



COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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July 2025 Newsletter

Activities in July

- Wed 2nd: Meriden’s 4th of July Celebration 5:30pm-9pm Hubbard Park
- Thurs 3rd: North Meriden 7pm Meriden Public Library
 - City Park
- Fri 4th: HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!
- Wed 16th: Dutch Hill CANCELLED
 - ECHO
 - Hillside Gardens
 - Veteran’s Assoc
- Thurs 17th: Westsiders 6:30pm Immanuel Lutheran Church
 - Action 13
 - Lewis Ave
- Tues 22nd: South Meriden.....note new date for meeting.....6:30pm Tom’s Place
 - Glen Hills
 - Stagecoach Riders
 - Crown Village

*****SAVE THE DATE: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUES AUG 5TH 5PM-8PM HUBBARD PARK*****

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: mncarcoticsunit@meridenct.gov

Meriden Police Dept: Calls for Service & Interactive Reports

The Meriden Police Dept is offering a new tool to keep residents apprised of the Department’s activities including the calls for service the police department responds to daily. The department is rolling out the first of the interactive reports which will be accessible on the City of Meriden website at:

www.meridenct.gov/city-services/police/interactive-reports

City of Meriden’s Fireworks Celebration: Wed July 2nd

Bring your family and friends to the City’s fireworks celebration on Wed July 2nd at Hubbard Park. The festivities start at 5:30pm. Food and refreshments will be available to purchase. Family fun activities are planned. At 7pm there is a concert featuring Orquesta La Yunquena. The event will conclude with a firework display at 9pm. Make sure to join in on the fun during the evening!

Congratulations to Deputy Fire Chief Mike Clark!

The Council of Neighborhoods sends our congratulations to Mike Clark on his recent promotion to Deputy Fire Chief! We wish him much success and all the best in his new role as Deputy Fire Chief and look forward to working with him in the neighborhoods. As you see Mike make sure to congratulate him on his promotion!

Neighborhood Associations Community Gardens

The Lower Eastside and North Meriden Neighborhood Associations Community Gardens are well underway for another growing season! Please take time and stop by both gardens to see how the gardens are flourishing with all the vegetables that have been planted. Lower Eastside's garden, in partnership with Beat the Street Center, is located at the corner of Liberty St and Center St. North Meriden's garden is located at 60 Tremont St.

Meriden's Farmers Market

The Farmers Market opens for the season on Sat July 12th and will take place every Saturday from 830am to 12pm rain or shine at the Meriden Green from July 12th to Oct 18th. Come visit and shop for fresh fruits and vegetables. SNAP/EBT, FMNP coupons, cash and debit card will be accepted. Doubling Dollars program is back. For more information visit their website at www.meridenfarmersmarket.org.

Hubbard Park Pool Opens for the Summer Season

Hubbard Park pool is open 7 days a week from 1pm-5:30pm. Lap swim is on Mondays and Wednesdays 5:45pm-6:45pm. An annual pool pass is needed and can be obtained at the Park & Rec office. Residents: adults \$20 and children: \$10. Non residents: adults \$40 and children \$20. Seniors and Veterans \$10. For further information call 203-630-4259.

Meriden's Splash Pad Opens for the Summer Season

The Splash Pad located at City Park 42 Park Ave is open Mon to Sat 12pm-5:30pm and Sun 1pm-5:30pm. Come out with your families and enjoy the Splash Pad!

Meriden Park & Recreation Summer Playground Program

Online registration is now open for the Summer Playground Program for ages 5-11. This program promotes positive youth development and healthy lifestyle choices through fun activities. The program will be held from June 23rd to August 1st 8:30am-3:00pm. There will be 3 sites: John Barry School, Hanover School, and Thomas Hooker School. For further information regarding cost of the program call (203) 630-4259 or email: meridenrecreation@meridenct.gov

Meriden Public Schools Summer Food Service Program

The FREE Food Service Program for children 18 and under will be held from June 16 to August 15. The Program is offering free lunches at the following meal sites:

MPS Express Food Truck locations and time:

Breakfast: Meriden Green 8am-830am

Lunch: John Barry School: 1:05pm-1:35pm

Ceppa Field: 11:15am-11:35am

Meriden Green: 11:45am-12:15pm

City Park: 12:25pm-12:55pm

Washington Park: 10:45am-11:05am

School Sites:

Platt High School: June 16-August 15 Mon-Fri: breakfast: 7:15am-8:00am Lunch: 10:45am-11:15am

Lincoln Middle School: June 30-July 31 Mon-Thurs: Breakfast: 7:00am-7:30am Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am

Hanover Elementary School: June 30-Aug 1st: Mon-Fri: Breakfast: 8:00am-8:30am Lunch 11:00am-11:30am

John Barry Elementary: July 7-July 25: Breakfast 9:00am-9:30am Lunch: MPS Food Truck Stop

For more information visit: [www.meridenk12.org/summer meal program](http://www.meridenk12.org/summer%20meal%20program).

Paws Animal Rescue Fundraiser

Meriden Animal Control has an animal rescue Saving Paws that takes in cats and dogs and sometimes other domesticated animals. They care for them and get them ready to be adopted to their forever homes. They are a non-profit organization and are have some upcoming fundraisers to support the rescue. They are accepting returnable cans and bottles. If you have any returnable cans and bottles please consider to donate them to Saving Paws. You can drop them off at the animal control office at 311 Murdock Ave or the group will pick up donations at Meriden residences.

Meriden Little Free Libraries

Summer is here and the Meriden Little Free Libraries are ready for a great summer reading season! Our Libraries are stocked with a wonderful selection of children's books thanks to a generous donation from Read to Grow. We'd also like to thank the Charity Club of Meriden for again funding our annual Tomie dePaola book donation in September with several of his family and friends. The Meriden Rotary Club has provided funding for two special summer promotions. First is the fun "color your own puzzles" at Hubbard Park followed by July's sidewalk chalk, with all the libraries having a variety of chalk to celebrate National Sidewalk Chalk month, so let the creativity begin!



News from the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services – July 2025

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

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Connecticut Foodshare Mobile Pantry

NEXT DATES:

Corner of Miller and Center Streets: July 3, 17 & 31 from 1:00-2:00pm.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 84 Franklin Street: July 10 & 24 from 1:15 – 2:15pm.

Bring your reusable grocery bags!

A full schedule can be found at: ctfoodshare.org/findhelp. To sign up for text alerts for schedule changes, text the word FOODSHARE to 85511.



Summer Meal Site Outreach

Staff will be at the following Summer Meal Lunch Sites hosted by the Meriden Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services! Stop by to ask questions about programs and services or just to say hello! We will have seasonal health information, free crafts for the kids, and more.

For more information about the Summer Meal Program please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/MPSSummerMeals2025>



Washington Park (10:45 – 11:05 AM)

- July 16
- August 1

City Park (12:25 – 12:55 PM)

- July 9
- July 25
- August 13

Ceppa Field (11:15 – 11:35 AM)

- July 18
- August 6

John Barry Elementary School (1:05 – 1:35 PM)

- July 11
- July 30
- August 15

Meriden Green (11:45 AM – 12:15 PM)

- July 2
- July 23
- August 8

Public Health Clinic

Back to School Physicals

It's that time of year again! Starting in July we are partnering with Community Health Center, Inc. to offer back-to-school physicals at our office at 165 Miller Street. Please call (475) 231-6987 to make your appointment.

Mobile Mammography

Hartford Hospital's Digital Mobile Mammography coach is coming! They will be in front of our building (165 Miller Street) on July 8th from 8:00 AM - 1:15 PM by appointment. To schedule an appointment call (860) 972-1243.



Public Health Education

Save a Life: Overdose Education & Naloxone Training

This training is an essential part of overdose prevention education where participants learn what an overdose looks like and how to reverse one.

You will learn:

- ➔ Signs & symptoms of an overdose
- ➔ What naloxone (Narcan®) is and how to administer it
- ➔ Local resources and support

All attendees will receive a naloxone kit, certificate of completion, and other prevention resources. Training are FREE and open to Meriden residents and organizations.

Upcoming trainings:

- July 1, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am
- August 6, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- September 2, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am
- October 1, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- November 5, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am
- December 3, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm


Trainings will be held in-person at our office (165 Miller Street).

To register please scan the QR code or call Elizabeth at (203) 630-4288.



COVID-19


A new strain of COVID-19 virus - NB.1.8.1 or "nimbus" - has been found in 14 states to date. If you are traveling, consider packing a COVID-19 home test kit. We have them in our office for Meriden residents at no cost. Call 203-630-4221 with questions.



MERIDEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

COVID-19 Home Test Kits

Meriden residents - COVID-19 home test kits are available at 165 Miller Street, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.



Looking for respiratory virus guidance? Visit www.meridenhealth.com or scan the QR code!

The poster features a blue and green background. At the top, it reads 'MERIDEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES'. Below that is the title 'COVID-19 Home Test Kits'. The main text states that kits are available at 165 Miller Street, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. In the center, there is an image of the 'iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test' packaging, which is red and white and says 'Self-Test At Home Results In 15 Mins'. At the bottom left is the Meriden seal, and at the bottom right is a QR code and the text 'Looking for respiratory virus guidance? Visit www.meridenhealth.com or scan the QR code!'.

Environmental Health

Weekly Mosquito Testing Report from CAES

Weekly reports from the Statewide mosquito trapping and testing will be posted on our Mosquito Prevention webpage at www.meridenhealth.com and on social media.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is the agency responsible for trapping, identifying, and testing mosquitoes for encephalitis viruses which includes West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus. Meriden's trapping location is at Falcon Park.

Meriden Senior Center

Membership to the Senior Center is FREE for Meriden residents age 55 and over! The July issue of the Meriden Senior Center newsletters is [now available on our website](#).

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 and persons with disabilities under age 55. Please call the Mini-Bus Transportation Office at (203) 237-3338 to learn more.

Nutrition Program

A healthy, nutritious lunch is served daily 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. The lunch menu is available in the newsletter.

Meriden Early Learning Connection (Formerly School Readiness)

Meriden Early Learning Connection (MELC) provides affordable, high-quality early education and care for children from infancy through age five who are not yet eligible for kindergarten. Our CT Early Start programs support children's growth and development, ensuring they are ready to enter kindergarten and become life-long learners.

Program Highlights

- **Age-Appropriate Classrooms:** Full- and part-day options for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, tailored to each child's developmental needs.
- **Evidence-Based Curriculum:** Play-based and literacy-focused activities designed to promote school readiness.
- **Skilled Early Childhood Staff:** All staff are trained in current early childhood trends and foundational practices.

Have questions? Call Rhonda Knight at (203) 630-4222.

Newsletters

Our office publishes 3 newsletters:

1. [Senior Center – Connections \(monthly\)](#)
2. [Seasonal Health Updates \(monthly\)](#)
3. [Harm Reduction and Opioid Response \(quarterly\)](#)