



Economic Development Newsletter

THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT

“Live, Work and Play in a Town for All Time”

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The EDC welcomes the following new businesses to town!

Chadwick Financial Advisors – 228 South Main Street

Panda Restaurant – 62 East Main Street

Smoker’s Mart – 76 Watertown Road

Tides of Mind Counseling – 344 Watertown Road

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Satellite Office Expansion – 76 Watertown Road

Know of any new businesses that we may have missed? Contact the EDC to request to be added.

Local Business Recognition

The EDC has created a program to recognize businesses or business owners that are thriving and have a positive impact on the community. Ideas or nominations for recognition from business owners or residents are welcome to be submitted to the EDC. An upcoming event, scheduled for the evening of April 1, 2019 will be held at Ciao! Restaurant at 76 Watertown Road. For more details, visit the EDC webpage or contact Thomaston Town Hall at 860-283-8411.



U.S. Small Business Administration

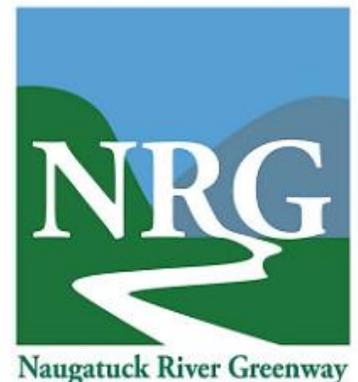
The U.S. Small Business Administration

The assistance of the U.S. Small Business Administration is available to all businesses in the Town of Thomaston. Since its founding on July 30, 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other

forms of assistance to small businesses. The EDC has been in recent contact with the SBA and will be holding training and education sessions for Thomaston businesses in the near future. Further information on these sessions, when scheduled, will be on the EDC web page on the Town website and in a future issue of this newsletter. You can visit <https://www.sba.gov/> for more information.

Planning Continues for the Naugatuck Valley Greenway

The Naugatuck River Greenway is a planned 44-mile multipurpose trail following the Naugatuck River from Torrington to Derby. When complete, the Greenway will link 11 municipalities, reclaim the Naugatuck River for recreation, provide an alternate mode of transportation, drive tourism and economic development, and improve the quality of life for residents. A section to be built in Thomaston is in the final planning stages. For more information on the entire greenway or the planned work and future informational presentations on the Thomaston section, see the NVCOG website at <http://www.nvcogct.org/content/projectsstudies>.



EDC Seeks a Member

The Thomaston Economic Development Commission currently has a vacancy for a member to join the team. Interested individuals should be a Thomaston resident with a passion for Thomaston's economic health and growth. Interested volunteers may inquire with the First Selectman's office at (860) 283-4421 or directly to the Commission at a regular monthly meeting. The Commission meets on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 PM, in the Selectman's Conference Room in Town Hall.

2019 – A Look Ahead

The Economic Development Commission is planning a few projects in 2019 to engage the business community, improve the business climate, and attract new businesses and employers to the Town of Thomaston:

- Business training programs in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration
- An April 1, 2019 event for business networking and presentation of local business awards
- Continued partnership with the owner of the old Plume and Atwood property on East Main Street and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments to improve the property for future use
- Discussions and actions to implement Thomaston's Town Center Plan
- Implementation of actions toward certification under the SustainableCT program
- Actions to implement recommendations of the town economic self-assessment facilitated by the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC). To see the final assessment materials or for more information on CERC, please visit the Economic Development page on the Town website at www.thomastonct.org or www.cerc.com.

For more information on any of these items, contact Jeremy Leifert, EDC Liaison at the address below. The EDC also conducts open public meetings on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Selectman's Conference Room, 4th Level, Thomaston Town Hall, 158 Main Street.

Did you know?: The EDC maintains an updated list of commercial/industrial properties available for lease or purchase in town. See the EDC webpage at <http://www.thomastonct.org/content/163/246/366/default.aspx>

Interested in Connecticut tourism or becoming a tourism partner? Visit the CT Tourism Website at www.ctvisit.org or CT DECD's Offices of Culture and Tourism website at www.ct.gov/cct and clicking on the "tourism" tab.

Further information on business assistance programs can be found on the Town of Thomaston Website at www.thomastonct.org. Please visit the [Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development](http://www.ct.gov/ced) website for additional state programs.

Thank you for reading! To see past issues of this newsletter, visit www.thomastonct.org. To submit ideas or comments, contact the EDC at the address below. This quarterly electronic newsletter will be sent via email and posted on the Town website. For questions/comments or to opt-out, contact:

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