



THE BI-WEEKLY BUZZ

GMCC Member News, Events & Town News

July 14th, 2023

Shannon Baldassario moves into CEO position as Beth Stafford retires from over 20 years of service for MACC Charities.

What does MACC mean to me?

"I've been working with MACC for a total of seven years, and it was within the last three that the conversation was had around the table of, "What does MACC mean to me?" MACC is another one of my children. It's something that I wake up every day smiling and look forward to coming in for. When the opportunity came to take the position of the next CEO of MACC, it wasn't even a thought in my mind; it was something I wanted to go for. MACC is here for our community, no matter where we are economically, with basic emergency needs."

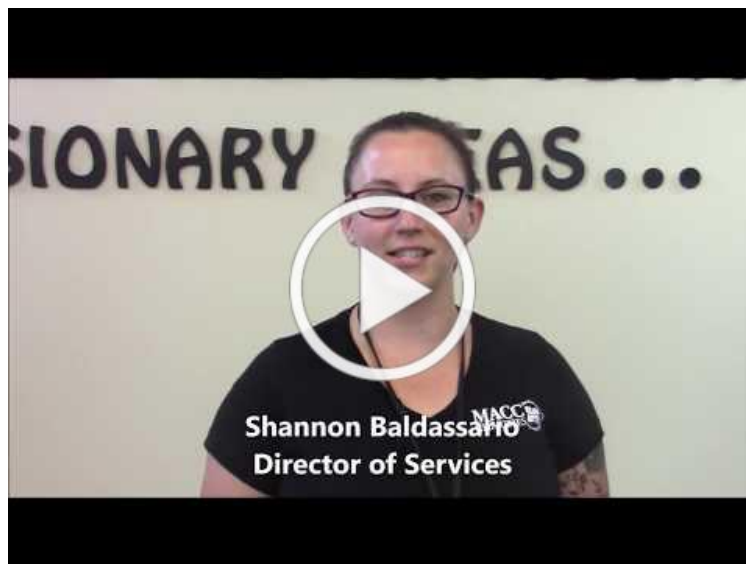
Shannon Baldassario
-CEO

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**To learn more about MACC Charities and Shannon
watch the video below!**



Welcome New Members!

**Pillar2Post
Home Inspections
Jonathan Long
860-955-9770
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Business Life Coach - Gladys Ortiz
860-518-5569
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The Patten-Wright Group Morgan Stanley
Tom Wright
Robert Patten
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Medical Dispensary
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Business Advisory
Mark Barry
860-501-8826
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Thomas' Smokey Pit Stop
Barbecue Restaurant
Darryl & Cassandra Thomas
860-646-1400
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Upcoming Coffee & Connect



Manchester Historical Society, July 27th 8:00am-9:00am 175 Pine Street Manchester, CT

[Register Now](#)



MACC Charities
August 24th from 8:00am - 9:00am 466 Main Street in Manchester, CT

[Register Now](#)

Lunch and Learn

Lunch & Learn: Understanding and Building Credit Seminar

Presented by
American Eagle Financial Credit Union



Wednesday, July 26
NOON - 1:30 PM

WORK_SPACE,
903 Main Street, Manchester

Topics include:

- The importance of good credit.
- Credit scores and reports.
- Creating a budget, and more!

DON'T MISS OUT!

Limited to 50 attendees.



Register by scanning the QR code
or calling 860.646.2223



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Grand Openings

Welcome to our Chamber Community



**Advanced Auto
110c Slater St.
Manchester, CT 006040
(860) 512-3955**



**Curaleaf
240 Buckland St.
Manchester, CT 06042
860-327-8170**



Job Postings



Job Title- Service Technician, Part Time Weekdays, 8:00am-1pm
Job Title- Service Writer, FullTime M-F 8am-5pm Sat 8am-2pm
Email: [Michelle Dipietro](mailto:Michelle.Dipietro)
Phone: 860-643-7958

Did you Know?

Article #3 on Fraud and Spam by Stephen By Pedneault, Forensic Accounting

History Repeats Itself

We can now add fraud schemes to the list of things adhering to Johnathan Swift's centuries-old idiom, "Everything old is new again". It seems that not unlike fanny packs and high-waisted denim, mail theft and check washing are en vogue once more.

Hopefully you have seen recent stories that mail is being stolen across the state and the nation. It has happened in your town, although it may not have been reported by the media. Recently thieves stole mail from the large blue mailboxes right in front of the Glastonbury post office. Fraudsters are also back to washing checks. What is check washing? Thieves

intercept your check, remove the writing, and then re-write the check to one of their payees for a larger dollar amount.

Mail theft and washing of checks are connected. Years ago these schemes were prevalent, which is why people were warned not to raise the red flag on their mailbox, as it broadcasted to fraudsters which boxes had outgoing mail and likely checks paying bills. Mail theft and check washing fell out of fashion for fraudsters, who seemed to be evolving towards digital schemes, but now these old-fashioned, low-fi standards are back in rotation and are occurring at alarming rates.

Vigilance is key. Try and minimize the number of checks you write, regularly monitor your bank account activity, bring your mail to the post office, or deposit it into a blue mailbox in a busy area just prior to the posted picked time. These measures will help you lessen the risks with mail theft and check washing.

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