

# State Of The Town Breakfast

JANUARY 16, 2020

# Welcome

Peter O'Keefe and Cristina Orsini,  
Co-Presidents, Wethersfield Chamber of  
Commerce



State Senator

Matt Lesser

State Representative

Russ Morin

State Senator

John Fonfara

# Mayor Michael Rell



Town Manager

Gary A. Evans

Town Planner/Economic  
Development Manager

Peter Gillespie

# Business STARTS

2015 – 30

2016 - 22

2017 – 21

2018 – 26

2019 - 31

# Business STARTS

- ❖ 7-Eleven/Apple Green
- ❖ 275 Ridge
- ❖ Grange Fresh
- ❖ Verizon
- ❖ Slip Away Tours
- ❖ The Learning Experience
- ❖ Jackson Hewitt
- ❖ Sprint
- ❖ Zen's Toyland
- ❖ Axe-It
- ❖ Annapurna
- ❖ Crunch Fitness
- ❖ Pediatric Health
- ❖ Village Chiropractic
- ❖ The Borden 1160

# Building Permits

## Total Permits

2015 – 2,351

2016 – 1,826

2017 – 1,805

2018 – 1,827

2019 – 2,223

21% Increase

# Building Permits

## Total Valuation

2015 – \$21,200,868

2016 – \$20,695,223

2017 – \$26,425,024

2018 - \$23,300,030

2019 - \$48,768,411

109% Increase

# Building Permits

## Commercial Valuation

2015 – \$3,348,039

2016 - \$6,359,834

2017 – \$7,553,257

2018 - \$9,722.969

2019 - \$21,163,821

117% Increase

# 2019 Highlights

- 1881 Berlin Turnpike - 7-Eleven
- Ridge 275 – Ridge Road Apartments 64 One and Two Bedroom Market Rate Apartments (Fully rented)
- 1160 Silas Deane Highway – The Borden – Mixed Use – 39 Apartments (Leasing)
- 88 Executive Square – The Learning Experience

# Economic Development and Improvement Commission (EDIC)

- ✓ Façade Improvement Program
- ✓ Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings
- ✓ Holiday Social and Salute To Business
- ✓ Town Guide and Calendar
- ✓ Welcome Wagon
- ✓ Business Directory
- ✓ Shop Wethersfield
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ [thegreatelm.com](http://thegreatelm.com)



# 2019 Ribbon Cuttings and Ground Breakings



# Social Media

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Improvement @wethctedic



Wethersfield Planning and Economic  
Development



# theGreatElm

LIVE. WORK. PLAY. DISCOVER WETHERSFIELD

The “Great Elm” is a website that acts as a hub for all facets of economic and social promotion of the Town of Wethersfield. Anything you would want to know about the town like sports leagues, education information, tourism, town charities, medical facilities, PTO’s, etc. All in one spot!

Want to know when little league sign-ups are? Or what to do this weekend? Have a bake sale you’d like to promote? We are excited that The Great Elm provides an up to the minute calendar that promotes all of those things and more.

**A one stop location that is everything Wethersfield!**

[thegreatelm.com](http://thegreatelm.com)

# Media Coverage

Essentially America Magazine – September 2019

Connecticut Economic Digest – October 2019 – Wethersfield was one of the two fastest growing economies over the past year among the towns or cities with a population between 25,000 and 100,000.

WalletHub – October 2019 – Best Small Cities in America - #3 In Connecticut.

Yankee Magazine – New England.com - January 2020 –  
15 Prettiest Winter Villages in New England

# Coming in 2020!

- Goodwin Park at 170 Ridge
- Webb-Deane Stevens Museum Visitors Center
- The Charles Restaurant
- Noci Kitchen
- Starling Physicians – (Puritan Furniture)
- The Borden at 1178
- Artisanal Burger Company

# 2020

- Old Wethersfield Parking Study
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Complete Streets Policy
- Sustainable CT
- Strategic Economic Development Strategy
- Redevelopment Agency

Michael Emmett

Superintendent of  
Schools

Chris Healy

Wethersfield Board of Education

# Closing Remarks

Peter O'Keefe and Cristina Orsini

Co-President, Wethersfield Chamber  
of Commerce

