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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
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 Billing Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
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- Member - \$200 Non-Member - \$300 6-Foot Table
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Full payment must accompany your completed registration form and be received prior to Oct. 13, 2023.
All payments are non-refundable.

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Please return to NW CT Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 59, Torrington, CT 06790 or email to Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.

QUESTIONS?

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- **FREE** full-page ad in Chamber newsletter (\$125 value)
- Company brochure distributed to all attendees
- 4 **FREE** ads on Chamber Exchange (\$200 value)

SILVER - \$600

- Logo on all promotional material
- One booth
- Media recognition in Expo publicity
- Banner at entrance during event
- **FREE** 1/2 page ad in Chamber newsletter (\$75 value)
- 2 **FREE** ads on Chamber Exchange (\$100 value)

BRONZE - \$400

- Logo on all promotional material
- One booth
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*From the Desk of Our
President & CEO*
JOANN RYAN



Milestones

Recently I celebrated a milestone...39th birthday (*again*), surrounded by my incredible daughters and their wonderful families, neat friends and colleagues, all significant people in my life. As usual, the festive mood was enhanced by two of my very special grandchildren. The cards were quite funny despite incorrectly listing the age! One card in particular – Hallmark – expressed some thoughts that seem appropriate as I reflect on the Chamber's 122-year history, my 39 years and life in general.

“Our FIRST decade, we CONQUER THE BASICS, like walking and talking and getting along...”

Actually, it's more like running here at the Chamber as we focus on the basics of taking care of business. With the input and efforts of our Board of Directors, Corporate Sponsors, Premier Members, the vibrant membership in general, we continue to dedicate ourselves to making this a better place in which to live and work. It's imperative that we inform one and all of our initiatives in order to live this mission. I keep on faithfully writing this column to keep you aware of the Chamber basics.

“The SECOND is a learning experience- our KNOWLEDGE increases, our values grow strong.”

While building new alliances with old friends, we learn more and more about the valuable resources available throughout the region and the benefits we gain by working together. Join us for the Legislative Reception on October 20th at NCCC from 7:30am to 9:00am. It will be an excellent opportunity to once again hear from our delegation.

“Then through the THIRD decade, we manage to juggle our work and RELATIONSHIPS, doing our best...”

We could not possibly plan and participate in what some say is the most active Chamber in the state were it not for the volunteers who surround us. I marvel at their skill in working at their jobs while making the effort to support the worthwhile causes we promote. I wouldn't trade these important relationships developed over the years for anything. In fact, I count my lucky stars often!

“The FOURTH brings REWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS to savor.”

It is heartwarming to read the news clippings on our activities as well as the heartfelt notes from those who benefited from the annual Read-a-loud or the notes from the bear lovers who visited all 80 bears from A Bear Affair or the response to the NW CT Welcome and Information Center or the WOW Forum or the leaders from the public and private sector who appreciate our efforts on their behalf.

“We take a deep breath – but it's NO TIME TO REST!” Who wants time to rest? There's so much more to do!

“Then it's on to our FIFTIETH year – and a decade for MAKING THE MOST OF OUR WHOLE LIFE SO FAR.”

Are we truly making a difference in the lives of others? What positive impact do we have on our employees, our neighbors, our colleagues, our acquaintances, our families, and our friends? So many of you have joined us in working on worthwhile causes that enhance the quality of life. We can choose to work smarter and harder in these challenging times while dealing with some tough issues.

“And when we turn SIXTY, we really take off, with our dreams for the future still HITCHED TO A STAR!”

Many of you have not reached this decade yet. Oh what fun when we take off at a pace, thinking out of the box, dreaming of the goals we have yet to achieve. There's so much more to do in this global marketplace. Come along for the ride as we strengthen our place on the map and reach for the stars.

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Corporate Partner **NEWS**



Maura A. Malo Becomes President and CEO of Northwest Community Bank

After serving as President and Chief Executive Officer Elect since January 2023, Maura A. Malo succeeded retiring President and CEO Stephen P. Reilly on September 2, 2023.

Mrs. Malo has 30 years of senior level experience in the banking industry. Her previous positions at the bank include Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Risk Officer and Internal Auditor. She was an FDIC Bank Examiner from 1993-2003 before she joined Litchfield Bancorp – A Division of Northwest Community Bank, in 2003. She holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS from Western New England University. She is also a graduate of the National School of Banking, and has received the New Leaders in Banking Award from the Connecticut Bankers Association.



Maura A. Malo

Maura Malo currently serves on the boards of FISH, Warner Theatre, Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce, and has served on numerous other boards in the region. She has been a Girl Scouts of CT Troop Leader since 2006. She and her husband Stephen Malo and their two daughters reside in Litchfield, CT.

Northwest Community Bank is a mutually owned state-chartered bank, headquartered in Winsted, Connecticut since 1860. The bank has branches in Avon, Granby, New Hartford, Simsbury, Torrington, and an academic branch at Northwestern Regional High School in Winsted. Collinsville Bank – A Division of Northwest Community Bank has branches in Collinsville, Canton and Farmington; and Litchfield Bancorp – A Division of Northwest Community Bank has branches in Litchfield, Lakeville, Torrington and Watertown.

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Chamber Member **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

O&G INDUSTRIES CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY



1923-2023
100 YEARS AND BUILDING

O&G Industries, a nationally recognized leader in the construction industry, is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. With remarkable growth and a rich history, the company has achieved success by instilling the core values established by its founders, Andrew Oneglia and Flaviano Gervasini, of ethical business practices, productive and safe work, and high-quality client service.

O&G's early days involved hauling construction materials and paving roads. However, after winning the contract to build the Thomaston Dam for the Army Corps of Engineers following the Flood of 1955, the company experienced a transformative influx of jobs.

To ensure future success, the second generation Oneglias – Raymond, George and Francis - diversified by acquiring quarries, adding concrete and asphalt plants, and forming the Building Group.

Today, the third and fourth generations are at the helm, with David Oneglia serving as President, Raymond R. Oneglia and Gregory Oneglia as Vice-Chairmen. The late Bob Oneglia's legacy includes establishing the Mason Division in the 1980s, making it one of the East Coast's largest masonry suppliers.

Within the fourth generation, seven Oneglias occupy Vice President positions. Kara spearheads Mason, Ryan manages Heavy Civil, Brad leads Asphalt Paving, T.J. manages the Construction

Materials, Matt oversees the company's extensive real estate holdings, Christina Rossi oversees Business Development, and Jason Travelstead serves as Vice President of the Building Group.

Above all, the Oneglias acknowledge and appreciate their dedicated employees, who have played a vital role in the company's continued success. With a talented workforce and a bright future, O&G is poised for sustained success in the years to come.



From Left: Matt Oneglia, Jason Travelstead, Kara Oneglia, Greg Oneglia, David Oneglia, Raymond Oneglia, Brad Oneglia, Christina Rossi, T.J. Oneglia, Ryan Oneglia.

Testimonials

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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

★★★★★

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**Planning Fall Foliage Trips?**

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
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**CONNECT - RELAX
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1st Wednesday each month

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Litchfield Woods Health Care Center

www.litchfieldwoods.com

Santa Energy

www.santaenergy.com

Valerie Manor

www.valeriemanhcc.com

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jade LaBella-Athas for receiving the Community Business Award from the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce.

Charter Oak State College offers October Open House events for Online Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs

Charter Oak State College (www.CharterOak.edu) offers three virtual Open House events in October. Prospects interested in online Bachelor's and Master's degrees are encouraged to attend via Zoom. Learn about the College and its high value, affordable, ONLINE degree programs. All event attendees apply free.

Event Date – Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM ET - This event will cover online degrees in Early Childhood Education, Child Studies, and Paraprofessional Studies that allow qualified professionals to teach in a variety of settings. It will also cover ARC, Alternate Route to Certification, Connecticut's only Birth to Five teaching certification for Bachelor's degree holders in any field.

Event Date – Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 5:30PM ET – All Health Care Degree Programs, Undergraduate and Graduate, including Health Information Management, Health Care Administration, Health Informatics, RN/ADN to BSN, as well as medical Certificate programs.

Event Date – Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 12:00 PM ET – Event covers career focused Business degrees, Undergraduate and Graduate, including Business Administration, Human Resources Management, Organizational Leadership, Psychology.

Register for these Zoom events at: [RSVP to Charter Oak](#)



Guest Speaking Opportunity for Business Leaders at EdAdvance

EdAdvance Adult Education is looking for a business leader from the Northwest CT Chamber to be a Guest Speaker for students in our Adult Education programs. Guest speakers in the past have given an evening-time (5:00 or 7:00 PM) virtual talk to High School Credit Diploma/GED/Intermediate ESL students, typically all in one virtual session, while students are logged in from our classrooms in various sites across Litchfield County. Our Credit Diploma and GED students typically range in age from 17-24, but can be (and are) any age!

These are students who are looking to complete their high school diplomas and move into the workforce. Many of

our students do hold jobs now but are looking to advance or achieve higher-paying jobs once they complete their diplomas. The Guest Speaker program is aimed at giving students a look into what business opportunities exist in their local area, and hearing any advice that might help them as they finish up their degrees and start applying for jobs.

If you are interested in being a guest speaker, please contact Denise Dombrowski, School Counselor, EdAdvance Adult Education by phone at (860) 567-0863 x1133 or by email at dombrowski@edadvance.org.



BORROW MY GLASSES: BUILDING COGNITIVE RESERVE THROUGH BRAIN FITNESS

Exciting scientific evidence demonstrates that some people have extra brain capacity called cognitive reserve, making it possible for them to compensate when brain damage or disease occurs. Learn what you can do to build your cognitive

reserve at Litchfield Community Center on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 5:00 –7:00 pm. This program is sponsored by Litchfield Health & Wellness Resources & pre-registration is required at www.thecommunitycenter.org

Member NEWS

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS WELCOMES NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) announces the appointment of Kieu Stephens as the center's new Chief Financial Officer and Chris Martinez as its Information Technology Director.



Stephens comes from an extensive healthcare background in both the commercial and nonprofit sectors as well as data analytics, CMS regulatory and policy, experience with start-up operations, and over 10 years in the finance-healthcare space. Through her leadership and innovative skill-set, she has yielded impressive financial outcomes and improved processes which resulted in significant cost savings.

Stephens graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science and is Lean certified. She is a long-time advocate for the underserved populations and is eager to begin working with her new colleagues at CHWC to find new opportunities for success.



Martinez has held significant roles as a Level 3 Information Technology Engineer, an independent Information Technology Consultant, and Information Technology Director. Martinez comes to CHWC with an extensive background in Information Technology Management and a strong focus on Electronic Healthcare

Records (EHR) systems. His areas of expertise also encompass IT budget administration, project management, database management, vendor management, and cybersecurity and network engineering to secure network infrastructures and safeguard sensitive data.

Martinez holds a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology from The State University of New York and an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering from Hudson Valley Community College. He is eager to leverage his skills and experience to drive technology initiatives that align with CHWC's overarching business goals.

"I am pleased to welcome these two highly accomplished professionals to our team, who will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing growth and success of Community Health and Wellness," says Joanne Borduas, CEO.

NBT BANCORP INC. COMPLETES MERGER WITH SALISBURY BANCORP, INC.



NBT Bancorp Inc. ("NBT" or the "Company") announced that it completed the merger of Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. ("Salisbury") with and into NBT ("Merger") on August 11, 2023. The Merger added 13 banking offices to the NBT franchise in complementary markets, including northwestern Connecticut, the Hudson Valley region of New York and southwestern Massachusetts. Following a core systems conversion that occurred over the weekend, NBT Bank now has 153 banking offices across its seven-state footprint.

"We are honored to build on the relationships Salisbury has cultivated with its customers, communities and shareholders for 175 years," said NBT President and CEO John H. Watt,

Jr. "We are also pleased to welcome the dedicated professionals joining NBT in customer-facing positions in our retail, commercial and wealth management businesses along with many in key support roles in our new Lakeville Operations Center. With the integration of our two high-quality community banks, we are focused on continuing to support all stakeholders with a smooth transition and to the opportunity to grow our combined company together."

In connection with the closing of the Merger, NBT has appointed former President and CEO of Salisbury, Richard J. Cantele, Jr., to its board of directors. He will also join the Executive Management Team at NBT.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023



**THE GILBERT SCHOOL GYM
200 WILLIAMS AVE, WINSTED
3 PM – 6 PM**

OPEN TO ALL BUSINESS SECTORS!

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THE GILBERT SCHOOL
TOWN OF WINCHESTER

SET-UP 2 PM • TABLES & CHAIRS PROVIDED

\$50 PER COMPANY • BUSINESS REGISTRATION REQUIRED
RSVP BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE

Reserve space at bit.ly/EDCJobFair2023

QUESTIONS? Ted Shafer, 860-921-7097

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Mail payment to: Ted Shafer, Economic Development Director, Town of Winchester,
338 Main Street, Winsted, CT 06098

Chamber NEWS



Young Professionals Organization

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

5-7 PM Thursday October 12th

**at the Nutmeg Fudge Company
20 E Main Street, Torrington**

**Young professionals will receive
a FREE Halloween Gummy Treat Bag
for attending!**

The shop has:

- ✓ Ice Cream
- ✓ Candy
- ✓ Fudge
- ✓ Arcade Games

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

YPO is sponsored by



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The Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce created the Young Professionals Organization to support and expand the population of young professionals in our region through networking, community involvement and professional development. The Young Professionals Organization is sponsored by our marketing communications agency, Conquest.

The ultimate goal is to make Northwest Connecticut an inviting and attractive place in which young professionals can live and work. The Chamber recognizes that businesses, state and local governments, civic organizations and the community at large rely on young people to succeed their predecessors in leadership roles. Without leaders to fill vacancies or offer fresh ideas, our region will struggle to remain competitive.

The Chamber's Young Professionals Organization 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.

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

2023 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

MEET AND MINGLE WITH STATE AND LOCAL DELEGATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by CT State Community College—Northwestern
Draper Hall, 93 Park Place East, Winsted



Click HERE to Register

Brought to you by Northwest Connecticut's Chamber
of Commerce Government Relations Committee.



The Chamber's Government Relations Committee, one of our most active committees, presents several Legislative programs throughout the year, including, but are not limited to, a Candidate's Forum, a Legislative Reception, and Connecticut Business Day.

The Candidate's Forum convenes in October on years when State House and Senate elections are held. The candidates discuss various business issues, and audience members are invited to quiz them during a question and answer period.

The Legislative Reception is an annual event that recognizes our State Representatives and Senators for their work during the Legislative Session. Legislators are given the opportunity to speak to the audience, followed by a question and answer period. Networking opportunities with the Legislators prior to and after the formal program are also available.

At the Connecticut Business & Industry Association's annual Connecticut Business Day, our Chamber has historically had the most representatives of all the chambers in attendance. Typically held in March at the State Capitol, Connecticut Business Day offers Chamber members the opportunity to meet with State elected officials and attend the Governor's State of the State Address.

The Government Relations Committee makes a bill-tracking resource available to Chamber members. The Chamber also has a website where members can learn about bills affecting the Northwest corner of Connecticut and the business community at large.

For more information, please contact Chamber President JoAnn Ryan at joann@nwctchamberofcommerce.org or by phone at 860-482-6586.

Chamber **NEWS**

Two Events — Same Day — Morning and Evening




BUSINESS *with* BREAKFAST

Join us at our morning roundtable discussion

BUSINESS *with* BREAKFAST

Enjoy easy networking over a light breakfast. Each attendee will then give a 30-second “commercial” for their business followed by a brief presentation by our host.

Tuesday, October 24, **8:00 a.m.**



Hosted by:



STILL RIVER
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RSVP at <https://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/>


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

Tuesday
October 24, 2023
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Hosted by
VENETIAN RESTAURANT



Hosted by

52 East Main Street, Torrington

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BUSINESS *after* HOURS

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

Hosted by
YOUR BUSINESS NAME

Sponsored by
Your Logo

Your Company Address

[RSVP ONLINE AT NWCTCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.ORG/CALENDAR.](https://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.

Business with Breakfast

A delicious festive breakfast treat was provided at our September Business with Breakfast at Whiting Mills in Winsted. The event was sponsored by National Iron Bank.



From Left: Catie Dougan (National Iron Bank), Hailee Wheeler (National Iron Bank), Sandy Evans (Whiting Mills)



Business After Hours

Our September Business After Hours event was held at Geppetto ~ Osteria e Bisteccheria in downtown Torrington. This venue boasts of a charming and authentic taste

of Italy with a chef born and raised in Italy. Attendees enjoyed delicious complimentary charcuterie boards and soft drinks with a cash bar.



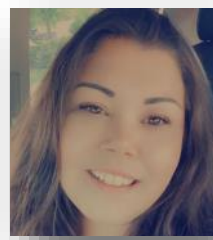
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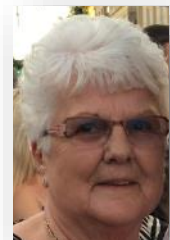
Luis Sanchez-Chiriboga



Norma Jean Sweet-Loverin



Ali Mica



Lucretia Goodwin

Our Chamber is growing, thereby necessitating the need for additional staff to better support our members.

We welcome Luis Sanchez-Chiriboga as our new part-time Business Development Representative. He is a recent graduate of CT State Community College—Northwestern (formerly NCCC) in Winsted and is currently furthering his education at Central CT State University in New Britain. Luis is helping us with our social media footprint on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank You and Best Wishes to our part-time bookkeeper, Norma Jean Sweet-Loverin, who is a contractor from My Office in Torrington. She is leaving our office due to the need for a full-time staff member in this position with additional responsibilities. Norma has been a delight to work with and a wealth of knowledge. She will be greatly missed.

Our newest employee comes to us from The United Way of Northwest Connecticut. We welcome Ali Mica to our staff as our Accounting Administrative Assistant, taking on the bookkeeping responsibilities that Norma Jean was handling, plus some additional administrative tasks.

We would be amiss if we did not mention our part-time volunteer, Lucretia Goodwin, who contacted our office earlier this year looking for volunteer opportunities since she is retired. She is well known in our area as she has worked in customer service for many years. Many of you may have personally spoken with Lucretia since she has been making courtesy calls to see how our members are doing and if they have any questions or suggestions for our Chamber. She has become a very valuable resource to our Chamber and we are thrilled to have her support.

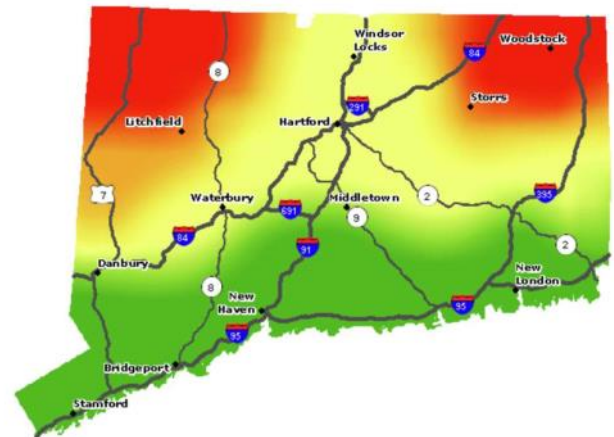
Fall Foliage in Northwest Connecticut

Distance: Approximately 100 miles

Estimated peak viewing: October 3 - October 8

This route is in the Litchfield Hills region, the first part of Connecticut to see color changes, so best to do it a little earlier in the season.

- Begin in Torrington.
- Go north on Route 8 to Winsted then northwest on Route 44 to Canaan, or Falls Village.
- Turn south on Route 7 to Kent, then east on Route 341 to Warren and South on Route 45 through New Preston.
- Go east on Route 202 for about a mile then turn south on Route 47 to Washington Depot.
- Turn northeast on Route 109 to East Morris, then north on Route 63 to Litchfield.
- Head east on Route 118 for a few miles then north on Route 8 to close the loop.



Information from ctvisit.com and ctinsider.com

Committee Reports

Governance Committee:

This newly formed committee will be lead by committee chair, David Oliver from Ebner Camp.

Government Relations Committee:

The Government Relations Committee will host the Legislative Reception at CT State Community College—Northwestern (formerly NCCC) in Draper Hall, 93 Park Place East, Winsted on Friday October 20th from 7:30 –9:00 AM.

Health Council:

The Health Council had its first meeting with new chair, Joanne Borduas from Community Health and Wellness Center. Attendees gave their company updates. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 8 AM.

Manufacturing Coalition:

The Manufacturing Coalition is focusing on letting students know about manufacturing jobs in the area.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee welcomes their new Chair, Chris DuPont from Resource Development Associates. The committee will meet on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 8 AM.

Regional Educational Partnership:

More than 30 people attended the first meeting in September. The agenda will be set at the next meeting on November 1st. They are targeting grades 7 through 10 and up through college for dual enrollment, including those who think they are not “college material”. They want the students to find a job and stay in the community.

Strategic Planning Committee:

This newly formed committee will be spearheaded by committee chair, Stephen Mazzarelli from Commercial Sewing.

Small Business Council:

Moe Chislum from Litchfield Bancorp– A Division of Northwest Community Bank, is the new chair of the Small Business Council.

To join a committee, please contact Sharon Kunay at 860-482-6586 or email Info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org.



Upcoming **CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Oct. 4 - WOW Advisory Committee - 9 AM

Oct. 6 - WOW! Forum @Warner Theatre's Carole & Ray Neag Performing Arts Center, 82 Main Street, Torrington, 7:45 AM—4:30 PM

Oct. 6 - **Chamber CLOSED—Staff at WOW! Forum**

Oct. 9 - **Chamber CLOSED—Columbus Day Observance**

Oct. 11 - Leads II - 12 PM

Oct. 12 - Young Professionals Organization @ Nutmeg Fudge Company, 20 E. Main St, Torrington, 5-7 PM

Oct. 18 - Health Council - 8 AM

Oct. 20 - Legislative Reception @ Draper Hall, CT State Community College — Northwestern, 93 Park Place East, Winsted 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Oct. 23 - Leads I - 12 PM

Oct. 24 - Business with Breakfast—@ Still River Wellness, 3568 Winsted Rd, Torrington, 8-9 AM

Oct. 24 - Business After Hours—@ The Venetian Restaurant, 52 East Main St, Torrington, 5-7 PM

Oct. 25 - Leads II - 12 PM

Oct. 26 - Board of Directors Meeting - 8 AM

Oct. 26 - Great Business Showcase, **Vera Roma Grille & Bar, 1301 Torrington West St, Torr, 4-7 PM**

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

Save the Date

Date TBD - Transportation in CT (with Garrett T. Eucalitto, CTDOT Commissioner)

November 8 - Wellness in the Workplace (Blueback Health & McCall's) @ Chamber, 8 AM

November 17 - Economic Summit (with Ken Gronbach) @ 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.