



COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

March 2023 Newsletter

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Activities in March

Thurs 2nd: North Meriden.....note different meeting place for March..... 7pm Mt Hebron Church
City Park

Sun 12th Daylight Saving Time begins.....Make sure to change batteries in your Smoke & CO detectors

Wed 15th Dutch Hill 6:30pm First Baptist Church

ECHO

Lower Eastside

Hillside Gardens

Thurs 16th Action 13 6:30pm Immanuel Lutheran Church

Westiders

Lewis Ave

Sat 18th Meriden St Patrick's Day Parade.....starts at 2pm from Broad St-East Main St-Bradley Ave

Mon 20th 1st Day of Spring!!

Thurs 23rd: South Meriden 6:30pm Tom's Place

Glen Hills

Crown Village

Stage Coach Riders

SAVE THE DATE.....Meriden's Daffodil Festival Sat April 29 & Sun April 30

Meriden Police Dept Tip Lines

If you have any information or tips regarding crime, narcotics, or shootings you can report them anonymously to the Meriden Police Department by either calling or emailing the following:

Major Crime Tips: Telephone (203) 630-6253 Email: mpdtips@meridenct.gov

Narcotic Tips: Telephone (203) 630-6273 Email: mnarcoticsunit@meridenct.gov

Reporting of Bulky Waste and Graffiti

If you see any bulky waste or graffiti in the neighborhood please report it by completing a Citizen Service Request form on the City of Meriden's website. The form is very easy to fill out and only takes a few minutes to complete and submit to the city. Please improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and help keep our neighborhoods clean by reporting these matters to the city.

Reporting Potholes on City's streets

Potholes originate by freezing and thawing of the roads. If rain, sleet, or snow fall into cracks in the roads it will also freeze and expand disturbing the road's bottom layers causing the potholes to form. If you see any potholes as you are driving you can report them by completing a Citizen Service Request form on the City of Meriden's website. Please drive safely!

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

If there is a fire hydrant near your property please help the fire department by clearing the hydrant and surrounding area of snow. By doing this you can save the fire department valuable time when responding to a fire and ultimately save a life or limit/prevent fire damage to a home.

CT FoodShare Mobile Pantry

CT Foodshare in collaboration with New Opportunities will be sponsoring a pop up food pantry at the corner of Center St and Miller St starting Thursday December 8th from 1pm-2pm. The pop up food pantry will be scheduled every other Thursday moving forward. Please remember to bring reusable bags or mini carts to carry groceries in.

Meriden City Code: Snow Removal from Sidewalks

As a reminder, as winter weather and storms are approaching per City Code the owner of any premises abutting a sidewalk needs to remove snow from the sidewalk within 12 hours after the storm. Ice needs to be removed within the space of 6hrs thereafter and during the daytime to make the sidewalk safe by removing the ice and covering the sidewalk with sand or a similar product and renew the application as often as may be needed to keep the sidewalk safe. Your cooperation with clearing the sidewalks is greatly appreciated!

Meriden City Parking Lots for snow parking bans:

When a parking ban has been declared the City provides off street parking at:

Columbus Park (Lewis Ave)

Ceppa Field (Gale Ave)

Jack Barry Little League Field (Britannia St)

City Park (Parker Ave/Bunker Ave)

Municipal Lot (East Main St at St Casmir Dr)

79 Miller St (across from the library next to Mr Taco)

116 Cook Ave (across from the old hospital)

Crocheters and Knitters needed!

Crocheters and knitters needed for the 2023 Daffodil Yarn Bloom to benefit the Meriden Police Department lobby. It's that time again to make crocheted or knitted daffodils for a community art mural to Make Meriden Bloom. Last year's bloom was very successful, so it was decided to do it again! Feel free to use to contact Joanne.grabinski@gmail.com for patterns or create your own to crochet or knit daffodils using natural looking, (yellow, white, cream, pink, peach etc.) preferably acrylic yarn and approximately 6 to 10 inches in diameter. Special thanks to the Meriden Public Library, located at the Meriden Mall, where you can pick up patterns and if needed yarn, and drop off your finished daffodils by April. Gallery 53 located at 53 Colony St. has also generously agreed to be a drop off location. Let's see how many daffodils we can create to brighten up the Daffodil City!

Meriden Little Free Libraries

Meriden Little Free Libraries is happy to announce FOUR drop off locations around Meriden for book and puzzle donations. They are: Gallery 53, 53 Colony Street, Tesoro Artisan Gift Boutique and Gallery, 763 Hanover Road, Hancock's Pharmacy, 849 East Main Street and Sans Souci Restaurant, 2003 North Broad Street. Feel free to drop off your books and puzzles at any one of these locations in the specially marked box and the books and puzzles will find their way to a library or two or more all around Meriden. You can also place books directly into any one of the 25 Little Free Libraries of your choosing and puzzles in the Little Free Puzzle Library located at the children's playground at Hubbard Park. Please place all of the puzzle pieces in a zip bag to ensure no pieces are lost. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity with book and puzzle donations. Feel free to take a book or leave a book, sharing the love of reading while increasing literacy in Meriden and beyond. A special THANK YOU to Meriden Kiwanis Club, their Builders Club, and Platt Key Club for a generous donation of handmade bookmarks in celebration of National Bookmark Day on Saturday, February 25. Stop by a Library and find one along with a book to read. Please follow us on Facebook at Meriden Little Free Libraries for information and special events.



News from the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services – March 2023

165 Miller Street * 203-630-4226 * www.meridenhealth.com

COVID-19 & Influenza (Flu)

Meriden Data and Information

Each Friday, the Department of Health and Human Services issues a report on COVID-19 cases, vaccination rates, and other data for our city. Information and data on influenza is included in the report as well. The most recent report can be found on the City’s website: <https://www.meridenct.gov/covid-19-information/>.

CT Food Share Mobile Pantry

The CT Food Share Mobile Pantry in partnership with New Opportunities of Greater Meriden will be in the parking lot on the corner of Center and Miller Streets (next to our building) every other Thursday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

In March, the Mobile Food Pantry will be there:

- March 2, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- March 30, 2023

CT FOOD SHARE MOBILE PANTRY
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES INC. OF GREATER MERIDEN
 CORNER OF CENTER AND MILLER STREETS
 165 MILLER ST, MERIDEN, CT

1:00PM-2:00PM

12/8/22	2/16/23	5/25/23
12/22/22	3/2/23	6/8/23
1/5/23	3/16/23	6/22/23
1/19/23	3/30/23	7/6/23
2/2/23	4/27/23	7/20/23
	5/11/23	

PLEASE BRING REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS AND OR MINI WHEELED GROCERY CART TO TRANSPORT FOOD HOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ctfoodshare.org | 203-469-5000

Public Health Education

Virtual Narcan Training

In 2022, Meriden has lost 28 residents to accidental overdose. YOU can save a life and reverse an opioid overdose by administering Narcan. Please join us in partnership with Rushford for our monthly virtual Community Narcan Training! Trainings in 2023 will be offered on:

- April 5, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- May 2, 2023 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- June 7, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- July 5, 2023 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- August 2, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Participants will receive a Narcan kit, CPR face shield, medication disposal bag, medication lock box, and more! Please register for this training by emailing Elizabeth DeMerchant at edemerchant@meridenct.gov or calling (203) 630-4288.

We can also provide virtual trainings for your organization or business; contact Elizabeth for more information.

Virtual QPR Training Suicide Prevention Training

Join the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services and Chesprocott Health District on Friday, March 24, 2023 10:00 – 11:00 AM for this virtual suicide prevention training where you'll learn:

- How to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis.
- How to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

Participants will receive a certification as a QPR Gatekeeper upon completing the training. For more information and to register please contact: Elizabeth DeMerchant, Public Health Educator at edemerchant@meridenct.gov or (203) 630-4288.



FREE Virtual Suicide Prevention Training Opportunities!

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:00 – 6:30 PM	Friday, March 24, 2023 10:00 – 11:30 AM
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What You'll Learn

- How to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis.
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For more information and to register please contact:

Elizabeth DeMerchant, Public Health Educator
edemerchant@meridenct.gov
 or
 Kathryn Clendon, Public Health Specialist
kjclendon@chesprocott.org



Meriden Senior Center

Transportation Services

The Meriden Senior Center provides free rides to and from the Center, to in-town medical appointments, and scheduled shopping trips. Rides are available for residents age 55 and over, as well as rides for persons with disabilities under age 55. Please call the Mini-Bus Transportation Office at (203) 237-3338 to learn more.

Nutrition Program

The Meriden Senior Center provides a healthy, nutritious daily meal for Senior Center members age 60 and over. There is a nominal fee for members age 55 to 60. Call (203) 630-4704 to learn more.

Free Tax Assistance - Wednesdays from 9:00 AM —12:00 PM

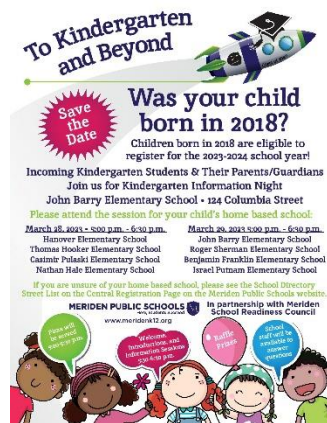
AARP volunteers affiliated with the national Tax-Aide Program will continue to offer income tax assistance on Wednesdays until April 12th, in the Activity Room. Under the direction of Meriden Tax-Aide Coordinator Rick O'Donnell, trained volunteers will prepare and E-file your federal and state returns for 2022. Appointments can be made by calling (203) 237-0066, you will need to pick up your intake paperwork from the front office for your appointment. Please be sure to be on time for your appointment and to bring a copy of your 2022 income tax return, all income records from 2022, and photo ID.

Meriden School Readiness

Kindergarten Information Nights

Was your child born in 2018? Children born in 2018 are eligible to register for the 2023-2024 school year! Please join Meriden Public Schools in partnership with the Meriden School Readiness Council for Kindergarten Information Night at John Barry Elementary School (124 Columbia Street). Please attend the session for your child's home based school:

- March 28, 2023 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 - Hanover Elementary School
 - Thomas Hooker Elementary School
 - Casimir Pulaski Elementary School
 - Nathan Hale Elementary School
- March 29, 2023 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 - John Barry Elementary School
 - Roger Sherman Elementary School
 - Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
 - Israel Putnam Elementary School



School Readiness Career Fair

The City of Meriden (School Readiness) will be hosting a career fair April 5, 2023 at the Meriden Public Library - Boscov's Wing from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm and is looking for programs and/or agencies who provide services to young children ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age to participate. If interested in reserving a table at this event please contact, Rhonda Knight, School Readiness Coordinator at (203) 630-4222.



