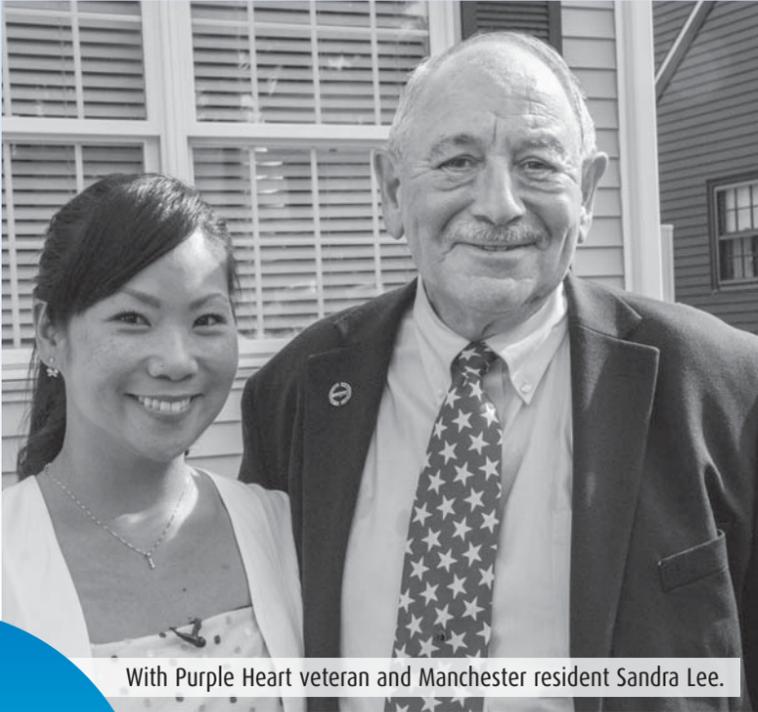


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Business Booming for Glastonbury Manufacturer

At Flanagan Brothers, Inc., our new business-friendly legislation is helping a second-generation Glastonbury jet engine and ground turbine component manufacturer move into a new building in Glastonbury. It will create 20 new jobs and help them meet increasing work orders for complex engine cases, assemblies and components from Pratt & Whitney and General Electric. This is wonderful news for Glastonbury and for the future of high-tech job growth in Connecticut.



Preserving Open Space in Glastonbury

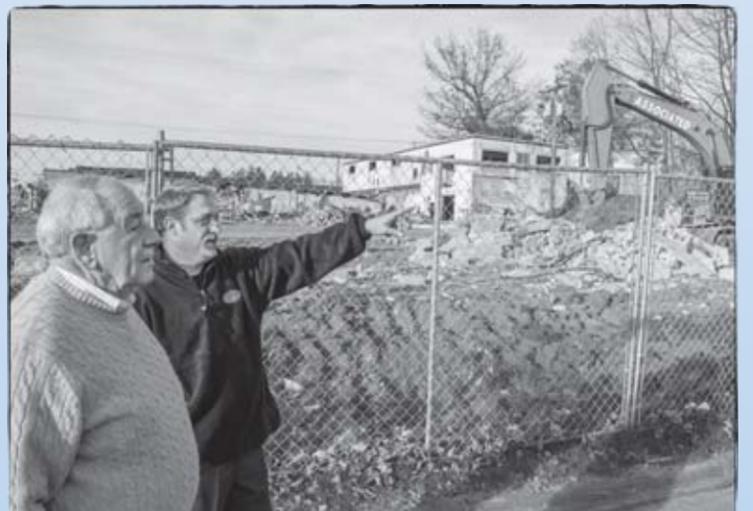
Folks who enjoy open space will be happy to learn that Glastonbury received a state grant to pay for public access and parking to four open space parcels that were recently acquired by the town. The project provides greater access for passive recreation including hiking, walking and cross-country skiing, and expands the inventory of trails available for public use. There are now more than 330 acres of open space in Glastonbury.

A Home for a Wounded Warrior

Staff Sgt. Sandra Lee (in the photo at the top of this newsletter) put her life on the line for our country and I was happy to join her on the day she moved into her new Purple Heart Home in Manchester. The home was built by hundreds of volunteers and paid for by local businesses who donated time, materials and money for Sgt. Lee, who suffered a traumatic brain injury following four separate IED blasts while on duty in Iraq.

Rebuilding Broad Street

It was truly gratifying to obtain \$2 million to be used as part of the Broad Street reconstruction project in Manchester now nearing completion. This will provide a major boost for area shops and motorists. New landscaping, granite curbing, culverts, crosswalks and handicapped ramps will be installed, changing the look and the traffic flow in the area. This business-friendly project has been in the works for some time now, so I'm glad to see it nearing completion!



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Update from **Steve Cassano**

Committed to Economic Recovery

At the beginning of the global economic recession, Connecticut economists predicted a very slow recovery. At the State Capitol, we took action. During the last three legislative sessions and the 2011 October Special Session on Jobs, we passed historic, bipartisan, job-creating bills.

We launched and then expanded programs to help thousands of small and medium-size businesses. For example, the **STEP-Up** and **Small Business Express** programs—which so far have assisted nearly 850 firms to create or preserve almost 12,000 jobs—offer job-training support for veterans and the unemployed and low-interest loans and state grants for small businesses.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we have created more than 41,000 private-sector jobs since 2011.

Resources to Grow Jobs

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- ▶ **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress, or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or Michelle.Peters@ct.gov.
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: www.stepct.com
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- ▶ **Job & Career ConneCTion** for details on job and training programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org

To learn more about job growth in Connecticut, visit: www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs



Touring Bolton Aerospace in Manchester; they hired five workers thanks to Small Business Express.



Support for Local Businesses

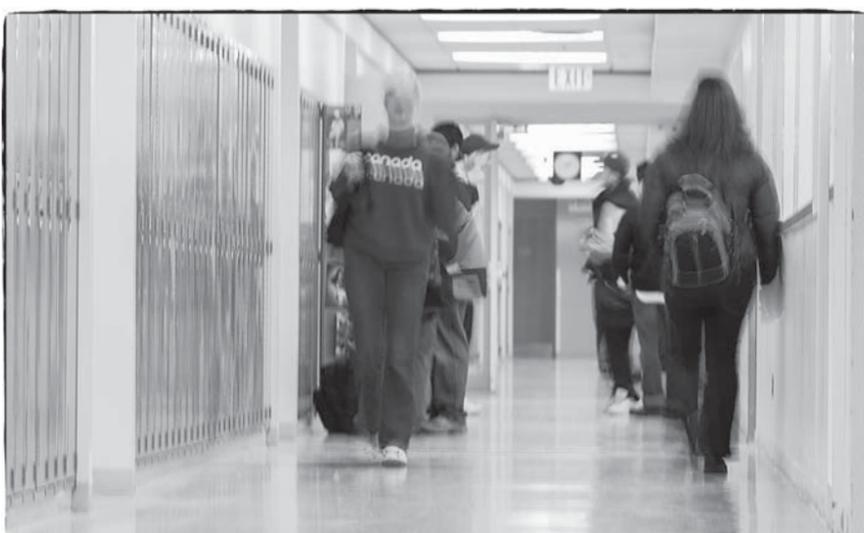
Locally, many businesses in the communities I represent are utilizing important programs like STEP-Up and Small Business Express to preserve and create jobs, including:

Andover: Naturescape • **Bolton:** Connecticut Trailers, John Dean Custom Cabinetry
Glastonbury: The Conard Corporation, Kent Billings, Positive Energy Electrical Contractors, Calmarie Pain Therapies, Cheryl Newton Architect, Corrine Wedding, CT Confections, DBP Group, FX design, Giamalis & Company, Harry's Pizza, R2 Graphics, Radiatz, Wooden-It-Be-Nice, Safe Roof Cleaning, Wow Superclub, Maffee Financial Group, American Integrity Restoration, MJ Emonds Mechanical Contractors, Tripleplay Financial Services
Manchester: Adchem Manufacturing Technology, Atlantic Kaplan International, Empire Industries, Spartan Aerospace, TSM Marketing, Clean Away, Between Rounds, Parthenon Real Estate, LightStat, Robert A. Fichman, Bolton Aerospace (in photo above), Clay Furniture Industries, J&A Gas and Oil, Lyco, Atlantic Canvas & Awning, Charles Angelo Manufacturing, The Robert Lord Company, Hardware on Wheels, Community Child Guidance Clinic, Marcus Communication, T&T Design, Divine Treasures, Always Best Care Senior Services of Central Connecticut

Children's Mental Health

Following the Newtown tragedy, Democrats and Republicans came together to improve Connecticut's mental health-care system, with a particular focus on the well-being of children.

The new law implements a strong, comprehensive, integrated system of care. It identifies strategies for reducing the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues on children. It promotes early identification and intervention, and ensures access to developmentally appropriate services to help treat children earlier. It also created a Children's Mental Health Task Force to study the effects of nutrition, genetics and medication on our youngsters.



Stamping Out Price Gouging



In light of recent severe hurricanes and historic snowstorms that have battered Connecticut, members of the public have been vulnerable to price gouging by shady service providers for snow removal, flood abatement, roof raking and lodging. That is why we expanded consumer protections by prohibiting price gouging for services that are essential for the health, safety and welfare of consumers in the aftermath of severe storms. This will be a deterrent to exploitative business owners and will protect consumers from predatory practices.

For more information about how to report price gougers contact the **Department of Consumer Protection** at 860-713-6300 or visit www.ct.gov/dcp.