

Small Business Day at the State Capitol



COMMUNITY FORUMS

CONNECTIONS AND THE RIVER

With Great Meadows Conservation Trust, Walk Bike Rocky Hill, and Bike Walk Wethersfield.

ROADWAY SAFETY

With DOT and Wethersfield Police Department

LUNCH AND LEARN

At Rocky Hill Senior Center

ECONOMIC FORUM

With UConn Professor of Finance Jeffrey Cohen

END OF SESSION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At Wethersfield Town Hall

PASSPORT DAY

At the Rocky Hill Community / Senior Center with Congressman John Larson

COFFEE WITH KERRY

At Bob's, Dream Cafe, and Heirloom Market

Do you have an idea for an informational forum? Reach out and let us know. We would happily partner with you to help make this happen in the 29th District.

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River Connections Forum

WINS FOR ROCKY HILL & WETHERSFIELD

FUNDING WE SECURED FOR THE 29TH DISTRICT

- \$600,000 to the Wethersfield - Keene Foundation
- \$100,000 to the town of Wethersfield to support tourism
- \$250,000 for Rocky Hill - Beach Road Flood Remediation
- \$2 million to Rocky Hill for the rehabilitation of senior housing on Willow Road
- \$4,400 to the Webb Deane Stevens Museum
- \$25,000 for the Rocky Hill Fire Department
- \$5 million for rehabilitation work at the West Street VA campus to add more housing for Veterans and their families
- \$55,000 for Planning and Engineering work at the Rocky Hill Senior & Disabled Housing



Outstanding Women of Rocky Hill

KEY LEGISLATION THIS SESSION

- Strengthened a variety of laws relating to the protection of children from sexual abuse
- The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) must now operate an early education system to coordinate and administer delivery of Early Start CT
- New legislation establishes a 10-member Education Mandate Review Advisory Council to advise and provide annual reports to the Education Committee on the (1) cost and implementation of existing education mandates on local and regional boards of education and (2) impact of proposals to add to or revise these mandates
- The legislature passed a law prohibiting foreign nationals from making contributions or expenditures under the state's campaign finance laws
- A new law gives towns the option of providing a partial property tax exemption for certain owner-occupied primary residences. This law specifically allows towns to exempt between 5% and 35% of the assessed value of owner-occupied single-family homes and duplexes (including condominiums and common interest community units)
- The new law for school bus passing violations requires towns adopting an ordinance to set the fine for violations at \$250 and process them through municipal procedures
- For excessive vehicle noise (i.e. illegal mufflers), the new law allows municipalities to adopt an ordinance establishing a vehicle noise limit of 80 decibels and authorizes the use of cameras to enforce the limit
- We now allow Copayment-Only Health Plans. Under this new law, insurance plan designs can get rid of the monthly premium and allow for co-pays only, saving customers on their annual health insurance costs
- Expanded the Insurance Commissioner's enforcement capacity



Holiday Supplies Drive for Rocky Hill's Seniors

PRIORITIZING OUR SENIORS

- Created a new registry system to connect patients to home care providers and created a dashboard to help navigate the nursing options
- Prevented nursing homes from putting more than two patients in a single room
- Created an incentive-based program to improve nursing home care in CT
- Required retirement communities to provide at least 60-90 days' notice of any fee increases and improved transparency around fees



Opening Day at the Ferry

USEFUL RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging	800-724-6443
Consumer Protection	800-842-2649
CT Tax Department	860-297-5962
DSS Elder Services	866-218-6631
Healthcare Advocate	866-466-4446
Infoline	211
Medicare Hotline	800-633-4227
Congressman Larson	860-278-8888
Wethersfield Town Hall	860-721-2800
Rocky Hill Town Hall	860-258-2705