

# THE BI-WEEKLY BUZZ

GMCC Member News, Events & Town News

March 24th, 2023

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce  
122nd Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, April 26th, 2023  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

*Special Award Presentation Honoring...*



**Tamara Womack-Speaks**  
2023 Community  
Achievement Award  
Recipient



**Kelly Ray**  
2022 Ambassador of  
The Year



**Beth Stafford**  
Award of Excellence

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## Member News

Welcome New Members!



## Wickham Park

Wickham Park, Manchester, CT 06108

(860)528-0856

[Visit our Website](#)

Wickham Park is a non-profit, private foundation whose property extends into both Manchester and East Hartford, Connecticut. The park contains 280 acres of gardens, open fields, woodlands, ponds, picnic areas, sports facilities, and is the proud host of weddings, receptions, fundraising walks, disc golf tournaments, tree tours, garden tours, car shows, cross country races, family and friend gatherings, and Santa's Workshop!



# EastSide Junk LLC



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280 West St Bay 3, Bolton, CT 06043  
(860) 833-8584  
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Eastside Junk Removal Service is your total solution for your junk removal. There are a lot of things that set us apart from our competition including our years of experience and service in the industry. Our clean uniformed professional staff and our superior equipment allows us to work in tight areas for the fast service. We offer price quotes over the phone and often can do the job the same day. Our low price doesn't mean you get less. Our workers are fast and professional, on time every time.

One of our highest priorities is to recycle as much of the materials as possible and we attempt to re-purpose items by giving them away to local charities!



**iCode**  
EMPOWERING FUTURE INNOVATORS



## iCode School

Address: 1131 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06042

Phone: (860) 512-8040

[Visit our Website](#)

We Partner with Schools to Bring STEM Education to their Facility in Manchester, CT

Give your students access to our STEM education curriculum to enrich their educational experience and broaden their exposure to a variety of topics!

### Program Details

- Course length: Ongoing
- As agreed upon by school
- Administration and iCode
- iCode Provided Instructors
- Collaborative and Interactive Group Classes at Your School Facility
- 1-2 Hour Sessions During the Week (Varies by School)
- Hands-On STEM Activities
- Learn Soft Skills like Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Independent Thinking, and Collaboration.

## Business After Hours

GMCC's first Business After Hours event of the year had an amazing turn out! Thank you Cafe Aura for opening your doors to us and hosting this event. Thank you to everyone that attended this event and we hope to see you all again for the next Business After Hours event!



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

## Did You Know?



*Photo courtesy of Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce*

**The MCSC Dorothy "Dotti" Cannon Scholarship**

"Chef Dotti" was founder and owner of Brown Sugar Catering, which was always popular for local celebrations, corporate events and nonprofit fundraisers since its opening in 2004. Friends and family established the scholarship to honor Chef Cannon's "selfless dedication to the community and numerous charitable organizations."

Dotti was very devoted to working in the Manchester community, where she served as board president of MARC. She was also actively involved with My Sister's Place for many years. She was also a long standing member of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, where she served as Ambassador and Board member. Dotti also received the 2010 Community Achievement Award from Manchester Community College and was also honored as a Hometown Hero for service to the community in 2017.

### For Culinary Arts Students

Students enrolled in a post-secondary culinary arts degree or certificate program for the fall, who share Ms. Cannon's love of cooking. For more information contact [Sara Linskey](#) at [860-798-5616](tel:860-798-5616) or [Barbara Titus](#).



With this scholarship in her memory, "Chef Dotti" leaves a legacy of passion for the culinary arts and devotion to community.

Donations to support MCSC Scholarships may be mailed to: MCSC, P.O. Box 4032, Manchester, CT 06045-4032. (Make payable to MCSC and indicate which scholarship.)

[Learn more](#)

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## Annual Meeting Sponsor Recognition

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We are thrilled to be working with each one of you. As a sponsor, your contribution is vital to continue our important work. We cannot succeed without the generosity of supporters like you.

# Upcoming Coffee & Connect Events



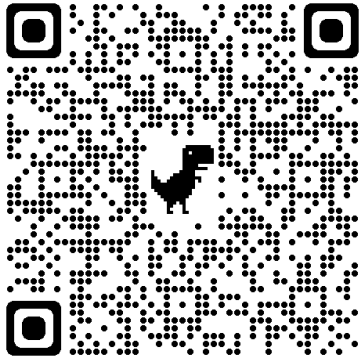
Our community is designed for independent adults who are ready to leave behind the worrisome, time-consuming and physically challenging responsibilities of home ownership. We offer a community rich in services, amenities, activities and security. This maintenance-free and active lifestyle invites you to live each day by your design without the burden of everyday chores. Being a part of Manchester for decades, our senior leadership understands your values, know what's important to you, and do all they can to make sure the lifestyle, services, amenities and health care you want are available at Arbors of Hop Brook with extraordinary quality and excellence.



I am happy to help you! I'm a licensed Realtor since 1986 and specialize in all types of Real Estate including the sales and lease of single family homes, condominiums, multi-family properties, and commercial Real Estate. I am a full-time/full service Realtor who will assist you with your Real Estate transaction from the first time we meet until you sign the final paperwork at your closing.



March 30th, 2023  
8:00am-9:00am  
Location: Arbors of Hop Brook  
403 W Center Street  
Manchester, CT



[Register Now](#)



Carol Cavalieri  
April 27th, 2023  
8:00am-9:00am  
Location: 20 Hartford Rd.  
Greater Manchester  
Chamber



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## Grand Openings



Always Best  
*Ribbon Cutting - April 11th*



Farmer's Insurance  
*Ribbon Cutting - May 9th*

## Grand Openings Held

*Mike's Munchies & Empanadas*

*3-10-2023*



## Town News

**MILLIONS FOR MANCHESTER**

**\$7,500,000**  
**IN STATE FUNDS**

INCLUDED ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2030 BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER'S 'DOWNTOWN FOR ALL' PROJECT THAT INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO MAIN STREET AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A NEW LIBRARY.

The Community Investment Fund 2030 Board approved \$7.5 million for Manchester to provide funding for Main Street and related infrastructure for the new library! We worked hard to support the Town's application for this funding and am ecstatic to see it come to fruition!

[Learn More](#)

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