

The Simsbury Scoop



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Simsbury Chamber of Commerce unveils new logo

The Simsbury Chamber of Commerce has a new logo.

"We incorporated many of the different elements that make the Town of Simsbury a fantastic place to live, play, and work, and we feel it is more representative of the many reasons we all love being a part of this town," said executive director Lisa Gray.

Gray joined the chamber as its executive director in September and, since then, membership has increased 16 percent and many new benefits have been brought on board.

"With all the positive chang-

es taking place within the chamber, the directors felt it was time for a logo that symbolized the myriad attributes that make Simsbury such a great town," she said. She also hinted that the release of the logo is the beginning of a larger campaign to make Simsbury Chamber members and the public at large more aware of all the things the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce has to offer.

"We want people to know that when they're in need of a service or product, whether it's a new dentist, or a great place to get pizza, the



Pictured from the left: Director Greta Lauro, Vice President Chip Houlihan, Director Tony Uanino, President Ron Locandro, Executive Director Lisa Gray, Treasurer Bill Scoville, Director Emeritus Ferg Jansen, Director Ron Huston, and Director Emeritus Mike Paine.

first place they should call is the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce. We have 314 member businesses in Simsbury and surrounding towns who work every day to support the local community."

The Simsbury Chamber of Commerce is located at 749 Hopmeadow Street. Call 860-651-7307, or www.simsburycoc.org.

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers will provide free individual income tax filing assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 9 at the Simsbury Public Library. One hour appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays. To make an appointment call the Simsbury Senior Center at 860-658-3273. Walk-ins will not be accepted. The program is open to anyone who needs assistance, regardless of age, income, or town residence.



Snow update ...

Spring can't come fast enough for many people. It has been a snowy stretch. No town department is looking forward to the first day of spring more than the highway department. Plow drivers have been working diligently for long hours to keep the streets clear and safe.

The heavy snows have made it extremely challenging for drivers, with large snow banks alongside the roads and at intersections. Crews are working to keep the sightlines as clear as possible, but it is a daunting task. A few reminders:

- Please take extra time while driving, as roads may have slippery spots

and sight lines may be limited.

- Please remember to keep sidewalks clear of snow and hydrants accessible.
- Please do not plow, shovel, throw or place snow into or across roadways, as this creates a traffic hazard.



Sound of Music sing-along event for all ages

From California to England, audiences love to sing along with the von Trapp family in *The Sound of Music*. The Simsbury Public Library invites the whole family to a *Sound of Music* movie



sing-along to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beloved movie. The audience is encouraged to come in costume — anything from the white dress with a

blue satin sash to traditional lederhosen. Bring your brown paper package tied up in string and your edelweiss and be prepared to participate and have fun! Students from Simsbury High

School's Music and Performing Arts Department will act as emcees. If you have ever dreamed of being in a musical, this is your chance. This is an inter-

WHEN: Sunday, March 8, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Simsbury Public Library Program Room

COST: Free

TO REGISTER: [Click here](#)

generational event — all ages welcome. There will be a prize for the best costume. Pre-registration is requested at 860-658-7663 x2200 or www.simsburylibrary.info. Free and open to all.

Dates to remember:

•March 8 is daylight savings, set clocks ahead one hour



•March 17 is St. Patrick's Day



•March 20 is the first day of spring!



Local artist wins award

Connecticut's Historic Gardens, a group of 14 distinctive historic sites and gardens dotted throughout the state, announced West Simsbury artist Lori Racicot-Burrous as the winner of its 2015 Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest. Along with a cash prize, the contest offers the winning artist exposure at the annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show, at each of the 14 historic gardens

sites, and at Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day, which takes place on Sunday, June 28, 12 to 4 p.m.; visit cthistoricgardens.org for details. Racicot-Burrous has been painting since she was a child, but only recently began painting full-time on a professional level. Her work can be seen at Infinity Music Hall Gallery in Norfolk through April 4, Gallery on the Green in Canton, and at the Slater Memorial Museum in



Lori Racicot-Burrous poses in her studio with the contest-winning painting, Florence Griswold Garden. Photo by Lea Anne Moran.

Norwich. For more, visit www.LoriRacicot.com and [Facebook.com/LoriRacicotArt](https://www.facebook.com/LoriRacicotArt).

Ladybug Bash — fun for the family

The annual Ladybug Bash is a two-hour family event that features games, crafts, face-painting, tattoos, hair-braiding, magic, raffles, and the Ladybug Café with freshly popped popcorn and creatively decorated cupcakes.

Kids start the morning making their own unique ladybug tags which they wear during the event and it includes a

number on the back for a chance to win a free cupcake.

All families receive a free raffle ticket with entry for a chance to win one of the many prizes. All funds raised and raffle donations will be used toward future community projects in town.

For more information on the Simsbury Junior Woman's Club, visit simsburyjuniors.org.



Ladybug Bash

WHEN: Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Henry James Memorial School, 155 Firetown Road