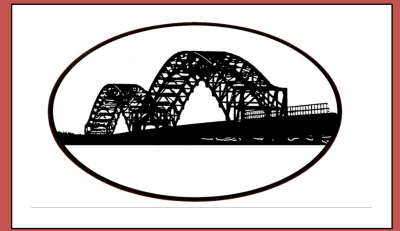


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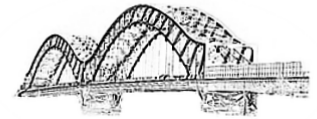


## White Birch Farm is Welcomed to the Business Community

The Portland EDC welcomed White Birch Farm and Birch Tree Tack, 239 Sand Hill Road, to the business community. White Birch Farm is a family owned equine facility, offering riding instruction, including hunt seat and western riding, training, boarding, and brokering services. Birch Tree Tack, located on site at the farm, offers equine products for horse and rider, as well as accepting equine consignments. Owners Matt Frick and his wife, Amy Rader Frick, began restoring the property in January of 2013. The farm offers two outdoor rings, an indoor ring, and a trail system offering beautiful views. Matt and Amy employ a staff of 5 full time and 3 part time employees, including riding instructors and a horse husbandry specialist. Amy, a professional horsewoman for 15 years, notes that it is heartwarming to have customers who rode on the property as children and teens, now return with their own children to introduce them to joys and responsibilities of horsemanship. White Birch Farm is opened Monday through Friday 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sundays for special events. The Birch Tree Tack Shop is opened on Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm, and by appointment. For information on lessons, training, boarding, or tack shop inventory and consignment is available by calling White Birch Farm at (860) 581-0307.



### COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM



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## Economic Development Commission Seeking Community Partners Nominations

It's that time of year again! The Portland Economic Development Commission is seeking nominations for our Community Partners Awards. Have you or an organization you work with received help from a local business?

Let us know- we want to recognize them for helping to make Portland a great place to live and work! How do you nominate a business? Just send us their name and a short note to let us know how they've helped - by e-mail at [edcportland@yahoo.com](mailto:edcportland@yahoo.com), a private message on our Portland Connecticut Marketplace page on Facebook, or by US mail to Portland EDC, P.O. Box 71, 33 East Main Street, Portland, CT 06480.

## **Snyder Civil Engineering Opens New Portland Office**

Snyder Civil Engineering, LLC recently celebrated the opening of their new Portland location at 150 Marlborough Street. Owner and Portland resident Donald Snyder, Jr., PE, provided a tour of the new space to members of the Portland Board of Selectmen. The firm also has offices at 1960 Silas Deane Highway in Rocky Hill and specializes in water systems engineering. Owner Donald Snyder Jr., PE, and his staff are focused on providing personal service while providing high quality and responsive engineering services to their clients. In addition to water systems, the firm's services include site planning, construction, sewer/drainage, marine, and residential engineering. For more information on Snyder Civil Engineering, LLC, their services and locations, visit their website at [www.snydercivil.com](http://www.snydercivil.com) or call the 150 Marlborough Street offices at (860)342-1370.



## **Building, Planning, Zoning & Health Department Hours**

The offices of Building, Planning, Zoning & Health are located on the 1st floor of the Town Hall located at 33 East Main Street.

### **Office Hours**

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



## **“Portland Connecticut Marketplace” is on Facebook!**

Keeping up with Portland's business community is easy! Just “like” the Portland Connecticut Marketplace page on Facebook for all the latest news!

**The Portland Economic Development Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 33 East Main Street. Business owners, residents, and those interested in promoting Portland's business community are encouraged to attend.**

## **Allstate Insurance Relocates to the Village District**

Allstate Insurance has moved to the Village District! Portland's Allstate Insurance Agent Bryan McPherson and his staff can now be found at 283A Main Street, next to Bordonaro's Pharmacy, in the heart of the Village District.

Are you tired of trying to understand your coverage needs using a website or over the phone? Open Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Friday 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday by appointment, there is always an agent in Portland's Allstate office ready to help with your home, renters, auto, business or life insurance needs! For more information contact Bryan and his staff at (860)788-6974.



## **Middlesex Hospital Opens New Portland Location**

Middlesex Hospital Family Practice Group has a new name and a new location! Now Middlesex Hospital Family Medicine and Pediatrics, the group recently hosted an Open House for patients and the community at their new offices at 13 High Street.

The office is opened Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. For more information about services or to make an appointment, call Middlesex Hospital Family Medicine and Pediatrics at (860) 358-7100.



## Brownstone Barbers Moves to New Location

Brownstone Barbers has moved to their new location at 1529 Portland-Cobalt Road. Owner Darlene Lisle completed a major interior renovation of the new space which now offers three barber stations, an expanded customer waiting area, and easy handicap accessibility. Stop in for a haircut or just to say hello! Brownstone Barbers hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 am to 6 pm and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. Walk-ins are always welcome, or for an appointment, give Darlene a call at (860)342-7295.



## Rite Aid Pharmacy Completes Renovation

Rite Aid Pharmacy, 227 Main Street, celebrated their Grand Re-Opening during the month of November. The store completed a major interior renovation including new lighting, flooring, displays and expansion of their product lines. Stop in and see the new products, new services, and new look of the Portland store. Rite Aid is opened Monday through Friday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Saturday 8 am to 8 pm. For more information call the store directly at (860) 342-2121.



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