



## Isaias Roars Through Hartford

The eastern edge of tropical storm Isaias smashed into Hartford Tuesday afternoon, August 4. Although the quick moving storm passed rapidly through the city and the state, its high winds left a wake of destruction in its trail, although rainfall was relatively light. Trees and branches were knocked down all over the city, including the one in front of this perfect-six apartment house on Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford's South End. On Wednesday morning, Eversource and United Illuminating, Connecticut's two main electric companies, were reporting that over 700,000 homes and businesses had been left without power by the storm and it might take up to a week to restore full power to the state. (Hart photo)



## Youth Turn Out for North End Clean-up

On a hot, muggy summer morning like last Saturday, most high-school students either head for the beach or stay in bed. But in Hartford's North End, over 70 youths turned out to clean up the area around John C. Clark School. Theyana Cooks, Nyla Anderson and Kayla Anderson are shown above picking up trash on Nelson Street. All youth volunteers wore masks to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The clean-up marked the start of an anti-litter campaign launched by the Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA), in partnership with several other North Hartford community organizations. The overall anti-litter campaign will focus on encouraging residents to keep their properties clean of litter and to press the City of Hartford to enforce current anti-littering ordinances. (Hart photo)

## Voting by Absentee Ballot? Here's How it Works

A reminder to vote in the Primary by Tuesday, August 11th

BY DONNA SWARR

Who would have thought that voting by absentee ballot would strike so much fear in the hearts of our leaders in Washington DC? We've been doing it since 1775. A bunch of soldiers requested to vote via a letter during the Revolutionary War and the town agreed to it. It is the military that set the precedent. During the War of 1812 Pennsylvania allowed it. In the 1864 presidential election during the Civil War, 150,000 soldiers' absentee votes were counted. After the Civil War ended, the states gradually passed new laws to expand absentee voting to civilians. Today, registered voters can vote absentee in all 50 states, although 16 states still require a valid reason for not voting at a polling place, including Connecticut.

To qualify for an absentee ballot, you have one of the following excuses: be an active member of the armed forces; be out of town during all the hours of voting; have an illness which prevents you from voting in person; have religious beliefs that prevent you from performing secular activities like voting; perform duties as an election official at a polling place other than your own; or have a physical disability that prevents you from voting in person on Election Day. But for the August 2020 Presidential and State Primary, all Connecticut voters can vote by absentee ballot due to the COVID-19 virus. Absentee ballot applications were sent to every Connecticut voter for this year's primary. They didn't want fear of exposure to the Coronavirus to deter people from voting and this is a great way for Connecticut to see how well this method works with (hopefully) greater numbers. On July 28th the State Senate voted 35-1 to pass legislation allowing no-excuse-necessary absentee ballot voting as a public health precaution in the upcoming

November election.

What's the problem with absentee voting? Fear of fraudulent votes. A significant measure to prevent some types of fraud is to require the voter's signature on the outer envelope, and that is what Connecticut has done. Some states require checking the signature against another existing one. I decided that I preferred to not go to a polling station. I requested an absentee ballot for the August 11th Presidential Primary. I've been

avoiding places where there are crowds and have been diligent about not touching things that many people could have touched. Last week I got nervous and called the Hartford Town Clerk's Office, as I hadn't received my mail-in ballot. I was told that the ballots were mailed on July 21st and that I should receive it in 5 business days. The absentee ballots were sent by the

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## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



Downtown Hartford was once home to hundreds of little retail shops as can be seen in this photo of the south side of Asylum Street in 1958. All the building in the foreground were demolished to make way for City Place I and II. At right is the Goodwin Building (corner of Asylum and Haynes Streets). Originally built in 1881, it was completely remade in the building boom of the 1980's. Now only the decorative terra-cotta walls of the building remain and a skyscraper rises out of it. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Sunset Sounds Series Starts TONIGHT

Connecticut Landmarks' Sunset Sounds Concert Series returns this year with three live performances in August on the grounds of the Amos Bull House, 59 South Prospect Street (behind the Butler-McCook House) in Downtown Hartford. First up is Hartford's own Orice Jenkins and his Millennial Soul tonight, August 6 at 6 pm. Next is Jocelyn Pleasant & The Lost Tribe on Thursday, August 13, followed by Ed Fast & Congabop on Thursday, August 20. All concerts run from 6-8 pm and are free, but pre-registration is required; please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunset-sounds-concert-series-tickets-113924918498>.

### Kamora's Corner to host Art and Healing Bazaar Saturday

Kamora's Cultural Corner, 75 Sterling Street, Hartford, will host a Black Art Sale & Bazaar from 4-8 pm this Saturday, August 8. There will also be food vendors and healing services. Free admission.

### Final Keney Park Karaoke Next Tuesday

The Friends of Keney Park will host a Karaoke Night at the Keney Park Pond House, 383 Edgewood Street, Hartford from 5-8 pm on Tuesday, August 11. Please bring your own chairs; picnic baskets welcome. The karaoke series at Keney Park is sponsored by the Betty Knox Foundation.

# Kicked to the Curb

## The domino effect looms in the summer of 2020

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

There's a lot on our plates right now. A lot to cope with, trying to stay positive and stave off depression, and the uneasy feeling that things will get a lot worse before they even begin to get better. The current list of stresses in our everyday lives is a doozy: COVID-19 and the new world of isolation; racism and police accountability; the uncertainty surrounding the reopening of schools; businesses closing their doors forever; food insecurity; the November election and the Madman-in-Chief; and record numbers of people out of work. So what else could go wrong?

In actuality it's already gone wrong as of last week, when the \$600 federal expanded unemployment benefit ceased for the approximately 25 million Americans who relied on it to keep their heads above water during these tough times. The Democrats and Republicans in Congress are duking it out now, trying to find consensus as to the terms of an extension that would continue to provide relief to the unemployed and prevent millions from falling through the cracks. At this moment, it appears that any such agreement may not be finalized until the end of August. And then, the states will have the burden of trying to upgrade their systems and process the new orders, which will likely result in further weeks of waiting before recipients see the increase in payments.

One of the barriers is the theory from many Republicans that some unemployment recipients were making more money with the \$600 federal addition than they made while employed, which is a deterrent to returning to work. They're looked at as unwilling to "pull themselves up by their bootstraps" and either find another job or return to their old one in an uncertain environment where their well-being could be compromised and their earning potential even lower than before due to reduced hours. Yes, some part-time, gig and even full-time workers were making more. It was the "more" that resulted in them being able to pay their housing expenses and monthly bills, among other things. For them, it was the one positive in a life turned upside down: "My family and I can survive."

But what's likely to happen next is pretty scary. Most members of the "working poor" class—comprising the largest demographic of those who lost jobs—are renters. With the end (or long delay) of that expanded benefit, the moratorium on evictions has been lifted. In short, all but the most compassionate of landlords will be saying "Pay up or you're out of here." It will happen, and it will cause an increase in housing instability and homelessness.

There's a widespread belief that every homeless person is either an addict or mentally ill. I can tell you from years of experience working within Hartford's homeless community that that's far from the truth. I can also tell you from personal experience, having spent two years "couch-surfing" during the Great Recession that began in 2009, due to job loss through no fault of my own. Not once, not twice, but three times by 2011; hours were cut, layoffs, happened, businesses closed. I continued to work while living in others' homes, but it was part-time and close-to-minimum wage—not enough to get me back into an apartment. The good jobs for which I had the experience, skills, qualifications, and excellent references just weren't out there. I was compelled to file for my Social Security retirement early, at age 62, just to have that guaranteed income every month, a choice made in desperate circumstances that resulted in the loss of \$600/month from the SS benefit I would have had at age 66. It was an experience that had never been on my radar—something that I never dreamed could happen to me. The domino effect. Job loss, death of a spouse or support person, catastrophic illness, domestic violence, foreclosure, and eviction are all life events that frequently lead to homelessness. When one domino falls, others will follow. Expect to see a lot of this in Hartford in the coming months. Where will those unlucky people end up?

These are unprecedented times of uncertainty and a palpable level of fear. The \$600 federal "bonus" was—and still is—a good idea. No, more than that: It's vital for the survival of those who are teetering on the brink due to the pandemic. It's not a handout. It's a lifeline.

# Marriage in a Time of COVID

The COVID-19 pandemic cannot stop love! Many couples have been engaged for years and planned on getting in 2020. The pandemic has caused the postponement of many ceremonies due to social distancing regulations. But while many couples have put their marriages on hold, others are getting creative with their wedding plans.

How are some people tying the knot during COVID? Most couples can call a Justice of the Peace and have them to perform a civil marriage ceremony wherever they like. For instance, this past weekend Laskisha Folson and Jovan Reed asked Justice of the Peace Rico Dence (www.JusticeRico.com, 860-263-9046) to marry them. With 15 of their best friends and family, the couple tied the knot outside of Trinity College Chapel in Hartford.

Some couples are asking Justices of the Peace to perform their marriage ceremony via zoom online conferencing. Cleveland couple Terri Smith and Darrick Fleming



Laskisha Folson and Jovan Reed (Rico Dence photo)

did their vows online. Then the couple can turn their video conference into a dance party with their friends and family.

Here are a couple of more ideas to plan your 2020 marriage ceremony. Have your guest celebrate your marriage day with a car parade. They drive by honking and celebrating your ceremony. If they choose too, they can drop of a gift.

Couples can always elope and have a marriage ceremony later.

Coronavirus has made it difficult for all of us. Like all marriage have their ups and downs, staying committed and persevering through difficult times will make us stronger. A clergy member or justice of the peace can help you start your journey to living a life happily every after.



## Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

## \$25 Million in Car Insurance Overcharged

With so many factors affecting your Hartford car insurance: age, credit score, record of accidents, combination of car and home insurance, miles driven, etc, a completely accurate comparison of rates in Hartford and its neighboring suburbs may be impossible. If somebody has figured it out, please tell us!

However, a rough calculation of \$2,600 for average motorist with full coverage and \$1,200 for just liability, shows about an \$800 and \$400 difference between Hartford and suburban towns. If you take the average between the two, that's about a \$600 overcharge. Multiply that by the number of privately-owned cars in Hartford (about 43,000), the total overcharge is \$25.8 million.

How do insurance companies justify taking those millions out of one of the poorest cities in the country? Well, they blame the high volume of claims, the high number of unregistered drivers (no insurance), congestion, etc...and the territorial system that jams all these problems into the 18 square miles called Hartford.

Just ask AARP or AAA why you pay so much extra and they simply

say, "Because you live in Hartford." Hartford if one of the few, if not the only, small city to be treated this way. As Councilperson John Gale said in a 1998 Hartford Courant Op-Ed, "higher [city car insurance] prices are discriminatory." Today, with 86% of Hartford classified as minority, it certainly is discriminatory.

So, let's get at it. Call your insurance agent and your insurance company. Demand to talk to a higher up. Ask for the president's phone number, or the chairman of the board. Tell 'em to change the system! Email your state representative, talk to the mayor and city council members. Write a letter to the *Hartford News*, *Hartford Courant* and other local papers. Tell the TV channels to do a story on it. Tell them it's not fair. Your reporter has lit the match, keep the fire going!

Now, if your neighbor is cheating by having out-of-state plates, registering their car in a different town or driving with illegal plates, tell them they are costing YOU money in the long run. Everybody pays for the cost of illegal drivers.

Hey cheaters: the city is now chasing down cars with illegal

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## Indigencia Y Pobreza- Los Tiempos Del Coronavirus En Connecticut

POR: MARICARMEN CAJAHUARINGA

La situación del Coronavirus ha afectado en gran magnitud la economía de las familias de Connecticut, quienes hasta el pasado domingo, dependían fervorosamente de los \$600.00 en beneficios por desempleo del gobierno federal. Ahora que la ayuda económica ha expirado, muchos temen quedar en la calle al no poder pagar sus rentas. Y es que los más de 188,000 mil desempleados en el estado sufren por la falta de Mercado laboral el cual se ha visto afectada por la actual pandemia del COVID-19.

Para las personas en situación de indigencia, el desempleo las pone en una posición aún más delicada. En Connecticut, la comunidad indigente se basa mayormente en los ancianos y los adolescentes. Al inicio de la pandemia, The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, reportó que en marzo, 2,009 personas estaban en situación de indigencia. Entre esas personas había 134 adultos mayores de 62, quienes eran los más vulnerables para contraer el virus. Así mismo entre ese grupo se encontraban 48 adolescentes solos, y 183 familias con 346 niños quienes experimentaban la vida en las calles.

En lo que va del año el centro de emergencia 211 ha recibido 72,072 llamadas de personas que buscaban hogar. Según las estadísticas del Cordinated Access Network for Homelessness, entre abril y junio del 2020, las llamadas al centro 211

presentaron un 22% de hispanos y 32% de afroamericanos, aunque la comunidad anglosajona aumentó un 39%. Este emergente aumento de posible indigencia se debe a la crisis económica como consecuencia del Coronavirus.

Aunque en marzo el estado en coordinación con organizaciones sin fines de lucro relocaron a más de 1,100 personas en albergues a hoteles para que estén a salvo, ahora se prepara un nuevo plan para que puedan tener un techo seguro mientras se restablece la economía. El estado anunció que para septiembre, Connecticut trasladará a aproximadamente 1,800 personas sin hogar que ahora viven en hoteles y refugios a apartamentos y hogares para protegerlos del coronavirus. La ayuda proviene del CARES Act, el cual ha destinado a los estados una porción de fondos para ayudar provisionalmente a los indigentes.

En los últimos años, Connecticut ha hecho esfuerzos junto a organizaciones federales para recibir recursos para construir vivienda asequible a quienes padecen de indigencia crónica. En febrero del 2020, Hartford recibió una suma de \$4,648,305 dólares para construir vivienda asequible para los ancianos indigentes.

Reginald Fairbairn President and CEO de New Samaritan Corp, nos contó que su corporación ha enviado una aplicación el cual ha pagado

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# Letter to the Editor

## The City's Plan for the Civilian Police Review Board

As a community, we have faced many unprecedented challenges this year. One of those challenges brought to the forefront is the need, for us as a community, to have more say in the direction of our policing in our community.

The Mayor's Office and the Hartford City Council are working to establish the Civilian Police Review Board (CPRB). The Mayor has a draft ordinance to create a process where the community holds the institution of policing to a higher standard.

The Civilian Police Review Board will have the authority to investigate allegations of police misconduct and submit their findings to the police chief and mayor. The civilian police review board will have nine regular voting members and two alternates who will be responsible for investigating accusations of police misconduct.

The Civilian Police Review Board shall have jurisdiction over citizen complaints against police officers related to, issues surrounding harassment, slow or poor service, improper handling of citizen's property, civil rights violations, false arrests, illegal search and seizure, abuse of authority, retaliation for filing a complaint, and other complaints which constitute a fundamental detriment to the community which the police are sworn to protect and serve.

To guarantee accountability, no member of the civilian police review board shall be an officer of the Hartford Police Department, an employee of the City of Hartford, or an immediate family member of an officer of the Hartford Police Department. Members and alternates selected for the Civilian Police Review Board shall be chosen based on their experience and expertise in fields relevant to the charge of the civilian police review board. The civilian police review board shall be reflective of the city's neighborhoods and communities and of its business, labor and legal communities and, as well as, of the city's ethnic, gender, racial and sexual orientation composition.

The Civilian Police Review Board will seek to complete its review of every civilian complaint within 90 days of receipt. If there is a complication and the board is unable to complete the review in 90 days, the Office of Human Relations, on behalf of the civilian police review board, will submit a written cause for the delay.

The Civilian Police Review Board shall prepare an annual report to the office of the mayor and the court of common council indicating:

- 1 The type and number of complaints filed,
- 2 The number of police officer(s) complained against and the number of police officer(s) and members of the police department against whom multiple complaints were received, and the disposition of the complaints, and
- 3 The dollar value, if any, of settlements ordered and/or paid arising out of the citizen complaints, provided such disclosure does not violate a confidentiality agreement

The chief of police shall prepare an annual report to the office of the mayor and the court of common council indicating disciplinary actions taken and assistance offered to police officer(s) and members of the Hartford Police Department against whom multiple civilian complaints were received.

Hartford is working to ensure that the police are working for members of our community and are held accountable for any egregious actions. We want to make sure that members of our community know there is a greater sense of accountability and that we are heading in the right direction, as a city. We want to ensure we are able to have faith in the services which help to make our city great.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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### CRT Financial Literacy Class

Register now for the Community Renewal Team's (CRT) 2020 Financial Literacy Institute. The free online classes begin on Sept. 8, 2020, and the program is open to adults (18 and over). This 14-week intensive online course provides an in-depth and engaging way to educate yourself and your family about tough topics in your financial world. During CRT's Financial Literacy Institute, participants explore many aspects of financial fitness, including: budgeting and savings; establishing and/or rebuilding credit; investment planning; dealing with the financial stress of underemployment and unemployment; protecting yourself and your assets through insurance, and so much more.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings (from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM) from September 8 to December 8, 2020. Space is limited - register now: <http://www.crtct.org/en/need-help/money/your-money>



## Athletic Beats Loudoun Again, 4-1

Hartford Athletic's Harry Swartz (dark jersey) heads the ball away from Massimo Ferrin of Loudoun United in a game Sunday night at Dillon Stadium. Looking on is Athletic's Alex Lara. Hartford won the game 4-1 behind two goals from Ever Guzman. Also scoring were Captain Danny Barrera and Connecticut's own Alfonso Vasquez. Hartford's next home game is on August 15th against New York Red Bulls II. You can catch both matches on WCTX MyTV9 or streaming at [hartfordathletic.com/watch](http://hartfordathletic.com/watch). For tickets, go to <https://www.hartfordathletic.com/>. (Hart photo)

## New Website Promotes Black Businesses

BY ANDY HART

Like thousands – perhaps millions of other Americans – Sarah Thompson joined in the widespread protest marches that were held across the country following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others at the hands of the police. She joined with others in demanding an end to police brutality and the systemic racism which has left Black Americans economically and educationally disadvantaged.

And then she decided to do something about it. "I looked around for a way in which I could make a tangible difference by leveraging the skills I've acquired in my career," said Thompson, who serves as Senior Director of Marketing and Communications for The Village.

Thompson soon hit upon the idea of creating a website to list and promote Connecticut Black-owned businesses for free. She and a quickly growing number of associates began developing the website and ShopBlackCT.com was born. The site went operational on June 16 and was officially launched on July 1.


Thompson said the team now working on the project includes over 30 professionals with a wide variety of skills, including photographers, writers, strategic planners and business development specialists. In addition to the business listings, ShopBlackCT.com has its own blog which publishes stories and photos about various Black-owned businesses in Connecticut. "The articles help paint a picture of the businesses and introduce the business owners, most of whom have amazing stories to tell," said Thompson. "And all of the photographers listed on the site have volunteered their time and talent to take photos of the business because many of them simply

can't afford professional photography. And we let the businesses use the photos for their own marketing efforts." Thompson and the ShopBlackCT team initially planned to concentrate on the Greater Hartford area, but the effort soon encompassed the entire state. This broadening of ShopBlackCT.com's scope was greatly facilitated by Ty Wrenn of Waterbury, who started a similar website for Southeastern Connecticut

at about the same time Thompson launched hers. Listings from the two sites have now been fully merged.

Thompson's ultimate goal is to have every Black-owned business in the state listed on her site. Right now, over 800 are listed. The website's main page has a button to submit your own listing. Go to: [shopblackct.com/submit-a-black-owned-business.html](http://shopblackct.com/submit-a-black-owned-business.html). All listings are free.

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# YOUR LOCAL BLACK-OWNED HARTFORD BUSINESSES

SPONSORED BY THE SHOPBLACKCT.COM FREE BUSINESS GUIDE

The following list of Hartford area businesses was drawn from the website shopblackct.com free business guide. The website lists Black-owned businesses in all Connecticut towns (see story, page 3). While it is a good sampling, it is not a comprehensive list of all Black-owned businesses in Hartford. Please note that although all efforts have been made to keep the listings as up to date and accurate as possible, the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 has caused changes in hours, days of operation for many businesses change on an almost daily basis. It's always a good idea to call ahead to check on the current situation of the business.

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**Outdoor Art Talk**, American Sculpture Outdoors, Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main Street, 12 noon

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**Basketball Clinics (NEW)**, Goodwin Park Basketball Courts, 12:30 PM - 3 PM

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**Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 11-12)**, Hyland Park, 4 PM - 8 PM

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**ZUMBA (NEW)**, Goodwin Park, tennis courts/golf course entrance, 6:00 PM

**Friday, August 7**

**Basketball Clinics (NEW)**, Willie Ware, 9 AM - 12 Noon

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**Old State House Farmers' Market**, 800 Main St., 10 AM - 2 PM

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**Summer Concert Series**, Connecticut's Old State House, 800 Main Street, 12 - 1 PM

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**Frog Hollow / KNOX Farmers' Market**, 75 Laurel St, 3 PM - 6 PM

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**Saturday, August 8**

**Farmers' Market at the Regional Market**, 101 Reserve Road, 6 AM - 9 AM

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**Yoga in the Park**, Pope Park, 10:00 AM

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**Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 13-16)**, Hyland Park, 10 AM - 12 Noon

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**Black Art Heals Art Sale & Bazaar 2.0**, Kamora's Cultural Corner, 75 Sterling Street, 4-8 pm

**Sunday, August 9**

**Yoga in the Park**, Colt Park, 10:00 AM

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**Monday, August 10**

**Basketball Clinics (NEW)**, Willie Ware Center, 697 Windsor St, 9 AM - 12 Noon

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**Park Street Farmers' Market**, Corner of Park and Washington, 9:30 AM - 1 PM

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**Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 13-16)**, Hyland Park, 4 PM - 8 PM

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**Yoga in the Park**, Bushnell Park, 5:30 PM

**Tuesday, August 11**

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**Old State House Farmers' Market**, 800 Main Street, 10 AM - 2 PM

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**West End Farmers' Market**, 385 Farmington Avenue, 4 PM - 7 PM

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**Yoga in the Park**, Elizabeth Park, 5:30 PM

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**Karaoke In the Park**, Keney Park Pond House, 5:00 PM

**Wednesday, August 12**

**ZUMBA**, Goodwin Park, up near the tennis courts/golf course entrance, 9 AM - 10 AM

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**North End Senior Center Farmers Market**, 80 Coventry St., 10 AM - 1 PM

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**Online Children's Art Therapy Summer Course, Virtual** - Charter Oak Cultural Center (go to FB Group for details), 11 AM - Noon

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**Splash Pad Fun**, Cronin, Day, Forster, Goodwin, Hyland, Keney (both), Pope North, Metzner, Signourney, Willie Ware, 12 Noon - 6 PM

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**Homestead Farmers Market**, Chrysalis Center, 255 Homestead Avenue, 2 PM - 5 PM

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**Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 8-10)**, Hyland Park, 4 PM - 8 PM

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**Weekly Evening Rose Garden Weeding**, Elizabeth Park, 6:00 PM

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**Yoga in the Park**, Bushnell Park, 5:30 PM

**Voting by Absentee Ballot?**

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State of Connecticut; this is not the normal practice. I got mine exactly 5 business days later. If I didn't get mine in the mail, Sixto Lazu in the Town Clerk's Office said that I should go down to the Town Clerk's Office to request a

ballot and fill it out in the office. The absentee ballot came in a VERY LARGE FONT. It included two envelopes--one to put the ballot in requiring my signature and the date, and the other to put the filled out ballot envelope into for mailing. No stamp was needed. I decided that I wanted to place my

ballot in one of ballot boxes in front of City Hall. (see photo) Doing so would provide me with a destination for my morning walk. I was very pleased with my experience and can't wait to hear about how well it works at the City and the State level.



### City Resident Named Homecare Hero

Assisted Living Services, Inc (ALS) recently honored 20 home caregivers by awarding each of them with a \$1,000 bonus for their tremendous efforts caring for Connecticut seniors during this challenging time. Among the honorees was Hartford resident Alcia Brown-Gardner. In addition to the monetary bonus, honorees receive a crystal statue and a certificate of merit. Starting in February 2020, the family-owned homecare agency retooled its unprecedented monthly \$5,000 Platinum Caregiver Award as the Homecare Hero Award in order to recognize more outstanding employees.

### Mike McGarry

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plates. If you get caught, it will cost you big-time. If you get into an accident or pulled over for speeding, it's even worse.

So what do we get for the for the

\$25 million that goes out of our city due to car insurance over-charges? People that skirt around the law, run away from accidents and generally hide from authority and thus can't fully participate in society. Wake up insurance companies, much of the

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\$510 mil dólares para ejecutar el proyecto de vivienda asequible para los envejecientes de esa ciudad. "Hemos estado en constante conversaciones con el equipo de la municipalidad para este proyecto y esperamos que todo salga bien", dijo Fairbairn.

El costo total del proyecto será de un cuarto de millón de dólares, según la conversación telefónica. "La situación del COVID-19 ha retrasado algunos procesos administrativos pero seguimos conversando", dijo el CEO.

Así mismo, añadió que se espera concretar los trámites para diciembre del 2020. "Empezaremos a completar la construcción inmediatamente después que se firme el contrato. Eso será entre diciembre o enero del 2021".

Las 22 unidades habitacionales se ubicarán en, 8 Francis Court, Hartford, que beneficiarán a los envejecientes del área. "Ahora solo nos falta la documentación de HUD para hacer el cierre de este proyecto y recibir los fondos. Eso será en diciembre", añadió Fairbairn

Aunque en los últimos años, Connecticut ha tenido resultados

positivos para eliminar la indigencia, todavía tiene una fuerte presencia entre las comunidades de color. El principal factor es la pobreza. Según Data.US, en los 2 últimos años, la desigualdad de ingresos económicos a las familias en Connecticut incremento por un 0.505 según el cálculo GINI de la distribución equitativa salarial. La desigualdad de ingresos tuvo un crecimiento de 1.31% de 2017 a 2018, lo que significa que la distribución salarial estuvo en desventaja en las comunidades de color comparadas con la comunidad anglosajona.

Esto no significa que las áreas con dinero no estén propensas a la indigencia. Los problemas de indigencia en esas zonas son basadas en la violencia domestica, el abuso de drogas o alcohol y la salud mental, pero en su mayoría personas en situación económica acomodada pueden solventar un nuevo lugar para iniciar de nuevo luego de un problema en sus hogares

Los especialistas en temas de indigencia señalan que las décadas de políticas discriminatorias ha dado forma a la desigualdad salarial dando como resultado que las familias de color sufran discrimi-

nación racial y económica relegándolos a los vecindarios excluidos.

Así mismo, desde el nuevo movimiento civil, los especialistas piden a los legisladores que se enfoquen en las principales causa para exterminar la segregación salarial, y así evitar la indigencia. El primero punto es reflexionar en la desigualdad racial, eliminar las disparidades en servicios y la discriminación racial que ponen las empresas al contratar a nuevos trabajadores. También, dan importancia, a la educación en comunidades mayoritarias para borrar los estereotipos y los prejuicios discriminatorios, para luego diseñar un plan y ejecutar los planteamientos.

Se espera que en la próxima Asamblea General, el estado de Connecticut se enfoque en el tema de la indigencia como parte de las necesidades civiles en las comunidades minoritarias. Se especula que la sesión se reanudará en el Capitolio entre septiembre y octubre del 2020.

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**El Informativo Latino**

**Dr. Fauci: "Connecticut está en un buen lugar" en la pelea contra el COVID-19**

El Dr. Anthony Fauci dijo que Connecticut "está en un buen lugar" en términos de COVID-19 y que el estado tiene la ventaja debido a la capacidad para contener nuevos casos.

Fauci es el director del Instituto Nacional de Alergias y Enfermedades Infecciosas y una de las principales caras de la nación en la lucha contra el coronavirus. También es miembro de la Fuerza de Tarea de Coronavirus de la Casa Blanca.

Fauci dijo que cada estado debe tener un uso universal de máscaras, evitar lugares concurridos, distancia social, mantenerse alejado de los bares y lavarse las manos. Puntos de infecciones "ocurrirán inevitablemente en Connecticut, dijo Fauci.

También dijo que una prioridad principal debería ser tratar de que los niños regresen a la escuela para

el aprendizaje en persona.

"Obviamente, donde están ahora es un muy buen lugar", dijo Fauci.

Los casos de coronavirus de Connecticut han excedido los 50,000 y las hospitalizaciones están disminuyendo.

Hay 252 casos nuevos desde el viernes, lo que eleva el total de coronavirus de Connecticut a 50,062.

Se han reportado trece hospitalizaciones menos y el total del estado ahora es de 56.

Se han reportado cinco nuevas muertes, lo que eleva el número de muertes en el estado a 4,437.

Ha habido una tasa de prueba positiva de 0.7.

El gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que Rhode Island está justo en el límite de los criterios de cuarentena y que planea monitorear sus métricas.

**Van en ascenso los casos de coronavirus en jóvenes en edades de 10 a 29 años en Connecticut**

Nuevos hallazgos muestran que los jóvenes están siendo afectados más que nadie por el coronavirus, según el gobernador Ned Lamont.

El gobernador dijo que las estadísticas están viendo el mayor pico de coronavirus en personas de 10 a 19 años. Solo en la última semana, dice que el número de casos positivos en ese grupo se ha duplicado. El culpable: algo que generalmente asociamos con el verano, pero es un problema en estos días: ir de fiesta. Según el Departamento de Servicios Administrativos, algunos jóvenes son responsables de fiestas innecesarias durante el último mes que han llevado a un mayor número de COVID. "Hay un comportamiento inaceptable, algunas fiestas y otras que no se adhieren a las reglas ... así que estamos atentos a

eso", dijo Josh Geballe, Director de Operaciones del estado.

Lamont dijo que la situación actual es similar pero no tan mala como la que ocurre en estados cercanos como Rhode Island y Nueva Jersey. El gobernador no habló sobre áreas específicas afectadas en Connecticut. Además, los nuevos hallazgos muestran un aumento de casos de Covid-19 en Millennials y Gen Z - edades 20-29.

A medida que se implementan los protocolos para el regreso a la escuela, el gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que los padres deben hablar con sus hijos sobre la importancia de no asistir a grandes fiestas, asegurándose de que usen máscaras y se mantengan a 6 pies de distancia de los demás.

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