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The Great Giveaway BUSINESS SHOWCASE



Wednesday, August 16th - 4 to 7 p.m.
at the Torrington Armory, Torrington

GET IN FRONT OF **HUNDREDS** OF POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS!

THIS ONE NIGHT EVENT WILL BE HEAVILY PROMOTED IN ALL MEDIA!

DON'T MISS OUT!

MULTIPLE VENDOR **GIVEAWAYS** WILL CREATE EXCITEMENT AND DRAW TRAFFIC TO THE EVENT— AND TO YOUR BOOTH!

For questions, call the Chamber at 860-482-6586 or email:
Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 6th

At The Warner Theatre, Torrington

*From the Desk of Our
President & CEO*
JOANN RYAN



“Down Time”

We know you are wearing many hats, pitching in whenever necessary to get the job done. Here are some ideas borrowed from a book by Renata & Steven Ash that will encourage you to take some “down time” and just relax.

***Feel good about yourself.** Work with us to turn this economy around. Whether it’s the Business With Breakfast, Business After Hours, Government Relations, the Small Business Council, Leads, there is always something good happening that will boost your morale and business.

***Set goals.** Make a list and prioritize the tasks as you go. Be sure you put things in perspective especially since it is the perfect time to take a break.

***Be your own best friend for a week.** Take some time for yourself and try something new for a change. Attend a different Chamber event. I promise we’ll make you feel at home.

***Blow your own trumpet once in awhile.** Sign up to host a Business With Breakfast on the last Tuesday of every month. You’ll discover a great way to brag about your accomplishments and hear from businesses you’ve never met before.

***Pay it forward.** We are fortunate to see businesses helping one another. Good things happen when one good deed is multiplied. Let’s all do this so that we can change the lives of our friends and neighbors.

***Recharge your batteries.** Join us for the Chamber’s Great Giveaway on August 16th at the Torrington Armory. You will be treated to an event to remember that will surely enlighten your spirit once you meet the exhibitors.

***Maintain your sense of humor and take time to laugh.** Let’s all relax while we continue to boost the economy business by business.

Happy Summer!



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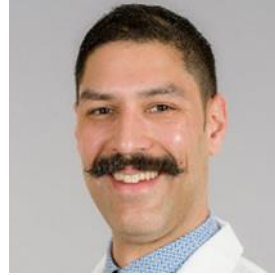
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Hartford HealthCare Adds a New Primary Care Provider

We are pleased to announce the addition of Christofer Fort, MD, an internal medicine specialist, to the Northwest Region. Dr. Fort is seeing new patients at our Hartford HealthCare Medical Group Primary Care office at 7 Village Green Drive in Litchfield.

Dr. Fort's areas of interest include:

- Blood pressure monitoring
- Diabetes management
- High cholesterol



Dr. Fort attended the Ross University School of Medicine, and completed his internship and residency at the Greater Danbury Community Health Center. He is a member of the American College of Physicians. To schedule an appointment, call **860.567.0130**.

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Chamber Member **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Housatonic Valley Association



HVA is the citizen's nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the natural character and environmental health of the entire tristate Housatonic Watershed for this and future generations.

Because HVA believes that cool, clean rivers, thriving woodlands and healthy habitats must go hand-in-hand with livable and growing communities, we promote smart growth strategies that protect water quality, wetlands habitats, and open spaces for a climate-ready future.

Today we're acting in two fundamental ways to protect our region's environment:

- **Follow the Forest**, conserving another 50,000-acres of woodland corridor across our region and 100 wildlife pathway linkages, for clean water, habitat and migration, and carbon/temperature moderation. This will secure a connected woodland corridor of 250,000 acres to buffer our villages, towns and cities with clean water, thriving wildlife, and cooler temperatures.

- **Clean, Cold and Connected**, restoring and protecting 500 miles of rivers and streams, and the groundwater that recharges these waterways as well as our local drinking water. This will keep our waters fishable and swimmable, enable fish to swim upstream to spawn, reduce costly flooding, and sustain clean drinking water even as our population grows.

Though ground breaking progress is being made, such as the 2022 Congressional designation of 41 miles of the Housatonic in Northwest Connecticut as a National Wild and Scenic River, the recent restoration of 25 stream miles, and the protection of 5,800 acres of core woodlands, there is a lot of work to do in the next 20 years to secure a clean and healthy environment for our communities.

HVA operates from a main office in Cornwall Bridge and field offices in Stockbridge MA and Wassaic NY. Interested in learning more or getting involved? Please visit us at hvatoday.org.

Testimonials

★★★★★

Member Testimonial

“The Chamber is a wonderful source of information, offering businesses so many different resources, and I am very appreciative of the responsiveness of your office to any inquiries or requests whenever I have called.”

Yvonne Gilyard Reynolds
Merritt Clarke's Store
Bantam

Member Testimonial

★★★★★

“In my 30 years of working with various organizations throughout Connecticut I am the most impressed with the way the Northwest Chamber brings people and businesses together. The staff is professional and always willing to help. Your connection to the community inspires folks to get involved. I look forward to being a member for years to come.”

Bob Twombly | Account Executive
Brooks, Todd & McNeil Insurance

Member NEWS**GET READY FOR SUMMER!**

We Have MAIL-A-MAP Street Maps:

- Burlington & Harwinton
- Cornwall & Goshen
- Kent, Sharon & Warren
- Granby & Hartland
- Litchfield, Bantam & Morris
- New Hartford & Barkhamsted
- Salisbury, Canaan & North Canaan
- Thomaston & Plymouth
- Torrington
- Washington & Roxbury
- Winchester, Winsted, Colebrook, Norfolk

Stop by our Chamber to pick one up. To view these maps and more online, please visit: mailamap.com. Specialty theme maps available online as well: Craft Beer Map, Motorcycle Touring Map & Museum Map.

**NORTHWEST STARTUP
HAPPY HOUR**

*A place for
entrepreneurs
and the like*

**CONNECT - RELAX
NETWORK - REFRESH**
1st Wednesday each month

5-7PM | SALT 2.0 | 84 MAIN STREET | TORRINGTON

Contact John Fiorello for Details
860-738-6444

<https://www.nwcc.edu/entrepreneurial-center-northwest-connecticut/>

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Welcome New Members

Shedd Solar Technologies

www.shedd.energy

Still River Wellness

www.stillriverwellness.com



Torrington's Borla Real Estate Under New Ownership

Ownership of Borla & Associates LLC., a real estate firm serving Connecticut's Northwest Corner for over three decades, changed ownership after the passing of long-time real estate broker and industry icon, Annesa Borla in March.

The firm has been purchased by real estate broker and local business-person Jeff Geddes of Thomaston. Geddes, a long-time friend of the Borla family, has over four decades of experience in banking and real estate. He is also active in the community – serving on several Boards and Committees for non-profit organizations throughout Greater Torrington.

Originally founded over three decades ago as Borla, Moore & Hipsky, the firm changed to Borla, Moore & Associates and finally to Borla & Associates, LLC when Annesa Borla's longtime business partner Linda Moore retired in 2007.

Borla & Associates is located at 856 Main Street in Torrington. The firm has seven agents who specialize in real estate transactions for residential, commercial, undeveloped land and investment properties.

About Borla Real Estate

Borla and Associates is a real estate firm serving Connecticut's Northwest Corner and beyond for over three decades. We represent buyers, sellers and lessors in the residential, commercial and investment property markets. Our team of agents are licensed in Connecticut.



Jeff Geddes
Quotes

- “Annesa and I were friends for more than three decades. I've always admired her dedication to the industry. Annesa set the standard with her integrity, ability to produce results for her clients through her knowledge of the market and the industry.”
- “We plan to honor the legacy Annesa built by maintaining the Borla name and core values that have made the firm so successful.”

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments is inviting you to a

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Planning Charrette

Wednesday, July 12th
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

EdAdvance
355 Goshen Road, Litchfield

Add your perspective to a discussion of our region's strengths/opportunities and weaknesses/issues that shape our economy.

For more information, please contact Emily Hultquist by email: ehultquist@northwesthillscog.org or by phone: 860-491-9884 x103

Chamber NEWS

Celebration of Success

Community Leader Awards: "The Leading Ladies"



Gladys Cerruto - "The Pioneer"



Ellen Ebbs - "The Humanitarian"



Marie Soliani - "The Ambassador"

Business Leader Award



Julian Sawyer

Quality of Life Awards



Ebner Camps



Litchfield County Opiate Task Force

Congratulations !!!

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THANK YOU to State Reps. Michelle Cook & Maria Horn, and Congresswoman Jahana Hayes' office for presenting Citations to the award winners.



Leadership NW Graduation



Congratulations to the Leadership Northwest Graduating Class of 2023 !!!

The graduation ceremony was held at the Torrington Country Club in Goshen. Paul McLaughlin from Northwest Community Bank was the Master of Ceremonies and is the Chairman of Leadership Northwest.

Dr. Michael Rooke, President of Northwestern CT Community College, was the keynote speaker.

The Graduation Address was delivered by classmate Daniela Ouellette from Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

Each of the teams presented their projects to the attendees as listed in the following two columns.

The graduates were each recognized with a certificate and small gift.

Mini Golf Outing for Healthcare Workers & Families

Bernadette Graham
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Karina Gotberg
Northwest Community Bank
Kelly Scherker
McCall Behavioral Health Network
Steven Reuther
BD

Menstrual Hygiene Drive

Ginny Perun
Torrington Savings Bank
Jennifer Haley
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Samantha Sheely
BD

Annual Day of Self-Care

Kristina Franklin
Union Savings Bank
Kaitlyn Graboski
Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial
Daniela Ouellette
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Joshua Rubino
Commercial Sewing, Inc.

Undergarment Clothing Drive

Wady Guadalupe
Torrington Savings Bank
Hannah Mokoski
Commercial Sewing, Inc.
Melissa Powell
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Bianca Sun
Northwest Community Bank

SERVICEMASTER ALBINO'S ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Join us in our mission to collect backpacks and school supplies for teachers and students



STUDENT ITEMS NEEDED

Backpacks, Pencils, Notebooks, Crayons, Erasers, Binders, Markers, Pens, Rulers
Colored Pencils, Scissors, Glue Sticks, K-2 journal (draw & write)

TEACHER ITEMS NEEDED

Color Copy Paper, Card Stock, Folders, Dry Erase Markers, Sticky Notes, Highlighters, Index Cards

DROP OFF LOCATION

ServiceMaster Albino: 579 S Leonard St ~ Waterbury, CT 06720 Please call first to be sure someone can greet you: 203-753-0666

ONLINE SHOPPING OPTION

<https://bit.ly/albinoschoolsupply>

DEADLINE: August 1st 2023

For More Info, please contact

Amanda: amanda@smalbino.com

<https://www.facebook.com/servicemasteralbino>

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HELP US FILL THE VAN

Thursday July 20th

Clocktown Brewery 135 S Main St Thomaston

5:30pm—7:30pm

Beer Ticket given if you bring a backpack or
bag of supplies

Chamber NEWS



Young Professionals Organization

The NWCT Chamber Young Professionals Organization invites local young professionals, ages 21-40, to our next networking event:

Thursday, July 20th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Clocktown Brewery

135 South Main Street, Thomaston CT 06787

★ *At this event, we are also supporting* ★
SERVICEMASTER ALBINO'S ANNUAL
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Beer ticket given if you bring a backpack or bag of school supplies

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

YPO is sponsored by **creativity. marketing. technology.**

Business After Hours



It was an absolutely beautiful day at the Business After Hours which was held at New Beginnings of NW Hills Litchfield County Inc, The Gathering Place in Torrington on June 13th. Many valuable connections were made at this event. Donations were accepted for Stock the Shelves as well.

Learn at Lunch



Jenna Stockwell is the Director of CT Residential Solar for Shedd Technologies and has been in the Renewable Energy Industry for 14 years.

In her previous position she traveled the world to remote villages installing clean energy systems and is passionate about educating consumers on their energy options.

She was born and raised in the Northwest Corner of CT and continues to live and operate her business there.

What the 'Other' Solar Companies DON'T want you to know!

Please Join Chamber member Jenna Stockwell for an educational Lunch & Learn where you will be armed with knowledge that most Solar companies won't tell you.

- *What it really means when they say "your home qualifies for free panels"
- *The important difference between leasing and owning your system
- *Federal and State Tax Incentives for going Solar

Date: Thursday, July 19th 2023

Time: 12pm-1pm



Location: The Chamber of Commerce
 59 Field St, Torrington CT

Or join remotely: <https://bit.ly/SheddSolar>

Bring your electric bill for a free analysis!

Please RSVP by 7/17 if coming in person by emailing karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org

Chamber NEWS

**BUSINESS
after
HOURS**


NW CT Chamber's premier network building event featuring opportunities to gain new contacts & build your lead base while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres & visiting our host's location.

**BUSINESS
after HOURS**

Wednesday
JULY 13, 2023
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by
GREEN WOODS COUNTRY CLUB

Sponsored by



Green Woods Country Club
1903
300 Tarringford Street
Winsted, CT. 06098

[RSVP ONLINE AT NWCTCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR.](https://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar)




**BUSINESS
with
BREAKFAST**

Join us at our morning roundtable discussion

**BUSINESS with BREAKFAST
at THE CHAMBER**

Enjoy easy networking over a light breakfast. Each attendee will then give a 30-second "commercial" for their business.

Tuesday, July 25, 8:00 a.m.



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59 Field Street, Suite 120, Torrington

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NW CT Chamber's premier network building event featuring opportunities to gain new contacts & build your lead base while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres & visiting our host's location.

**BUSINESS
after HOURS**

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

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YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Sponsored by
Your Logo

Your Company Address

[RSVP ONLINE AT NWCTCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR.](https://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar)

Interested in hosting a Business After Hours?



Your Business and logo could be listed here

Send us an email to schedule a date:
karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org
Or Call: 860-482-6586.

Chamber NEWS

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Partner of the American Job Center Network

CT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PRESENTS:
DRUG TESTING IN THE CT WORKPLACE

Thursday July 20, 2023
9am - 11:30am

HOSTED BY THE BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT UNIT

Helping employers better understand drug testing laws and addressing the impact legalized recreational marijuana (cannabis) has had on the Connecticut workplace.

STEPHEN LATTANZIO
ATTORNEY, LEGAL DIVISION
CT DEPT OF LABOR
SPEAKER

SUSANNE TUFANO
FIELD SUPERVISOR, WAGE DIVISION
CT DEPT OF LABOR
SPEAKER

Free Online Webinar [REGISTER HERE](#)

Economic Development Meet & Greet

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments hosted an Economic Development Meet & Greet with our Chamber Board of Directors at the American Mural Project in Winsted on June 20th.



Litchfield Community Center

SUMMERFEST 2023 "SUMMER OF '73"

Let the music and vibe take you there!!! Litchfield's most anticipated yearly SummerFest Gala is Saturday July 15 from 6:00pm – 10:00pm. Get groovy with us during our Summer of 73 Party! Dig out your bell bottoms and Hippy outfits for a night filled with movin' and groovin' *Purchase your Summer of 73 Raffle tickets on our website today for a chance to win 1 (or more) of 10 totally rad prizes! *Enjoy Fab food and Funky drinks with: Tilden's Summer BBQ Dinner / 70's Sweets from Brits Brand / Full Disco Bar to Get Funky featuring a Litchfield Distillery Specialty Cocktails / *Get down and Boogie with music from "Avenue Groove Band" / The deadline to purchase tickets is July 8th! Price is \$85.00 or \$150.00 per couple and can be purchased at www.thecommunitycenter.org

Committee Reports

Government Relations:

The House Session ended on the day we were supposed to meet, June 8th. We met the following Monday. Our Government Relations Committee meetings during this last house session were very productive. They were improved through contributions by our members. The feedback and lively debates between our members and our delegation proved to be very effective. Our lobbyist, Mike Rell, reported back to Hartford about our bi-partisan efforts to address the legislative bills being proposed in our delegations' legislative committees.

Our delegation consists of:

Senator Lisa Seminara, 8th District
 Senator Steve Harding, 30th District
 Representative Mark Anderson, 62nd District
 Representative Jay Case, 63rd District
 Representative Maria Horn, 64th District
 Representative Michelle Cook, 65th District
 Representative Karen Reddington-Hughes, 66th District
 Representative John Piscopo, 76th District

We are coming up with more creative ways to continue engaging our members for the next house session. With our bi-partisan efforts, we want to continue our mission to enhance the quality of life for both our residents and the business community.

We hope to see you in September. Have a great summer everybody!

Health Council:

Health Council will NOT be meeting this month.

The Health Council, a peer group comprised primarily of individuals and companies involved in healthcare in Northwest Connecticut, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Meetings focus on specific areas of interest, including: employee recruitment and retention, workforce development, on-the-job training programs and grants, legislative updates that affect the health care industry, facility tours and more.

To be added to the Health Council, please contact Sharon Kunay at 860-482-6586 or email Info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

School to Career:

- After a few years without a School to Career committee we are looking to restart that group.
- We are looking for one or more representatives from all of our high schools in the region. Superintendents have been asked to identify reps.
- The committee will begin meeting in September, where we will begin reviewing the agenda for the year. A focus on growing our dual enrollment opportunities between Northwestern and our area high schools will be one of our focus areas.





Upcoming **CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Jul. 4 - Small Business Council - **POSTPONED**
Jul. 6 - Membership Committee - **POSTPONED**
Jul. 10 - Leads I - 12 PM
Jul. 11 - Wow Advisory Committee - **8 AM**
Jul. 12 - Leads II - 12 PM
Jul. 13 - Government Relations Comm. - **POSTPONED**
Jul. 13 - Business After Hours—@ Green Woods
Country Club, 300 Tarringford St, Winsted, 5-7 PM
Jul. 19 - Health Council - **POSTPONED**
Jul. 19 - Learn at Lunch—What the 'Other' Solar Companies DON'T want you to know! [*Presented By:* Jenna Stockwell, Shedd Solar Technologies] — @ NW Chamber , 59 Field St, Ste 120, Torr., 12-1 PM

Jul. 20 - Annual Backpack & School Supplies Drive – Fill the Van @ Clocktown Brewery, 135 S Main St, Thomaston, 5:30–7:30 PM
Jul. 20 - Young Professionals Networking Night @ Clocktown Brewery, 135 S Main St, Thomaston, 5:30–7:30 PM
Jul. 24 - Leads I - 12 PM
Jul. 25 - Business with Breakfast—@ NW CT Chamber of Commerce, 59 Field St, Suite 120, Torrington, 8-9 AM
Jul. 26 - Leads II - 12 PM
Jul. 27 - Board of Directors Meeting - 8 AM

Save the Date

August 16 - Great Giveaway Business Showcase @ Torrington Armory, 4-7 PM

August 22 - Business with Breakfast @ Cadco Ltd, Winsted, 8-9 AM

October 6 - WOW! Forum, Warner Theatre, 82 Main Street, Torrington, 7:45 AM - 4:00 PM

Newsletter Submissions:

Please send us your newsletter submissions by the 15th of the month. Beyond that date, we cannot guarantee that it will be in the following month's edition.

Thank you.