



## SOUTHBURY BUSINESS UPDATE

April 23, 2021

*"It's only right that you should play the way you feel it" ~ Fleetwood Mac*

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### Local

#### **Our first *official* ribbon cutting since Covid-19 ~ A sign of good times ahead**

After a number of Choice Pet store openings, Southbury “stood out for the welcoming way that they have been supported on every level.” ~ Lawrence Bocchiere, Director of Operations, Choice Pet



#### **Southbury to participate in state wide sustainability program [ARTICLE](#)**

The Board of Selectmen this month approved the move to join [Sustainable CT](#).

#### **Southbury has gone online for permitting [Press Release](#)**

The Town of Southbury has launched online permitting for building and zoning permits, initially, with other areas, such as Fire, to follow. The system, called City Squared, is easily found on the Town website home page [www.southbury-ct.org](http://www.southbury-ct.org).

## Tribury Rotary Chili Cook Off



A social distanced chili cook off fundraiser, featuring five area restaurants, happening April 30<sup>th</sup> between 4pm – 6pm. Deadline to buy tickets: April 29<sup>th</sup>. Learn more here: [Cook Off](#)

## Southbury Spring Shopping Fling ~ One week left



Southbury.com has partnered with Southbury Business Association for a shop local event. Help support our local shops and have a chance to win prizes! Details at: [Spring Fling](#)

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## State

### Connecticut COVID Restrictions To Ease in May

Governor Lamont announced that over the coming weeks he plans to further ease some of the restrictions on certain sectors that were put into effect at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include:

**Effective May 1, 2021:**

- Bars that do not serve food can open for service on an outdoor-only basis. These establishments will still be prohibited from serving only alcohol indoors.
- The 8-person per table limit will be lifted for outdoors only. This limit will remain in effect for indoor service.
- The curfew for restaurants, entertainment venues, recreation venues, and theaters will be moved back an hour to midnight.

**Effective May 19, 2021:**

- Contingent upon sufficiently low rates of infections and increasing vaccination rates, all remaining business restrictions will be lifted.  
The Department of Public Health will issue recommendations for indoor and other large outdoor events, such as concerts, as well as clarify where masking will continue after May 19<sup>th</sup>. [Source: CT.gov E-Blast](#)

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## Federal

### Restaurant Revitalization Recorded Webinar



America's Small Business Development Center recently held webinars on the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. A recording of this and other recorded webinars, including the Shuttered Venues Grant, PPP updates, and more can be found on [this webpage](#)

## More Good Stuff

**Was that taxable?** Income tax filing season is right around the corner and there were a few things that happened in 2020 that may alter your tax liability. [Learn more](#)

**What is Economic Development?** If you've ever wondered, this LEGO [video](#) explains it well.

**Could your empty office become an apartment?** [SLATE](#)

**In Pursuit of Happiness** ~ May 20<sup>th</sup> [Event](#)

**How to Build a Life** ~ a [column](#) about pointing yourself toward happiness.

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