



# Milford City Clerk's

Quarterly Newsletter - Winter 2016

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Mon-Fri. 8:30-5:00

(Recordings until 4:30)

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## TAX COLLECTOR



The tax collector would like to remind everyone that the second half of Real Estate, Motor Vehicle, and Personal Property tax bills are due Jan 1, 2017 and you have until Feb 1, 2017 to pay. No separate bills are mailed for the second half of taxes due. Also, Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills will be mailed out and they are due Jan 1, 2017 and you have until Feb 1, 2017 to pay. This is an interim tax bill for vehicles registered between Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and July 31, 2016.

## Milford Concert Band



## "A Neighborhood Christmas"

Sat., Dec. 17, 7:00PM Milford Town Hall

Sun., Dec. 18, 1:30PM Milford Senior Center

Mon., Dec 19, 7:00PM Trinity Episcopal Church Trumbull/Nichols, CT

Free to the public (donations welcome)

## LIBRARY

Mark your Calendar! Saturday, February 4 is  
Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD) is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to visit their local library. Launched in 2011, TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families. The Milford Public Library participates in this fun event every year with special family-fun programs. Visit [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) to learn about all our programs and to discover what the library can do for you!

#TakeYourChildtotheLibraryDay



[www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org](http://www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org)



## MILFORD SENIOR CENTER



*We wish everyone a happy 2017!*



Milford Senior Staff Members wish a very happy New Year and appreciation to Mayor Ben Blake, Milford Council on Aging Board of Directors, Board of Aldermen, City of Milford Departments, non-profit agencies, clubs, organizations, businesses, schools, churches, families and individuals who have assisted the Center throughout 2016 with regard to serving the older adults in the Milford Community.

### **Happy, busy days at the Senior Center**

The Milford Senior Center bursts with activity every day! Our Program Director, Amanda Berry plans programs that offer activities designed to please everyone's interests.

### **Don't miss our upcoming new year programs!**

You are in for a treat, join us Monday at our Center, 9 Jepson Drive, January 23 at 1:00 p.m. to hear the story of *Reckless*, a real-life warhorse, a courageous and indomitable horse who stood with her buddies for two years, during the Korean War, hauling ammunition up steep hills to the front lines.

**...and there's more!**

You can maintain, improve and learn how to keep your mental and emotional health, Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. You can learn from our speaker who is a psychotherapist.

Tax assistance will be available at our Center, beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Check our February Bulletin for dates and times.

A Mini- Health Fair presented by nursing students from Southern Connecticut University, Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

A Valentine's Day Party is planned for Tuesday, February 14. You can purchase tickets a few weeks ahead of time from our front office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 203 877-5131, Amanda Berry, Program Director.

The AARP Safe Driver Course will take place at our Center, Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See our March Bulletin for registration details.

A Spring concert is planned for Friday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. Music will be presented under the direction of Linda Whittaker, by our band, The Note Ables and the Center's Choral Group. This is free and open to the public.

### **Do you like to travel?**

The Milford Senior Center offers many opportunities to travel whether it's local, statewide or overseas. Our Travel Coordinator, Kathy Wachter and her volunteer staff are available to assist travelers who are ready to pack their suitcases and GO!

Historical shows and events, 1,2,3,4 day trips in and out of state on coach buses to places like Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Ocean City, Washington DC, The Heritage Trail & Historic Cape.

Coming in January, a FULL year's schedule of travel including musicals, drama, opera,

Trips planned for the coming year include January 11, a guided tour to the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, \$40; The Broadway Series at The Bushnell, 1/16/17 The Carol Kling Story/Musical, right from Broadway, \$130 Orchestra seats; 2/19/17 Book of Mormon \$115.00 orchestra seats; 3/23/17 Jersey Boys \$72.00 Orchestra Seats; 4/30 \$100.00

Call Kathy at 203-877-5131 extension 2119 or come by for flyers.

### **AHRENS PROGRAM HAS OPENINGS!**

There are openings in the Ahrens Program for people who are cognitively impaired. This program offers respite for family members and helps the clients make new friends and participate in activities. If you are interested, call Jean Kaluzynski, Social Service Worker at 203-877-5131.

### **COME JOIN US!**

Won't you join our family at the Milford Senior Center? Annual membership is just \$15.00! If you are a Milford resident and over 55 years of age, you certainly qualify for membership at our Center. Our office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30. If you have any questions, call us at 203-877-5131.

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Dr. Elizabeth Feser 203-783-3400





## Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

### Get Discounts at Milford Restaurants With Purchase of a Tree

#### HOURS

Monday - Friday 5:30pm - 9:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9:00am - 9:00pm

Trees 5 ft. - 9 ft.

Wreaths 12" - 18"

Cemetery Pieces

Fresh Cut Trees From Quebec, Canada  
Premium Balsam & Fraser Firs

**All Proceeds Benefit St. Mary School**

St. Mary School - 72 Gulf Street, Milford

## PUBLIC WORKS

### REMINDER!!!!



Please remember to have totes 4 feet from other obstacles such as recycle bins, cars, trees and telephone poles. Also face the tote with the arrow pointing toward the road in order for the automated truck to be able to pick up the trash. **ONLY** day to day garbage is to be placed in the tote, **NOT BULK!!!**



## OPEN SPACE

## IRISH HERITATE SOCIETY

Milford has seven new trail brochures in time for your fall and winter hikes. Each trail brochure is offered in a tri-fold or letter size format. The trail locations are Beaver Brook, Eisenhower Park, Great River, Mondo Ponds, Silver Sands State Park, Solomon Woods, and Wilcox Park.

These walks highlight Milford's diverse open spaces that enhance our quality of life. They include miles of trails for fresh air, exercise, a family outing, or a walk in quiet solitude. Take a hike and enjoy the outdoors and some of the region's best bird habitats.

Contact Steve Johnson, Open Space and Natural Resource Agent for trail brochures. They can be seen now at <http://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-trails/>



## St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11th



## DOWNTOWN MILFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### Downtown Milford Holiday Pop Up

WHEN: FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY  
December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 - Week of Christmas: December 21 & 22  
WHERE: 60 Broad Street, Milford, CT

-UNIQUE  
-HANDMADE  
-LOCAL

#### Downtown Milford Holiday Pop Up Shop:

Dec. 10 & 11 - Dec. 17 & 18 - Dec. 21 & 22

11 a.m. - 6 p.m., 50 Broad Street (next to Colony Grill)

In addition to visiting all the shops of the Downtown Milford Business Association member, everyone is invited to visit the Downtown Milford Holiday Market (Pop Up Shop) sponsored by Spinnaker, located at 50 Broad Street next to Colony Grill



For more information please visit:  
[DowntownMilfordCT.org](http://DowntownMilfordCT.org)

## MILFORD GARDEN CLUB

### CELEBRATING 90 YEARS!

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors service men and women. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway system, which covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way. The program was expanded to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the armed services of the United States. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens. The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, as well as in churches and businesses. This program has been active all through the years to



### MORE MILFORD GARDEN CLUB!!!

Milford Garden Club will be working with the Milford Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission to create a Blue Star Memorial to honor our Veterans. If you would like to make a donation you may send a check made out to Blue Star Memorial, c/o Marilyn Wardell, 395 West Rutland Road, Milford Ct 06461

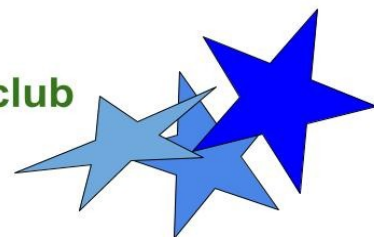
Memorial Weekend of 2017 will be the ceremonial event. The Memorial will be erected on the Fowler Bldg property on New Haven Ave. It will be adjacent to and visible from the Founders Walk.

Blue Star Luminaries will be available for a minimum donation of \$5 apiece.

If you'd like more information you may contact [milfordbluestarmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:milfordbluestarmemorial@gmail.com)

<http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/ongoing-projects/blue-star-memorials>

## Milford Garden Club [www.milfordctgardenclub](http://www.milfordctgardenclub)



Support our Blue Star  
Memorial Project

Personalize it !!

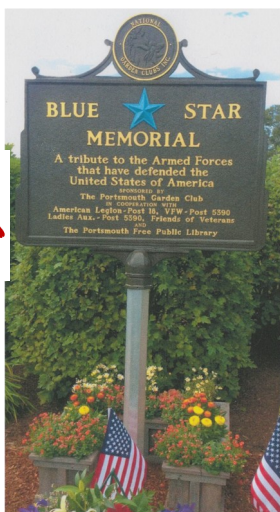
**\$5** minimum donation

Buy a  
Luminary

Take it home or LET US ILLUMINATE IT  
FOR YOU MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2017

Blue Star Memorial Marker Program of the National Garden Clubs Inc, began in 1945 to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during WW II. The name was chosen for the star on the flags displayed in homes and businesses denoting family members' serving.

Contact Milford Garden Club at  
[milfordbluestarmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:milfordbluestarmemorial@gmail.com)





## MILFORD PERFORMANCE CENTER

### Have you heard?

The Milford Performance Center will be featuring its inaugural event on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The MPC will be bringing national, regional and local talent to the Parsons/Veteran's Memorial Auditorium. We will be hosting a variety of music (Jazz, Blues, Classic Rock, Oldies, Country, Folk and classical), comedy, traveling Broadway shows & Guest lecturers.

The Milford Performance Center is a fine art project of the 501C3 Charitable Hands Foundation which sponsored last year's "Beards Abound" photographic exhibit which raised close less shelters includ- Each of the events charities in the city formances having kids from the Boys will help expose cultural experiences arts.

The January 14<sup>th</sup> headliner ...a CD by Jazz Pianist Jay is being written #14 on the Jazz

stage will be one of the Northeast's best Steely Dan tribute bands...Beau Bolero. The accuracy and note for note renditions of the classic Steely Dan recordings is amazing.

The next show will be announced very soon and will be on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The MPC is sure to become a centerpiece attraction for Milford. We hope you will join in the fun and enjoy some great performances at affordable prices. **For more information, or to buy tickets, go to [www.milfordperformancecenter](http://www.milfordperformancecenter).** This is big city entertainment right here in "The little city with a big heart"!



concert is a twin release performance Rowe. As this article Jay's CD is already at Chart. Also on the

*May the New Year bring  
to you warmth of love  
and a light to guide your  
path towards a positive  
destination....*

*Milford City Clerk's  
Office*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**2017**

## MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### Your Support of Historical Society Fair At Work Now Saving Eells-Stow House

Thank you to everyone who visited the Milford Historical Society's recent Christmas Fair and purchased the table-top trees, wreaths, baked goods and gifts. Proceeds are being put to use right now at the society as restoration work is being done to preserve the Eells-Stow House at 34 High Street, one of the oldest houses in Milford. Stop by and see expert restorer Ed Oberg and his crew; Ed is always willing to give those interested a few minutes to talk about the workmanship of the past.

If you are new to Milford or someone who has never visited the society headquarters, consider that you have a special invitation. It's your house and your history, too.

For more information go to [milfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://milfordhistoricalsociety.org) or look on Facebook.

Better still, make a New Year's resolution to join. Membership costs are: Individual, \$20; Family, \$40; Sustaining, \$60 and Business, \$75. Summer house tours are always free for students and children.

Meetings that feature speakers on local history are open to the public; the next gathering will be Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church on the Green. Details on topic to be announced.