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Hot Properties

Selected home offerings from:

Bristol and Southington

85 Diane Lane, Bristol, CT
Agency: Berkshire Hathaway Home Services: NE Phone: Don Scarlortino 860-940-8282 Features: NEW PRICE! 3BR/2.1BA stunning Raised Ranch on beautiful lot! Open floor plan boasts a spacious and well-kept kitchen that opens to dining room w/ sliding doors to rear deck and yard. Living room has wood burning FP w ji fas set up as well. MB suite, finished LL, 2-CAR GARAGE, skylights, skylights, skylights... Large yard, large deck, large patio, large pool, large pool, large pool, large pool. Large 022417- $249,000

17 Walnut St, Bristol, CT
Agency: Century 21 A-Gold Action Realty, Inc.
Agency: Jim
Phone: 860-589-1111 Ext. 106 Features: Charming Colonial w/lot's of character!!! Large Eat-In Kitchen, separate dining room, living room w/WIre doors, wood flooring, walk-up attic for storage, covered front porch, with heat, gas heat, basement. This house has fresh paint throughout! Call for a showing today!!! $104,900

17 Arlington St., N. Meriden, CT
Agency: Hillside Properties
Agency: Sharon O'Brien
Phone: 860-302-3399 Features: This beautiful, meticulously maintained split level home is amazing! Casual elegance abounds!!! Wonderful floor plan consisting of 1,844 sq, 4BR, 3BA. Full baths. Gorgeous HW Floors, beautiful EIK, skylights, skylights, skylights... Large BR, 3 season porch, above ground pool. New deck, 2 car garage. Don’t miss this one!!! $224,900

Hospital constructs inpatient behavioral health unit for seniors

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Decker: Mum Festival

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future.

“It opened many doors of opportunities for me,” said Decker. “Miss Mum was one of my first ‘pageant experiences.’”

“Pristor (Miss Mum), I was ‘Little Miss Soap Box Derby’...” I was also part of the Little Miss Bristol program.

“Bring Miss Mum also helped encourage Decker to compete within the Miss America Organization.

“It was never about a crown or a title,” Decker explained. “Competing kept me in check, allowed me to be the best version of myself, and helped me to learn family values.”

“The time I competed for Miss Connecticut for four years was also very oppurtune. To me it was my turn to compete on the Miss America stage in Las Vegas.”

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The new behavioral health unit was born out of the hospital’s 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment, which identified that senior support and access to care are among Bristol residents’ top community health needs.

“There are a limited number of units like this in Connecticut, which are equipped to provide medical and mental health services in a well-integrated, patient-centered setting,” said Reyes in a press release.

Although Bristol Hospital currently has an inpatient behavioral health unit for adults and a counseling center, Manoharan said there is always a need for a unit to serve seniors with acute psychiatric and behavioral disorders.

“Geriatric patients, unlike adult psychiatric patients, need much more medical care,” said Manoharan. “You have to be much more careful with medications.

Noting how many of patients in behavioral health units come from nursing homes, Manoharan said the new unit will make the referral process more seamless.

A community education manager will work with a network of nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities during the referral process.

“This will be a great service for them,” said Manoharan, noting that Medicare will cover the costs for seniors admitted into the unit.

Once completed, added Manoharan, the new unit will eventually grow into a much more comprehensive outpatient behavioral health program for seniors.

“We will be able to diagnose people with dementia earlier,” said Manoharan. “The need is only going to increase, so this comes at an opportune time.”

Bristol Mayor Ken Cockayne in a press release from the mayor’s office announced he is opposed to the implementation of restaurant tax that is currently being proposed by the House Democrat leadership in Hartford.

The tax being proposed would add an additional sales tax of 1 percent to all restaurants and bars in a municipality, explained the press release from the Republican, who is running for reelection in November.

In addition to this increase, the release said, the sales tax would increase to 6.99 percent from 6.35 percent.

“This regressive tax would hurt many of our Mom and Pop food establishments in Bristol,” Cockayne said in the press release. “This tax will hurt businesses and kill jobs in our city and I am strongly opposed to it.”

Under the proposal, the news release said, it would be up to the local legislative body to implement the new tax and this would be a pass through from the State of Connecticut to the local community.

Cockayne said, according to the press release, “I will ask the members of the City Council to oppose its implementation and help keep jobs in our communities.”

“This tax is aimed to help the larger cities in Connecticut absorb some of the budget cuts that will come from Hartford, said the news release.

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