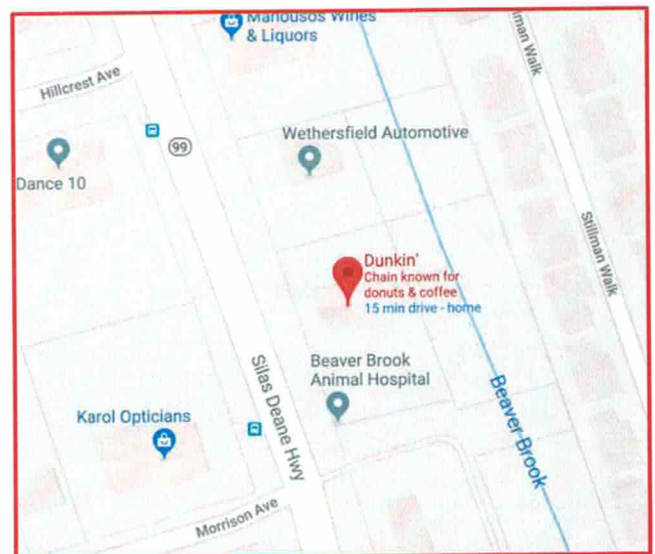
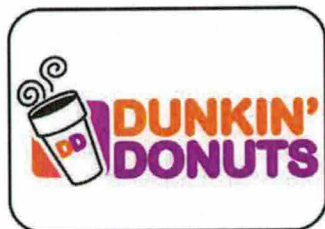




Veterans Coffee

**Join Fellow Veterans for Free Coffee and Donuts
0900 – 1100, Saturday, October 26, 2019
at Dunkin Donuts, 416 Silas Deane Highway**

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Wethersfield Veterans Commission Up and Running!

Wethersfield (October 7, 2019). In late 2018, the Wethersfield Town Council established a town Veterans Commission to “assist and advise the Town and its residents on veterans’ issues.” This year the newly formed commission is up and running with six volunteer commissioners – Ryan Biggs, Dan Camilliere, Rick Newell, Helen Nye, Frank Sena and Doug Shipman, who are supported by town staff and Town Council Liaison Ken Lesser.

In addition to supporting the Town’s Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day Ceremony, Commission members coordinated veteran and military support for the Wethersfield High School 75th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, and established a Veterans Information portal at: <https://wethersfieldct.gov/social/veterans>.

The commission has a busy fall schedule planned as well - upcoming activities include:

House of Heroes project, Saturday, October 19. The Commission will partner with the nonprofit “House of Heroes” to provide badly-needed home improvements for two Wethersfield veteran families.

Veterans Coffee, Saturday, October 26. The Commission, in partnership with Dunkin Donuts, will host a Veterans Coffee featuring free coffee and doughnuts and a chance to connect with other veterans. This ‘drop-in’ event will take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Dunkin Donuts at 416 Silas Deane Highway – all veterans are welcome to stop by.

Veterans Day Ceremony, Monday, November 11. The Town of Wethersfield’s annual Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the flag pole in front of the Town Hall. The Veterans Day Ceremony is sponsored by the American Legion Bourne Keeney Post 23, the Connecticut DAV and the Town of Wethersfield. The public is welcome rain or shine – in case of inclement weather the event will take place in Town Council Chambers.

Survey of Veterans and Families. During fall 2019 the Commission will also be conducting a survey of Wethersfield veterans and their family members to better understand their needs and inform future Veterans Commission actions in the year ahead. “We know there are over 1,700 veterans in Wethersfield,” noted Commission co-chair Doug Shipman, “and we know that about half this number have reached out to the town for services. We hope to gain a better understanding of how we can help all of our town’s veterans can get the assistance they need, whether through town, state or federal services.”

Veterans seeking information or support can contact the Town of Wethersfield Veterans Services Coordinator Christine Taylor at 860-721-2977. Veterans and residents can also contact the town Veterans Commission by email at: veterans.commission@wethersfieldct.gov. The Commission meets September through June from 6-7:00pm, on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall – the public is welcome.