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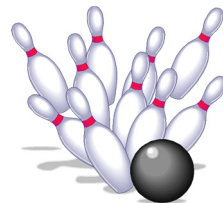
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January 2016 Business Exchange

Business Profile: Over The Rainbow Learning Center

Over the Rainbow Learning Center is a child care center with two locations one centered in Hamden at 310 Broadway, the other center is located in Cheshire at 1481 Highland Avenue. Jaime Moran is the Owner/Director of both centers. She is a certified teacher with the State of Connecticut. She is fulfilling a lifelong dream of owning and operating a daycare center that is an extension of your home for every child enrolled.

At Over the Rainbow Learning Center we exist to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for infants, toddlers and preschool children. Our focus is to provide a stimulating early care and education experience which promotes each child's social/emotional, physical and cognitive development. Our goal is to support children's desires to be life-long learners. The center is licensed by the State of Connecticut for children 6 weeks to school age. Our program provides quality childcare in a loving center environment. At Over the Rainbow we strive to provide high quality child care in a warm, home-like atmosphere where children feel loved and secure. Over the Rainbow is a place where children learn and grow through hands-on,

developmentally appropriate activities such as music, dance, art, science, math, language arts, and outdoor play. It is a place where children's basic needs

are met in a safe, happy, clean and attractive atmosphere. We follow the State of Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. Using age appropriate toys and games to better help the children reach these goals. We bring in outside talented staff to teach our dance and music programs. Our bi-annual field trips make a real world connection to areas they are learning about in the classroom environment. Our summer camp program is designed to have a real camp feel with weekly themes, activities and special guests for children to age 12.

Our staff is all CPR and first aid certified. We also have staff that is Medication Administration certified. The staff is committed to your child, we will meet each

child's individual needs in a caring and trusted manner. We will recognize and reinforce a sense of belonging to the family through ongoing daily communication

and parent involvement. We will help children develop social skills through enjoyable experiences with both adults and other children, which are appropriate for their age and stage of development. We will encourage and help foster autonomy and independence. We will provide an atmosphere allowing for self-expression. We will enhance the self-esteem of each child in the program by celebrating differences in ways that value and respect diversity. We will respect individuality. We will provide numerous activities and situations to enhance language development. We will place emphasis on process rather than product.

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Welcome New Members!

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Business Profile: Over the Rainbow, continued

Our centers are equipped with a biometric system that uses finger print for entrance. This allows for the safety and security of our families and staff. It is used to identify and give access only to individuals allowed in the facility.

We also have twelve indoor and outdoor closed monitored video feeds of all of our

classrooms and playgrounds. We offer discounts to families with multiple children. We are very proud to also offer a discount to members of our military (active and non-active) teachers, nurses, EMT, firefighters, and police officers. Please feel free to call or stop by for a tour of our centers. We would love to have you join the Over the Rainbow family today.



Hamden Location:
310 Broadway
203-287-0345

Cheshire Location:
1481 Highland Avenue
203-699-9900

Businesses light up the Town! Congratulations to the 2015 Winners



Another fantastic Holiday Display Contest organized by the Chamber's Ambassador Committee. The Ambassadors had a wonderful time visiting 13 businesses from Hamden to North Haven seeing who stood out this year! Thank you all for lighting up your town.

Congratulations to the 2015 Winners:
Best Building-Flirt
Best Window-La Moda
Most Creative: Natural Family Health
Facebook Favorite: Décor

Thank you to all our other notable participants who did a beautiful job decorating!

-Chameleon Hair Salon
-Hello Gorgeous
-DAVA
-Hamden Auto Body
-LePetit Gourmet
-Lucky Ewe
-Lucian's Green House & Florist
-Lady Olga
-Divine Orchid Florist

Committee News

Home Base/Solopreneur Committee

We are excited to partner with the Town of Hamden's Economic Development Office to relaunch this important committee designed for those working from home or independently. Join us on January 19th at 9am at Government Center's Conference Room.

The Curve (Young Professionals Committee) meets January 26th at Aunt Chilada's from 5pm-7pm. (see flyer inside Newsletter)

All CBN Group Networking & Open House
February 23rd at Best Western Plus Hotel in North Haven from 5pm-7pm. Are

you interested in being a part of one of the Chamber's 4 Business Networking Groups? Join us and network with area professionals. There will also be an informative economic outlook presentation from Alissa DeJonge, VP of Research from CT Economic Resource Center.

Informational Session for Sicily 2016 planned for January 12

We are excited to announce the next Chamber destination...Sicily, Italy on October 1st through the 9th in 2016 with Central Holidays. This exciting 9 day, 7 night trip is all inclusive including hotels, meals, day trips and airfare all for just \$2,949. Want to learn

more? There will be an informational session on **January 12th** at 5:30pm at the Chamber Office with Representatives from Central Holidays to review this wonderful trip of a lifetime. Bring the family! RSVP your attendance to

hcc@hamdenchamber.com.



The Side Bar by Joseph McDonagh - A monthly blog of random topics of local interest

*"Some village-Hampden, that with dauntless breast
The little tyrant of his fields withstood;
Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest;
Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood."*

The above line are from Thomas Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," an overly-long poem (29 stanzas). The stanza is right in the middle. The Hampden referenced isn't our own Town, it's a reference to John Hampden, a 17th Century Englishman who rose up in the opposition to King Charles I, and after whom our Hamden is named. You know, like Dixwell and Goff and Whalley. John Hampden was only 48 when he died, during the Civil War against King Charles, in an ambush near Chalgrove. It is reported that he may have died from wounds suffered when his pistol exploded.

But my purpose today is to get the answer to a question I've wondered since I first moved here. What happened to the P in Hampden? When did it vanish? Well, that's not easy to find out. I did locate the "History of the Town of Hamden, Connecticut: With an Account of the Centennial Celebration, June 15,

1886." We didn't have the comparable event on the Bicentennial of the Town, and it's too bad. The names of the people who spoke that day are all quite familiar: Reverend Austin Putnam, The Honorable Henry Tuttle, "Mr. Ives of Mt. Carmel," J.H. Dickerman. A Centennial Hymn was written for the occasion, by Deacon J.M. Payne:

*One hundred years have fled,
And numbered with the dead,
The true and brave.*

*Yet for our common weal,
We'll emulate their zeal,
And to our God appeal,
Our country save.*

*May Hamden ever be
Worthy of Liberty
Our fathers won.*

But that doesn't explain the missing P. Later in the Centennial Celebration book (which also includes very entertaining descriptions of those in attendance, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the "pretty maidens of Hamden...they all wore their Sunday garments and they all had cheeks as red as roses and eyes as bright as the sunlight"), I found the following explanation, in a speech by William Phipps Blake (a geologist):

"Our peculiar orthography of the name requires a passing notice. It has been generally written here without the silent P, while Hampden is the prevailing English orthography. Yet we find that Hume, in his history, writes the name Hambden. President Stiles, of Yale College, so late as the year 1791, referring in his diary to this town, writes the name Hampden."

An then he says, "But it is not my purpose to weary you with historical details."

Oh, how I wish that Mr. Blake would have wearied us with more historical details. Perhaps we should campaign to put the P back in Hampden? Or should we accept a P-less Hamden, as a gesture of simplicity?

Joe McDonagh is a writer posing as an independent insurance agent, and is a regular contributor to the Hamden Regional Chamber blog. His interests include the Red Sox, healthcare, etymology, history and the cultivation of democracy. Joe is also a Board Member with the Chamber. His blog can be seen on hamdenregionalchamber.com each month.

Member/Community News:

LaModa Fashion

Congratulations to Mary Scasino from La Moda for being honored at the National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW) at their Annual Three Wise Women Epiphany celebration on January 17th at the New Haven Lawn Club. Mary has been recognized for her success in her career and philanthropic activities which has been a source of inspiration and pride for the Italian American community. The NOIAW was founded in 1980 by a group of Italian American women who sought to create a network to support the educational and professional aspiration of its members and to combat ethnic stereotypes by promoting positive role models.

Eastern Fuel

Congratulations to Eastern Fuel for celebrating 125 years in business! What a wonderful



milestone. We celebrate with you and thank you for supporting the Hamden Regional Chamber for over 32 years!

Framed & Moto Photo Unite

Two long-time Chamber member businesses will begin sharing space this month to offer their clients additional services. Framed affordable custom framing will welcome



Motophoto Imaging & Photography to its space at 1224 Whitney Avenue. "We'll complement each other," said Maureen Zeender who owns and operates Motophoto. "We'll do all the prints and she'll do all the framing. We're excited about it. There are a lot of women-owned businesses in the neighborhood." Framed proprietor Liz Helwig is equally thrilled with the move. "We send so many people over there who are asking for printing," Helwig said. "It's perfect. I have the room and we'll be two separate businesses in the one space. There is a big demand for printing."



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