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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting!

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 5pm at the Roger Ludlow Triangle, East Norwalk, CT

Rain Date: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6PM



TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

Fisherman's World Where Great Fishermen Are Born

Owner Richard ("Rick") Mola grew up working in his father's business, Fisherman's World, which is a bait and tackle shop that was established in 1974 in East Norwalk, CT. Rick's father, Vincent "Vinny" Mola was a WWII veteran and an "exceptional man". Both Vinny and his wife, Lillian (Rick's Mother) worked tirelessly to provide a family run business and received a lot of support from the local community.

They incorporated their son, Rick, as a child and quickly shifted the ownership of the business to him after recognizing his passion. One of Rick's earliest memories is being woken by his father in the middle of the night, when the weather was damp, to help him pick nightcrawlers to sell in the store as bait.

After Lillian passed, Rick's wife, Gloria, joined the family business. Shortly after, Fisherman's World turned into a third generation family business when their daughters, Ashley and Sherri, became involved at a young age. Since then, Ashley and Sherri have integrated an online presence expanding their customer base worldwide. Rick's history of understanding fishing, command of water habits and research of the best tools have consistently made him a resource for both nationally televised fishing episodes and seminars (Saltwater Sportsman).

Fisherman's World has been in business for 60 years now, and fishermen come from all over the world to learn how to fish. Rick says, "Training is part of our business plan and it's a passion. I always say to customers, it is to our advantage for you to become a good fisherman and have confidence in yourself."



Enjoy Christmas music performed by Summertime Band

Annual Food & Toy Drive

Your gift of a non-perishable food item or a new, unwrapped toy will go a long way to brighten the holiday for those in need.

Sponsored by Third Taxing District Electric Department

The following locations in East Norwalk will be accepting non-perishable food and unwrapped toy donations from November 13 to December 14, 2019:

- Third Taxing District Office, 2 Second Street
- East Norwalk Library, 51 Van Zant Street
- Partner's Café, 1½ Cove Avenue
- Fisherman's World, 2 Fort Point Street
- More locations to come soon!

Cash contributions for the purchase of toys and food will also be accepted at the TTD office at 2 Second Street.

Check out TTD.GOV for upcoming locations!

Refreshments will be served as we await Santa's arrival!



(L - R) Nils Andersson, Rick Mola, Rich Mahoney
FishermansWorld.net

MALTA HOUSE

HOPE FOR LIFE

TTD's Organization Pick

Malta House, Inc., started 20 years ago when a young father learned that there was no safe place to live in Fairfield County for women who were pregnant and homeless. He felt "struck by lightning" with an idea and mission to open a home for these young mothers. After 3 years of planning, they opened their doors in December 1998 at 5 Prowitt Street, Norwalk, CT.

Now, after nearly 21 years, Malta House is planning to move to a new home and start their next chapter. Their new home will allow them to serve fifty percent more mothers and babies. The new home will provide on-site support for moms such as parenting classes, career services, and healthcare. There will also be a chapel, classroom space, a full kitchen, a nursery with both an infant and toddler area, and more. Executive Director Carey Dougherty speaks passionately about the work she and her staff do. "The moms who come to us are pregnant, and we also invite mothers who may already have a child under the age of one. Our mothers typically stay with us for up to 18 months.

While they are with us, they must either be in school or working, and we offer a lot of support to our mothers working on their education and career goals to further their opportunities, and provide free childcare, which is a critical component to their career and educational plans," says Carey. Apart from Malta House's "Residential Program", their 24/7 transitional living program, they also offer a post-residential program called the "Partnering Success Program". The transition back into day-to-day life can be quite difficult, so Malta House continues to support those mothers after they leave Malta House, especially within that first year. The final program is their Outreach Program". Carey says, "Mothers in need can call in twice a month and place their order for basic necessities, such as diapers, wipes, formula or food.

In addition to our partnership with The Diaper Bank of Connecticut, we are blessed by the support of many within our community, and are grateful for the opportunity to give our excess to support over 1,000 low-income families per year ." Carey says, "Malta House serves as a haven for the mothers and babies who stay with us, and as a hub for families in need to connect to vital resources in our community. Once part of our family, always part of our family." ●



Carey Dougherty

Important Dates

- Veteran's Day • November 11 • Office Closed
- Commission Meeting • November 18th
- Thanksgiving • November 28 • Office Closed
- Day After Thanksgiving • November 29 • Office Closed
- Christmas Tree Lighting • December 1
- Christmas Tree Lighting (Rain Date) • December 2
- Commission Meeting • December 2
- Commission Meeting • December 16
- Christmas Eve • December 24 • Office Closes at Noon
- Christmas Day • December 25 • Office Closed
- New Year's Eve • December 31 • Office Closes at Noon
- New Year's Day • January 1 • Office Closed



Monthly Tree Lightings

NOVEMBER

The tree is lit in purple to symbolize Alzheimer's Disease Awareness, with the supporting foundation as the Alzheimer's Association.



The Alzheimer's Association's mission is to "Eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health." The Association was founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers and individuals who understood the importance of treating this disease.

Visit: ALZ.org

DECEMBER

is the annual TTD Christmas Tree Lighting!



Happy Holidays from your friends at The Third Taxing District. The tree will be lit in many colors to celebrate Christmas!

As is tradition, we will all gather around the tree at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 1st to enjoy the holiday festivities. Santa Claus will be arriving in a TTD bucket truck for the children. Christmas songs will be played by Summertime Band and refreshments provided for your enjoyment. You are all invited, and we hope to see everyone there for a wonderful evening. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 6:00pm. Visit: TTD.gov



Hey Kids ~

Kevin Kilowatt here!
Water and electric toys don't mix!

Have a safe and fun holiday!

To report a power outage during non-business hours, call 203-663-6875.

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