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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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# February Newsletter

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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**CHAMBER NEWSLETTER**

**Display Advertisements**

Available to Chamber members. Deadline is the 15th of the month. Submit ad in JPEG or PNG format to [info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org).

Cost:  
Full page - \$150  
1/2 page - \$100  
Business card \$50

**Member in the Spotlight**

Information submitted for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. Spotlight highlights should include a brief business description and a logo or photo. Deadline is the 15th of the month. Email information to [info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org)

Cost: Complimentary

**CHAMBER EXCHANGE –**

**MEMBER TO MEMBER**

**E-MAIL BLAST**

The Chamber sends e-mail blasts to all members with special offers and advertisements. These e-mails are sent separately and are specially identified as offers from members. Members are able to place one ad per month. Ads should be submitted in JPEG or PNG format and should be 7" wide x 3-3/4" high. The fee is \$75 per ad. To schedule your Chamber Exchange ad, contact JoAnn Ryan by phone at 860-482-6586 or by email at [info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org)

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

Display Advertisements are available to Chamber members in the Annual Business & Membership Directory. Information and pricing are available by contacting the Chamber at [info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:info@nwtchamberofcommerce.org)



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**Facility Use Request Form**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Room Rates:** 8 am – 5 pm, \$50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour, \$35 per hour thereafter  
5 pm – 10 pm, \$60 for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour, \$45 per hour thereafter  
**Non Member Room Rates:** 8 am – 5 pm, \$100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour, \$75 per hour thereafter  
5 pm – 10 pm, \$125 for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour, \$100 per hour thereafter

After hours (5 pm – 10 pm) rates also apply to weekend use.  
Corporate Partners of the Chamber may utilize the conference rooms at no charge.  
Premier Members of the Chamber may utilize the conference rooms at half price.

Date(s) room will be needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Time(s) including setup & cleanup: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Requested:  Conference Room (Seats up to 28)  
 Library (Small meeting room – seats up to 6)

Audio/Visual Equipment Requested:  
 Whiteboard  Projector  Flip Chart

Meeting Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If your request is cancelled or rescheduled, please call the Chamber as soon as possible. If any damage occurs to the room, equipment or kitchen, the party that reserved the room will pay to fix or replace damaged property.

**PREMIER MEMBERS**  
Brandywine Living at Litchfield • Commercial Sewing, Inc. • Cook Funeral Home  
Eversource Energy • Keystone Place at Newbury Brook • Resource Development Associates  
• Seitz LLC • Senior Advocate Services • UCE Fine Builders • Webster Bank  
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• T&M Building Company, Inc. and Torrington Downtown Partners

**Use our updated conference rooms and marketing channels to reach a wider audience. Impress clients and colleagues in our modern facilities and showcase your brand to potential customers with our marketing options. Contact us today to learn more.**

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**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**CITY HALL AUDITORIUM (2ND FL)**

**140 MAIN STREET, TORRINGTON**



Media Partners:

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## **JOB SEEKERS**

For More  
Info, Call  
860-482-6586

The Job Fair is **FREE** for attendees and open to the public

Hundreds of job openings in a wide range of industries

Bring multiple copies of your resume and dress for success!



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**Young Professionals Organization**

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

**Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, 5-7 PM**  
**da Capo Ristorante Italiano**  
**625 Torrington Road, Litchfield CT**

Bring a coworker!

If possible, please RSVP at [nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar](https://nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar)

For more information, contact the Chamber at 860-482-6586 or [Info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:Info@nwctchamberofcommerce.org)

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Webster Bank

## Chamber Member in the Spotlight



Welcome to The Little Red Barn Brewers Event Space, a versatile venue catering to various occasions. From "Celebration of Life" receptions to weddings, our charming space is designed for diverse events. Ideal for businesses seeking full-service off-site training, featuring audio-visual excellence and customized setups to meet your AV requirements.

Indulge in a culinary journey from continental breakfast to happy hour, complementing the essence of your occasion. Our space is ideal for bridal and baby showers, Jack-n-Jill parties, weddings, and class reunions.

Turnkey solutions include vibrant balloons, elegant floral arrangements, high-quality linens, meticulously arranged place settings, and the option to add a touch of music coordinated by our Little Red Barn Brewers [music coordinator](#).

With a seating capacity of 20 to 200 guests, our flexible space accommodates intimate affairs and grand celebrations. Enhance your event with team-building options like the thrilling [Edgeworks Axe House](#).

Our fully handicap-accessible space prioritizes inclusivity. Catering to diverse

dietary preferences, we offer vegan and gluten-free options. The bar boasts craft beers, cocktails, wines, and hard cider.

Available seven days a week, our space provides flexibility to choose a date that suits your schedule.

For inquiries and bookings, contact Danamarie Towers or Nils Johnson at [eventspace@lrbbrewers.com](mailto:eventspace@lrbbrewers.com) or (860) 238-4447.

Let [The Little Red Barn Brewers Event Space](#) be the canvas for your next memorable occasion.



# HELP SAVE A LIFE

Don't Miss These **FREE** Training Opportunities!

📅 February 21, 2024  
📍 Northwest Chamber of Commerce  
59 Field. St  
Torrington, CT 06790



*Attend both training sessions or pick one.*

## → QPR GATEKEEPER

*Suicide Prevention | 8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.*

**Presented by the McCall Behavioral Health Network**

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper, you'll learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer hope, and how to refer someone to resources in the community to help save a life. QPR is a nationally recognized, evidence-based training that grants participants certification considered active for three years.

## → NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION

*Overdose Prevention | 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.*

**Presented by Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals**

Attendees will receive a FREE naloxone kit with two 4-ML doses of naloxone.

**Topics that will be discussed:**

- Overdose prevention strategies
- A brief history of opioid waves
- Local resources and support
- Signs and symptoms of an overdose
- How to administer naloxone
- Current protective legislation



*Interested in registering for either or both trainings?  
Scan the QR Code or email Donna Bielefield at  
[donna.bielefield@mccallbhn.org](mailto:donna.bielefield@mccallbhn.org) to register!*



## THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS OF THE CHAMBER

**T&M Building Company, Inc.**  
**and Torrington Downtown Partners**

Business with Breakfast at Challenging Minds





**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, February 27, 8:00 a.m.

Hosted by



30 Peck Rd, Suite 1202, Torrington

[Click HERE to Register](#)

## Hoarding, The Hidden Disorder

FREE session & FREE lunch Tuesday, Feb 27, 2024 From 12-1:15pm

Presented by Matt Stevenson and Amanda Tortora  
ServiceMaster Albino

Co-Sponsored by The NW CT Chamber of Commerce

Location: Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce  
59 Field Street Suite 120 Torrington, CT

RSVP by 2-23-24 [Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org](mailto:Karen@nwctchamberofcommerce.org)  
or call 860-482-6586

Questions email or call: [amanda@smalbino.com](mailto:amanda@smalbino.com)  
or call 203-894-6482



Please join us for this informative lecture to learn about this psychological disorder that is affecting tens of millions of American's health and safety.

Resources will be available regarding how to effectively communicate with an individual suffering with this condition.



[Click HERE to Register](#)

Business After Hours at Little Red Barn Brewers



**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  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hosted by



32 Lake St, Winsted, CT

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

Click [HERE](#) to Register

***FRIENDS of MAIN STREET – WINSTED***

*presents:*

A Chocolate  
Lover's  
Wine/Beer/Spirits  
Tasting



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

**5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

*(Snow Date: Saturday, February 10)*

**LITTLE RED BARN BREWERS**

**32 Lake Street, Winsted, CT**

**TICKETS: \$25** in advance,  
(per person) **\$35** at the door

**DETAILS: [fomswinsted.org](http://fomswinsted.org)**

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## **Leadership Northwest Session 3**

Corporate Leadership Panel & Board Participation

Torrington City Hall Auditorium

January 17, 2024



**Russell Speeder's Car Wash - Ribbon Cutting**  
163 South Main Street, Torrington  
January 3, 2024



# CharterOak STATE COLLEGE

A Higher Degree of Online Learning

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

NEW BRITAIN, CT – Charter Oak State College - ([www.CharterOak.edu](http://www.CharterOak.edu)) offers two virtual Open House events in February. 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, February 12 at 5:30PM ET –**

All Graduate Degree Programs and Certificates including Health Care Administration, Health Informatics, and Organizational Leadership will be covered.

**Event Date – Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 PM ET –**

Career-focused Undergraduate degrees in all fields including Business Administration, Social Work, Cybersecurity, Early Childhood Education, Public Safety, Nursing, and Health Care will be covered.

**Register for these Zoom events at :**  
[www.CharterOak.edu/finishcollege](http://www.CharterOak.edu/finishcollege)

Contact: Carolyn Hebert, 860-515-3880,  
[chebert@charteroak.edu](mailto:chebert@charteroak.edu)

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## Upcoming CHAMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Feb. 1** - Membership Committee - 8 AM

**Feb. 6** - Small Business Council - 8 AM

**Feb. 6** - Job Fair @ Torrington City Hall, 140 Main St, Torrington, 10 AM—2 PM

**Feb. 7** - Wow Advisory Committee - 9 AM

**Feb. 7** - Young Professionals Networking Night @ Da Capo Ristorante Italiano,  
625 Torrington Road, Litchfield, 5-7 PM

**Feb. 8** - Government Relations Committee - 8 AM

**Feb. 12** - Leads I - 12 PM

**Feb. 14** - Leadership NW (Session 4), 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

**Feb. 14** - Leads II @ Ebner Camps - 12 PM

**Feb. 19** - **CHAMBER CLOSED** in observance of Presidents Day

**Feb. 21** - Health Council @ CHWC, 469 Migeon Ave, Torrington, 8 AM

**Feb. 21** - QPR Gatekeeper Training [*Presented by:* Donna Bielfield, McCall Behavioral  
Health

Network] @ NW Chamber, 59 Field St, Suite 120, Torrington, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**Feb. 22** - Board of Directors Meeting- 8 AM

**Feb. 26** - Leads I - 12 PM

**Feb. 27** - Business with Breakfast @ Challenging Minds LLC, 30 Peck Rd, Suite 1202,  
Torrington, 8 AM

**Feb. 27** - Learn at Lunch: Hoarding, the Hidden Disorder [*Presented by:* ServiceMaster  
Albino] @ NW CT Chamber, 59 Field Street, Suite 120, Torrington, 12 - 1:30 PM

**Feb. 28** - Leads II - 12 PM

**Feb. 28** - Business After Hours @ Little Red Barn Brewers, 32 Lake Street, Winsted, 5-7  
PM

For more Info, see our website calendar of events:

[www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/](http://www.nwctchamberofcommerce.org/calendar/)

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## SAVE THE DATE

Mar. 12th --- Business with Breakfast at Brandywine Living at Litchfield, Litchfield

Apr. 16th --- Business with Breakfast at NBT Bank (formerly Salisbury Bank), Lakeville

Apr. 18th --- Great Business Showcase at Little Red Barn Brewers, Winsted

May 21st --- Business with Breakfast at Little Red Barn Brewers, Winsted

Oct. 4th --- 20th Annual WOW! Forum at the Warner Theatre, Torrington



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