



## COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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### June 2026 Newsletter

#### Activities in June:

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>: Special Olympics Torch Run.. MPD receives torch 10:45am...So. Broad St/Wallingford Townline

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>: North Meriden City Park 7pm Meriden Public Library

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>: American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony 12pm-3pm 835 Hanover Rd

Sun 14<sup>th</sup>: Happy Flag Day!!

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: Dutch Hill ECHO 6:30pm First Baptist Church  
Lower Eastside  
Hillside Gardens  
Veteran's Assoc

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of School for Meriden Public Schools

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>: Westsiders 6:30pm Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Action 13  
Lewis Ave

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: Happy Juneteenth Day

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>: South Meriden 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](mailto:mpdtips@meridenct.gov)

Narcotic Tips: Telephone (203) 630-6273 Email: [mnarcoticsunit@meridenct.gov](mailto: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](http://www.meridenct.gov/city-services/police/interactive-reports)

#### Torch Run for Special Olympics: Thurs June 4<sup>th</sup>

The Meriden Police Department will be participating in the Special Olympic Torch Run which will take place on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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!

#### Flag Retirement Ceremony: Sun June 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm-3pm American Legion 835 Hanover Rd

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Watch Fire Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place on Sun June 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 14. The Program is offering free lunches at the following meal sites:

MPS Express Food Truck locations and time:

Breakfast: Meriden Green 8:15am-8:35am

John Barry 8:45am-9:15am

Lunch: John Barry School: 12:25pm-12:55pm

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

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

City Park: 1:05pm-1:35pm

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

Other Summer Meal Sites:

Platt High School: June 22-August 14 Mon-Fri: breakfast: 7:10am-7:30am Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am

Hanover Elementary School: June 29-Aug 7: Mon-Fri: Breakfast: 8:00am-8:30am Lunch 12:30pm-1pm

Roger Sherman Elementary: July 6-July 24: Breakfast 8:15am-8:45am Lunch: 10:45am-11:05am

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

#### Meriden Little Free Libraries

We are all set for another exciting season of reading for everyone! The weather is getting warmer and it's a great opportunity for people to stop by any one of our THIRTY Little Free Libraries to find a book or

two to read. As always if you have books to donate, whether adult, young adult or children, feel free to drop them off at any Little Free Library in Meriden. You can also drop books and puzzles at Gallery 53, San Souci Restaurant or Hancock's Pharmacy. Thank you to our stewards who keep our libraries clean and organized throughout the reading season, we appreciate their dedication and commitment to reading for everyone. We're in the process of organizing events for the upcoming year and will keep you posted on our Meriden Little Free Libraries Facebook page. Happy reading!



## **News from the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services – June 2026**

165 Miller Street \* 203-630-4226 \* [www.meridenhealth.com](http://www.meridenhealth.com)

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### **Connecticut Foodshare Mobile Pantry**

#### **NEXT DATES:**

**Ceppa Field (83 Gale Avenue): June 4 & 18 from 1:00 – 2:00pm**

**Mt. Hebron Church (84 Franklin Street): June 12 & 26 from 1:15 – 2:15pm**



Please consider signing up for text alerts in case of cancellation by texting the word FOODSHARE to 85511. To find additional locations visit their website:

<https://www.ctfoodshare.org/find-food>.

### **Hartford Hospital Mobile Mammography**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:00am – 1:15pm**

Hartford Hospital's mobile mammography van will be at 165 Miller Street on July 28 from 8:00am – 1:15pm. These screening mammograms are offered for women between 35 and 40 who have not had a mammogram, and for women 40 and older who have not had a mammogram in over a year.

To schedule an appointment call (860) 972-1243.



### **Public Health Education**

#### **Adult Mental Health First Aid**

We are offering a FREE Adult Mental Health First Aid class in partnership with Rushford. The training will be held in-person on June 24, 2026 from 9:00am - 4:00pm at 165 Miller Street. A 2-hour, self-paced online course will need to be done before attending the in-person instructor-led session. Participants will get a certification from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, valid for 3 years.

To register, please fill out the Google form: <https://forms.gle/H3KteVUPiTy68FM6>

### **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

Upcoming trainings at 165 Miller Street:

- June 3, 2026 5:00 – 6:00pm
- August 5, 2026 5:00 – 6:00pm
- September 4, 2026 9:00 – 10:00am
- October 7, 2026 5:00 – 6:00pm
- November 6, 2026 9:00 – 10:00am
- December 2, 2026 5:00 – 6:00pm

All attendees will receive a naloxone kit, certificate of completion, and other prevention resources. Training are FREE and open to Meriden residents and organizations. To register, call our Public Health Educator at (203) 630-4288 or email [edemerchant@meridenct.gov](mailto:edemerchant@meridenct.gov).

## Updates from Marley the Meriden Lion

### **Back to School Vaccination Clinic**

Starting or returning to school in the fall, and need vaccines? We've got you covered! Our Public Health Clinic, located at 165 Miller Street, will be open until 6:00 PM on: **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

- Adult and child immunizations.
- School registration medical paperwork drop-off and clearance.

Childhood vaccines are provided free of charge for children 18 and under, regardless of health insurance status through the Connecticut Vaccine Program.

Call our Clinic at (203) 630-4234 to schedule an appointment.



## 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

Please join the Meriden Senior Center for their annual Special Day for Special People Picnic on June 6, 2026 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Hubbard Park (Band Shell). This is a free picnic in the park for all Meriden Senior Citizens and residents of extended care facilities. Bring a friend & folding lawn chair! There will be food, musical entertainment, BINGO with prizes, the Meriden Veterans Honor Guard Flag raising ceremony, and so much more! 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.

## Environmental Health

### Statewide Mosquito Trapping and Testing

Statewide mosquito trapping and testing will start on June 1, 2026. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is the agency responsible for trapping, identifying, and testing mosquitoes for encephalitis viruses which includes West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEE).

There are 108 trap sites located in 88 towns/cities in Connecticut, Meriden's trapping, and testing location is at Falcon Park.

**Special Day for Special People PICNIC!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026**  
FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM  
AT HUBBARD PARK (BAND SHELL)

A free picnic in the park for all Meriden Senior Citizens and residents of extended care facilities. Bring a friend & folding lawn chair!

**Meriden Veterans Honor Guard Flag raising ceremony**  
**BINGO with prizes (under pavilion)**  
**Informational Tables from local agencies**  
**Musical Entertainment, Raffle Prizes and so much more!**

Please call the Meriden Senior Center for mini-bus transportation information at (203) 237-3338

**Menu:** Hot Dogs & Cheeseburgers, Icecream, Watermelon, Popcorn, Refreshments

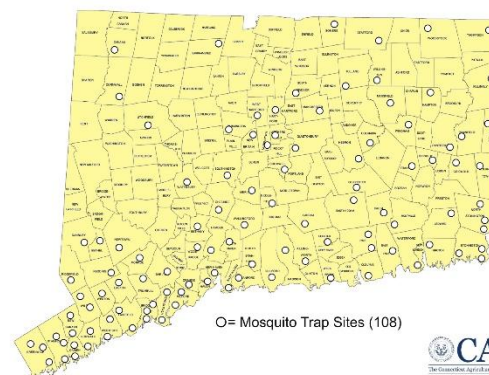
Golf cart transportation will be provided within Hubbard Park.

For more information contact:  
Irma Garcia  
Recreation Coordinator  
(203) 630-4703  
igarcia@meridenct.gov

**ENTERTAINMENT BY:**  
**STAR DANCE ACADEMY**  
**DJ ANDRAC**  
**& GENE THE AMAZING!**

**RAIN DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 AT THE MERIDEN SENIOR CENTER**

Mosquito Trapping Stations: 2020-2026



We will post WNV and EEE activity updates on our Facebook page: City of Meriden Health & Human Services Department.

### **Rise in Tick Bites Reported in U.S.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported an increase in visits to the emergency room for tick bites across the United States, especially in the Northeast and Midwest regions.

As the weather continues to get warmer and everyone is spending more time outside, we are reminding residents to wear insect repellent, protective clothing, and check themselves and pets for ticks after you come outside.

**If you find a tick on yourself or another human:** Bring the tick in in a crush proof container (or sealed plastic bag) to our office at 165 Miller Street. We will send it out to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to be identified and tested for common tick-borne illnesses as a public service free of charge.

Questions? Call our Environmental Health Office at (203) 630-4226.

### **Attention Barbershops, Hair Salons and Nail Salons**

Just a reminder, license fees are due to our Environmental Health Office on or before June 30, 2026 per [Chapter 70-3](#) of the Meriden City Code. If you have any questions please call our Environmental Health Office at (203) 630-4226.



## **Meriden Early Start**

### **From Birth to Kindergarten Helping Children Thrive Through Every Transition**

Join Meriden Early Start in partnership with Collaborative ABA Services, LLC for an information session on how to feel informed, supported, and confident about their child's transition into kindergarten.



This will be held on June 10, 2026 from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the Meriden Public Library (105 Miller Street) in Room 6. Children are welcome to attend with their parent(s)/guardian(s).

To register, please visit the Meriden Public Library's website [here](#).

## Newsletters

Our office publishes 3 newsletters:

1. [Senior Center – Connections \(monthly\)](#)
2. [Seasonal Health and Respiratory Virus Updates \(monthly\)](#)
3. [Life-Saving Overdose Prevention and Response \(quarterly\)](#)

## Department Podcast Channels

Check out our two podcast channels through Podbean!

1. **A Moment with Marley** - provides expert insights on disease prevention, family wellness, and updates from our Public Health Clinic.
2. **Meriden Health Talk** - provides expert insights on a range of topics, including seasonal health, local updates, and alerts.

You can listen to either channel on all major podcast platforms including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, iHeartRadio, and the Podbean app.

New episodes will also be posted on our website and social media.

