



COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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March 2025 Newsletter

Activities in March

- Thurs 6th: North Meriden
City Park
7pm Meriden Public Library
- Sun 9th: Day Light Savings Time begins.....make sure to change batteries in your Smoke & CO Detectors!
- Wed 19th: Dutch Hill
ECHO
Hillside Gardens
Veteran's Assoc
6:30pm First Baptist Church
- Thurs 20th: Westsiders
Action 13
Lewis Ave
6:30pm Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Thurs 20th: 1st Day of Spring!!
- Sat 22nd: Meriden St Patrick's Day Parade
1:30pm East Main St-West Main St-Bradley Ave
- Thurs 27th: South Meriden
Glen Hills
Stagecoach Riders
Crown Village
6:30pm Tom's Place

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

Congratulations to Meriden Fire Deputy Fire Chief's Promotion!

We send out our congratulations to Meriden Fire Deputy Fire Chief Cristina Schoeck on her promotion to Fire Chief! Deputy Chief Schoeck has been promoted through the ranks during her career with the Meriden Fire Dept and this is such a well deserved promotion. Her promotion takes effect April 11th and we are so looking forward to working with her as our new Fire Chief!

City of Meriden: City Notifications

If you would like to receive notifications from the City of Meriden regarding events, office closures and other important information click on the link below to sign up. You control which notifications you receive and how to receive them. To sign up go to the City of Meriden Facebook page scroll down to City Notifications and click on member.everbridge.net.

Reporting Potholes on City's streets

Potholes originate by freezing and thawing of the roads. If rain, sleet, or snow fall into cracks in the roads it will also freeze and expand disturbing the road's bottom layers causing the potholes to form. If you see any potholes as you are driving you can report them by completing a Request for Service form on the City of Meriden's website. Please drive safely!

Meriden Warming Center

A Warming Center has opened for those in need to keep warm during the winter months from December 2, 2024 to May 1st, 2025 located at the Women and Families Center 169 Colony St. It is open daily 7pm to 7am and is operated by New Opportunities. The warming center will be able to accommodate 30 individuals (male or female) nightly on a first come first serve basis. Singles only. No families. For further information call (475) 261-4236.



News from the Meriden Department of

Health and Human Services – March 2025

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

Connecticut Foodshare Mobile Pantry

NEXT DATES:

Corner of Miller and Center Streets: March 13 and 27 from 1:00-2:00pm.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 84 Franklin Street: March 6 and 20 from 1:15 – 2:15pm.

Bring your reusable grocery bags!

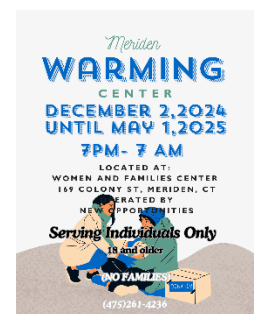


A full schedule can be found at: ctfoodshare.org/findhelp. To sign up for text alerts for schedule changes, text the word FOODSHARE to 85511.

Meriden Warming Center

The warming center is located at Women and Families building at 169 Colony Street, Meriden, CT and operated by New Opportunities. The warming center will be open through May 1, 2025 and operates 7:00 pm – 7:00 am, except during severe cold weather activations from Governor Lamont.

The warming center accommodates 30 individuals total (no families) nightly on a first come first serve basis. Families in need of shelter should call 211.



COVID-19 Home Test Kits

We have COVID-19 home test kits! Kits are available for Meriden residents in our office (165 Miller Street) Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. The kits expire in December 2025. We cannot provide bulk kits to businesses or organizations.

Households can still order 4 free at-home COVID-19 test kits through the federal government. Your order of COVID tests is completely FREE - you won't even pay for shipping.

To order visit: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

Have a COVID-19 home test kit at home? Many have extended expiration dates. [Check the expiration date by visiting the FDA website.](#)

MERIDEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Need help placing an order? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

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



Trainings

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:

- March 4, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am
- May 6, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am
- July 1, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am
- April 9, 2025 5:00 – 6:30 pm
- June 4, 2024 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- August 6, 2025 5:00 – 6:00 pm

*Training on April 9 will include a Hands Only CPR & AED Training (no certification).

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.



Meriden Senior Center

Membership to the Senior Center is FREE for Meriden residents age 55 and over! The February 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.

School Readiness

Meriden School Readiness provides affordable, quality childcare slots for 3, 4 and 5 year old children not yet eligible for kindergarten living in Meriden. Programs provide children with a School Readiness experience that can assure they will enter kindergarten ready to learn.



If you are interested in learning more, please call Rhonda Knight, School Readiness Coordinator, at (203) 630-4222 or email her at rknight@meridenct.gov.

Environmental Health

Garbage Storage

Here are some friendly reminder about garbage storage:

- Please place all garbage in garbage cans with lids and store them in an area not readily visible from the street.
- Place them at the curb for pick-up no earlier than 24 hours before garbage collection day.
- After pick up remove the cans from the curb within 24 hours of collection.



The Meriden City Code Section 176-6 requires that “all garbage shall be stored on the premises and shall be kept in approved containers which shall be maintained in good condition and which shall be kept closed at all times. Said containers shall not be placed at curbside for the scheduled collection more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to said collection. Garbage shall not be stored by a person for more than seven (7) days, exclusively of holidays.” ... “After containers have been emptied, they shall be removed from the street by the property owner or occupant within twenty-four (24) hours of the day of collection and placed and stored in any area not readily visible from the public street.”

Newsletters

Our office publishes 3 newsletters:

1. [Senior Center – Connections \(monthly\)](#)
2. [Seasonal Health and Respiratory Virus Updates \(monthly\)](#)

3. [Harm Reduction and Opioid Response \(quarterly\)](#)