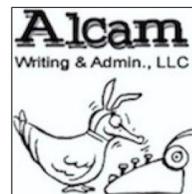




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More of the Best of the Valley

August 25, 2017

Ansonia church plans police appreciation fundraisers

By Ralph Villers

ANSONIA - First Baptist Church is getting the word out about fund-raising efforts in support of the Ansonia Police Department.

Three events will culminate in Honoring Ansonia Blue block party Sept. 23 at the church, 235 Prindle Ave.

The goal is to raise \$50,000 for helmets, shields, and defibrillators.

The fund-raising is needed because the state budget crisis has reduced funding to the city, and so the city was unable to fund the new equipment.

The Rev. John Hinson and his wife, Maude, are leading the initiative Back to Blue to help provide that equipment.

“We want to give our police officers the best chance to return home at the end of their shift as they protect and serve us,” Maude Hinson said.

The three events are:

- On Aug. 29, a Give Back at Chili’s restaurant in Shelton where 10% of the meal will be given to the APD (note: the flier must be presented to the server for the Give Back. Click [here](#) for form)
- On Sept. 6, Shop & Dine Give Back at participating Ansonia retailers and restaurants where 10% of sales will go to the APD (see poster for who, where, and when).
- On Sept. 13, a Give Back at McDonald’s on Division Street in Derby, from 5-8 p.m. where 15% will be donated.

There is also a raffle tickets for 48 prizes valued at \$5,600 that will be held at the Sept. 23 event. Tickets can be purchased at select retailers and restaurants, in front of Webster Bank on Division Street in Ansonia on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and at McDonald’s Sept. 13.

here is a total of 4,000 raffle tickets to be sold

Maude Hinson said, “We are trying to get the word out to make these events successful so we can reach our goal and purchase the equipment they need.”

Let's come together as a community in the Valley to show we care.”

Look for more in future editions of the Valley-Voice newsletter. For more information, call 203-451-7233 or e-mail fbcansonia@yahoo.com

Have a Heart & Save a Life! 

PLEASE Dine on Tues. 8/29 at CHILI's, Shelton

Give this Mini Flyer to Your Waitress & **10% of your meal will be Given BACK to The ANSONIA POLICE DEPT. For Life-saving Gear!**

Thank You!

CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT First Baptist Church Ansonia Ansonia Police Dept

SHELTON CHILI'S 828 Bridgeport Ave. will GIVE BACK 10% to ANSONIA POLICE IF YOU DINE THERE on Tues, Aug 29th bet 5 & 9 and GIVE THIS TICKET to Your Waitress. Please Help!



[Click here for printable coupon for Chili's Give Back](#)

GIVE BACK on MAIN & BEYOND

SHOP & DINE

Wed. SEPTEMBER 6th
 & 10% goes back to the Ansonia Police

SHOP HERE 12- 4 Only For Her Boutique Seccombes Men's Shop Lewis Jewelers (Raffle Tickets 4 Sale) Salvage Alley Arrow Printing My Dream Salon Tip to Toes Nails Salon Lisa Boutique Pooch Pizzazz	DINE HERE 5-9 LuLu Pazzo Italiano Copper City Bar & Grill Crave Restaurant DINE HERE 12- 4 Di Giovanni's Deli (Raffle Tickets 4 Sale) Thigh High (Raffle Tickets 4 Sale) Massimos Pizza (12-9) The Valley Eatery
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RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD for 48 Mega Prizes (Value \$5,600+) at:
 Ansonia Police Station, Di Giovanni's, Lewis Jewelers & Thigh High

HAVE A HEART & SAVE A LIFE! 

First Baptist Church of Ansonia with McDonalds Derby
 Present : **GIVE BACK** at

McDonalds 
 DIVISION ST. Derby

Wed, SEPTEMBER 13th 5-8pm
 15% of All Sales go BACK to
The Ansonia Police
To raise \$50K for Life-saving Gear!
Please Help & Dine on 9/13, 5-8pm

Thank You & Lord Bless!  They Show up! Will You?

Dog lover writes about experience adopting needy pup

By Michele Nelson

Editor's Note: My sister Michele is a dog lover and writes about her latest rescue of Odette with the help of a great rescue organization - Ralph

I am not a first time dog owner. I have had dogs all of my life. My first was Boris in Brigantine, NJ. In fact, I have been told, my first full sentence was "there goes that bad dog" when he jumped over the fence to run to the ocean!

Since that time long ago, I have had many rescues and have also raised a service dog. But this is the first time I have become the owner of a dog that came from a situation where they have had little human contact and have been living outside.

Odette come to me via Big Fluffy Dog Rescue in Nashville. I had been looking at rescues on Pet finder and so many that stuck with me came from them.

Such great stories followed each dog and one day I saw a post about Odette. It stuck with me. I reached out to her adoption coordinator, Nichole, and she was so helpful with all my questions.



I thought about it, and said yes, please bring her to CT for me!

Odette is so beautiful, and such a sweet ballerina! She has lots to learn about living in a home and learning about cars and traffic and just what it means to be loved and at home. I am up to the task!

Kudos to big Fluffy Dog Rescue as they work so hard to ensure each dog gets a home that works for them and each dog gets a home that understands what they need and commit to deliver.

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping giant breed mixed breed dogs in need. They have volunteers from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. Their goal for every dog they have is a safe, happy home where each dog is a well-loved member of the family. Learn more about them at:

<https://www.facebook.com/bigfluffydogrescue/>

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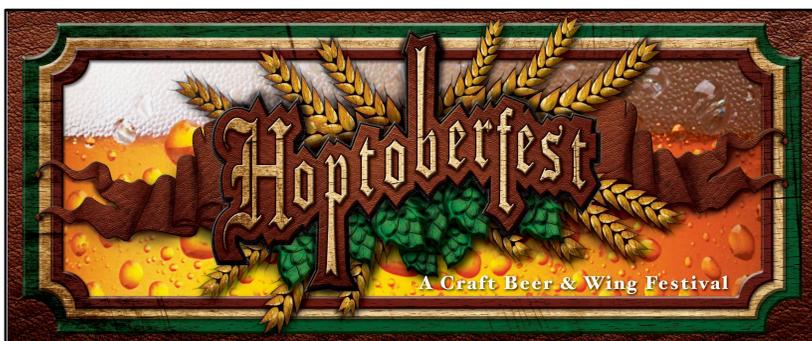


Derby-Shelton Rotary hosting Hoptoberfest on Sept. 9

SHELTON - The fifth annual Hoptoberfest Beer and Wing Festival will take place on September 9, 2017 from 1PM - 5PM. It will be held at the Rotary Pavilion, 101 Canal St.

The festival is hosted by the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club through The Derby-Shelton Rotary Foundation, a 501c(3) non-profit. All proceeds will go back to the Derby and Shelton Communities based on the needs of its charitable partners.

Over the past four years, nearly \$70,000 has been raised, which has helped help fund programs such as, Sponsor A Kid Program at the Boys and Girls Club in Shelton, the Valley United Way food bank, to support the Parent Child Research Center in Derby; Promoting literacy programs in Derby and Shelton Public Schools.



Participants can expect free wings and food from area restaurants. Over 80 craft beers with unlimited samples and live music. Entry will also include a commemorative tasting cup. Participants must be 21 or older to enter.

The Online Ticket Price is \$30/ticket (through Sept. 8). Tickets at the door are \$40/ticket (cash only). However, ticket sales will be capped at 1,500. So it is suggested that tickets be purchased online at <https://tickets.beerfests.com/event/hoptoberfest>