



COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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June 2025 Newsletter

Activities in June

Thurs 5th: Special Olympics Torch Run.....MPD receives torch 10:45am.....South Broad St/Wallingford Townline

Thurs 5th: North Meriden.....note different mtg place for June..... 7pm MPD Substation 161 State St
City Park

Sat 7th: Kiwanis Club Bike Rodeo

10am-12pm Ceppa Field

Sun 8th: American Legion Fire Retirement Ceremony

12pm-3pm American Legion 835 Hanover Rd

Sat 14th: Happy Flag Day

Sun 15th: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Wed 18th: Dutch Hill

6:30pm First Baptist Church

ECHO

Hillside Gardens

Veteran's Assoc

Thurs 19th: Happy Juneteenth Day

Thurs 19th: Westsiders

6:30pm Immanuel Lutheran Church

Action 13

Lewis Ave

Tues 24th: South Meriden.....note new date for meeting.....6:30pm Tom's Place

Glen Hills

Stagecoach Riders

Crown Village

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: mnarcoticsunit@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

Torch Run for Special Olympics: Thurs June 5th

The Meriden Police Department will be participating in the Special Olympic Torch Run which will take place on Thursday June 5th. Our officers will be accepting the torch from the Wallingford Police Department at about 10:45am on South Broad St at the Wallingford Town Line. They will then continue onto South Broad St taking a right on East Main St continuing up to Black Pond where they will hand the torch off to the next participating police department. Please come out and cheer our officers on!

Welcome Salty Neighbors of Buckwheat Hill Neighborhood Association!

We welcome the Salty Neighbors of Buchwheat Hill as our newest neighborhood association! The area includes Lydale Place, Dryden Dr, Live Oak La, Lawrence Ct, and Hillcrest Terrace. The neighborhood association Leader is Grace Harmon. We look forward to working with Grace and her neighbors and welcome them to the Council of Neighborhoods!

Kiwanis Club Bike Rodeo: Sat June 7th 10am-12pm Ceppa Field

The Kiwanis Club is having their annual Bike Rodeo on Sat June 7th. The event will include bike skill stations, learn proper bike handling and safety techniques. Free bike helmet for each child who attends and free refurbished bike for each child who does not have their own.....while supplies and available sizes last. Hope to see you there!

Watch Fire Flag Retirement Ceremony: Sun June 8th 12pm-3pm American Legion 835 Hanover Rd

The 26th Annual Watch Fire Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place on Sun June 8th. Doors open at 12pm. Ceremonies start at 2pm and will include guest speakers, dignitaries and various color guards. The event will conclude with the retirement of thousands of flags. All are welcome to attend!

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 Free Little Libraries

Meriden Little Free Libraries is bursting into spring with libraries full of books for all ages, but especially children. More children's books are on their way thanks to a very generous donation from Read to Grow. We're still in need of a handy person to help us keep our libraries in tip-top shape. From minor to major repairs, we'd appreciate someone with the

skills to keep all our libraries open and functional. If interested, please send us a message on our Facebook page. Follow us on Facebook for updates on our promotions, activities, and related information: Meriden Little Free Libraries.



News from the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services – June 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: June 5 from 1:00-2:00pm.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 84 Franklin Street: June 12 & 26 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.



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:

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| • June 4, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm | • September 2, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am |
| • July 1, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am | • October 1, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm |
| • August 6, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm | • November 5, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am |

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.



Virtual Mental Health First Aid

The Meriden Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with Naugatuck Valley Health District is excited to offer a FREE Virtual Mental Health First Aid Training opportunity! The training will be split into two days (must attend both days) and is open to Meriden residents and community organization. The training will be held on Wednesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 12 from 9:00am – 12:00pm via Zoom.

Participants will be required to complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course before attending the virtual instructor-led sessions. Participants will receive certification from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing valid for 3 years.

To register, please visit: <https://forms.gle/LyEbjRyDZEdsVpK26>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elizabeth DeMerchant at edemerchant@meridenct.gov or (203) 630-4288.

School Health

Kindergarten Registration

Will your child be 5 years old by September 1, 2025? If so, your child is eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year! To start the registration process, please visit the Meriden Board of Education's Central Registration website:

<https://www.meridenk12.org/parents/registration/>



Part of the registration process is meeting the State of Connecticut's health requirements. This includes:

- A physical examination within 12 months before the first day of school (August 28, 2024) **AND**
- A copy of the child's immunization record

For specific questions about health requirements, please contact the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services' Clinic at (203) 630-4234.

Public Health Clinic

Shingles Vaccine

Adults need vaccinations too! Get your Shingles vaccine today! Two doses of the Shingrix vaccine are recommended by the CDC for all adults aged 50 and older. The vaccine is available for FREE at our clinic. To schedule an appointment, please contact our Clinic at (203) 630-4234.

Back to School Vaccination Clinic

Is your child starting or returning to school in the fall, and needs vaccines? We've got you covered! Our Public Health Clinic will be open until 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health requires certain vaccines for those entering kindergarten, 7th grade, or starting college. Please call our Clinic at (203) 630-4234 to make an appointment.



Environmental Health

Coming Soon – Weekly Mosquito Testing Report from CAES

Statewide mosquito trapping and testing will be starting up again for the 2025 season! The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is the state agency responsible for trapping, identifying, and testing mosquitoes for encephalitis viruses which includes West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus. There are 108 trap sites in CT including one in Meriden located at Falcon Park. For information on Mosquito Prevention, please visit: www.meridenhealth.com.



Don't Let the Ticks Bite!

Ticks found on humans can be brought to our Environmental Health Office to be identified and tested for tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis. Tick testing is offered by The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station as a public service free of charge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Environmental Health office at (203) 630-4226.

Meriden Senior Center

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

Special Day for Special People Picnic

Join us for our annual Special Day for Special People Picnic on June 7, 2025 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Hubbard Park! This is a free picnic in the park for all Meriden Senior Citizens and residents of extended care facilities. *Bring a friend and a folding lawn chair!*

Activities include:

- Meriden Veterans Honor Guard
- Flag Raising Ceremony- 11:00AM
- Bingo with prizes (under pavilion)- 12:30PM- 2:30PM
- Face Painting by Julia-11:00AM

Menu:

- Hot dogs & cheeseburgers
- Ice cream
- Watermelon
- Popcorns
- Refreshments



Golf cart transportation will be provided within Hubbard Park. Please call the Meriden Senior Center for mini-bus transportation information at (203) 237-3338.

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.

Newsletters

Our office publishes 3 newsletters:

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

