

Rotary Club of Trumbull ~ News and Notes

Friday, December 12, 2008

Rotary Holiday Party is this Sunday, December 14 at Mike and Patty Rappa's house in Trumbull. If you cannot make it at the 4 p.m. start time, please come anytime, before or after, for the festivities.

John McBride offered a flyer detailing information about the Trumbull housing market, announcing that now is actually a very good time to buy property.

Jane Bolton delivered an update on three former foreign exchange students. She has been in touch with them and one is a doctor in Istanbul, another is an architect in Buenos Aires and the third is now an engineer in Sweden.

Ian had a happy dollar for Ed and Gail Hedrick. They are visiting their daughter who recently had a child.

Frank M. had a happy \$10 for the HCC Fed Challenge team, who placed second in the nation for the junior college division.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JOHN MAKAR!

Friday December 19 the guest will be musician Bonnie Lee Panda. Please inform Len of additional guest you plan to bring to ensure adequate seating and breakfast for additional people. Also—that morning Good Morning America will be broadcasting the weather from Trumbull Town Hall. There may be limited parking as a result, so please plan accordingly.

An additional coat drive on that morning at Trumbull Town Hall is being sponsored by Trumbull HS Band. They are one of 14 bands across the nation that has been chosen to play at the Inauguration in January.

REMINDER: No meeting on Friday, December 26 or Friday, January 2. Meetings resume Friday, January 9.

Other notes: Stay tuned for more information about the Rotary Club's Dodge Ball Tournament Fundraiser for Polio Plus (Goal: \$3000 each year for 3 years) to be held in February at the Bridgeport YMCA (possible location).

Deborah Cox, Director of Economic Development, Town of Trumbull

What's happening around Trumbull...

Trumbull Center

The sidewalk paving is in the final stages of planning to make the area in front of Trumbull Center more pedestrian friendly. If there's enough money left, additional sidewalks across the street may be added.

Newtown Savings Bank looks great.

Much of the shares of Trumbull Center are in a trust, so until the trust has been settled appropriately, very little can be done to the area.

Ms. Cox guaranteed that changes will be put in motion once the Trust is settled.

The Mall

Retail is in a state that makes it difficult to make changes to the mall. Westfield is expecting to invest a lot of money to make improvements and expand the mall. Behind the scenes, changes are in the works.

Home Depot

On Rte 111, the Home Depot expects to break ground in April 2009 and open by November 2009. Across the street, condominiums, a bank, an assisted living complex and a restaurant are being planned.

Corporate Park

A 55,000 square foot building is open and there has been a lot of interest in the space. No official decisions have been made, but the town has worked very hard to make Trumbull as business-friendly as possible.

Other points from Ms. Cox...

There are a lot of financial issues, with many projects standing still as a result of tough economic times.

It is important for Trumbull to stay active, be aggressive and optimistic that those projects on hold and new projects will come with time and patience.

There are some ideas to construct a mixed use building on Reservoir Avenue.

Although Pilot Pen has decided they will move their headquarters, they have delayed their move to Florida.