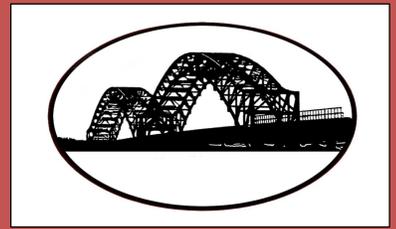


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Connecticut Valley School of Music Celebrates Grand Reopening

The Connecticut Valley School of Music, 226 Main Street, celebrated their grand reopening after an extensive renovation. David and Ronna Kuzminski, along with their son, David Jr., cut the ribbon, at right, at the formal Grand Opening on August 28th. The project was partially financed with help from a grant provided by the DECD's Small Business Express Program. The event was attended by members of state and local government and the business community, featured in the photo at lower right, Portland Town Planner Deanna Rhodes, Middlesex County Chamber President Larry McHugh, Dave Kuzminski Jr., Ronna Kuzminski, Portland First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield, State Senator Art Linares, State Representative Christie Carpino, and Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Chairman Rich Carella.

While the building looks relatively unchanged from the front, a rear addition provides for greatly expanded interior space. The extra space and a new interior layout offers a new and expanded showroom, renovated and expanded music education classrooms, a comfortable waiting area, and a new "jam room" for students to collaborate. The Kuzminski family purchased the store in 1984. This year mark's their 30th year of providing music education, instruments, supplies, and repairs to musicians in Portland and the surrounding area. For more information on lessons, products, or services, contact Connecticut Valley School of Music at (860)342-2270.



Heart to Hand, LLC Opens for Business

The Portland Economic Development Commission is happy to welcome Heart in Hand, LLC , to 553 Portland-Cobalt Road. Lifelong Portland resident Ryan Reed, LMT, has opened his own massage therapy practice, Heart in Hand, LLC, specializing in therapeutic deep tissue work, but also offering sports & relaxation massage. Ryan has extensive experience in the industry, having worked for a nationally recognized spa and chose the Portland location after much consideration. The office has been carefully designed with the client in mind. Convenient parking, a bright and sunny waiting area, and a massage room that offers views of Pecausett Pond, combine to create a truly relaxing and revitalizing experience. Heart in Hand LLC, regular business hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 11 am to 7 pm, Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. Please call (860)-462-6474 to make an appointment and for more information on Grand Opening Specials.



Building, Planning, Zoning & Health Department Hours

The offices of Building, Planning, Zoning & Health are located on the 1st floor of the Town Hall located at 33 East Main Street.

Office Hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



“Portland Connecticut Marketplace” is on Facebook!

Keeping up with Portland’s business community is easy! Just “like” the Portland Connecticut Marketplace page on Facebook for all the latest news!

The Portland Economic Development Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 33 East Main Street. Business owners, residents, and those interested in promoting Portland’s business community are encouraged to attend.

Shine Beauty Bar Opens for Business

The EDC proudly welcomes Portland's newest salon, Shine Beauty Bar, a full service hair salon to 342 Marlborough Street. Shine owner and stylist, Tammy Marchese, has assembled a team of professionals, each with more than 20 years of experience, who share her philosophy, "When you look good, you feel good, and when you feel good, you shine!" Tammy's team includes stylists Jacqui Cartelli, Sherelle Lessard, Lisa Tolisano, and Patty Kasik, and make-up artist Diane Marzi. The renovations to the 342 Marlborough Street location created an upscale, sleek, and elegant salon that will truly make clients feel pampered! The salon is opened Tuesday through Saturday, walk-ins are always welcomed, but appointments are encouraged. For more information or to make an appointment, call Tammy and her team at (860) 342-3651.



Cumberland Farms Raises More than \$3,000 for Parks & Recreation Program

Cumberland Farms, 204 Marlborough Street, raised \$3,090., for the Portland Parks and Recreation Summer Quest Program. Cumberland Farms initiated the program as a way to kick off the Grand Opening of their new location, constructed at a cost of more than one million dollars, and their commitment to the community.

Throughout the month of August, Cumberland Farms donated 10 cents from each drink sold to the Summer Quest Program. The check was accepted by Parks and Recreation Director, Sean Dwyer. The money will be used for Summer Quest programming for the 2015 season.



Revolution Properties Opens a New Office in the Village District

REvolution Properties recently celebrated the Grand Opening of their new offices at 280 Main Street. Owners Cecilia and Ron Faraci are Portland residents and experienced real estate experts who are meeting the demand for professional and affordable Realtor, Property Maintenance, and Property Management services in Middlesex and Hartford Counties. Their focus is on providing each and every property, client, and tenant with the highest level of care and attention to detail. As a licensed real estate broker and CPA, Cecilia can offer clients the knowledge and experience to know exactly how to buy, sell, and manage their property in today's real estate environment. For more information on their services, visit their website at www.REvolutionCT.com, or to make an appointment, contact REvolution Properties at (860)404-6474.



15th Annual Portland Agricultural Fair

October 10–12, 2014



Exchange Club Fair Grounds

Route 17 a (Main Street)

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