

Happenings for The Town of Plainville 12-5-2016

PLAINVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Do you want to reduce your electric and heating bills? On Saturday, Jan. 7, 2-3 p.m., the library will host Mae Sonmez of Home Comfort Practice, an authorized Energize Connecticut Contractor, to help participants find ways to save on energy costs. Ms. Sonmez will explore how to access subsidized service appointments, rebates and help with financing costs. Come learn about weatherizing your home and other energy reducing practices. Eligible participants may qualify for free insulation, a new refrigerator and freezer and window replacements after co-pay.
- The Friends Book Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 7-9 p.m. The featured book is “Grandma Gatewoods Walk,” by Ben Montgomery, a true story about a woman who leaves home for a walk -- a long walk. In 1955 at the age of 67 Gatewood left her small Ohio town, her 11 children and 22 grandchildren to trek the Appalachian Trail.
- Adults are invited to a coloring session on Thursday, December 8 and Jan. 12, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Materials are provided but participants can bring their own. Refreshments will be served compliments of The Friends of the Library.
- On Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., children of all ages are invited to a gift making event. Come and make personal gifts to give the family. Bring an empty box to bring your gift treasures home.
- Make a splash! On Tuesday, Dec. 27 – Friday, Dec. 30 from 12 – 1 p.m., the library is teaming up with the Plainville Recreation Dept. to sponsor a Splash Party. The swim is open to everyone. Call the Recreation Department at 860-747-6022 to sign up.
- On Thursday, Dec. 29, 6 p.m., there will be a showing of the movie “Finding Dory.” Bring a blanket and your dinner while enjoying this fun, family-friendly movie.
- Ring in the New Year on Friday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m., with the Children’s Library “Noon” Year’s Eve Party. There will be party games, crafts and snacks and a special bubble wrap stomp to countdown the “Noon” Year. All ages are invited. Register at the library or call 860-793-1450.

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PLAINVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- The Plainville Police Department will be holding their 7th Annual 'Stuff a Plainville Cruiser with Gifts' on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Connecticut Commons Shopping Plaza for the purpose of collecting new, unwrapped toys, clothes, gift cards, donations, etc. to benefit the local chapter of the Salvation Army. These events held over the past six years have been a great success and receive positive feedback from both the officers who donate their time as well as the Salvation Army.

PLAINVILLE TAX ASSESSORS

- Just a reminder that second half of the real estate and personal property bills will be due in January 2017. Plus the motor vehicle supplemental bills will be going out. They are adjusted bills for any changes to ownership of vehicles after October 1, 2015.

PLAINVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

- It is illegal to discharge snow from driveways, parking and sidewalk areas into the public roadways. Discharging snow into the roadway hinders cleanup operations and is a hazard to motorists. The addresses of residents who discharge snow into the public roadway will be forwarded to the Police Department for appropriate action.
- If during snow removal operations a mailbox is damaged due to direct contact of the plow, the Town or its subcontractor is responsible for the damage. Damage caused by the snow discharged from the plow is the resident's responsibility. It is the resident's duty to make sure that your mailbox and post are made and maintained to withstand a New England winter. To report mailbox damage notify the Roadways Department at 860-793-0221, ext. 208.
- Leaf season has been completed for the 2016 year, residents with any remaining leaves may bring them to the Town Transfer station until December 10, 2016.
- The last day the Town Transfer Station will be open for the 2016 season is Saturday, December 10, from 8am - 3pm. It will then be closed for the winter season and re-open next spring

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PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER

- **VETERAN'S COFFEE HOUR, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:30 A.M.:** An informational and support meeting conducted by Wayne Rioux, a Veteran's Liaison for Hartford HealthCare at Home and is for all Veteran's over 60 and their spouses.
- **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 7:** It is time to review your Medicare Choices. During Open Enrollment you can change plans as needed to meet your current health care needs. If you are satisfied with your current plan you do not need to make any changes. Stephanie and Bette are available at the Senior Center to meet with Plainville residents age 60 and over to review the options available for 2017.
- **ENERGY ASSISTANCE:** The State of Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is available to income eligible residents. Information on income guidelines and more is explained in the Senior Center December Newsletter or call the Bristol Community Organization at 860-582-7490.
- **GRANDPARENTS/RELATIVES RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 10:30 A.M.:** If you are a grandparent or relative raising grandchildren you are not alone. Share resources, ideas, struggles, joys and more with others who are raising their grandchildren. Please call the Senior Center to register.
- **QUESTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL WORKER, MONDAYS, DECEMBER 5 AND DECEMBER 12, 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.:** If you have questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, Housing Options, Caregiving or Homecare, stop by the Plainville Senior Center and speak with our social workers who can answer your questions. This program is for Plainville residents who are 60 or over. No registration is necessary.
- **HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG WITH THE TOFFOLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 11:00 A.M.:** Students from grades 3 to 5 are excited to make a stop at the Senior Center to spread Holiday cheer!
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 11:30 A.M.:** The Plainville Senior Center holds a delicious homemade traditional Christmas dinner for Center members and Plainville residents 60 years of age and over who would otherwise be alone on the holiday. Volunteers are available to drive those who need a ride to the Center. Plainville residents who are homebound may call the Center and have the dinner delivered. To register for the dinner, volunteer at the dinner or volunteer to

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deliver dinners, please call the Senior Center 860-747-5728 before December 19.

- **DONATIONS FOR PLAINVILLE ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER:** During the month of December, the Senior Center will be collecting donations of blankets, sheets, towels, pet food and toys for the dogs and cats that are at the Animal Control Center in Plainville.

PLAINVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- The Plainville Historical Society's Festival of Trees is in its final week. This is their only fundraiser.
- The Festival of Trees is held at the Historic Center at 29 Pierce Street. The schedule is as follows.
 - Wednesday – 11:00am to 4:00pm
 - Friday – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
 - Saturday – 3:00pm – to 6:00pm
 - Final Day, Sunday – 2:00pm – 4:00pm
 - The winners will be announced on Sunday at 4:30pm