

Community Partners Program Recognition Awards Breakfast Held

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) held the 2nd Annual Community Partners Program Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Avenue. The Community Partners Program was developed and implemented by the EDC in 2008 as a way to recognize the vital contributions Portland businesses make to the many charitable, recreational, and educational activities offered in Portland and neighboring communities.

The Community Partners Program has two levels of recognition. The Member Level recognizes businesses for donations of goods or services of up to \$5,000 in value during the previous calendar year. The Gold Member Level recognizes business for donations of goods and services in excess of \$5,000 during the previous calendar year. One hundred thirty eight Portland businesses were recognized for contributions to the community, with twenty businesses recognized for contributions in excess of \$5,000. Donations included contributions to charitable organizations, community events, local schools, fundraising programs, sponsorship of sports teams and municipal services.

The businesses recognized received a certificate as well as a window decal to display at their place of business. The decal recognizes the contributions made by the business and reminds customers of the importance of local businesses contributions in the success of community, educational and charitable programs. Portland residents are urged to look for these decals and support local businesses that so generously support the community. Businesses that made charitable contributions during the last year but did not complete the application process prior to the awards ceremony may do so at anytime and receive a decal recognizing them as a Community Partner. Applications are available at the Planning Office at the Portland Town Hall and on line at www.portlandct.org.



2010 COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM GOLD MEMBERS

Accurate Tree and Landscaping

8 Palmer Road

Cavaliere's Bakery and Deli

264 Main Street

Clear Blue Water Systems

38 Cote Lane

Connecticut Valley School of Music & Dance

226 Main Street

Mark F. DeFrancesco, Inc.

118 Jobs Pond Road

Ghent's Tree Removal

179 Old Marlborough Turnpike

Henkel's & McCoy, Inc.

780 Portland-Cobalt Road

Jarvis Airfoil

528 Glastonbury Turnpike

Liberty Bank

245 Main Street

Masselli & Sons Plumbing and Heating

64 Freestone Avenue

Dr. John Mormile, Chiropractor

234 Main Street

Petzold's, Inc.

37 Indian Hill Avenue

Portland Golf Course

169 Bartlett Street

Portland Golf West

105 Gospel Lane

Riverdale Motel

1503 Portland-Cobalt Road

Saint Clement's Castle

1931 Portland-Cobalt Road

Stor-U-Self

127 Main Street

Tilcon

South Street

Tritown Foods

316 Marlborough Street

Valli Construction Company

80 Sand Hill Road

2010 COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM MEMBERS

Action Waterproofing

26 Foley Road

Aeru Electrolux

136 Marlborough Street

Airex Rubber Products

100 Indian Hill Avenue

All Ears Hearing Aid Service

78 Marlborough Street

Ameriprise Financial Services

329 Main Street

Anderson Farm Supply, Inc.

224 Marlborough Street

Angela's Fine Jewelry

1297 Portland-Cobalt Road

Amita Aggarwal, DMD, LLC

322 Main Street

Auto Body Suppliers, Inc.

277 Marlborough Street

Axelrod Tire

1611 Portland-Cobalt Road

Bank North Group, Inc.

255 Main Street

Bank of America

269 Main Street

Thomas Barrow's & Sons

350 Main Street

Bloc Fill, Inc.

217 Pickering Street

Bordonaro's Pharmacy, Inc

283 Main Street

Brownstone Exploration &**Discovery Park**

161 Brownstone Avenue

Bud's

158 Main Street

Brownstone Barbers

321 Marlborough Street

Burger King

22 Marlborough Street

Hubert E. Butler Construction**Co., LLC**

984 Portland-Cobalt Road

Café 66

164 Main Street

Canine Classics

180 Marlborough Street

Chris Cote's Golf Shop

275 Main Street

Colonial Framing and Design

311 Main Street

**Cline Truck and Equipment
Repair, LLC**

1609 Portland-Cobalt Road

Coins and Gold Exchange

238 Main Street

Colla Signs

146 Jobs Pond Road

Curley Real Estate Associates

293 Marlborough Street

DaLaur's Restaurant

870 Portland-Cobalt Road

Dairy Queen

870 Portland-Cobalt Road

Daniels Oil Company

8 High Street

Del Printing, LLC

42 Gospel Lane

Dog Tales

278 Main Street

Dunkin Donuts

Main Street & Portland-Cobalt Road

Edward Jones Investments

236 Main Street

Eggs Up LLC

1462 Portland-Cobalt Road

Encore Dance Studio

350 Marlborough Street

ESM Landscaping, LLC

25 Breezy Corner Road

F40 Motor Sports

464 Portland-Cobalt Road

Family Dollar Store

258 Marlborough Street

Family Practice Group

595 Main Street

Farrell's Restaurant

245 Marlborough Street

Forlini Automotive

189 Main Street

Geato's Flower Shop

12 Middlesex Avenue

Gifts From The Heart, LLC

1287 Portland-Cobalt Road

Gildersleeve Spirit Shop

644 Main Street

Gotta's Farm & Cider Mill

661 Glastonbury Turnpike

Great Wall Chinese Restaurant

224 Main Street

Greystone Retirement Home

44 High Street

Hair Works

163 Marlborough Street

Hintz Financial Services

299 Marlborough Street

Hometown Garage

116 Marlborough Street

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264 Main Street

Johnson Fence and Landscaping

1 Michael Drive

Dr. Joseph Lantos, DDS

260 Main Street

Law and Larson Attorneys

262 Marlborough Street

Kelsey's Tree Farm

299 Cox Road

LA Styles, Inc.

286 Marlborough Street

KimberKleen

14 Commerce Street

Magic Mirror Unisex Salon

248 Main Street

Frank Magnotta, PE, LLC

395 Main Street

Main Street Cycle

184 Main Street

Main Street Diner

246 Main Street

Manning Home Builders

4 Rogers Road

McGinley Builders LLC

74 High Street

MHS Primary Care, Inc.

598 Main Street

Middconn Federal Credit Union

278 Main Street

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NAPA Auto Parts
334 Marlborough Street

Nichols Bus Services
1010 Portland-Cobalt Road

Olson Backman Interior Design
956 Glastonbury Turnpike

Patches & Patchwork
216 Main Street

Paley Brothers Farms LLC
P.O. Box 806

Peterson Oil Company
276 Main Street

Pine Ledge Gardens
1231 Portland-Cobalt Road

Portland Automotive
131 Marlborough Street

Portland Boat Works, Inc.
1 Grove Street

Portland Care & Rehabilitation
333 Main Street

Portland Cleaners & Tailors
866 Portland-Cobalt Road

Portland Dental Care, LLC
595 Main Street

Portland Discount Liquors
348 Marlborough Street

Portland Electric
12 High Street

Portland Fence
Brownstone Avenue

Portland Floor & Wall Covering
646 Main Street

Portland Memorial Funeral Home
231 Main Street

Portland Paint and Hardware
724 Portland-Cobalt Road

Portland Pizza House
279 Main Street

Portland Power Equipment
1125 Portland-Cobalt Road

Portland Restaurant
188 Main Street

Portland Veterinary Hospital
455 Portland-Cobalt Road

Primary Landscaping & Nursery,
42 Gospel Lane

Prehistoric Mini Golf & Ice Cream
680 Portland-Cobalt Road

Promold Plastics
91 Main Street

Quality Welding Services, LLC
265 Brownstone Avenue

Quarry Ridge Golf Course, Inc.
9 Rose Hill Road

Quonset Surplus
11-13 Pickering Street

Route 66 Ink

321 Marlborough Street

Salon Sciarrino

864 Portland-Cobalt Road

C. Shefcyk & Sons

75 Brownstone Avenue

Signs & Designs

122 Marlborough Street

Standard-Knapp, Inc.

63 Pickering Street

Subway

197 Marlborough Street

Studio L Hair Techniq
258 Main Street

Superior Concrete Products
830 Portland Cobalt Road

Tierney Brothers Package Store
204 Main Street

Tommy's Pizza
330 Marlborough Street

Top Dog Hot Dogs
211 Marlborough Street

Tropical Sun
344 Marlborough Street

T&S Heating & Air Conditioning
7 Bellaire Terrace

Water & Sewer Specialties
131 Brownstone Avenue

Waterview Dental Group
553 Portland-Cobalt Road

The Wedding Dress, LLC
222 Main Street

Wheeler Farm Gardens
171 Bartlett Street

Winchester Café
1374 Portland Cobalt Road

Wing Yum Chinese Restaurant
328 Marlborough Street

Wm Raveis Real Estate
255 Main Street

Woodings Greenhouses
12 Payne Boulevard

Yankee Boat Yard
54 Riverview Street

Zah's Sport Shop
246 Main Street

EDC Informational Breakfast Series

The next EDC Informational Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 1st at 10 a.m. at the Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Avenue. The guest speaker will be Jeffrey Gebrian of CR3 Site Planning and Landscape Architects. CR3 has been contracted by the Town of Portland as the Design Consultant for the Village District Overlay Zone. CR3 will be responsible for review and design recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission for all construction, rehabilitation, and façade changes within the Village District. This program is open to all Portland residents and business owners and provides a wonderful opportunity to speak with Jeff about his impressive body of work and his vision for Portland's Main Street.

Country Market Building To Become New Home of MHS Primary Care

The former Country Market building located at 270 Main Street is undergoing extensive renovations. The building was purchased by 270 Main Street, LLC. The group, which includes developers William H. Coons Jr. and William H. Coons III along with East West Real Estate Associates, has been committed to completing this project for nearly a year. Negotiations, to not only purchase the building, but also ensure tenants suitable for the Village District, began in the spring of April 2009. Despite delays in finalizing the many contracts, the group remained committed to becoming a part of Portland's business community.

The plan will create modern medical office space in the heart of the Village District. The facility will be modeled after another project the developers completed at 80 Shunpike Road in Cromwell. The central location and mix of commercial and retail properties along Main Street were key components in the decision to bring a medical project to Portland. Parking spaces will remain in front of the building and the municipal lot adjacent to the building will be serviced by a newly created rear entrance being added as a part of the renovation.

The largest tenant will be the Middlesex Hospital group, MHS Primary Care, Inc. By June, Dr. George Rosenfeld and his staff will be working at the newly renovated building. The move will provide more space for the practice to implement an expansion plan. Currently, Dr. Rosenfeld and a nurse practitioner staff the office. The additional space, will allow the practice the ability to add more providers to the existing staff. With the relocation also comes the conversion to all electronic medical record keeping. The practice will maintain their current hours: Monday through Thursday 8 am to 9 pm, Friday 8 am to 5 pm, and two Saturday mornings per month.

Robert's Physical and Aquatic Therapy also plans to occupy the space. The physical therapy group specializes in treating injuries and musculoskeletal problems. Robert's Physical and Aquatic Therapy currently operates an office in Old Saybrook. The new office will offer residents in Portland and neighboring towns an alternative to traditional physical therapy methods in a convenient downtown location.

Thinking About a New Business or Business Expansion?

Tuesday nights are a great time to meet with the Development Team at the Town Hall to discuss plans for a prospective new business or to expand your existing business! Our Development Team can give you an overview of the approval process and provide you with the technical information required to complete your project. To schedule a meeting with the Development Team, including the Fire Marshal, Building Official, Planner, Director of Public Works, Sanitarian, and Economic Development Consultant, contact Deanna Rhodes, Planning and Land Use Administrator at (860)342-6720.

The Economic Development Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Portland Library 20 Freestone Avenue.

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