

COLUMBIA



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TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The month of November is when we give thanks. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who serve on our Town Boards and Commissions, our Volunteer Fire Department, The Lions Club, Scouts, PTO and many more. Volunteering on any number of our boards, commissions, and committees is an excellent way to contribute your voice and ideas on community issues. When residents become involved in the decision-making process, the more likely the final product will meet the most needs and address the most concerns possible.

Please visit the Town of Columbia's website to learn about our [Boards and Commissions](#). If you are interested in serving please submit a [Boards & Commission Volunteer Application](#). You can also contact Jennifer LaVoie, Executive Administrative Assistant at 860.228.0110 for assistance. Please consider volunteering your time!

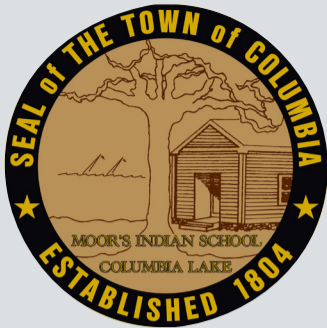
REMINDER TO VOTERS: Municipal Elections are held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 from 6am - 8pm at the Horace W. Porter School, 3 Schoolhouse Road. Please go to the Town of Columbia's website for [Election Day Information](#) to [see the sample ballot](#) and also for the [explanatory text for the Ballot Question](#).

WELCOME DEBRA FISKE - DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION! We are pleased to announce Debra Fiske has joined the Town of Columbia as the Director of Parks and Recreation. Debra brings over 25 years of experience in college and high school recreation and athletics. Debra provides a depth of knowledge and leadership with athletic and recreation programs, coaching, facilities management /strategic planning for outdoor sport complexes, and event management.

Prior to coming to Columbia, Debra was the Director of Athletics and the Kingswood Oxford School. During her time with Kingswood Oxford, Debra collaborated with the Campus Planning Committee to plan, design, and implement a \$6 million renovation of the Brayton Ice Rink and Coolidge Field House.

She graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science and Fitness Management.

Please see the Recreation Department page in this Newsletter for more information on the Rec Departments programs and events.



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TOWN OF COLUMBIA VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022, 11:00 AM

AT THE TOWN GREEN/YEOMANS HALL



Please join us in honoring our Veterans at Columbia's Veterans Day Celebration on the Town Green/Yeomans Hall. Luncheon for Veterans, their families and friends will be served at 12:00 pm at the Beckish Senior Center. All Are Welcome!!

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY FRIDAY , NOVEMBER 11TH AND FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH.

EVERBRIDGE NOTIFICATIONS: We will from time to time issue an Everbridge Notification with a message from the First Selectman, Steven M. Everett to help keep you informed. If you would like to sign up for Everbridge Notifications please go to the Town's website and on the [Everbridge Notifications](#) tab.



TOWN OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN & TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS: To receive Town news please go to the Town's website and click on the [Email Notifications](#) tab.

If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call the Town Administrative Office or the First Selectman at 860-228-0110 or email us at townadministrator@columbiact.org.

Thank you,

Steven M. Everett, First Selectman
severett@columbiact.org

Mark B. Walter, Town Administrator
townadministrator@columbiact.org
323 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237
860-228-0110

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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Many meetings will be held by utilizing remote access; however, some meetings are being held in-person. Please check the Town calendar and the Agenda posted for directions on login information if virtual, or the meeting location if in person. Each board or committee will provide the information needed to join using an on-line conferencing platform. Please check the Town of Columbia's [website](#) for updates.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- 11/07/22 Mon: Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, 7:00 PM
- 11/07/22 Tue: Board of Education, 7:30 PM (Yeomans Hall)
- 11/01/22 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 11/02/22 Wed: Lake Management Advisory Committee, 7:00 PM
- 11/03/22 Thur: Conservation and Agriculture, 7:00 PM
- 11/03/22 Thur: Szegda Farm Management Committee, 6:00 PM
- 11/14/22 Mon: Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 PM
- 11/09/22 Wed: Fiscal Policy Board, 8:30 AM
- 11/09/22 Wed: Economic Development Commission, 7:00 PM
- 11/15/22 Tue: Board of Selectmen, 7:00 PM
- 11/16/22 Wed: Financial Planning and Allocation Commission, 7:00 PM
- 11/17/22 Thur: Open Space Committee, 9:00 AM
- 11/17/22 Thur: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 PM (Canceled)
- 11/28/22 Mon: Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing, 7:00 PM

Public Comment will be accepted by our dedicated email at PublicInput@columbiact.org or by USPS mail to 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT 06237 and must be received prior to the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting).

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

MOTOR VEHICLE ADJUSTMENTS

In order to have a motor vehicle bill adjusted we need two forms of proof because the tax is a car tax not a road tax.

- The first is a copy of your motor vehicle plate return receipt
- The second is something proving you got rid of the vehicle. For a list of accepted proofs look on the assessor's website or call the office.
- If you traded a vehicle and kept the same plate do not bring us any documentation because DMV will automatically process the adjustments.

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER:

BECKISH SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration held throughout the day included organizations that provide important services to our Seniors including, the Columbia Senior Organization, the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department, Columbia's Community Social Services, Commission on Aging, Columbia Lions Club, Hartford Healthcare, and TVCCA Senior Nutrition.

The senior center opened in 1977. The land was donated to the town by Columbia resident Peter Beckish. The senior center offers a variety of services including transportation, exercise, reflexology, hair cuts, trips, computer classes, and more.



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BECKISH SENIOR CENTER (CONTINUED):

THE “MORE YOU KNOW”, WELLNESS SERIES FOR SENIORS

The Columbia Social Services Senior Wellness Series, “The More you Know” continues! It’s been wonderful to see familiar faces and new faces. Each person adds something special.

Join on Friday November 4th at 11:00 am at the Beckish Senior Center. This Wellness Series aims to educate, connect, and support our community’s mental and physical health.

In November, we will have special guest, Lynn Paglione, from United Services. Lynn is a Senior Outreach Case Manager and will give an overview of her program and the resources available.

This is a free, in-person program for seniors and does not require pre-registration. For more information, ideas, or questions, please contact Katie Wilt, Community Social Services Coordinator, at 860-228-1008.

HARVEST TO HOLLY CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9am to 2pm.

- Handmade Crafts—General Store
- Bake Shop—Vendors

The kitchen will be serving Hot Dogs and Baked Potatoes with all the fixings! Coffee, Tea, Soda, and Bottled Water



Please check the [Beckish Newsletter, The Gem](#), for all activities and trip details.

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BECKISH SENIOR CENTER (CONTINUED):

MOBILE FOODSHARE

COLUMBIA'S MOBILE FOODSHARE

Beckish Senior Center

188 Route 66, Columbia

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

November 3, November 17,

December 1,

December 15, December 29

1:00PM TO 1:30 PM

NOTE CHANGE:

PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR , SAFELY GET IN LINE ALONG SIDEWALK TO PICK UP YOUR FOOD AT THE TRUCK. BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME—NO PERSONAL INFO RE-QUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION



TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOCIAL SERVICES: Basics of Medicare!

In October, Social Services and the Senior Center hosted Laura Crews, Director of Benefits Access at Senior Resources, to give an overview of Medicare Programs and the annual enrollment period (i.e. what to do from now until 12/7).



Senior Resources is an Agency on Aging that provides free and unbiased access to information and services for seniors. If you have questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, the open enrollment, you can receive specific information about your options by calling Senior Resources at 860-887-3561.

Knowledge is power!!

With the winter season approaching, a reminder that there are resources for heating assistance. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information about what may support your situation and the best way to pursue programs. The State Energy Assistance application, Operation Fuel, and our emergency Fuel Bank are all things I can assist you with.

Take good care!

Sincerely,

Katie Wilt, Community Social Services Coordinator

860-228-1008 | kwilt@Columbiact.org



Apply for Help with Heating Costs!

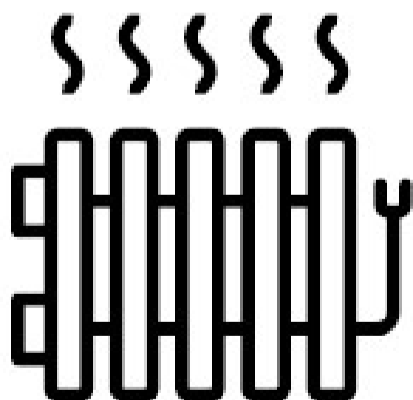
Energy Assistance - Help with heating costs is available for qualified renters and homeowners who heat with deliverables (oil, propane, wood) or utilities (gas or electric) through the state of CT Energy Assistance program.

The income limit for an individual is \$3,313 per month, for a couple the income limit is \$4,333 per month. Proof of the last four weeks of income and utility bills are required. First time applicants must submit proof of social security cards. Again this year, there is no asset test for this program.

To apply through Columbia Social Services, contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008 for an appointment. Applicants can also apply online at, <https://ctdss.force.com/heatinghelp/s/>, or through ACCESS (860-450-7400).

Applications can be downloaded at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply>

Or, contact Katie Wilt at 860-228-1008 for an application. Applications are currently being accepted. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2023.



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Greetings and introductions from your new Parks and Recreation Director, Debbie Fiske! I joined the Town of Columbia team in early October, and I am immediately impressed with the community's love and pride for their town, lake, and volunteerism. Whether in recreation, sporting events, agriculture or civil service, Columbia residents are always willing to give back to their community whole heartedly.

I come to Columbia with over 25 years of experience in college and high school recreation and athletics. I grew up in Southeastern Pennsylvania and came to Connecticut to earn a degree in Exercise Science and Sport Management and play basketball for Geno Auriemma and the UConn Huskies. I live in Glastonbury with my husband and 3 children and enjoy gardening, hiking, reading and anything beach! As a side gig, I am the color analyst for the UConn Women's Basketball Team on ESPN Radio 97.9.

I look forward to collaborating with you to continue the excellence the Rec Department has been and furthering more programming and fun experiences for all ages—tykes to 'older and wiser'! Follow us on [FaceBook](#) and [Instagram](#) and *Everything Columbia* Facebook page to keep in the know of the latest happenings with Columbia Parks and Recreation. Please stop by the Murphy House on Beach Road to say hello!

If you couldn't join us on October 22nd for the Celebration of all the improvements made to Rec Park, here are a few pictures from the afternoon of food, games, and music:



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

RECREATION BUSINESS: Time to return those gate keys! Please drop keys off at the Rec Department, Murphy House, Beach Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS: REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS [ONLINE AT RECDESK.](#)

YOUTH BASKETBALL: REGISTER NOW! Teams are being formed and practices will begin mid-November; games beginning in early December. Registration permanently closes November 15th.

EXERCISE PROGRAMS: held at Yeoman's Hall

Fit Fusion: Monday/Wednesday, 4:30- 5:30 p.m.

Zumba: Tuesday, 7-8 p.m.

COMMIT: Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Monday, 8-10 p.m.



A poster for Men's Basketball 2022. The background is a wooden gym floor with a basketball in the center. The text is in blue and white. It lists the schedule: Sept. 12th- Oct 24th 7-9PM, Nov, 7th- March 27th 8-10PM, and April 3rd- May 22nd 7-9 PM. It also states the cost is \$50 PER Person and the age requirement is 18+. A note says MASK ARE REQUIRED WHILE YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING. The location is PORTER SCHOOL GYM. Contact information includes RECREATION@COLUMBIACT.ORG and 860-228-8513. The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department logo is in the bottom left.



A poster for COMMIT Dance Fitness. It features a photo of a group of people dancing in a studio. The text includes the name KAREN RICARDO, the schedule Wednesday's from 7PM-8PM, and the location Yoemans Hall. Pricing is listed as \$6 Walk-in, \$50 Pre-Paid (10 Class Punch Card), and \$90 Pre-Paid (20 Class Punch Card). The COMMIT DANCE FITNESS logo is prominent.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED):

AROUND TOWN: On my most recent visit to Rec Park, I joined in a Friday afternoon 'Halloween Picnic' at the new pavilion with some Pickleballers. The group played a few games of pickleball before rewarding themselves with lunch and tasty treats. Costumes were optional. Check out the Dill Pickle, Cruella D'ville, Princess and Planet of the Apes! I am the Bacon. Looking to join the fun? This group can often be sighted playing at Rec Park in the mornings @ 10.



Debra Fiske, Director of Parks & Recreation

323 Route 87, Columbia, CT, 06237

recreation@columbiact.org or 860-228-8513

HOURS: Mon-Wed: 8am-4pm, Thurs: 8am-6pm, Fri: 8am-12pm

TOWN DEPARTMENT NEWS AND INFORMATION

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

**ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
6AM-8PM**

HORACE W. PORTER SCHOOL

VOTER REGISTRATION: The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

- Register online at voterregistration.ct.gov, stop in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, or contact the Registrars of Voters.
- The Registrars of Voters will be holding a voter registration session in Yeomans Hall on Tuesday, November 1st from 9am – 8pm. ID and proof of residency required.
- If you miss the registration deadline, Election Day Registration will be available at Horace W. Porter School on November 8th, 6am-8pm. ID & proof of residency will be required.



ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

- Absentee Ballots are available now through close of business on November 7th. To obtain an Absentee Ballot, you must first fill out an application. You can find an application on the [Registrars of Voters website](https://www.columbiact.org/registrars-of-voters), or contact the Town Clerk at (860) 228-3284
- Completed Absentee Ballots must be received by 8pm on November 8th. They can be returned via mail, Ballot Drop Box outside Town Hall, or to the Town Clerk's office. Absentee Ballots cannot be accepted at the polling place.

Please contact the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk with any questions.

Registrars of Voters

Karen Butzgy – Democratic

registrar@columbiact.org

Alyson Cranick – Republican

[columbiact.org/registrar-voters](https://www.columbiact.org/registrar-voters)

(860) 228-6843 x113

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TOWN CLERKS OFFICE:

STATE ELECTION: State elections will take place on November 8, 2022. Voting will be at Horace W. Porter School between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots became available in the Clerk's office on October 7, 2022 and are still available through the close of business on Monday, November 7, 2022. Absentee ballots can be returned in the **Official Ballot Drop Box** located outside the doors to the Administrative Offices entrance to Town Hall.

There is a question on this year's ballot pertaining to the State Constitution. Please remember to vote on the question.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Town Clerk's office is fully open to the public – no appointment necessary. We are here for those services you might need – Recording and Searching of Land Records, Dog Licenses, Transfer Station stickers, Certified copies of Vital Records, Marriage licenses, Fishing and Hunting licenses, etc.

Due to the continuing pandemic, the need for social distancing and for your convenience, a large white drop box was installed outside the doors to **Yeoman's Hall**. This box can be used to drop off items for the Town Clerk and is shared with other offices in Town Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us (860-228-3284) or reach out to us by email – Robin Kenefick, Town Clerk (townclerk@columbiact.org) or Gail McGrath, Assistant Town Clerk (atownclerk@columbiact.org).

NON-MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDERS AND NON-PROFIT NEWS AND INFORMATION

COLUMBIA ARTS COUNCIL:

The Arts are Alive in Columbia!

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the establishment of a COLUMBIA ART COUNCIL that supports Sustainable CT Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems on February 18, 2020. Our Mission Statement is: To Enhance the quality of community life by promoting opportunities for residents to experience and participate in forms of innovative expression and communication through the arts. The Columbia Art Council's Vision Statement is: Transforming the community lives through the power of creative expression.

The COLUMBIA ARTS COUNCIL is excited to be back at work after all the covid restrictions! Our immediate goal is to produce a Columbia List of Artists who live or work in Columbia. The purpose of the list is to create a town resource to recognize and promote Columbia's many artists practicing in various forms of the arts. We are asking you to forward your contact information to include your email and home address, phone number and type of art you practice to: fpolek@columbiact.org.

Whether you are a musician, a painter, an architect, a poet, an actor, a graphic artist, a fine craftsman, a photographer, a dancer, a playwright, a singer, a sculptor, a composer, a designer, a glass blower, etc. - you have a place on the Columbia List of Artists! You may be an adult or a serious youth student. You may be an arts educator or offer lessons. Let us know!

The Arts Council is also planning a series of "Open Mic Around Town" events featuring Columbia Musicians. The first Open Mic event is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, 2 to 5 pm at Yeomans Hall. If you are a musician, any style, who lives or works in Columbia and are interested in participating please send your name and contact information, plus the notation "Open Mic" to the email address above. Note: a music group qualifies if only one member is the Columbia resident.

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COLUMBIA ARTS COUNCIL CONTINUED: Jim Blair, the advisor for the Columbia Leos has indicated that the Leos will provide cocoa and water for the event. The Leos will also be collecting food items for the food pantry. Items in need are spaghetti sauce, cereals, snacks, fruits and vegetables, milk, and juices. The Leos will also have a coat collection to help those in need.

A resident of Columbia, Paul Ramsey has offered his time to function as the contact person for the annual Northeast Artist's Open Studios that will be offered to resident artists. The event will be held at the Beckish Senior Center and various area art studios on **November 25th, 26th, 27th, December 3rd and 4th.** Please contact Paul for more information at ramzphto@gmail.com. You may also refer to the Artists' Open Studios of Northeastern Connecticut brochure at www.aosct.org.

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Join Us for our Annual

Bell Choir Christmas Concert

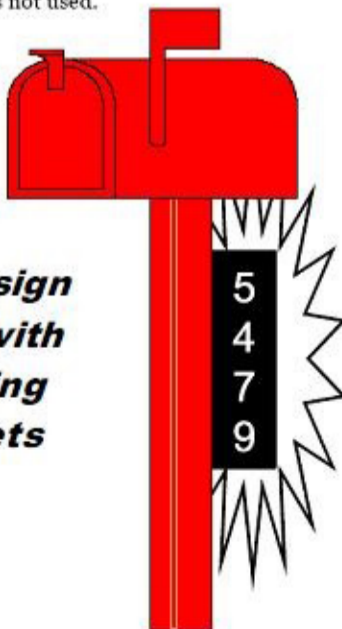
Sunday December 18th 2:00 PM
Columbia Congregational Church, 325 Rt 87



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COLUMBIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED: Community members can help the volunteers who respond to calls by clearly marking your house number in a visible manner on the street. The CVFD makes and sells reflective house number signs that help us quickly and easily identify your house; this often saves precious time. To order the Reflective Address Markers please go to the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department's web-page at www.columbiafire5.org and download the printable form or you can fill out the electronic form online. The price is \$10.00 per sign or \$12.00 with mounting brackets.

Columbia Volunteer Fire Department	
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM	
Please complete the following information:	
Name _____ Address _____ City, ST Zip _____ Phone Number _____	
Address Number Requested	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Note: If your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.	
Mounting Preference	
HORIZONTAL _____ VERTICAL _____	V E R T I C A L
HORIZONTAL	\$10 per sign or \$12 with Mounting Brackets
Mail to: Columbia Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 26 Columbia, CT 06237 (860) 228-9602	



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HEBRON INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES (HIHS):



Community Food Pantry Holiday Assistance Programs

HIHS (Hebron Interfaith Human Services) provides support services through our community food pantry to individuals, children, and families facing challenging times. Holidays can be especially difficult for people struggling to make ends meet. HIHS has two programs to help ease the burden. Please see the descriptions below and use the links provided to register.



Thanksgiving Dinner Assistance

Please use the link below receive the fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner. Supplies are limited. Registration closes on Nov. 6th.

<https://form.jotform.com/202714400634141>



Holiday Gift Assistance

Please use the link below to sign up for a helping hand to receive holiday gifts for children in your immediate family up to age 17. Registration closes on Nov. 13th.

<https://form.jotform.com/202708237483154>

If you have any questions please contact Christa Goodwin-Babka, Executive Director of HIHS at hihsfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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BUSINESS EXPO FOR VETERANS: The Eastern CT Veterans Community Center and the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce are partnering with the SBA to hold the first statewide Veteran Small Business Expo on Wednesday, November 2 at 47 Crescent Street, Willimantic. On site will be agencies, lenders and small business resource partners focused on all phases of entrepreneurship. In addition, free workshops on getting certified as a veteran owned business, business plan basics, financing your business, franchising and veteran specific programs and resources. LTC Thomas J. Saadi, Commissioner of the CT Department of Veteran Affairs will open the day and help us celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week. The event is free for all veterans. We ask that you register for the workshops by scanning the QR code on the flyer. For more information please email Connecticut_do@sba.gov or call or text 860-423-6389.

BUSINESS EXPO for VETERANS

November 2, 2022
0900-1330

Hosted by:
Eastern CT Veterans Community Center
47 Crescent Street
Willimantic, CT

Join the U.S. Small Business Administration for a business expo featuring agencies, lenders, and business resource partners focused on all phases of entrepreneurship.

Free workshops:
(registration required)

- Get Certified (0930)
- Business Plan Basics (1015)
- Financing (1100)
- Franchising for Veterans (1145)
- VR&E Self-Employment Track Eligibility (1230)
- Veteran Business Outreach Center Resources (1300)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
LTC Thomas J. Saadi
Commissioner
CT Dept of Veterans Affairs

EXHIBITORS

Ascendus
Berkshire Bank
Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF)
CT Business & Industry Association (CBIA)
CT Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)
CT Procurement and Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
CT Secretary of the State (SOTS)
CT Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Eastern CT SCORE
FRANNET
Hartford Economic Development Corporation (HEDCO)
New England Veteran Business Outreach Center (VBOC)
Northeast CT Economic Alliance
Pursuit Lending
Southeastern CT Enterprise Region (SeCTer)
TD Bank
U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
Women's Business Development Council (WBDC)

Additional Exhibitors TBD

POINT OF CONTACT:
Tanisha Baptiste
Veteran Business Development Officer
connecticut_do@sba.gov



← **SCAN TO REGISTER**

**National
Veterans Small
Business Week**

October 31–
November 4, 2022

sba.gov/nvsbw





Marching Toward #VetBiz Success

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COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: November 2022 marks the 47th year of the annual Columbia Cardless Holiday Fund. Many families have benefited from your donations in the past, and your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. This year has been especially hard for all of us. Your donations are needed more than ever to help your neighbors in need.

The idea behind the Cardless Holiday Fund is to contribute to the fund instead of sending cards to your friends and family in town. Your name will then be listed in the Town of Columbia quarterly newsletter Columbia Views.

The purpose of the Cardless Holiday Fund is to help Columbia families in need. These situations present themselves more often than we would like to believe, and as government programs have been reduced, the need for the local community to respond has become greater. Join your neighbors in continuing or even increasing your support. This past year alone the fund has been used to help with holiday food baskets for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, back to school supplies, Christmas gifts and help with an auto repair.

Thank you for your continued caring and God Bless You!

Mail to: Columbia Cardless Holiday Fund, c/o Mark Smith, P.O Box 177, Columbia, CT 06237

Please accept my donation of \$_____ to the "Columbia Cardless Holiday Fund"

Donations accepted online at the following link https://columbiacongregationalchurch.org/?page_id=1335 please check the box for specific fund and choose and the Cardless Holiday Fund from the list.

_____ Do not list my name in the Columbia Views OR

_____ I would like my listing in the Columbia View to appear as (names only please):

(Please print clearly)

Please make checks payable to the "Columbia Cardless Holiday Fund"