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## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Independence Day** honors the birthday of the United States of America and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag. Wishing a safe and festive 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all. Happy 236<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the United States of America!

*America is a tune. It must be sung  
together ~*

*Gerald Stanley Lee*



## Flag Day Social Thank You

**GNMBR AND NFCAR WOULD LIKE THANK ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR FLAG DAY SOCIAL.** A special thank you goes out to our SPONSORS - J & J Printing, Petro, Theresa Forsberg Insurance, Yamin & Yamin, YardApes and Union Savings Bank. Thank you to the American Pie Company and the Cookhouse, and all who donated door prizes.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Liz Newnham, of Century 21, on winning the iPad inside the RPAC Treasure Chest! Also, congratulations goes out the Door Prize winners.....Travis Gingas (gas card), Connie Strait (tool box of smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, etc. donated by *Ed McKee of McKee Inspections*), Diana Newbert, Patrick Murphy and Beth Nelson (RE Calculators), Larry Corrow, Daniel Mulvihill and Mona Riccio (Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards), Ed Cavallo (Visa Gift Card) and Larry Corrow (50/50 Scholarship Raffle).

**KUDOS** to the Kitchen Crew! Katie Harrison - Head Chef and her tremendous helpers: Reggie Breeckner, Maureen Cloutier, Peggy Nye, Brooke Schumacher and Marie Borner. Extraordinary job!

An **EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Lori Campbell, Rebecca Lollie, Joe Mustich and Melissa Peat for door prizes, donations, picture taking and selling tickets for our 50/50 scholarship raffle.

A **HUGE** thank you to Lori Wallace for opening her beautiful home to us. The RPAC Fundraiser was a great success due to her hard work and dedication. Thank you, Lori.

Click [HERE](#) to view all the Flag Day fun!

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### **T.J. ZAPPULLA OCTOBER 10, 1951 - JUNE 15, 2012**

The Greater New Milford Board of Realtors would like to extend their deepest condolences to T.J.'s family, friends and all who knew him. T.J. was an asset within the Real Estate Community for more than 37 years and quite active with community service and legislative affairs. He will be missed by all.

### **CMLS MATRIX - THE FULL CUTOVER TO MATRIX MLS SYSTEM IS LESS THAN 6 WEEKS AWAY!**

#### IMPORTANT NOTE FROM CMLS

We are excited to announce that our Matrix system is now running in parallel with the RE/Xplorer and Paragon systems. Please keep in mind that our site is a work in progress- programmers are constantly working behind the scenes, fixing problems and adding/modifying features and functionality. So there may be times when the system appears to be slow or data from RE/Xplorer does not match up perfectly with what is showing in Matrix. These are temporary instances, and the majority of them should be behind us.

That being said, we encourage you to investigate all the functionality that is currently available, and hope that you will not be shy in reporting any issues/questions/suggestions you may have. There is a [MATRIX DISCUSSION PAGE](#) that allows you to post questions or issues so that all users can see it. You can also email us at [matrix@ct-mls.com](mailto:matrix@ct-mls.com), or call the CMLS office and go to extension 330 for Matrix assistance.

Additionally, please be aware that listing input and modification will not be available until we completely cut over to Matrix in August. Until then, you will continue to input and modify your listings in RE/Xplorer.

We hope you enjoy our Matrix MLS system.

#### MATRIX TRAINING. . . ARE YOU READY FOR THE SWITCH?

If not, please check the CMLS Website for classes they are offering (Embracing the Change, Listing Input Training (New Session), Reluctant to Change, Search Only (New Session, slow paced), and finally . . . "Last Chance" – yes this is an actual class. Check back often as they continue to add new ones to the schedule. They offer Webinars, Hand On and Lectures style to suit your needs.

**CODE OF ETHICS** training is required by NAR by the end of 2012, and they do offer it online at no cost. Click [HERE](#) to take the class.

**2012 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE!** On November 27-28, the Connecticut Association of REALTORS® will hold its 11th Annual CT REALTORS® Leadership Conference & State/Local Board Leadership Program at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard. More details and registration coming soon!

#### **CAROLYN KLEMM FEATURED IN NEW BOOK**

The Art of the Sale, a newly published book, by author Philip Delves Broughton, features Litchfield County's very own Carolyn Klemm. The book celebrates the techniques of top sales persons in Real Estate. Congratulations to Carolyn for her success and accomplishments! If you would like to read a nice write-up about Carolyn in The Spectrum click [HERE](#).

## On the Calendar . . .

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION WASHINGTON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

Sponsored by Washington Parks & Recreation Department  
Shepaug Valley Middle/High School Grounds  
South Street, Washington (Rain Date: Thursday, July 5)

Events include, Road Race, Family Picnic and Fireworks. Picnic set ups will not be allowed before 3:00 pm. The gates for the fireworks close at 8:45 pm.

\$20.00 car passes can be obtained at the Parks and Recreation Office in Washington Town Hall M&W 9-3 June 1st to June 15<sup>th</sup>, and M-F 9-3 June 18th to July 3rd (while supply last). Also, on a limited basis Saturday and Sunday outside the Washington Food Market.

### STEPHEN REICH FREEDOM RUN JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

The 5K Run/Walk Race for Washington residents and their guests will begin at 9:00 am with registration at 8:30 am at the Steep Rock Horse Ring on July 4th. There is no rain date. No participants on bikes, roller blades, etc. will be permitted. Please no dogs. Information/Cancellation at 868-1519.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY AT ERIC SLOAN MUSEUM JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

Celebrate Independence Day with a traditional bell ringing ceremony at 2 p.m. Eric Sloane, an enthusiast patriot, believed that church and public bells should ring for four minutes at 2 p.m. to mark the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Sloane-Stanley Museum invites visitors to participate in the revival of this tradition as old as the nation. Patriotic-themed activity for children included with museum admission.

Location: 31 Kent Cornwall Road, Kent CT

Time : Ceremony at 2 p.m., museum open noon-4 p.m.

Admission : Adults \$8; seniors \$6; children age 6-17, \$5

Phone : 860-927-3849

### NEW MILFORD CARNIVAL JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>

Sponsored by The New Milford Lion's Club  
Young's Field, New Milford

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS NEW MILFORD JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Sponsored by the Greater New Milford Chamber of Commerce  
9:30 pm at Young's Field (rain date Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>)  
(Please note: Fort Hill Road, Peagler Hill and Town View will be closed to traffic during the fireworks)

### ANNUAL WASHINGTON GREEN SUMMER FAIR - July 7<sup>TH</sup>

Fundraiser for the Green and First Church. Food, games, plants, fashion, rides, live and silent auctions, and so much more! 9AM to 1PM  
Kirby Rd at Greenhill Rd (Route 47)  
Call 860.868.0569 for more details

### THE CIVIL WAR - 150TH ANNIVERSARY JULY 08<sup>TH</sup>

JCC presents Sherman The Civil War - 150th Anniversary and with Gloria Thorne, President  
11:00 am at the Sherman Historical Society

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2012

Washington Green at the First Church  
Kirby Rd at Greenhill Rd (Route 47)  
July 19th and 26th, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9th  
5:30 pm info: 860.868.0569

### BUSINESS SCENE JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>

New Milford Tennis & Swim Club. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and New Milford Tennis & Swim Club.  
5:30 TO 7:30 - 93 Aspetuck Ridge Road, New Milford

## On the Calendar . . . (continued)

### **CONNECTICUT CLAY ARTISTS SHOW AT JCC JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

JCC in Sherman

Opening reception on Friday from 5 - 8pm.

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. 860-355-8050

### **GREENFEST 2012 DANBURY CITYCENTER 7/20-22**

A Green Living Festival & Benefit Concert

50 Bands, 3 Days, 35 Green Vendors, Charity Poker Tournament

CityCenter Green Danbury, CT

Friday 12-10:30pm, Saturday 12-10:30pm Sunday 10 am-7pm

Click [HERE](#) for details.

### **SBIR & GLOBAL TRADE SUMMIT JULY 24-26**

Mohegan Sun, Uncasville CT

Learn how to gain access to billions of dollars in grants and contracts in the areas of defense, aerospace, energy, chemicals, healthcare and more. Present your innovations directly to commercial contractors looking for technology and manufacturing partners. Meet one-on-one with representatives from major companies and federal agencies seeking research partners. Learn how to export your products from experts of the world's fastest growing markets.

For information/registration visit [SBIRglobalTRADE.com](http://SBIRglobalTRADE.com)

### **45TH ANNUAL VILLAGE FAIR DAYS JULY 27 & 28**

Town Green in New Milford

10 am to 10 pm Admission is Free - No pets

Handicapped parking is available behind Town Hall, 10 Main

Street, New Milford

### **FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING July 28<sup>TH</sup>**

The New Milford Hospital Regional Cancer Center is holding a free skin cancer screening open to the public on Saturday, July 28 from 9 am to noon. These screenings will be provided by physicians from Dermatology Associates of Western Connecticut.

**Appointments are required** and can be made by calling 1-800-350-1595.

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and communities united in  
support of food for health.

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