

OCTOBER

Monthly Newsletter 2024

Leaves are falling– Autumn is calling

MIDDLESEX YOUTH CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Middlesex Youth Career Development Services is designed to empower out of school youth ages 18-24 providing them on the job training, paid internships or access to certificate programs at Middlesex Community College. Youth must be low-income and live in Middlesex or New Haven County.

Students work with the program coordinator to set specific employment and/or education goals while in the program. Students are placed into employment after completion of the certificate program.

Certificate programs include: Phlebotomy, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Billing and Coding, Patient Care Tech (PCT), Personal Trainer, Pharmacy Tech, Security Guard, Skill Up for Manufacturing, Sterile Processing, Real Estate, and Human Services Assistant.

The program is funded by the Workforce Alliance through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This program is a partnership between the Community Renewal Team (CRT) and Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce.

*For more information, please contact
Julie Bryant at 860-819-0960.*

The Middlesex Chamber: MIDDLETOWN WORKER PREPARATION PROGRAM

The primary mission of the program is to help unemployed and displaced workers find employment.

The program's goal has always been to put the people in the best possible position to secure employment and earn wages that will allow them to provide for their family and contribute to the fabric of the community. We like to describe our role as being a "bridge between job seekers and employers." As a business organization, the chamber has strong links to a wide range of employers in Middletown and the Greater-Middletown area. One of the chamber's main functions is to help our members as they seek to hire quality employees.

Before beginning the job search, chamber staff members help clients create effective resumes and prepare for job interviews while providing job coaching and employment retention training. chamber staff maintains consistent contact with both clients and employers to foster the best possible environment for not only placement into employment, but long-term security in the job.

The Middlesex Chamber Worker Preparation Team will recruit job seeking clients who fit in into the guidelines set by the Community Development Block Grant, the City of Middletown Common Council, and the Citizens Advisory Committee. Chamber staff will assess the client's readiness for employment, assist in the development of a presentable resume, and conduct follow-up interviews to gauge the client's progress. Client meetings will take place at the centrally-located Chamber of Commerce building, and the job search will occur throughout Middlesex County.

The Middletown Worker Preparation Program is a critical program that continues to be a bridge between job seekers and employers.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Middletown Worker Preparation Program can be directed to Lorenzo Marshall at 860-347-6924 or lorenzo@middlesexchamber.com.

Get ready to get hired and find the job you're looking for! Find helpful information on:

- Powerful job search tools, Job search tips and personal help, Free and low-cost training, certificate, and classroom programs and much more

THE OFFICE:

Main Office Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday 8:30-4:30 p.m. Friday-8:30-1:30 p.m.

Please call 860-342-1688
before visiting

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CALENDAR:

*10/14/2024– **COLUMBUS DAY**—
office closed

*10/21/2024– **BOARD MEETING** at
Quarry Heights room at 5:00 pm.

***10/25/2024- HALLOWEEN ON MAIN ST.
FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:30PM**



Our Resident Carol Culley has volunteered to run the table for **HALLOWEEN ON MAIN ST. Town Event** on October 25, 2024 starting at 4:00pm. If you would like to donate bags of candy for the event feel free to drop them off at the main office before October 18, 2024.



Job Seekers:

Your talents are in demand at the Middlesex Job Fair!

Over 40 companies from throughout the labor market area will be seeking people whose skills run from professional, technical, manufacturing and administrative. People will be able to find all types of job opportunities, from entry level to highly skilled positions.

The unemployed, underemployed as well as individuals seeking new career opportunities are invited to come meet with prospective employers and receive advice from career counselors. Manufacturing, healthcare and temporary employment agencies are just a sampling of some of the industries that will be on hand.

Meet with more than 40 Potential Employers
REMEMBER – Dress like you mean business!

Date & Time: Wednesday Oct 30, 2024 from 10:30 am to 01:30 pm
Location: Courtyard By Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT

OTHER WEB RESOURCES for Job Seekers:

www.middlesexchamber.com
www.jobs.ct.gov
www.portlandct.org/employment-opportunities

CHATHAM and QUARRY HEIGHT RESIDENTS

As the cold weather continues to creep in each day, it's a the ideal time for weed removal of your gardens and or to store summer time items such as pools, toys and furniture away. The tidiness of your gardens or back yard areas are the responsibility of the tenant. Please do not wait for Housing to contact you regarding this matter.

Another issue the PHA has been seeing a lot is when a resident does not report or under reports income, this affect the amount of assistance they receive and is a lease violation. PHAs are required to determine retroactive rent amount as far back as the PHA has documentation of family unreported income. Please report your Income.

Portland Library- Children Events

GROSOLOGY



What is Grossology? It's the study of all things gross! Join us as we make some "poop," grow some germs, bend bones, and take on a jelly bean "Fear Factor" challenge! Registration is required.

Dates & Times:

- 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Thursday, October 3, 2024
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Thursday, October 10, 2024
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Thursday, October 24, 2024

Contact the Portland Library
for Registration



VACCINE CLINIC

Friday, October 25, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clinic Location
Middlesex Chamber
393 Main St, Middletown

Vaccines Available:

- COVID-19 Booster Doses
- Pneumonia Vaccine
- RSV Vaccine
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine & High Dose (Seniors)
- Shingles Vaccine
- T-dap Vaccine

Requirements:

- Walk-in only
- Must be 19 years or older to get vaccinated
- Middletown Residency is not required
- Please bring your insurance card - there may be a copay depending on your insurance

For more information, call:
Middletown Health Department (860) 638-4960

Vaccines provided by:



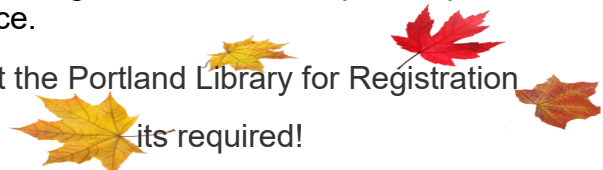
PORTLAND LIBRARY -ADULT SERVICES



Jennifer Busa from the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History will present "Witches in Connecticut".

The harrowing story of the hanging of witches in Colonial New England continues to haunt our present-day imagination. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut successfully controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence.

Contact the Portland Library for Registration
-its required!





HALLOWEEN

ON MAIN

Save the Date: Friday,

October 25th

4-6:30 PM

LOCAL BUSINESSES WELCOME
TRICK OR TREATERS ON MAIN
STREET. LOOK FOR THE
PUMPKINS IN THEIR WINDOWS.

Portland



Youth & Family Services