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Inspiring creativity & fueling growth

Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT launches Innovation Center providing flexible coworking and private offices for startups, regional expansion, and creative off-site meetings in New London, CT

Entrepreneurs working to establish their brand and to develop strategic business relationships can now have office space within one of the largest Chambers of Commerce in Connecticut and have access to a broad range of businesses in the region.

The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut is putting the finishing touches on its Innovation/Co-working Center, which will provide a variety of opportunities for the full spectrum of business -- as incubator space for start-ups, and as additional space for existing businesses wishing to establish a satellite location in the heart of the region's business center. The Center, located at 92 Eugene O'Neill Drive, New London, is a short walk to the

regional transportation hub providing rail, bus, and ferry services to New York, Boston, and beyond, as well as to the restaurants, shops, and cultural offerings of the region.

Features include office space for rent, workstations in an open and collaborative setting, administrative support, 5G fiber optic powered by Comcast Business, WiFi, a kitchen facility with all appliances, a private wellness room, handicapped access, two conference rooms, a large outdoor patio, free onsite parking, and electric charging stations.

"The Chamber has had the vision of an incubator space for several years, and this is the ideal time for it to come

to fruition in the midst of the region's booming economy," said Tony Sheridan, Chamber President and CEO.

"With eastern Connecticut diversifying and expanding its business community at a rate not seen in generations, the Chamber Board is especially proud to provide this advanced workspace and the opportunities it represents," said Mary Ellen Jukoski, President of Three Rivers Community College and Board Chair of the Chamber.

One of the most attractive amenities is the Center's location, a short walk from the region's transportation hub and other businesses that can support entrepreneurs and growing enterprises.

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A Special Thank You | Through their commitment to the Chamber, these companies have demonstrated support for the many smaller businesses we serve.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

THUR 28 **YPsocial at Chapter One**
5:00 - 7:00 pm | 32 W Main Street, Mystic
Sponsored by Homestead Funding & Resolute Dental Partners

OCTOBER

WED 4 **Military Affairs Council Meeting**
8:30 - 9:30 am | Zoom
Open to all Chamber members, email info@ChamberECT.com to sign up.

THUR 12 **Business Luncheon with U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Holiday Inn, Norwich
Sponsored by: Norwich Public Utilities, We Work for Health, and Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

WED 25 **Coffee & Contacts: Networking for HR Professionals**
8:30 - 9:30 am | Chamber Innovation Center: 92 Eugene O'Neill Drive, New London

THUR 26 **Regional Innovation Center Grand Opening and Open House!**
4:30 - 7:00 pm | 92 Eugene O'Neill Drive, New London



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.

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Additionally, the Center is in a federally recognized Enterprise and Opportunity Zone with significant development nearby providing a vibrant atmosphere.

The Center is also intended to be a resource and provide a forum for thought leadership related to the Blue Economy and other growth industries. As a convenor and facilitator, the Innovation/co-Working Center will focus on identifying economic opportunities, emerging ideas, and challenges. It also will serve as an aggregator and distributor of services, programs, and opportunities related to the growth of the regional economy.

In addition to regular chamber operations, the Innovation/co-Working Center will be home to the Chamber's Entrepreneur Academy, an 8-week program to help entrepreneurs move from idea to profitable business with guidance from experts. The Center also will be home to the Chamber's 30-year Leadership Program and other regional activities.

The National Coast Guard Museum is taking shape just around the corner from the Center, and workers at the nearby State Pier, one of the nation's first offshore wind energy turbine assembly hubs, are preparing to assemble and ship dozens of turbines for three commercial-scale offshore wind farms to be shipped from the Port of New London.

For lease terms and more information, contact the chamber at (860) 701-9113, info@ChamberECT.com, or Stan Mickus and Kim Benoit, Century 21 Shutters & Sails at (860) 460-8437.

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FOOTBALL

20
OCT.

EAST LYME @ NFA
FOOTBALL

15
SEPT.

FITCH @ NEW LONDON
FOOTBALL

27
OCT.

HILLHOUSE @ FITCH
FOOTBALL

29
SEPT.

STONINGTON @ WATERFORD
FOOTBALL

WEEK OF
1
NOV.

ECC CHAMPIONSHIPS
GIRLS' & BOYS' SOCCER
FIELD HOCKEY
VOLLEYBALL
GIRLS' SWIMMING

9
OCT.

THE DAY
VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC
AT MOHEGAN SUN
RHAM-SOUTHINGTON (3 P.M.)
WATERFORD-BARLOW (5 P.M.)
FITCH-LEDYARD (7 P.M.)

10
NOV.

KILLINGLY @ NEW LONDON
FOOTBALL

13
OCT.

MONTVILLE @ STONINGTON
FOOTBALL

23
NOV.

TBD

19
OCT.

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55 Capital Blvd, Suite 101, Rocky Hill | (860) 713-4718
carepartnersct.com

City Dock Restaurant & Oyster Bar

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Custom House Pier, New London | (860) 574-9271 | citydockpier.com

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201 Salem Turnpike Employment Center, Norwich | (203) 777-2000
goodwillnsne.org

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30 Industrial Park Road, Centerbrook | (860) 664-4505
greaves-usa.com

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The Golden Owl

The Golden Owl is a bookstore selling new, used and antique books as well as plants and gift items. Wi-fi and seating are available along with drinks and snacks.

19 Golden Street, New London | (860) 924-2695 | goldenowl.shop

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM



Reserve Tickets & Sponsorships

The event benefits the **Gemma Legacy Fund** to create sustainable support for the ongoing operation of the Food Center program in order to eliminate food insecurity in New London County.

www.uwsect.org/united-gemma-benefit-gala

An evening celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the
Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center
and honoring the life and legacy of founder Gemma Moran

REGIONAL BENEFACTOR NEWS

Dave Konicki has been named the new Director of Security at General Dynamics Electric Boat

As Director of Security, Dave Konicki is responsible for providing leadership, guidance and direction for Electric Boat's Security, Fire Department and Flight Operations.

Dave joined Electric Boat in 1989, first as a Lieutenant of the Tactical Response Team and Security Guard Force. He was named to the Industrial Security Organization in 1995 as a Security Specialist responsible for compliance with the Industrial Security Manual and NISPOM, followed by a promotion to Chief of Security supervising and managing all of EB's classified, national and international programs, including the USS Jimmy Carter, SSGN conversions, ASTUTE program and the Common Missile Compartment program. In 2016, he took over as the Facility Security Officer responsible for Industrial Security, Physical Security, Insider Threats, International Programs and all offsite facilities, and added leadership of OPSEC when he was promoted to Senior Manager in 2022.

Comcast is the first Internet Provider to Offer a Back-Up Connectivity Device Designed to Keep Customers Connected During a Storm

With severe weather impacting many parts of the country, there has never been a greater need for a back-up connectivity solution. Comcast's new Storm-Ready WiFi device is equipped with cellular back-up and a four-hour rechargeable battery, more than enough power to keep customers up and running for the average power outage in the U.S. of two hours*. Storm-Ready WiFi gives customers peace of mind that they'll be able to maintain connectivity at home, as it provides a seamless connection with auto failover. When the power goes out, the customer's network is automatically transitioned to cellular back-up so they can continue the use of their Internet.

Storm-Ready WiFi also doubles as a WiFi extender to deliver a strong WiFi signal to those hard-to-reach corners of the home.

Eversource hosting EV Webinars for CT Residents

If you're at the beginning of your electric vehicle journey or need guidance on electric vehicle charging for your home, Eversource is here to help. If you miss a webinar you can watch recordings on Eversource's YouTube channel.

Electric Vehicle 102

September 14, 12:00 pm

Learn the basics on electric vehicle charging and provide guidance on how to setup a level 2 charger at your home.

Electric Vehicle 101

September 21, 11:00 am

Electric vehicle basics for those just beginning their EV journey

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MEMBER NEWS

The Black Orchid helps R.I. woman turn pearl found in a clam into her engagement ring

Sandra “Sandy” Sikorski found a pearl in a plate of clams she was savoring with her fiancé Ken Steinkamp at a Westerly, RI restaurant. The couple made it the centerpiece of her engagement ring.

The hefty Mercenaria pearl measures 9.8 mm — about 6 karats if it were a diamond — and is perfectly oval. A clam would need to go untouched for nearly half a century to make a pearl this size.

A few months ago, the couple decided to commit to their relationship and have a ring made. They were sent to Marc Fishbone, owner of The Black Orchid and renowned goldsmith in North Stonington who said “The piece came out beautiful, far better than what I ever thought. When she came to pick it up, she was almost crying and wanted to give me a big hug.”

[Read the complete article on bostonglobe.com](https://www.bostonglobe.com)

Mitchell College Launches New Degree Completion Program for Adult Learners

This fall Mitchell College is launching a Professional Studies undergraduate “Completer Degree” program for adult learners as part of its efforts to expand options for “nontraditional” college students to achieve their education and career goals. Designed exclusively for adult students with some college credit, the accelerated program offers both a 2-year (A.A.) and a 4-year (B.A.) degree.

At launch, courses will be offered in a hybrid curriculum combining afternoon/evening in-person classes with online classes, but the goal of the program is to offer 100% online learning in the near future. Students may further accelerate their degree with classes through Mitchell’s MiniMester program or the Mitchell Hub, which offers online learning.

Connecticut Foodshare launches awareness campaign for Hunger Action Month in September

September is Hunger Action Month — the Feeding America network’s annual campaign to inspire action and raise awareness of hunger nationwide, and to give support to the member food banks for each state. Connecticut Foodshare is the Feeding America food bank for Connecticut, and we hope you will use these resources to engage your network, friends, and family in sharing awareness and inspiring action!

See Connecticut Foodshare’s newly released toolkit at ctfoodshare.org/ham.



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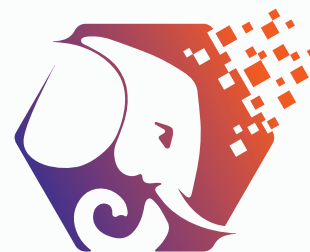
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