focus Center for Autism
- ◆ Foothills Visiting Nurse & Home Care
- ◆ G.W. Tavern
- ◆ H&R Block Torrington Office, Matthew Grabel
- ◆ Hocon Gas of Torrington, LLC
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- ◆ Lions Club of Torrington, Inc.
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- ◆ Sharon Playhouse
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- ◆ State Farm Insurance, David Turner Insurance Agency, Inc.
- ◆ Torrington Beauty Academy
- ◆ Torrington Overhead Door Company
- ◆ Town of Harwinton
- ◆ Town of New Hartford (15 years)
- ◆ Village Mortgage
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## Chamber Calendar of Events

All events listed below will be held at the Chamber offices at 333 Kennedy Drive, Torrington unless otherwise noted. Dates and locations are subject to change. Please visit our website for up to date details. Thank you.

### OCTOBER 2018

- 8th - **Chamber Offices Closed in Observance of Columbus Day**
- 11th - **State Senate Candidate Forum** at the Draper Center of Northwestern CT Community College, Park Place East, Winsted, 7:30 AM
- 15th - **Chamber Travel Program Greece Information Session**, 6 PM
- 17th - **Health Council** at NEW LOCATION - Northwestern Connecticut Community College Joyner Health & Science Center, Route 44, Winsted, 8 AM  
**Insurance Committee Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Leadership Northwest**
- 18th - **Business After Hours** at Whiting Mills, 210 Holabird Avenue, Winsted, 5-7 PM
- 19th - **State House of Representatives Candidate Forum** at the Draper Center of Northwestern CT Community College, Park Place East, Winsted, 7:30 AM
- 20th - **Tails of NWCT Auction** at Chatterley's Banquet Facility, 371 Pinewoods Road, Torrington, 5-7 PM
- 22nd - **Gubernatorial Candidate Round Table with Ned Lamont**, 11:30 AM
- 23rd - **Business with Breakfast** sponsored by the United Way of NWCT at the Draper Center at NCCC, Park Place East & Route 44, Winsted, 8 AM
- 24th - **Gubernatorial Candidate Round Table with Oz Griebel**, 12 Noon
- 25th - **Board of Directors Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Learn at Lunch** A New Era in Digital Marketing: On-Line Visibility presented by Lance Leifert of Conquest, 12-1:30 PM
- 31st - **"How to Reduce Waste & Increase Office Productivity"** workshop presented by CONNSTEP, 8 AM

### NOVEMBER 2018

- 1st - **Membership Committee Meeting**, 8 AM
- 2nd - **Manufacturers' Coalition Meeting** at Dymax, 318 Industrial Lane, Torrington, 8 AM
- 8th - **Government Relations Committee Meeting**, 8 AM
- 12th - **Chamber Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day**
- 15th - **Economic Summit** at Torrington Country Club, 250 Torrington Road, Goshen, 7:30 AM
- 21st - **Health Council Meeting**, location TBD, 8 AM  
**Insurance Committee Meeting**, 8 AM  
**Leadership Northwest**
- 22nd-23rd - **Chamber Offices Closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 27th - **Business with Breakfast** at the Chamber, 8 AM

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