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The Hartford News

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 elec- tric 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 pressure 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

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 pre- vent 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 pre- vents 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 applica- tions 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-neces- sary absentee ballot voting as a public health precaution in the upcoming

November election. What’s the problem with absentee vot- ing? 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 sign- nature against another existing one. I decid- ed that I preferred to not go to a polling sta- tion. 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 had- n’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 Millenial 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-reg- istration is required; please go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunset-sounds-concert-series-tickets-113924018498.

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 spon- sored by the Betty Knox Foundation.
Kicked to the Curb

The domino effect looms in the summer of 2020

COMMENTARY BY ANNE CONSIDERIAN

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 is daunting: COVID-19 and the new world of isolation; racism and police accountability; the uncertainty surrounding the reopening of schools; businesses closing their doors; food insecurity; the Nov. 3 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, with the $600 federal expanded unemployment benefit ceiling 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 consens-

us as to the terms of an extension that would continue to provide relief to the unemployed and prevent mill-

ions 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 fur-

ther 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 detriment to returning to work. It’s also risky business to “pull themselves up by their bootstraps” and either find another job or return to their old one in an uncertain environment when 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 choice they made. But now they’re being called to 

house 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.”

Indigencia Y Pobreza- Los Tiempos Del Coronavirus En Connecticut

PORE MARICARMEN CAJAHUARINGA

La situación del Coronavirus ha afectado a gran manera en la economía de las familias de Connecticut, quienes han pasado por momentos de dificultad. El mayor grupo de familias que sufren de la crisis económica como consecuencia del Coronavirus.

Aunque en marzo el estado en Connecticut presentaron un 22% de hispanos y que de la población en la comarca angolana aumentó un 39%. Este emergente aumento de la pobreza puede no ser debido a la crisis económica como consecuencia del Coronavirus.

En los últimos años, Connecticut ha permitido a organizaciones locales y federales para construir viviendas asequibles a quienes han sufrido de la crisis económica en el estado de Connecticut. El aumento del CARES Act, el cual ha destinado a los estados una nueva asignación de fondos para protegerse de los efectos del Coronavirus.

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The City’s Plan for the Civilian Police Review Board

As a community, we have faced many unprecedented challenges this year. One of these 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 investigated allegations of police misconduct and provide recommendations 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.

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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 be 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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Phone: (860) 757-9569 or (860) 757-9577

New Website Promotes Black Businesses

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 Wynn 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. All listings are free.
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SHOP LOCAL!
Sponsored by the ShopLocalCT.com Free Business Guide

T he following list of Hartford area businesses was drawn from the web- site shoplocalct.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 busi- nesses 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.
Bernice Bragadosus 851 Albany Ave, Hartford | (860) 549-2104 bernicebragadosus@verizon.net

Kingston’s Jamaican Restaurant 1430 Park St, Hartford | (860) 232-1298 bernicebragadosus@verizon.net

To include your business in the ShopBlackCT.com Free Business Guide, go to: shopblackct.com/submit-a-black-owned-business.html

Bigg’a League Barbers 551 Albany Ave, Hartford | (860) 549-1521 bernicebragadosus@verizon.net

Brown Skin Women Events & Booking 942 Main Street Hartford | 860-237-4828 browniskinwomen@gmail.com

Hair By Ayanna instagram.com/touchedbydana

Head 2 Toe Salon 2087 Main St, # 1, Hartford | (860) 798-4904 Facebook.com/Head2ToeCT

KINGSunicare, Pedicure & Barber Salon 621 Farmington Ave, Ste 103 in rear, Hartford | (860) 937-8549 Facebook.com/K.I.N.G.S.spots!

Leet Styles Hair & Beauty 2582 Main St, Hartford | 860-371-1156 Leetstyles.com/Leetbeek

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Nu Style Cut Creators 255 Main St, Ste 1, Hartford | (860) 560-3600 Facebook.com/nu-style-cut-creators-hartford

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SWEET TREATS

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LuLu’s Ice Cream Cafe 465 Albany Ave, Hartford | (860) 297-1129 Facebook.com/LuluIceCream-Cafe

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Healing Hands Massage of Hartford 56 Park St, Suite 417B, Hartford | (860) 499-0192 healinghandsmassage.com

Earth’s Natural Touch: Birth Care & Beyond (Women’s Health) (973) 936-8527 Facebook.com/EarthDoulas

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**ESTATE OF Alphonso Francis**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated May 12, 2020, ordered that all claims must be promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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**View From The Parks**

**Hartford's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

**Thursday, August 6**

Forge City Works Farmers’ Market, 539 Broad St, 11 AM - 2 PM

Splash Pad Fun, Cronin, Day, Forster, Goodwin/Hyland, Keney (both), Pope North, Metzner, Signourney, Wile, 12-6 PM

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

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

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

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

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**Monday, August 10**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Friday, August 7**

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

Old State House Farmers’ Market, 800 Main St, 10 AM - 2 PM

Splash Pad Fun, Cronin, Day, Forster, Goodwin/Hyland, Keney (both), Pope North, Metzner, Signourney, Wile, 12 - 6 PM

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

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

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

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

Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 6-7), Hyland Park, 4 PM - 8 PM

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

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

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**Tuesday, August 11**

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

Basketball Clinics (NEW), Goodwin Park basketball courts, 12:30 PM - 3 PM

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

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

Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 6-7), Hyland Park, 4 PM - 8 PM

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

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**Saturday, August 8**

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

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

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

Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 8-10), Hyland Park, 12 Noon - 2 PM

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

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**Wednesday, August 12**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Sunday, August 9**

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

Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 6-7), Hyland Park, 10 AM - Noon

Pop-Up Baseball Clinics (Ages 12-16), Hyland Park, 12 Noon - 2 PM

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**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 Lura 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 FORT. 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 Alcian Brown-Gardner. In addition to the monetary bonus, honorees receive a crystal statue and a certificate of merit.

“I’ve been a part of the ALS family for 13 years,” said Brown-Gardner. “I’ve been able to help many people in my community and I always enjoy my job. I love helping people, and it’s something I always wanted to do.”

The event was held at the ALS headquarters in Hartford, where each honoree was recognized for their hard work and dedication. The honorees were also able to enjoy a special meal and receive a gift bag.

“ALS is grateful to have such dedicated and caring caregivers,” said ALS CEO Deborah A. Verrilli. “Their work is vital to the well-being of our residents, and we are proud to honor them in this way.”

Brown-Gardner has been a dedicated home caregiver for many years and has received many accolades for her work. She is a true hero to many of the seniors she cares for, and her dedication to their care is truly inspiring. She is an example of the many dedicated caregivers who work tirelessly to help our seniors maintain their independence and quality of life.

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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 Infeciosas 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 casos en el estado a 4,437.

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