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*From the Desk of Our
President & CEO*

JOANN RYAN



I am constantly reminded of the dedication of the Chamber leaders, collaborators, members, friends and staff. It is evident as we embark in on a campaign to gain additional awareness.

With the input and efforts of our Board of Directors, Corporate partners, Premier Members, and outstanding staff, we continue to dedicate ourselves to the accomplishment of our mission to promote economic growth while enhancing the quality of life in Northwest Connecticut. Our goal is to increase the business, economic, educational, cultural and civic opportunities available within this corner of the state.

It is imperative that we inform one and all of our goals to live this mission. I keep on writing this monthly article for the Chamber Newsletter; we will be working with the Chairman of our Board to increase our presence on radio, video, live streaming, newspaper; monthly newsletter; the Chamber's website; the Annual membership guide and meeting you in person. You will hear about the programs, events and benefits of working together so that we can tackle the challenges together.

You will be learning more and more about the valuable resources available throughout the region and the benefits of each. The knowledge we gain in higher education is limitless as we take advantage of college courses

through the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities. Our horizons have broadened as we strengthen our alliance with CSCU in promoting the value of higher education at all stages of one's life.

We could not possibly plan and participate in the myriad of activities and events if it were not for the wonderful volunteers who surround us. I marvel at their skill in working at their full-time jobs while finding the time and energy to volunteer for the worthwhile causes that we promote. You will find their enthusiasm contagious as they assist us with our Membership Services Committee, our Government Relations Committee, the Chamber Insurance Trust, the Leads Groups, the Leadership Northwest Advisory Committee; and the special committees assisting us with our big events. WOW! It is still a favorite and strong. It is really the important relationships developed over the years that bring out the best in us all.

We have experienced the highs and lows, the laughter and tears, and wins and losses. Through it all, the firm conviction remains that there are wonderful possibilities awaiting us and there are few things in life that cannot be tackled successfully. Thank you for being an integral part of our Chamber.

PS – As summer winds down and I recuperate from a neck injury, just want to thank you for your continuing support and kind wishes. I'm in the office full time, but unable to drive until full recovered. Look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Be sure to check our calendar for events and programs. Of course, you will want to join us with your colleagues throughout September. Please remember to register for the 19th Anniversary of the WOW Forum on October 6th.

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Corporate Partner **NEWS**



Jessica's Story: Hope Blooms at CHH's New Healing Garden

Like many patients receiving cancer treatment at the hospital, Jessica Stewart couldn't wait to just go home.

"I spent a few months going back and forth to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (CHH) for treatments and I couldn't get out of the building fast enough," shares Stewart, a Fit Together health and wellness coordinator and five-year breast cancer survivor.

"Patients just want to go in, get their care, and be done with it. But on my journey, I met so many amazing, kind-hearted people from CHH and my community—and I really wanted to give back."

As she continued through her treatments, Stewart began distributing comfort bags to CHH cancer patients to "help them feel loved." For Stewart, it was a way to find peace and purpose in her therapy process. Then, in October 2022, she organized the 1st Annual Charlotte Hungerford Hospital's Pink Rose Fund Chili Cook-Off, a community event that raised over \$6,000 to support CHH's breast cancer program and patients.

Throughout her volunteerism, Stewart kept thinking she wanted to create something beautiful and sustainable, and the result was a Healing Garden located outside of the hospital's Radia-

tion Therapy Center on Kennedy Drive. Thanks to in-kind donations of plants and soil from local businesses, farms, and community members; including Jeff Geddes of Torrington Savings Bank, Susan Smith of the Cancer Care Fund of the Litchfield Hills, and Carol Dauphinais of Mack and Twine Farms; as well as the efforts of several gardening volunteers from inside and outside of the hospital—Stewart's vision was realized as Charlotte Hungerford Hospital celebrated its new Healing Garden with everyone who made it possible.



"The response to our new Healing Garden has been extremely positive," shares John Capobianco, Senior Vice President, Northwest Region, Hartford HealthCare. "It's always inspiring when former patients continue their relationship with our hospital through volunteerism and community fundraising. This project is particularly special as Jessica leveraged her health and wellness expertise to help our patients eat healthy—which is very critical in the fight against cancer."

Outside of tending to the Healing Garden, Stewart is now preparing for the 2nd Annual Pink Rose Fund Chili Cook-Off, which is set to take place October 20, 2023, at Bad Dog Brewing Company in Torrington. Jess has set a goal of raising \$10,000 this year and all proceeds from the event will benefit the CHH Pink Rose Fund and the cancer patients the fund supports.

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Chamber Member **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



Torrington Toastmasters Celebrating 32 Years of Developing Leaders

Torrington Toastmasters, a beacon of leadership development in the community, is celebrating its remarkable 32 years of empowering individuals to excel in communication and leadership roles. Since its inception, Torrington Toastmasters has been committed to fostering personal and professional growth through effective public speaking and leadership training.

With a legacy spanning three decades, Torrington Toastmasters has consistently provided a supportive and constructive environment through monthly meetings, workshops, and speech contests. The club has cultivated a diverse community of individuals from various backgrounds, all united by their common goal of self-improvement.

Through their association with Toastmasters International, members have access to a wealth of online training materials, continuing education articles, templates, member networking and AI-powered feedback tools.

"The workshop nature of a Toastmasters meeting invites people to challenge themselves in areas that may otherwise be intimidating and overwhelming," said Alissa Monteleone, President of Torrington Toastmasters. "The supportive nature of the club encourages everyone to move out of our comfort zones and practice to meet their personal communication and leadership goals. I have been at it for 8 years and still learn something every meeting."

The Torrington Toastmasters meet at the Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce (59 Field St, Ste. 120, Torrington, CT) and online via Zoom the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7:00-9:00 pm.

For more information about Torrington Toastmasters and our upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook or contact us at TorringtonToastmasters@Yahoo.com.

Testimonials

Northwest Connecticut
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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

Northwest Connecticut
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Business Working Together

★★★★★
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**Looking Forward to Fall?**

We Have MAIL-A-MAP Street Maps:

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- Kent, Sharon & Warren
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- Litchfield, Bantam & Morris
- New Hartford & Barkhamsted
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- 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.

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Name Change

Litchfield Hills Adult Day Care has moved across their parking lot and will soon be operating under the non-profit name of **NWCT Adult Day Center** at 409 Bantam Road, Litchfield.

Charter Oak State College Fall Registration Open

Fall Term 1 Classes Start August 28; register through August 24

Charter Oak State College, (www.CharterOak.edu), Connecticut's public online college is offering registration for Fall Term 1 through August 24. Start classes August 28th!

The College offers career-focused Online Undergraduate degrees in majors such as Nursing, Public Safety Administration, Social Work, Health Information Management, Business Administration, Early Childhood Education, Human Resources Management, Criminal Justice, Sociology, and more. Online Graduate degrees are offered in Health Informatics, Health Care Administration, and Organizational Leadership.

Charter Oak State College is well known for adult student degree completion and honors qualified existing college credits, prior learning, Military and professional certifications.

Connecticut residents who have recently graduated from a CT State Community College may also be eligible for Charter Oak's [Tuition Match Discount Program](#). See www.CharterOak.edu/TuitionMatch.

Attend a September virtual Open House event via Zoom to learn more about the College and its high value, affordable, Online degree programs. All event attendees apply free.

Event Date – Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:30PM ET – Career focused Undergraduate degrees in all fields including Business Administration, Human Resources Mgmt, Social Work, Cyber Security, Early Childhood Education, Public Safety Administration, Nursing, and Health Care degrees will be covered.

Event Date – Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30PM ET – All Graduate Degree Programs and Certificates including Health Care Administration, Health Informatics, and Organizational Leadership will be covered.

Register for these Zoom events at : www.CharterOak.edu/finishcollege

Celebrating 50 years, Charter Oak State College(www.CharterOak.edu) is Connecticut's public online college, offering career-focused associate and bachelor's degrees in high-demand fields including Health Information Management, Nursing, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Social Work and Business Administration. The College offers master's degrees in Health Informatics, Health Care Administration and Organizational Leadership. Charter Oak is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education and governed by Connecticut's Board of Regents for Higher Education.



\$60,000 CHEFA GRANT HELPS CJR PROVIDE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



Photo Credit: David Burgos and the CJR Video and Media Production Class

A \$60,000 grant from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) enabled CJR to provide a Work-Based After-School Program for 60 Waterbury boys and girls, ages 11 to 18, during the 2022-23 school year. The program featured concurrent seven-week sessions in culinary arts and video and media production, each accommodating 10 students, and was conducted on CJR's Waterbury Campus, which has a small commercial kitchen and a video production lab. The program ran from 2:30 to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday during the school week and each class was designed to enhance academic, vocational and social skills, as well as to provide a practical hands-on experience in culinary arts and video and media production.

Classes began in November and concluded just before the end of the school year in June. Each student received a weekly stipend for their participation and 12 students were selected to attend CJR's Work-Based Learning Summer Program, which began in late June and concluded on August 4.

Northwestern Offers Real Estate Principles & Practices Class

The Center for Workforce Development at Connecticut State Community College Northwestern will offer the **Real Estate Principles & Practices** course on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 7 through November 30, 2023 in Founders Hall Room 107, 5 Park Place, Winsted. The cost for the program is \$599 and does not include the cost of the textbooks.

This required course for real estate salesperson licensing provides a clear explanation of modern real estate practices and a working knowledge of real estate in Connecticut.

Recognized and approved by the State of Connecticut Real Estate Commission, this course meets the minimum 60-hour requirement outlined by the state. Property owners, buyers, sellers, and anyone interested in pursuing a career in real estate or operations will find this course beneficial and rewarding.

For more information or to register for this class visit www.nwcc.edu/realestate

Have you heard about the Neighborhood Assistance Act?

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program is an opportunity for businesses and community organizations to work together to make a big impact! Eligible businesses can receive a tax credit on approved contributions to approved NAA projects.

This year, organizations from across the state (including EdAdvance, KidsPlay Children's Museum, Prime Time House, the Susan B. Anthony Project in Torrington, the American Mural Project in Winchester, the Seth Thomas Park Revitalization Project in Thomaston, and the West

Cornwall Public Library Association) have projects approved by the State of Connecticut.

Keep an eye out on the state website [here](#) to learn more about whether or not your business is eligible and to see the list of approved projects!

This program is time sensitive. If your organization opts to take advantage of the tax credits and invest in NAA projects, you must submit Form NAA-02 to the CT Department of Revenue between September 15 and October 1.

Fraud and Cyber Security Threats Seminar Presented by M & T Bank



Leigh Balcom, Vice President,
Financial Crimes Manager at M&T Bank

Leigh Balcom, Vice President, Financial Crimes Manager at M&T Bank presented an eye-opening Fraud and Cyber Security Threats to Business Seminar on August 1st in our Chamber's Conference Room. Here's some of what we learned:

- 91% of cyber attacks start as phishing emails
- Cyber thieves enter the back end of your computer and study your behaviors so they can send an email to someone you know while appearing to be you
- Beware of emails giving instruction to change bank accounts; call the sender of the email to verify that the email came from them
- Most issues are human error, so review transactions regularly
- Transactions using payment apps such as Venmo and Zelle can't be reversed, so make sure that you know where the money is going
- One of the biggest targets is Real Estate; there are lots of parties involved
- Do not reuse passwords; create a new one for each of your financial sites

Leigh may be reached at LBalcom@mtb.com or 716-343-6371

Member NEWS

PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO COORDINATE USE OF \$1.2 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUTHS

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOCG) received a \$1.2 million federal grant to support mental healthcare for teens in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

Awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Rural Health Network Development grant program, the federal government allocated a total of 44 such grants nationwide, and NHCOCG is the only organization in Connecticut to ever receive one.

The regional planning body that coordinates services across 21 towns in the region, NHCOCG established the Northwest Hills Community Health Network of Connecticut (NHCHN-CT) to create a network of care designed to improve access to behavioral health and case management services for teens between the ages 13 to 18. Partners in this four-year initiative include Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington, the McCall Behavioral Health Network, and Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), depression, anxiety and behavioral disorders are among the leading causes of illness and disability among adolescents, and suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among 15 – 29-year-olds.

The target population for NHCHN-CT's initiative is the estimated 12,250 youth ages 13-18 in Litchfield County. Youth in the county are experiencing anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, other disorders, or toxic stress. Together, network members will achieve efficiencies, expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of behavioral health services and associated health outcomes.

"The Northwest Hills Community Health Network of Connecticut will address one of the area's most critical health care needs and provide improved access to behavioral health and case management services," said Leonardo Ghio, project director, NHCOCG.

For more information, contact: Leonardo Ghio, Lghio@northwesthillscog.org, 860-419-9884, www.northwesthillscog.org.

Northwest Hills Council of Governments

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOCG) is a coordinating body for chief elected officials maintained by twenty-one municipalities in northwest Connecticut. NHCOCG's mission is to make Northwest Connecticut a better place to live, do business, and visit by providing a forum for local officials to discuss issues of inter-municipal concern, promote regional cooperation, and direct various regional initiatives to enhance government planning, efficiency and service delivery. <https://northwesthillscog.org/>

Community Health & Wellness Center

In a compassionate, patient-centered environment, CHWC services are accessible and provided without discrimination, with cultural competence, and where all people matter regardless of their ability to pay. CHWC offers healthcare services to over 6,000 underserved patients throughout Northwest CT, including medical, dental, chiropractic, nutritional, podiatry, and behavioral health services, as well as offering an on-site laboratory. It strives to achieve the reputation of "provider of choice" for affordable, high-quality services that achieve positive patient outcomes in a welcoming and caring environment. www.chwctorr.org

McCall Behavioral Health Network

The McCall Behavioral Health Network specializes in helping individuals heal from substance use disorders, mental health disorders, or both. By focusing on a person's emotional and behavioral health, together we build stronger and more resilient communities throughout Connecticut. <https://mccallbhn.org>

Greenwoods Counseling and Referrals

The mission of Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals is to ensure swift, affordable access to quality mental healthcare, regardless of ability to pay, for individuals and families living and working in Litchfield County. People challenged by depression, anxiety, trauma and addiction receive excellent care through Greenwoods. It remains a small grass-roots agency dedicated to retaining a personal, intimate approach to its services and programs. <https://greenwoodsreferrals.org>

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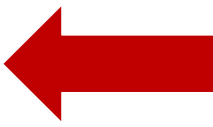
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Chamber NEWS

Our Chamber Leads Groups Have Openings

Leads Group I has openings for the following vocations:

- Accountant
- Attorney
- Chiropractor
- Commercial Real Estate
- Florist
- Hairdresser
- Healthcare (doctor, dentist, mental health, etc.)
- Physical Therapist
- Plumber
- Property Manager

The purpose of the Chamber Leads Groups is for members of each 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 on 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.

Leads Group I meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon. The co-captains of the group are John Seagrave of Barron Financial Group and Lisa Ferris of Brooker Memorial.

Leads Group II has openings for the following vocations:

- Electrician
- Florist
- Photographer
- Plumber
- Roofer

Leads Group II meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at noon. The co-captains of the group are Jenna Stockwell of Shedd Solar Technologies and Dennis Murphy of Murphy Boyz Printing & Marketing.

If you would like information on participating in Leads, please email [JoAnn.Ryan](mailto:JoAnn.Ryan@nwctchamberofcommerce.org) at the Chamber.

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 or
 If you are interested in hosting a Learn at Lunch

Email: JoAnn@nwctchamberofcommerce.org
 or Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org

Chamber NEWS

Young Professionals Networking Night



(From Left: Dan Santorso, Christian Moreira, Mikala Esty, Massiel Romero, Malcolm Mongeau, and Axe House owner Joe Kucia.)



(From Left: Mikala Esty, Axe House owner Joe Kucia, Chris Beyus, Dan Santorso, and Zeke the dog.)

Our Chamber's Young Professionals Organization held a Networking Night on August 9th at The Axe House in Thomaston. The winner of the gift certificate to The Axe House was Malcolm Mongeau. Congratulations Malcolm!

If you are in the age range of 21-40, and a member of our Chamber or work for a company that is a member of our Chamber, you are welcome to join our Young Professionals Organization by emailing Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

YPO helps men and women in their twenties and thirties develop a peer network and plant roots in the community. This is accomplished through social networking events at local businesses, providing professional development seminars, community service opportunities and other activities.

Business with Breakfast at Cadco, Ltd.



A Business with Breakfast was held on Tuesday August 22, 2023 at Cadco, Ltd in Winsted. The attendees received a tour of the commercial kitchen products manufacturing facility. The picture above is from their test kitchen.



Chamber NEWS

8/31/23 - Business After Hours at Little Red Barn Brewers Hosted by Shedd Solar Technologies

More than 40 people attended our Business After Hours at the lovely grounds of Little Red Barn Brewers where attendees enjoyed a fabulous charcuterie board spread from LIVE.BE YOU, and beverages of their choice from the brewery. Jenna Stockwell from Shedd Solar Technologies was a gracious hostess who organized the Networking BIN-GO; prizes were awarded for one row filled, and the big prize drawing for the whole sheet filled. Little Red Barn Brewers owner, Nils Johnson, gave a tour of the facility to show expansion plans for a 5,000 sq. ft. off-site meeting space rental, opening soon.



Charcuterie Board by LIVE.BE YOU. Wood-crafted serving tray by P-R Blackman—Functional Living Art

Committee Reports

Government Relations:

The Government Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 8 AM.

The Government Relations Committee of Northwest Connecticut's Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Thursday of the month. The Committee works closely with the Chamber's lobbyist, Mike Rell, following the activities of the State Legislature.

The Committee develops an annual Legislative Agenda which is furnished to the Chamber's Board of Directors for their approval and then presented to the State Legislative Delegation from the Northwest Corner. The Agenda reviews those issues that are priorities to the business community of Northwest Connecticut.

The Government Relations Committee also works with the Chamber staff to host the Candidate's Forum, Legislative Reception, and the Connecticut Business Day.

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

Health Council:

The Health Council will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 8 AM.

Joanne Borduas from Community Health and Wellness has taken over for Kevin O'Connell as committee chair of the Health Council. We thank Kevin for his tremendous contribution to the health care field and look forward to the journey ahead with Joanne.

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 Committee is now the Regional Education Partnership:

- The committee will meet on Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM, 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.
- To be added to the Regional Education Partnership, please contact Sharon Kunay at 860-482-6586 or email Info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee will meet on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 8 AM.

Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's Membership Committee is a group of dedicated individuals who assist the Chamber staff throughout the year. Under the Membership Committee umbrella, there are three distinct groups: Member Ambassadors, Hospitality, and Marketing & Communications.

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Upcoming **CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Sept. 5 - Small Business Council
Sept. 6 - Wow Advisory Committee - 9 AM
Sept. 7 - Membership Committee - 8 AM
Sept. 7 - Business After Hours—@ Geppetto ~
Osteria e Bisteccheria, 24 East Main St, Torrington,
5-7 PM
Sept. 11 - Leads I - 12 PM
Sept. 13 - Leads II - 12 PM
Sept. 13 - Regional Education Partnership, 1 PM
(Formerly the School to Career Committee)
Sept. 14 - Government Relations Committee

Sept. 15 - Open House—@ New Opportunities,
62 Commercial Blvd, Torrington, 10AM—12 PM
Sept. 20 - Health Council - 8 AM
Sept. 25 - Leads I - 12 PM
Sept. 26 - Business with Breakfast—@Whiting Mills,
210 Holabird Avenue, Winsted, [Sponsored by:
National Iron Bank], 8-9 AM
Sept. 27 - Leads II - 12 PM
Sept. 28 - Board of Directors Meeting - 8 AM

For more Info, see our website calendar of events:
<https://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/>

Save the Date

October 6 - WOW! Forum, Warner Theatre, 82 Main Street, Torrington, 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM
October 24 - Business with Breakfast @ Still River Wellness, Torrington, 8-9 AM
October 26 - Great Business Showcase @ Torrington Armory, 4-7 PM
November 17 - Economic Summit @ Five Points Arts Center, 8 AM
November 28 - Business with Breakfast @ The Cottage, Torrington, 8-9 AM
December 1 - Corp Partner & Premier Member Breakfast @ Vera Roma Torrington, 8 AM
December 7 - Annual Holiday Party @ Brandywine Living of Litchfield, 5-8 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.