



# SHARING IS CARING "THE MONTHLY"

March 2023

# Women's HISTORY MONTH 2023

Women's History Month is a national celebration commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. It began in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to designate the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month, and between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations celebrating the contributions women have made to the United States and recognizing the specific achievements they have made over the course of American history.

SAVE THE DATE!

## WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS DAY 2023

Legislative Office Building | April 26, 2023 | 9AM

CONNECT. BE SEEN. BE HEARD.

**Connect** with other CT women entrepreneurs and lawmakers in Hartford.

**Be seen.** There's strength in numbers. Let's show our state legislators how strong CT's women-owned business community is!

**Be heard.** Seize the opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter to you and your business.

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**The Honorable  
Patricia Billie Miller**  
State Senator,  
Deputy President  
Pro Tempore



**The Honorable  
Heather Somers**  
State Senator,  
Chief Deputy Senate  
Republican Leader



Women's Business  
Development Council



## Don't Forget...

Take advantage of tax deductions such as your cell phone bill, cable/wifi, light, gas, car note, insurance, business lunch/dinner and so much more. Below are city-based businesses in Bridgeport that can offer advice to help financially structure your business. Did you know if you have an LLC, you can employ your children? Did you know you can create a legal contract between you and your LLC to where your LLC can pay you rent, and lease your car?

## City-Based Accounting & Tax Service Businesses

Arrington Financial Services  
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203-212-4947



BBS Business Services  
bbstax@gmail.com  
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Rohuer Corp.  
eric@rohuer.com  
Eric Rosales  
203-247-7000

# City Connections

Within the City of Bridgeport, there are various avenues, much like the SMBE, that provide access to resources, and an opportunity to network. We encourage you to take a look into these various groups. If you are new to the SMBE, or a new business in general, joining one or more of these agencies will be a great power move for your business.



**BRIDGEPORT  
REGIONAL  
BUSINESS COUNCIL**  
BRIDGEPORT | STRATFORD | TRUMBULL  
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Together we are the **BRBC!**

## (Irish) Coffee & Connections Roundtable Networking

March 7, 2023      WerkSpace  
4pm - 5pm            2929 Fairfield Ave,  
Bridgeport CT 06605

Network in Black Rock Village and enjoy that late winter vibe along Fairfield Ave. The BRBC's famous "Coffee & Connections" comes to WerkSpace, co-working offices, second floor, right in the heart of Black Rock, Bridgeport!

We'll have caffeinated, de-caffeinated and Irish varietals of coffee to enjoy, small group networking and tours of the office and event space. See you soon!

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## Join an NRZ

**IN YOUR LOCAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD**

The NRZ process aims to revitalize neighborhoods by bringing residents, businesses, and government together to determine the vision and priorities of individual neighborhoods.

- Black Rock - Scott Burns - rsgburns@yahoo.com
- East End - Keith Williams - dorie63@aol.com
- East Side - LaToya Parker - latoyaparkerervin@gmail.com
- Hollow - Sonia Moncrieffe - symoncrieffe@gmail.com
- Mill Hill - Nick Roussas - nikos77@yahoo.com
- South End - Kevin Moore - kmoore@habitatcfc.org
- Reservoir - Linda Christie - lchristie@soconngas.com
- West Side - Vanessa Liles - liles.m.vanessa@gmail.com



Free for BRBC Members  
One Non-Member Guest  
Drop-In Allowed

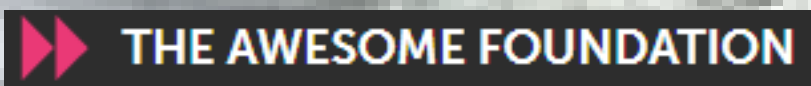
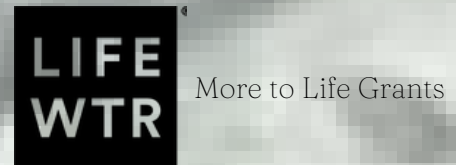
**March Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce Meeting**  
Thursday, March 16, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at SHU's  
Discovery Science Center & Planetarium  
Supporting Bridgeport Business & Economic Development Growth



# Business Funding

## Loans and Grants for Small Businesses

There are a number of funding opportunities for small businesses. I have listed a few that I have come across. Doing a google search for the grants I have listed will bring you to their website where you can get more information and apply. If you know of any funding sources, please let me know so that I can share it with the rest of the small business community that is registered with our dept.



Many of these opportunities are available for various types of industries as well as felon friendly funding.