



Community Forum on the Local Economy and Culture to be held at The Barnum Museum

(Bridgeport, CT)— Connecticut State Senator Bill Finch of the 22nd District and Kathleen Maher, Executive Director and Curator of The Barnum Museum will facilitate a discussion on Thursday, August 24 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Barnum Museum. The topic will revolve around the current state of the economy and culture in the region. The event is free to all and input, ideas and suggestions will be encouraged. Members of the general public will have the opportunity to help shape a vision for Bridgeport's future.

The Barnum Museum has been one of the most recognizable features of Bridgeport's downtown for 113 years, and has been a place of community pride and a site of national significance through a century of social, economic, and political change. Today, the museum is a dynamic component of the City's revitalization and this discussion carries on that tradition. Please join us.

Phineas Taylor Barnum, one-term mayor of Bridgeport and four-term member of the Connecticut General Assembly, was born July 5, 1810 in Bethel and died April 7, 1891 in Bridgeport. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is totally handicapped accessible.

What: "Community Forum on the Economy and Culture"

**Where: The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
Presentation in the People's Bank Gallery**

When: Thursday, August 24, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free to all

For more information call 203-331-1104, ext. 100 or visit www.barnum-museum.org

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