

Applauding our Renewing Members Another Year, Another Opportunity



Members gather at Project Oceanology in Groton for a Business After Hours, presented by Scient Federal Credit Union.

Joining the Chamber is an exciting and engaging time for new members. They are welcomed into the Chamber and immediately given new member perks including passes to Business After Hours, a web ad on our website, and other marketing initiatives to help broaden their reach in the community.

When a year goes by and a member renews, it is a time of reflection on the previous year. How was business? Which events did they attend? How have they benefitted from the Chamber's many resources? The answer may differ greatly for each member, but one thing it tells the Chamber is that they are ready to continue their journey to further develop and grow their business ventures with our support and resources.

Membership retention is extremely important for the stability of the Chamber as well as relationship building between member and Chamber. Every member in our database has an opportunity to learn and expand their

knowledge of what we can do to support and guide them.

At a recent Chamber 101 held at Project Oceanology, all new and existing members were invited to attend an hour seminar on all the benefits of membership.

The seminar was led by Jane Davis, Director of Membership and Engagement. Members had a chance to get a glimpse of Chamber benefits with the advantage of in-person training and networking with staff and fellow members.

Davis is passionate about membership and the regional impact associated with it. "Members are the core of our Chamber. We work for them, and they fuel our operations and mission. When a member renews, it confirms that they are ready to continue expanding their presence and their opportunities for growth while contributing to the overall economic health of the region, working together towards a common goal."

It is common for her to drive from town to town and visit members in their own neighborhood. "Our members benefit from the support of the Chamber, but also from member to member support within and beyond each municipality." Davis remarked.

Tony Sheridan, President and CEO of the Chamber knows how crucial it is to belong to the Chamber of Commerce. "Jane's passion and commitment to support all the members in her portfolio proves how dedicated she is to Eastern CT and beyond."

Hundreds of members are signing up for renewal every year. The Chamber will continue to commend renewing members for their engagement and growth, and strive to provide the abundant programming, and resources to keep them engaged.

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Interested in learning more about membership?

Contact Jane Davis at
memberships@ChamberECT.com.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU | Through their commitment to the Chamber, these companies have demonstrated support for the many smaller businesses we serve.



Back to Business

We're kicking off the fall with Congressman Joe Courtney on September 26 and Comptroller Natalie Braswell on October 11



Congressman Joe Courtney will provide members with a legislative update. He has represented Connecticut's second congressional district since 2006. He serves on the House Armed Services Committee, and the House Education and Workforce Committee. There will be time for audience Q&A following the speaker's presentation.

Recent news from Congressman Courtney:

- [Courtney, Thompson introduce bipartisan bill to improve rehab therapy for medicare patients](#)
- [Courtney Announces new federal funding to support coastal security and maritime safety in Mystic and New London](#)
- [Courtney votes to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, delivering lower drug costs, more good jobs, and next-gen energy production](#)

Read more at courtney.house.gov.



Natalie Braswell is completing the term of Kevi Lembo who resigned as Comptroller on December 31, 2021. She was appointed by Governor Ned Lamont and is the State's first Black Comptroller.

As state Comptroller, Braswell is committed to strengthening our economy, protecting the public's right to government data, combating the ongoing health care crisis in Connecticut, and meeting the high standards of our state's residents.

Recent news from Comptroller Natalie Braswell:

- [New "Premium Pay" Program for essential workers](#)
- [Comptroller Braswell projects \\$1.27 billion FY 2022 surplus as economic indicators send mixed messages on future economic outlook](#)

Read more at osc.ct.gov

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

FRI 16	New London Cleanup with Revolution Wind 9:00 am - 12:00 pm New London
WED 21	Business After Hours at Country Wellness Center 5:00 - 7:00 pm 391 Norwich-Westerly Road, North Stonington
MON 26	Business Luncheon with Congressman Joe Courtney 11:30 - 1:00 pm Holiday Inn, Norwich <i>Sponsored by Norwich Public Utilities</i>
WED 28	Fairview Outpatient Therapy Gym: Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration 4:00 - 6:00 pm 235 Lestertown Road, Groton
THUR 29	Satori Spa Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration 4:00 - 5:00 pm 49 Whitehall Ave, Mystic

OCTOBER

SUN 2	<i>The Chamber is proud to sponsor</i> Tamarack Music Festival 12:00 - 9:00 pm Tamarack Lodge, Voluntown
TUE 11	Business Breakfast with Comptroller Natalie Braswell 7:45 - 10:00 am Hilton Mystic, Mystic
WED 12	Business After Hours at Heavitree of Griswold B&B 5:00 - 7:00 pm 78 Oakville Road, Griswold
SAT 22	<i>The Chamber is proud to sponsor</i> Hope in Focus Dinner in the Dark 5:30 pm Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa

SAVE THE DATE!

Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundations 37th

Holiday Gala

Friday, December 16 at Mohegan Sun

Registration required for most events.

Visit ChamberECT.com/events
to sign up today!

Cancellation Policy: Notice must be given at least three business days prior to the event. No shows or those unable to cancel in time will be billed. To cancel, please call the Chamber at (860) 701-9113.



Volunteer for International Coastal Cleanup Day on Friday September 16

Volunteer with The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, and Revolution Wind for a Mystic and New London Cleanup in support of International Coastal Cleanup Day on Friday September 16.

We will be cleaning up two sites in New London: South Water Street, and Waterfront Park. Sign up to volunteer in New London and join us for a FREE breakfast at Rocks 21 in Mystic from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m! Equipment will be provided by the towns of Groton and Stonington and the City of New London to help in this effort.

Friday September 16 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Meet at Rocks 21 for clean up assignments.

[To sign up visit ChamberECT.com/events](https://www.chamberect.com/events)



Music and TheCharityChallenge.net Bring People Together

The Tamarack Lodge will host an amazing Music Fest put on by TheCharityChallenge.net on Sunday, October 2, 2022, featuring incredible music, vendors, raffles, food, and family-friendly fun. The musical lineup includes the region's hottest bands featuring Red Light, Whiskey Blvd, Ed Peabody & The Big Blue Thang, Big "Dawg" Isaac, Stone County and Nick Casey. Collectively, these bands offer many genres of music including classic rock, country, rhythm & blues and acoustic.

TheCharityChallenge.net believes that Music heals. This event-based organization was born, in 2014, out of a burning desire for change. When founder, Ceci Iliff, realized the barriers to treatment for her son's mental health challenges and substance abuse were nearly insurmountable, she decided to take action.

"We need to change the way we regard the disease and bring people together to raise awareness and inspire compassion for people who are struggling. Everyone knows someone, and Together WE are Stronger", Iliff said.

She fought relentlessly for 15 years to save her son Benjamin, who faced many challenges in his short 28 years, but he died of a Fentanyl overdose, on January 11, 2019. Ceci has spent the last few years turning her grief into action. Though her life will never be the same, she is on a mission to bring light to an epidemic that is raging out of control and claiming hundreds of lives each day.

"We need better solutions. The organization we support with the proceeds from our Annual Tamarack Music Fest, and other

events throughout the year, is a CT nonprofit dedicated to creating real, long-term solutions for individuals and families." Iliff said. "With proper funding, TriCircle will someday have a 15-month, residential program that will offer an uninterrupted long-term continuum of care and every single resource needed to thrive in life." Iliff added, "Every drug addiction comes with mental health challenges. To the individuals who are struggling, drugs aren't the problem, they are the solution to the problem. We should be treating the root causes more effectively right along with the actual addiction, a long-known disease of the brain."

This event is an opportunity to bring people together, to raise money and awareness, to help build a strong foundation for TriCircle, and to reduce the shame and stigma that surround this disease.

"When we dance and sing together, there is a sense of community, where everyone moves together with shared intentions and a mutual goal. Music is a collective experience." Quoted by Shahram Heremat, Ph.D. in an article written in Psychology Today.

The event is made possible by our sponsors, Hall Communications, Mohegan Sun and The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT. This annual event promises to bring hundreds of people together to sing, dance and enjoy performances by six of our regions most talented bands! Click here for more information or to purchase tickets. Find this event on Facebook and help spread the word!

Follow us! @ChamberECT

We always thank renewing members and welcome new members on Facebook. Follow us to stay up-to-date on Chamber news and be the first to engage with members.





Affordable and safe housing is a basic need for every member of our community, and yet it's in short supply in our region and state.

The Day wants to be part of the solution and has undertaken a yearlong investigation into the housing market.

The Day

The Housing Solutions Lab launched on August 14

Find stories, videos and podcasts at
www.theday.com/housinglab

Upcoming features in The Day and on theday.com:

Next: Thames River Apartments through the years

September: Mold, lead and renters' rights

September - November: Not a buyer or renter's market; Affordable housing plans and laws

If you would like to support the investigation with a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.givebutter.com/thedayhousing

The Housing Solutions Lab is made possible in part
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MEMBER NEWS



New Ground Transportation Center Opens at Bradley International Airport

The newly opened, \$210 million facility offers easier access to rental cars and more public parking – and in the future it will also provide improved access to public transit.

The ground transportation center is located adjacent to the airport's main terminal, Terminal A, and spans across 13.4 acres. It has five floors and is comprised of dedicated space for rental cars, public parking and future, improved access to public transit. The majority of the facility space is allocated for rental car operations, which include a customer service building, a dedicated area for vehicle drop off and pick-up called "ready return," and a "quick turnaround facility" which houses fueling and car washing services.

In addition to improved access to rental cars and reduction in carbon dioxide emissions due to fewer shuttle bus operations, the new facility has also increased the airport's overall parking availability by ten percent with the addition of 830 new general parking spots. More than half of those are covered and all are within a short walking distance to/from Terminal A.

The airport has also relocated charter bus operations from the arrivals roadway to the new ground transportation center, further reducing traffic congestion. In the future, there will be also a dedicated area that will be used to receive high-frequency buses connecting the airport to the CTRail line, as well as regional bus services.

The facility was constructed in partnership with ConRac Solutions, WSP USA, Inc., Austin Commercial, KBE Building Corporation and PGAL.

No taxpayer funds have been used to pay for the facility; it is financed solely by customer facility charge revenues.

Homeschooling at Spark Makerspace

This program is designed as three six-week courses for ages 14-18 years old. All taking place on Thursdays, September 29th to November 3rd, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Students have three courses to choose from: Draw, Design, Screenprint, LED Light Up Your Clothes or, The Art of Stained Glass.

Homeschooling - Draw, Design, & Screenprint: For Homeschoolers 14 to 18 years old, learn drawing and design techniques for screen printing to print on paper and a T-shirt.

Homeschooling- LED Light Up Your Clothes:

For Homeschoolers 14 to 18 years old, learn how to design, program, and sew LED circuits.

Homeschooling - The Art and Skill of Stained Glass: For Homeschoolers 14 to 18 years old, learn the complete process of stain glass design and creation.

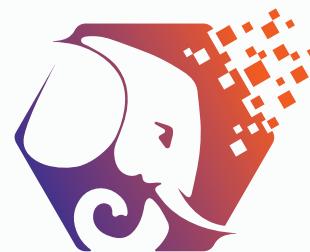
Mitchell College and New London Public Schools Sign Dual-Enrollment Partnership Agreement

Mitchell College and New London Public Schools (NLPS) are partnering to provide dual enrollment to New London High School (NLHS) students, giving them an opportunity to take courses at Mitchell College. Mitchell College President Tracy Y. Espy and NLPS Superintendent Cynthia Ritchie signed a dual-enrollment partnership agreement at a recent orientation and ice cream social for the dual-enrolled NLHS students at Mitchell College.

NLHS students, who are identified by NLHS guidance counselors and teachers, will have the opportunity to enroll in a choice of three Mitchell College courses for Fall 2022: Introduction to Applied Exercise Science, Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Introduction to Race, Ethnicity, and Culture. Additional courses will be offered in Spring 2023.

NLHS students who successfully complete 6+ credit hours at Mitchell and earn a grade of "C" or better in each course will be given priority admissions to Mitchell College upon successful completion of their high school diploma.

In addition, enrolled NLHS students will receive a Mitchell identification card, which will enable them to access the Mitchell College library and dining hall and events of interest (such as athletics and performing arts). Mitchell College tutoring services will also be available to dual-enrolled students.



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BENEFACITOR NEWS

Equinor Announces Public Affairs Team for US Offshore Wind Projects



Equinor announced today members of the company's newly formed Equinor Renewables US Public Affairs Team. The team is responsible for strategic communications and stakeholder, community, and government relations for Equinor's growing portfolio of offshore wind projects in the U.S. Together, these projects, known as Empire Wind 1, Empire Wind 2 and Beacon Wind 1, will produce enough electricity to power approximately two million homes in New York State and will help generate more than \$1 billion in economic output in the region.

"Equinor has created a team of professionals that are not only skilled and experienced practitioners, but who also possess a deep understanding of the communities and regions in which we operate," said David Marks, Head of Government and Public Affairs for Equinor Renewables US. "The priority of every team member is to ensure that, as we work tirelessly to help realize the region's long-awaited energy transition, we fulfill our commitments to our stakeholders, partners, and communities every single day."



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Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation Awards Robert Pare Scholarship to Two Local Students

The Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation announced the 2022 recipients of the Robert O. Pare College Scholarship.

Sofia DaSilva of East Providence, RI, and Aimee Girard of Waterford, CT, each will receive \$5,000 towards their college education from the Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation.

Over the course of 55 years, Robert O. Pare served Centreville Bank in a variety of roles, including president, trustee and corporator. Centreville Bank's board of directors established the scholarship in 2018 upon Pare's retirement. The intention of the scholarship is to acknowledge local students who positively influence their communities as Pare did while at Centreville.

Each of the scholarship recipients were asked to submit an essay showcasing the valuable lessons learned through community service and the impacts they have had on them. The winning essays discussed a range of involvement, from educating elementary and pre-school students about music and Spanish to working in food pantries and fundraising for non-profit organizations.

DaSilva has been involved with several organizations, including Banda Nova Alianca, where she helped provide free music education to children in the community. She also participated in a variety of fundraisers for her Church's Holy Spirit Society, volunteered at her local library working with the elderly, and raised money for the Good Neighbors food assistance program. "While at times organizing an event with a variety of personalities, ages, and cultural differences can be daunting, it has taught me patience, teamwork, and the ability to respect each person's ideas," added DaSilva.

Girard, the recipient from the Connecticut area, attributes much of her personal growth and leadership skills from her volunteerism and involvement in the broader community. In her essay, she described her experience with the Spanish Honor Society where she served as a group leader, working with elementary students and creating Spanish learning activities aimed to inspire them to learn a foreign language through fun.



Congratulations Chief Malerba, Recently Appointed As Treasurer of the United States of America

This announcement marks the first Native American chosen to serve as U.S. Treasurer.

In addition to making history as the first woman to serve as Chief in Mohegan Tribe's modern history, Chief Lynn Malerba has now been appointed as Treasurer of the United States as well as head of the newly created Office of Tribal and Native Affairs. As tribal leader, Lynn embodies our guiding philosophy of the Spirit of Aquai which is the Mohegan Tribe's centuries old North Star of how we treat our guests, partners and fellow team members.



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