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November 2010 Newsletter

Activities in November

Tue	2 nd	Election / Independence Day	Please go and vote..... Read Below
Tue	2 nd	Lewis Ave Assoc. Mtng	Cancelled
Thu	4 th	North Meriden Assoc.	6:30pm New Opportunities, North Colony Rd.
Fri	5 th	Code Walk	9:15am at City Hall then Warren / Broad
Sun	7 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends	Meriden Firefighters Message ...read Below
Mon	8 th	CON Board Meeting	Time & Location TBA
Tue	9 th	Crown Village NightHawks	7pm Crown Village Meeting Room
Wed	10 th	Lower East Side Watchdogs	moved to ACCC read Below
Wed	10 th	Firefighters Presentation	Augusta Cultural Center 7pm Read Below
Thu	11 th	Washington Park /Orient BW	7pm Roger Sherman School
Tue	16 th	Lincoln Area N.A.	7pm Hunters Ambulance Training Center
Wed	17 th	Echo & Dutch Hill Assoc.	6:30pm Miller Memorial Community
Wed	17 th	Westsidiers Assoc.	6:30pm YMCA rescheduled
Thu	18 th	Action13 Assoc.	7pm Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sat	20 th	So. Meriden Groups	Turkey & Toy Drive 9am to 1pm Read Below
Sun	21 st	CCCYO	Ct Civic Youth Concert Read Below
Wed	24 th	Hobart St. N.A.	cancelled
Thu	25 th	Thanksgiving	give thanks (that your not a Turkey today!)
Sat	27 th	Pancake Breakfast	BSA Troop 10 First Cong Church 8-11am
Mon	29 th	City Park Assoc. Mtng	Cancelled
Mon	29 th	Holiday Dinner	6pm Immanuel Lutheran Church Read Below
Tue	30 th	Hillside Assoc. Mtng	Cancelled
Dec	4 th	Christmas in the Village	South Meriden

Jason Vallee Record Journal reporter "Moving On"

After 3 and ½ years as the Public Safety Reporter for the Record- Journal, Our good friend Jason Vallee has accepted a job offer and will be moving up in the world. We wish Jason all the best and Thank Him for his fair and objective reporting over the past years.

New" Independence Day" Celebration (Election Day)

The nastiest TV Campaign Ad Season in history...WILL BE / IS FINALLY OVER...We can now claim Independence from them and look forward to normal advertising like Viagra & Cialis Clips, Pharmaceutical Commercials that list side effects of death, paralysis and uncontrollable seizures and Legal Firms specializing in suing the crap out of one another. And we are happy to see these?

Code Walk Friday 5th 9:15am, City Planners Office City Park Areas

The meeting begins at 9:15am in the City Planners Office in City Hall and then moves out into the streets they select within that area, immediately afterward. This month it is the City Park Area, Warren & Broad St's.

Day Light Savings Ends on Sunday Nov 7th & a Message from Local Firefighter 1148

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour and The Fire Fighters Local 1148. reminds you to change the batteries in your Smoke and CO2 Detectors. If you remember to do this automatically at the time changes twice a year, you can save lives, especially your own.

Meriden Firefighters Local 1148 Informational Evening Wednesday Nov 10

The Meriden Firefighters Local 1148 are hosting a community event for you to meet your Local Meriden Firefighters and see a short video on the services the Meriden Fire Department provides. This will be followed by a question and answer session. Food and Drink will be provided. The event will be held at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center on Wednesday November 10th, 2010 at 7pm. We look forward to meeting with you and hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Lieutenant Michael A. Clark, E-mail: Shamrock777@sbcglobal.net , 203-440-4219. The Neighborhood Association Leaders have been given a special invitation to this event. Please RSVP to Dave Swedock (for Neighborhood Associations Only) dswedock@snet.net /203 235-8582 Lt. Mike Clark also announces that they would be like to come to your association meeting or event and provide information on how the Meriden Fire Dept. operates. Please contact them at the Contact information above and let them know the date and time you would like them to attend.

South Meriden Associations Annual Turkey & Toy Drive Sat Nov 20 9am-1pm

Our Turkey and Toy Drive will be Sat Nov 20th 9am to 1pm at the S Meriden Volunteer Firehouse on Camp St. The Turkeys are given to the YMCA for their Thanksgiving Dinner and the toys are donated to the Spirit of Giving campaign sponsored by the Meriden Police and Fire Depts. and Hunters Ambulance.

Central Ct. Youth Orchestra

The Central Connecticut Civic Youth Orchestra, (CCCYO), will present their first concert of the 2010-2011 music season on **Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 4:00pm, "Concert for Thanksgiving"** at the Center Congregational Church where the orchestra is Orchestra-in-Residence. The church is located at 474 Broad Street, at the corner of East Main Street in Meriden, CT. Suggested donations: \$7.50 Adults, \$3.00 for Seniors, Students and Active Military Personnel. Children under 10 are always free. There will be a reception following the concert. Pieces by Sibelius, Billings, Elliot and Copeland will be featured.

CON Holiday Dinner

The annual Council of Neighborhoods Holiday Dinner will take place on Monday Nov 29, 6pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church , Corner Cook Ave and Hanover St. The dinner is free but we encourage you to bring a dessert to share and one non-perishable food item which we will donate to the Soup Kitchen. Please RSVP to Dave Swedock @ 203 235-8582 or dswedock@snet.net.

Soup Kitchen Needs....

Please consider the Meriden Soup Kitchen during the holiday season with donations of non-perishable food items. Donations can be made at Association Meetings or directly to the Soup Kitchen at the First Baptist Church, 460 Broad St., Lower Level at rear of building. Donations of non-perishable items can be dropped off any morning, preferably early prior to 9:30am.

QRWA

The Quinnipiac River Watershed Association will be at Christmas in the Village, in South Meriden on Saturday, December 4 from 2 - 5:30. We will have a tent up showcasing some of our most recent projects, including the Butterfly & Bee Garden. Last year we sold luminary bags at this event and raised over \$400 for the garden. This year we will give away seeds that we have harvested from the garden. It is our way of saying 'thank you' to all those who supported us this past year. We also want to spread these garden flowers around Meriden, making it more beautiful and beneficial to the butterflies and bees. So stop by and visit us, learn more about what the QRWA does, upcoming events and plans to do with our building on Oregon Road, just on the other side of Hanover Pond.

For more information, please visit www.qrwa.org.

Leaf Collection

The City of Meriden will begin collecting bagged leaves the week of November 15, 2010. Leaves must be in biodegradable (paper) bags and only masking tape shall be used to seal the bags. Plastic bags are not accepted. The leaf pickup is random and will continue until mid-December or the arrival of inclement weather. Appointments are not required. Please note that the City does not collect leaves in the spring. Residents may drop off their leaves at the Transfer Station, Evansville Avenue, beginning November 1, 2010, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. There is no fee for the disposal of leaves. If you have any questions, please contact 203-630-4018.

Meriden Health Dept. News

Seasonal Flu Vaccines

The Meriden Health Department is now offering seasonal influenza (flu) vaccine to Meriden residents. This year's vaccine includes protection from the H1N1 flu virus. Getting the flu vaccine is the best protection against getting sick from influenza. Yearly flu vaccination is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months. Any persons allergic to eggs or any part of the flu vaccine are not eligible for the vaccination. The cost of the vaccine is \$25.00. Medicare Part B will be accepted. The vaccine is given at the Health Department, 165 Miller Street, Monday – Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm. No appointment is necessary. Call (203) 630-4234 with any questions.

Tdap Vaccine Now Available

The Meriden Health Department is asking all parents, grandparents, healthcare workers and day care providers – GOT TDAP? Tdap is the vaccine that protects against Pertussis, also known as whooping cough. Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing that makes it hard to breathe. It can be fatal in young children, especially babies less than 1 year of age. Anyone under age 65 who has contact with children under 12 months old should get the Tdap vaccine. The vaccine is given for free at the Meriden Health Department, 165 Miller Street, Monday – Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Call (203) 630-4234 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Senior Center Event - Causes of Low Vision

A program on the causes of low vision will be held Wednesday November 17, 2010 from 10:00-11:30am at the Meriden Senior Center, located at 22 W. Main Street. The program will be presented by Dr. David W. Parke, MD, FICS and Michelle Rini, ORT-L. This event is sponsored by the Meriden Senior Center and Masonicare. There is no charge to attend and the public is welcome. For more information call 203-630-4222.