



THE BI-WEEKLY BUZZ

GMCC Member News, Events & Town News

June 30th, 2023

Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce is proud to wish Beth Stafford, our Community Award winner, Board Executive, Ambassador on her retirement from MACC Inc.

Article provided by Journal Inquirer, Joseph Villanova, Staff Writer June 12, 2023
Please click button below to continuing reading more about Beth and MACC Charities

'Director of Manchester-based charity to retire after 24 years: 'Great leader'

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Stafford said will officially step down at the end of June, passing over the rein to Baldassario.

"I'll be 69 in July," Stafford said. "It's time, and it's time for me to write, or to consult, or to shape the non-profit world the best I can."

MACC provides support to those in need, primarily East of the River in Manchester, Bolton, Glastonbury, South Windsor, and Willington. Services include free community lunches, a food pantry, showers and clothes washing, and help during emergencies.

Stafford said no matter what, MACC will always focus on its core services to help people thrive, as the founders of MACC set out to do 50 years ago.

"I think the best part of our work is making sure families are around to enjoy each other and making sure kids eat well so they can be a part of their society," Stafford said.

Member News

Welcome New Members!

**Como Dice el Dicho
Mexican Restaurant
860-791-2389**

**Pillar2Post
Home Inspections
860-828-3533**

**McCauley
Flooring LLC
860-315-0831**

**The Go Affect LLC
Coach - Gladys Ortiz
860-518-5569**

**Advanced Auto
Repair Shop
860-512-3955**

**Kane Films
Wedding Videographer
860-840-3737**

**Morgan Stanley
Tim Wright
860-572-2592**

Thank you so much for your recent membership, we greatly appreciate your support of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce!

Upcoming Coffee & Connect



**Manchester Historical
Society, July 27th 8:00am-
9:00am 175 Pine Street
Manchester, CT**

[Register Now](#)



**MACC Charities
August 24th from 8:00am -
9:00am 466 Main Street in
Manchester, CT**

[Register Now](#)

Grand Opening



**110C SLATER ROAD
MANCHESTER, CT
(860) 512-3955**

RIBBON CUTTING

**07.06.2023
5-7 PM**

**COME JOIN US TO
WELCOME OUR NEW
MEMBER TO THE
COMMUNITY!**

[Register Now](#)

Summer Events



2023 Summer Concert Series



Sponsorship Opportunities

PRESENTING SPONSOR PACKAGE - \$12,000 - Prominent recognition in the name of the event

- Example: MARC Summer Concert Series Presented by: YOUR COMPANY/LOGO
- Logo/Name prominently displayed on stage backdrop
- Logo/Name printed on concert t-shirt
- Logo/Name on MARC website with link to corporate website
- Logo/Name on event flyer and social media promotions
- Logo/Name recognition in all event press and media releases
- Opportunity to provide a promotional product to attendees
- Opportunity to speak on stage during our Salute to Veterans concert

MISSION SPONSOR PACKAGE - \$5,000 - Opportunity to provide promotional products to concert attendees

- Logo/Name on day of event sponsorship signage
- Logo/Name on concert t-shirt
- Logo/Name on MARC website with link to corporate website
- Listing on event flyer/posters and social media promotions
- Listing recognition in event press and media releases
- Opportunity to provide a promotional product to attendees

T-SHIRT SPONSOR PACKAGE - \$2,500 - Covers cost of 1 free concert t-shirt for all the people served by MARC, Inc.

- Logo/Name printed on a collectible concert t-shirt sold to the public for fundraising purposes
- Logo/Name on day of event sponsorship signage
- Logo/Name on MARC website
- Listing on event flyer/posters

RAFFLE SPONSOR PACKAGE - \$1,000

- Logo/Name on day of event raffle and sponsorship signage
- Logo/Name on MARC website

RAFFLE ITEM DONATIONS - We also accept in-kind donations that could be used for a fundraising raffle.

Donations are 100% tax deductible and go towards our mission of providing the opportunity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live meaningful lives of independence, choice, inclusion, and continuous personal growth.

Please call **Sarah Ward** or **Mary-Ellen Callahan** at (860) 646-5718 to discuss partnering with MARC!



www.marcct.org

Every Thursday of the summer (June - Sept) for the Off Main Experience. The galleries will be open between 5pm-8pm, to coincide with the OFF MAIN EXPERIENCE hosted by the Rise Up Group on Purnell Place just up the block and outside Urban Lodge Brewing. You can see art in our Galleries and art on the street where there will also be live music, games and true community spirit.

Our extended hours: 5-8PM, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21

PURNELL PLACE



3rd Thursdays 5-8pm



The Off-Main Experience

June 15 - July 20 - Aug17 - Sept 21



CRUISIN' ON MAIN STREET IS BACK FOR ITS 22nd Year!
Join us for a fun-filled day of beautiful vintage vehicles, special activities, displays, music and delicious food arrayed along Downtown Manchester's historic Main Street. Show Car registration opens at 8 AM and the show opens to the public at 10 AM and continues until 3 PM. All cars, trucks, sports cars and street rods 1987 and prior are welcome.

Cruisin'!
on Main Street
 MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SHOW INFO.

Free Spectator Admission & Parking

AUGUST 6TH 2023
10AM - 3PM
WHY DATES AUGUST 13TH AND 20TH

CRUISIN' INFORMATION
 Sponsor's Choice Trophies
 Dash Plaques to first 750 cars
 \$ 10 show car registration
 Gates open 8am for show cars
 Great food & Music

SPONSORED BY **TAYLOR RENTAL OF MANCHESTER** *Party Plus*

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Did You Know?

Article #2 on Fraud and Spam by Stephen By Pedneault, Forensic Accounting

By now most email users should know that when you encounter an email in your inbox that looks suspicious, appears to be spam, or is not expected, it should be deleted without opening it or clicking on any contained links or attachments. That is great advice. However, you may want to review them before simply deleting them. I opened my work email after an evening meeting only to find I my inbox had been flooded with sixty or more spam-like emails within a two-minute span. Nearly all of them were from government agencies. I scrolled through them and found a few sent by AT&T, my firm's wireless provider.

The AT&T emails provided confirmation of upgrades to two iPhone 14s at a cost of nearly \$2,500. Something about the AT&T emails alerted me that they may be genuine, so I called AT&T. My sixth sense was correct – our account had been hacked, and two new devices were purchased through our account to be delivered in a day or so to a Vernon business.

Several calls to AT&T that night and a call to the police resulted in the order being flagged as fraudulent and a criminal case being initiated. We obtained the FedEx tracking information, provided it to the police, the phones were delivered two days later to the Vernon address, and the police intercepted the phones. We were not charged, and our AT&T account was restored.

Had I simply highlighted and deleted the list of spam emails, I would not have been able to stop the fraudulent purchase, and then I would have had to battle AT&T to recover my funds.

The fraudster accessed multiple government websites and, using my email address, signed me up for news, updates, and notices. I figured the idea was to conceal the AT&T emails within a long list of spam emails, hoping the AT&T emails would go undetected. After some effort, I managed to unsubscribe from all of the government sites. I changed and strengthened my passwords, and I continue to monitor my spam mails for the next issue. I highly recommend you consider doing the same.

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