

Jazz Fest and Food Trucks Headline a Busy Weekend in the Capital City

The Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz will be the centerpiece of the busiest weekend in Hartford since the start of the COVID-19 shutdown back in March 2020.

In addition to the Jazz Festival, which will be held in Bushnell Park on Friday, July 16,

Saturday, July 17, and Sunday, July 18, Riverfront Recapture will host its Food Truck Festival on Mortensen Riverfront Plaza on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; the Hartford Yard Goats will be playing at Dunkin Donuts Stadium on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and

Sunday; Connecticut Ballet will be presenting free performances on Thursday at Burr Mall and Saturday in Elizabeth Park; and Pratt Street will have live music Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The weekend will start early at Real Art

Ways (RAW), 30 Arbor Street. Hartford, as one of the city's longest-running parties, The Creative Cocktail Hour, finally returns live after going virtual for over a year during the

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Site-Seeing Tour

The Children's Museum's quest for its new home

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Where it's at

Armed with a \$250,000 exploratory grant from the state Department of Economic and Community Development, The Children's Museum is continuing on its mission to discover the best site for the beloved educational institution that has welcomed and delighted nearly five generations of Hartford area children and their families. From its modest beginnings in 1927 as a one-room nature center at the Elizabeth Park Pond House, to a 30-year tenure in a large Victorian home on the corner of Farmington Avenue and Tremont Street, The Children's Museum moved to its present location on Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford in 1958, on land owned by the adjacent Kingswood-Oxford School. Their lease expired more than five years ago, and the museum has been renting from K-O on a month-to-month basis, and now the clock is ticking down on their 63-year tenure.

"We've looked at seven potential sites in Hartford so far, in the West, North, and South areas", said Michael Werle, the museum's Executive Director. "Our main focus is that we want something workable." In addition to the actual building that will hold the exhibits, planetarium, and museum shop, there's a substantial outdoor space component to be considered. "It's very important to us", Werle stressed, "because getting kids involved with the environment and sustainability is at least 50 percent of our agenda." Not to mention room for Conny the whale, the mammoth life-size replica of Connecticut's state animal, a favorite of Children's Museum visitors since 1975. Werle considers the Children's Museum, with its mission geared for toddlers to children up to age 12 unique from the Science Center in downtown Hartford. "They have a different agenda that is not a focus on young kids and their development."

Taking sides

Suzann Beckett heads up the West End Civic Association (WECA), that area's NRZ, and is passionate about one possible location for The Children's Museum, the vacant campus of the former Hartford College for Women at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Asylum Avenue, property that is now owned by the University of Hartford. There are three structures on the site, surrounded by wood-

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Franklin Ave. Celebrates Italian Soccer Win

On Sunday, Italy beat England to win the 2021 European Soccer Championship, which is held every four years. The victory sparked off a wild celebration on Franklin Avenue in Hartford, with Italian soccer fans cruising up and down the avenue waving flags and honking horns. Shown above are Antonella Ferrera and Daniela Spagnuolo, who opted to cruise on a moped rather than a car. Antonella wrote a letter to the editor this week about what the win meant to the local Italian-American community; see page 3. (Hart photo)

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



The only information supplied with this photo was that it shows State Street in Downtown Hartford. The only building shown here that is still standing is the First National Bank Building (built in 1899) at left. The photo was probably taken in the early part of the 20th century as several horse-drawn carts and a trolley are visible, but no automobiles. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford Public Library's Hartford Collection)

NEWS BRIEFS

Free Ballet Shows July 15 & 17

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Negro League Centennial at Dunkin Donuts Park TONIGHT

The Hartford Yard Goats will hold a special commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Negro Baseball League at 5 pm TONIGHT, July 15. Special guest will be Sean Gibson, grandson of the legendary Negro League pitcher Josh Gibson. The ceremony will precede the Yard Goats game against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats at 7:05 pm.

Public Meeting on Library's Strategic Plan July 21

Hartford Public Library (HPL) is currently formulating its strategic plan for the future. In order to gain public input on the plan, HPL will hold two Town Hall events on Wednesday, July 21. The first meeting will be held from 12 - 1:30 pm and the second from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at HPL's Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford, in the Center for Contemporary Culture. Some of the main issues which will be discussed at the meetings are:

- What do you feel are the highest

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To Live, or Not to Live in Hartford?

That was the question for 4 Interim Directors

COMMENTARY BY DONNA SWARR

Mayor Bronin is 18 months into his second four-year term, and has lamented that trying to recruit people for a potential two-and-a-half-year position with residency requirements was limiting his ability to fill those jobs.

So on Monday July 12th, a public hearing was held, focused on an amendment to a city ordinance regarding residency requirements of four department head appointments. They include Management, Budget and Grants; Metro Hartford Innovation Services; Emergency Services and Telecommunications; and Finance. Since Luke Bronin has been mayor, a proposed change to this residency requirement has appeared well over a dozen times on the City Council agenda. This time the request was to allow waivers to be given by the City Council to Directors in those specific positions. It was passed, but also comes with come a penalty for those whose residency requirement is waived – a ten percent reduction in salary.

For Hartford, it all began in 1976. The reason given by City Council to mandate residency was that by living in Hartford, employees would be more sensitive to the needs of residents. Initially, the intention was to have police officers and firefighters live in Hartford to improve relations with the community, but residency requirements are no longer allowed under state law for union positions. In 1985, the City Council created an ordinance specifically requiring Hartford residency for department heads, deputies and political appointees (by the mayor as well as by City Council's administrative assistants). Enforcement has been problematic. There is

an annual residency affidavit that is required by people in these positions, but some have left information blank or have not completed the form. The current administration has used another strategy by having several hold their positions as "Interim", but only for a six-month period. Enforcement has been lax. Hence, the latest—and successful—attempt was made by the mayor to change the ordinance.

Pros and cons to the residency requirements had been passionately shared by Council members every time this issue surfaced. The International City/County Management Association (ICCMA), established in 1914, lists the following as the most common arguments regarding residency laws.

In Favor:

1. Residency ensures manpower will be available in case of an emergency.
2. Residency promotes a better comprehension for problems within the community and an employee will take more interest in the results of their work.
3. Government confidence is increased when managed by residents.
4. Residency promotes the "public coffer" principle, provides jobs to residents, encourages home ownership, and discourages middle-class flight.

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TCI: A Missed Opportunity

COMMENTARY BY MARK MITCHELL

Hartford and other urban communities have just missed a great opportunity to reduce our high rates of asthma, lung disease, cancer, and learning disabilities by not passing the Transportation Climate Initiative. TCI was a bill proposed to limit and put a price on carbon pollution from gasoline and diesel fuel with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing the air pollution levels that plague our state. I worked with other advocates across Connecticut to strengthen this bill and make it more just and healthful, negotiating with legislators and state agencies to ensure TCI would protect and benefit communities that have been overburdened by air pollution and underserved by the current transportation system. Our goal was to reduce air pollution-related asthma and other health conditions that limit the potential of urban residents. According to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, transportation accounts for two-thirds of all air pollution in CT. Hartford experiences some of the worst levels of transportation-related pollution in the country, despite ranking #8 in the United States for households without cars.

TCI would generate \$89-\$117 million per year for the state of CT, and half of that revenue would go directly to communities like Hartford that endure high rates of asthma and air pollution, and are poorly served by the transportation system. This money would be used to reduce air pollution and improve transportation through recommendations of an Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Board: the majority of its members would be from communities that are most vulnerable to air pollution.

The State Senate failed to bring TCI to a vote during either this year's regular legislative session or the June special legislative session, despite, we believe, having the majority vote needed to pass. Rather than look at the health and equity benefits of TCI, the opposition

has oversimplified the bill as a fuel tax. Calling TCI a tax is a failure to recognize the purpose of the fee or the impact it would have on the lives of countless Connecticut residents. TCI is an opportunity for the state of Connecticut to invest in the health and quality of life of its residents, and to address the racial and income disparities that have persisted for so long in our state.

Through TCI the cost of gasoline and diesel fuel would be controlled to increase by no more than 5-9 cents per gallon. Opponents of TCI have stated this will burden low-income residents. But as a longtime resident of Hartford I can say firsthand that I have spoken with friends, neighbors, and community members who have told me they would be happy to pay such a small fee to reduce the rates of asthma, lung disease, and premature deaths from air pollution. TCI represents a unique opportunity to help CT reduce transportation-related carbon emissions by 26% by 2032, while ensuring Hartford residents and other communities that suffer the most from air pollution are included in the decision-making process for future investments.

With the news that another special legislative session is expected in September, if not sooner, let's call on state Senator John Fonfara and all other state senators and representatives to advocate for TCI and see that it is voted on and passes in the upcoming special session. We cannot wait another year for cleaner air and better health.

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Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Hartford Republicans: Take A Stand

It is time for the Hartford Republican Party to assert itself with policy suggestions that point out areas for improvement in Hartford's government.

The place to start is taxation. Because of the increase in the value of homes and apartment buildings (good news), taxes may go up (bad news) as this is a re-evaluation year. This increase will probably be significant for homeowners and apartment landlords (who usually offset an increase in taxes by raising rents).

This major rise in taxes could have a dire effect on Hartford. Homes could be abandoned by those under financial strain, homeowners may be more inclined to move out (get ready Florida). And, if word gets out, it will likely cause a big decrease in the home values caused by this significant residential tax burden increase. But the depression in home values won't be accounted for against taxes until the next re-val five years from now!!

Now, we know that every neigh-

But if taxes are not lowered significantly on home owners and businesses (especially small businesses), Hartford will be in big trouble next year.

Will the value of dwelling units bring up the city's grand list enough to cover the potential tax increases? Probably not. Many small businesses have gone under and we know that some office space is empty. Even a 5% rise in the grand list would only provide modest help.

The good news is that, thanks largely to Speaker of the House Matt Ritter, state aid for Hartford is up over \$20 million and the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) continues to put support into many projects.

However, a 74+ mill rate and higher home values might lead to a shocking tax increase for the very people – homeowners – who have been protected since 1978 by legislation that allows them to pay about 50% less than commercial proper-

ty. Every interest group and every city department will ask for more money in next year's budget. Yes, we need 500 cops. Yes, we need investment in public works. Yes, we need youth recreation programs. And so on and so on. But if taxes are not lowered significantly on home owners and businesses (especially small businesses), Hartford will be in big trouble next year.

So, true to its traditions, the Hartford Republican Party should initiate and lead the discussion on developing a sensible tax burden for both homeowners and businesses. Those requesting City of Hartford funding speak loud and clear. The party must become an equally loud and powerful voice for the taxpayers who will be footing the bill.

Fred Jackson and the Second American Revolution

(A spoof in two parts. Part II next week)

BY BILL KATZ

Fred Jackson was a proud rebel in The Great Northern Militia Alliance. He and his wife Ruth were often found hosting summer neighborhood barbecues. They easily found new supporters for the coming war to take back America. Fred stationed himself at the pit and handed out chicken legs drenched in homemade sauce to new, unsuspecting recruits -- kinda like a politician on election-day would do; promising a chicken in every pot. Talk of big government, guns and revolt would come later.

Fred and his cohorts believed themselves to be the direct Anglo-Saxon descendants of America's 18th century rabble-rousers who tossed bales of tea into Boston harbor. But teetotalers, they weren't.

He was proud of his new-found abilities to recruit and had recently been promoted by the Alliance to the rank of sergeant of his own local militia. Wasting no time consolidating resources, Fred collected every-

thing from boxes of canned food to crates of assault weapons. All were discreetly stored away in basements and underground bunkers in his local neighborhood.

Strategic plans were soon under way as this historic moment arrived, the moment to take back America. A secret, unnamed Northern Alliance militia representative from high up the chain of command visited one evening to give a short pep talk to the men and their wives in the basement of Jackson's home.

"Ladies and gentlemen," the mysterious commander said, "the time has come to act. We must stop the tyranny and treasonous actions of our government. Today we take action. We will starve the beast into submission. We will bring the entire nation to a screeching halt by whatever means are necessary. And we will unsteal the election. You know who I'm talking about; the great

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Letters to the Editor

Bring A Community Back Together

Being of first generation to Italian immigrant parent's, tradition is invaluable.

When I was growing up in Hartford, the Italian community was very prominent on Franklin Avenue. I have many fond memories of coming together to experience joyous occasions.

Over the years the Italian community has grown apart as people have evolved, moved or passed on. Italy winning the Euro Cup brought our community back together. It was exhilarating to see my community come together for a happy occasion.

The pandemic has brought on so much sadness and loss to my family and friends that seeing smiles on faces where tears have lived this past year was such a great feeling. This is one tradition I hope lives on forever. Forza Azzuri!

Antonella Ferrera

Editor's Note: The writer can be seen on the back of the moped celebrating Italy's win in the photo on page 1.



Mayor at the Plate

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin gets ready to take a swing during a special celebrity softball game held Sunday afternoon in Colt Park. The game was part of Los Amigos Softball League's All Star Day, which also included a home run derby and the all-star game itself. Los Amigos plays its games every Sunday afternoon in Colt Park. Free admission! (Hart photo)



Camp Field Conga Bop

Savana Jones dances to the music of Ed Fast and Conga Bop at a special free concert held at the Camp Field Branch of Hartford Public Library on Campfield Avenue in Hartford's South End on Tuesday, July 13. Conga Bop includes Gianni Gardner (guitar); Michael O'Brien (bass); Luisito Quintero (drums); Ed Fast (percussion and xylophone); and George Gonzalez (congas). Hart photo

Residency Requirement

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Against:

1. Residency results in a less-skilled workforce.
2. Residency requires a generous compensation package to attract the best and brightest to work for a local government.
3. Residency reduces the liberty of the employee. Fundamentally, residency rules squeeze the rights of an employee by telling them where to buy a home, send their kids to school, raise a family, and spend their free time.

Comparisons have often been drawn with other Connecticut cities. New Haven has residency requirements for department heads, New London requires residency of its finance chief and legal director, but Bridgeport and Waterbury do not have any resi-

duency requirements.

In 2019, Councilman T.J. Clarke weighed in on this issue, and firmly believes in residency requirements for Director-level positions, and had proposed clarifying what that means. In sum, a resident is someone who "normally and usually eats and sleeps" in Hartford, and who keeps their "personal household effects" there. He also wanted to include a requirement that the Human Resources office investigate employee addresses on city forms and other documents.

And now in 2021, it all came down to our City Council, who passed the mayor's repeated request for a change in the ordinance with a 7-2 vote.

Dance in the Park!

Sonia Plumb Dance Company will teach and perform at six Hartford parks this summer.

- Thursday, July 15: Goodwin Park
- Thursday, July 22: Pope Park, near basketball court
- Thursday, July 29: Colt Park
- Thursday, August 5: Hyland Park
- Thursday, August 12: Elizabeth Park, near Pond House
- Thursday, August 19: (Rain Date; Location TBD)

These free events start with a family-friendly class at 5pm, no experience necessary followed by a performance at 6:30pm.

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Library Hosts Hartford Changemakers Summer Arts Program

This summer, Hartford Public Library (HPL) is offering a new way to celebrate Hartford's Black, Latinx, and Indigenous Changemakers while creating your own art. Participants in the program will work with local artists to create murals, photos, music, wearable art, street art, and dance that explore the history of Hartford as well as your own stories and visions of shaping Hartford. HPL's workshop series will be in-person and primarily outdoors. The series will culminate in an end-of-summer showcase of all the art created by participants.

WORKSHOPS:

 Dancing Outside with Chantal Edwards: (Mondays at 5pm) @ Dwight Branch Library, 7 New Park Ave.

 Documentary Photography with Jasmine Jones (Tuesdays at 4pm) @ Albany Branch Library, 1205 Albany Ave.

 Storytelling with Andre Keitt (Wednesdays at 1pm) @ Downtown Library, 500 Main Street



Urban Gardening & Family Recipes with Jocelyn Cerda (Thursdays at 4:30pm) @ various community garden locations (starting at Mt. Moriah Community Garden, Barbour Street)



Mural for Black Firefighters with Lindaluz Carrillo & Kayla Farrell (Thursdays at 4pm) @ Phoenix Society Building, 729 Windsor Street



Mask Making w/ Yesenia Garcia (Thursdays at 4pm - July 15, 22, 29) @ Artbox, 777 Park Street (in preparation for the new Park Street Library opening celebration later this year)



Outdoor Sculpture Making with Mercury (Thursdays at 4pm - Aug 5, 12, 19) at Artbox, 777 Park Street (in preparation for the new Park Street Library opening celebration later this year)

To learn more and register, go to: bit.ly/HartfordChangemakers2. For specific questions, Email: lcastle@hplct.org or call (860) 719-1276.

Free Books for Kids Under 5

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is offering a free book a month for children under the age of five – and they will be delivered right to your door. If you sign up when your child is born, that's a total of 60 free books by their fifth birthday, plus monthly tips to help them grow as lifelong readers and learners. To sign up, please go to: unitedwayinc.org/imagination-library. There is no cost or obligation.

Children's Museum

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land and sizeable swaths of green-space. In a Facebook post to WECA members two weeks ago, Beckett sought their input and support for the college as the museum's new home: "WECA has strongly supported this move from the outset, but has run into strong opposition from the City, who prefers to see housing put in that space. The State is willing to contribute \$10 million toward the move, but the City has not yet shown an inclination to contribute." In recent weeks, the University of Hartford has indicated that an unnamed developer interested in the property for "alternative use"—non-educational—has made a bid for the site, although a sale has yet to be confirmed. In some instances, such potential sales are contingent upon a developer's contract to purchase hinging on "perks", that could be property tax abatements from the City, a CRDA State loan, or other outside financing before the deal is sealed. Several WECA members responded the Beckett's request with support for the sale to the non-profit museum. But an equal number wanted to see that property put back on the town's tax rolls as a housing development.

The talk of the town

The *Hartford News* conducted an online poll of Hartford residents seeking their thoughts about where in the city the Children's Museum should be, and heard from the parents and grandparents of young children, as well as educators. And one former board member of the Children's Museum reached out to the *Hartford News*, offering the comment that as of 2019, the Children's Museum's assets had dropped by nearly 50 percent, and added "I devoted many years to this organization which I hope will turn the corner."

WEST END

"The site of the former Hartford



The current Children's Museum in West Hartford

College for Women (my old school) would be the perfect place for the Children's Museum. Primarily because of its location and the grounds are very nice. And there are several buildings that would allow the museum to expand. Its proximity to the CT Historical Society, UConn law school, the Hartford Seminary & Elizabeth Park would make it a great destination area for school day trips as well as other visitors to the Hartford area. And very importantly it's accessible by public transit."

"I like the Hartford College location. It's easy to get to and is in between West Hartford and downtown Hartford."

"The suggested empty Hartford College for Women is a perfect location for the Children's Museum relocation. The campus is large, offering many learning opportunities, and it would stabilize the property."

"Hartford College for Women but Westenders are nimby, so, like, why bother."

NORTH END

"This could be a beautiful environmental project as I think about the section of Keney Park that Love Lane runs through...Think about the real time beneficial aspects of the museum moving there with a commitment to addressing through events, workshops, classes and location, the urban environmental ills that continue to exist.

"How about the vacant school on Albany between Blue Hills and

Woodland between the library and the Artists Collective?"

SOUTH END

"Near or at the Hartford-Brainard Airport. Expand the museum with more science STEM - the airport would be the perfect place to do it."

"Goodwin Library, a relatively new building with parking now unused"

"The old Goodwin branch of the library is probably too small, but the old St. Augustine School in Barry Square. There isn't anything to bring kids to over to in that direction."

DOWNTOWN

"Downtown needs all the business it can get. If this helps bring more people to Downtown than I vote for Downtown. p.s. I live in the West End and work in Downtown."

"How about merged with the CT Science Center? It's centrally located, accessible to all, and becomes strengthened by its proximity to an already well-established organization." Placing it an area such as the West End somehow feels exclusionary ...and I say that as a West End resident."

ET CETERA

"Someplace welcoming, handicapped accessible, and on a major bus route."

"Something near senior citizens so that they could be integrated into it somehow as well."

"We have enough developers creating housing and not enough jobs or attractions to actually encourage more people to move here."

"Maybe put the museum where the old UConn branch was in West Hartford? Or anywhere in Hartford as long as there is some free parking. God forbid if there is not free parking...CT suburbanites demand it."

"Wherever they put it, hopefully there is easy parking since parking is such a deterrent for people. I am former resident of Hartford and still love Hartford but hate the parking. It should have a parking lot rather than a garage."

(Indeed, the wish for free parking was mentioned by more than a dozen respondents.) "Convenience", said Mike Werle, "is the way that museums thrive."

As the Children's Museum is regional, and has always attracted visitors from neighboring towns, most agree that out-of-town families coming to the museum in its current location can have the perception (unfounded) of Hartford as a dangerous place, as well as being a difficult city to navigate (true), and those factors might be weighed in the decision of where to relocate.

In the meantime the museum is still open in West Hartford and is—as always—a wonderful asset for education, discovery, wonderment, and fun by children of all ages.

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pandemic. The party runs from 6 – 10 pm. Live music will be provided by Red Baraat. Raw will also use the Creative Cocktail Hour to open two new exhibits: *Then The Morning Comes*, a new solo exhibition by Lydia Viscardi; and *Through the Veil*, an installation and performance by Hartford-based artist Lauren Be Dear. Admission is \$15 at the door; \$10 Real Art Ways members and bicyclists; RAW members on bikes get in free.

Food Truck Festival and Irish Bowling at Riverfront

Riverfront Recapture will hold its first major live event since the Fall of 2019 this weekend with the Food Truck Festival on Mortensen Riverfront Plaza in Downtown Hartford. Over a dozen food trucks will be on hand offering everything from fried oreos to pulled pork. Hours are 11 am - 8 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 15-17.

On Saturday, July 17, Riverfront will introduce a new event, Irish Road Bowling, which will be held from 12-4 pm on the Riverwalk between Riverside Park and Riverfront Plaza. Players roll a 28-ounce cannonball down the walk to see who can cross the finish line in the fewest number of throws.

Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz in Bushnell Park

The Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz will celebrate its 30th anniversary this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 16-18. The festival will featuring a wide range of musical styles from 1960s Motown to straight-up sophisticated jazz. Admission is free. Numerous vendors will be on site selling food, clothing,

gifts and more.

JAZZ FEST LINE-UP

Friday, July 16

- 7:00 pm: Zaccai Curtis Afro-Cuban Quartet featuring Brian Lynch
- 9:00 pm: Dennis Edward' Temptations Review

Saturday, July 17



- 2:30 pm: Amandla Band (Reggae)
- 4:30 pm: Kevin Powell & Company
- 6:30 pm: Adam Hawley
- 8:30 pm: Eric Roberson and Eric Darius
- 10:30 pm: Ginette Christie's Art From Da Hart
- 10:45 pm: Mike Childs & Friends

Sunday, July 18

- 2:30 pm: Liviu Pop & Friends
- 4:30 pm: Grace Kelly
- 6:30 pm: Brubreck Brothers Quartet
- 8:30 pm: Hiroshima

Connecticut Ballet



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Pratt Street Music Series

The Pratt Street Summer Music Series will continue this weekend. The live concerts will be held on Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford. The Penniless Wild will play on Thursday, July 15, at 6 pm; the Miles Elliot Experience will play at 6 pm on Friday, July 16; and Jessie Scott will play at 12 noon on Saturday, July 17. And mark your calendar for next Saturday, July 24, when the first Pratt Street Salsa Social since 2019 will be held from 5-8 pm.

Monday Night Jazz



The Hartford Jazz Society's highly popular Paul Brown Monday Night Jazz (PBMNJ) series returned to Bushnell Park Monday, July 12, with the Stephen King Porter Group (drummer Curtis Torian is shown above) and the Rene McLean Band.

2021 Schedule

Opening acts (O) start at 6 pm. Headliners (H) start at approximately 7:30 pm.

- July 19** O: Taylor McCoy Quartet. H: Camille Thurman Quartet
- July 26** O: New England Jazz Ensemble. H: Steve Davis Correlation Band w/Abene Koomson
- Aug. 2** O: Andrew Wilcox. H: Warren Wolf Quartet
- Aug. 9** O: Mary DiPaola. H: Firey String Sistas
- Aug. 16** O: Agua pa Chocolate. H: Miguel Zenon Quartet

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Bill Katz Commentary

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populist himself, codenamed, "PinkFatso."

"Yep"... they screamed in unison, "save our leader, PinkFatso."

He jabbered on like this awhile longer and then said something about how it was one's duty to avoid payment of taxes like they did in the Boston revolt.

A rebel in the audience was overheard mumbling that "maybe them damned liberals wouldn't be so bad if we could just shoot a few" as he cleaned and oiled his weapon. After the rousing speech ended, the mysterious speaker made his way out of Fred's hatchway as quickly as he had arrived and was driven off into the night before anyone could ask questions.

The next day, Fred called for another drill. The basement was a good place to train without attracting attention. His supportive wife listened from upstairs as she tapped her foot to the muffled sounds of her husband's marching orders.

"Left...right...left...right...left...right...left...right."

During the drill, Fred's wife heard her husband cry,

"Oh no, not again. I told you not to march forward in the cellar."

"Ruthy honey," Fred yelled from the basement, "Billy bumped into the wall again and now has a nose bleed. Quick, get me an ice pack."

One thing that should be noted about the division of labor between the men folk and their women; it was written in the Northern Militia Alliance's "Code of Conduct" that men would do the fighting and the women would play supportive roles – just like in the old days of the

founders. Their women were as important as Betsy Ross – who is thought to have sewn the first flag – was to the cause of revolt.

The country of Fred's birth was no longer recognizable to him. Waves of foreigners had migrated across the unprotected southern frontier. His leader had often spoken of building a really high wall to keep out the hordes. The government, Fred believed, was overrun with big-spending liberals and nanny-state socialists. Fred even thought that his own past president of the United States was born in another country.

"He wasn't born here. You know he owes his allegiance to the United Nations," cried Fred.

Encrypted communiques were now being sent and received with increasing frequency throughout the "Alliance." The days of waiting had drawn to a close.

(Would you like to know what happens with Fred Jackson's rag-tag wretched hive of scum and villainy? Stay tuned till next week.)

Need Help with Your Mortgage Payment Due to COVID-19?

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) is alerting area homeowners that they may be eligible for up to \$8,000 in mortgage payment assistance through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Cares Act Emergency Resource Fund. These relief payments represent a combination of two months short-term mortgage payment assistance; and up to two months for mortgage arrearages, for a total of four months' worth of possible mortgage payments for qualified individuals. CRT is now offering help to homeowners who wish to apply for this mortgage payment assistance.

There are specific criteria to qualify for this mortgage assistance, including:

- Annual total household income does not surpass 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Individuals and families impacted by COVID-19 in the area (Hartford County or Middlesex County).
- Expenses incurred as of, or after, April 1, 2020.
- Individuals and families must reside in CRT's core catchment area (Hartford County or Middlesex County).

If you feel you may be eligible, contact CRT's foreclosure prevention program at 860-761-2381.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARIA T. SOUSA, AKA MARIA TERESA SOUSA (21-00609)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated July 12, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Carmen Y. Zayas
Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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Hartford, CT 06114

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ETHEL S. ZEMP, AKA ETHEL ZEMP (21-00527)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated July 5, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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c/o John F. Kearns
Kearns & Kearns PC
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF EDMAY TARDIF (21-00574)

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Barry Harvey & Later,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GREGORY K. LEWIS (21-00591)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated June 18, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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CT Al-Anon "Courage to Change" Meetings

Al-Anon offers strength and hope for friends and families of alcoholics. Meetings are available almost every day at various locations. A full list of Zoom accessible meetings can be found at www.ctalanon.org. Please look at Meetings by Town for the most updated information. For more meeting times and information about Al-Anon visit www.alanon.org or call 1-888-8ALANON (1-888-825-2666).



View From The Parks

For more event details, go to the
View From The Parks Facebook page:

[facebook.com/viewfromtheparks](https://www.facebook.com/viewfromtheparks)

THU, JUL 15 AT 11 AM

Farmers' Market Day: 559 Broad St.

THU, JUL 15 AT 5 PM

Summer Concert Series: Jason Roseman & The Tropical Gems: Connecticut Historical Society Museum, One Elizabeth St.

THU, JUL 15 AT 5 PM

Dance in the Parks, Goodwin Park

THU, JUL 15, AT 5:30 PM

Yoga in the City, Elizabeth Park

THU, JUL 15 AT 5:30 PM

Picnic in the Park: Pavillion at Bushnell Park

THU, JUL 15 AT 6 PM

Sunset Sounds Concert Series: Goza Latin Jazz: Butler-McCook House & Garden, 396 Main St.

THU, JUL 15 AT 6 PM

Pratt Street Patio Presents: The Penniless Wild: Pratt Street Historic District

THU, JUL 15 AT 6 PM

RiverZumba: Mortensen Riverfront Plaza

FRI, JUL 16, AT 10 AM

Farmer's Market: Connecticut's Old State House, 800 Main St.

SAT, JUL 17 AT 9 AM

Walk with a Doc: Elizabeth Park

SAT, JUL 17 AT 9:30 AM

Veterans Rowing & Kayaking: Riverside Park

SAT, JUL 17 AT 10 AM

Yoga in the City: Pope Park

SAT, JUL 17 AT 10:30 AM

Tai Chi: Riverside Park

SAT, JUL 17 AT 12 PM

Irish Road Bowling: Riverside Park

SAT, JUL 17 AT 3:30 PM

Pratturday with DJ Cajar: Pratt Street Historic District

SAT, JUL 17 AT 6:30 PM

Connecticut Ballet's Ballet Under the Stars, Elizabeth Park

SUN, JUL 18 AT 10:00 AM

Yoga in the City: Colt Park

MON, JUL 19 AT 5:30 PM

Yoga in the City: Bushnell Park

MON, JUL 19 AT 6 PM

Power Hour: Charter Oak Landing

TUES, JUL 20 AT 10 AM

Farmer's Market: Connecticut's Old State House, 800 Main St.

TUES, JUL 20 AT 10 AM

Yoga in the City: Elizabeth Park

TUES, JUL 20 AT 6 PM

WIP Into Shape: Mortensen Riverfront Plaza

WED, JUL 21 AT 11:30 AM

Outdoor Storytime: Bushnell Park Carousel

WED, JUL 21 AT 12 PM

Lunch & Learn Series: Lovely Roses: Favorites from the Rosarian's Garden, Butler-McCook House & Garden, 396 Main Street

WED, JUL 21 AT 5 PM

Tours of the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Arch: Bushnell Park

WED, JUL 21 AT 5:30 PM

Yoga in the City: Bushnell Park

WED, JUL 21 AT 5:30 PM

Colt Park Virtual Community Meeting. Online Event - go to Colt Park Foundation Facebook Page

WED, JUL 21 AT 6 PM

Moves & Grooves: Riverside Park

WED, JUL 21 AT 7 PM

Summer Carillon Concert Series: Trinity College, 300 Summit St.

News Briefs

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- priority issues for Hartford today?
- What Hartford Public Library services have you found to be the most valuable to you and your family?
- How can the Library become more accessible?
- How can the Library better partner with the community?

Seating is limited to 50 people. To register, go to: eventbrite.com/e/hartford-public-library-strategic-planning-town-hall-tickets-158162240519. If you require special accommodations to participate, please call 860-695-6320 by July 16. You can also participate virtual through Zoom or Facebook Live.

Marcus Garvey Park Beautification Project

The Hartford Health Initiative (HHI) is seeking volunteers to help clean and beautify Marcus Garvey Place Park on Saturday, July 17, from 9 am - 1 pm and Saturday, July 24, from 9am - 1 pm. The park is located the corner of Granby Street and Cornwall Street in Hartford's Blue Hills neighborhood. was a Garvey was a Jamaican political activist, publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, and orator in the early

20th century. To register to volunteer, call 860-956-5512.

Colt Park Community Meeting

The Colt Park Foundation will host a virtual community meeting next Wednesday, July 21, at 5:30 pm. The group will be collecting input into the prioritization of future park improvements. The master plan will be available to view and discuss approved projects as well as listening to any new ideas. One proposal is for bocce courts. To participate in the meeting, go to the links are in the Colt Park Foundation Facebook Event.

Meeting on Blue Hills Development Projects July 21

The City of Hartford Department of Development Services will host a community meeting at the North End Senior Center, 80 Coventry Street, Hartford on Wednesday, July 21, at 6 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss three development projects in the Blue Hills neighborhood: the Blue Hills Recreation Center; the property at 25 Cornwall Street; and the old McCook Hospital Complex at the corner of Coventry and Vine Streets.

North Hartford Community Day July 24

The City of Hartford and the Upper Albany NRZ will host North Hartford Community Day from 10 am - 9 pm. Woodland Street will be closed off for the event between Greenfield Street and Albany Avenue. There will be dance performances, food trucks, horseback rides, a kickball tournament, farmers' market, double-dutch tournament and much more. The event will close with an outdoor movie.

Hartford Public Library Goes Fine Free!

Hartford Public Library (HPL) is now fine free for all library customers. In a unanimous decision this month by Hartford Public Library's Board of Directors, HPL will no longer be charging late fees on overdue HPL materials. In 2018, HPL went fine free for children and young adults. This year's unanimous vote extends fine free to adult materials. According to Marie Jarry, HPL's Public Services Director, HPL saw a 19% increase in circulation of youth materials in 2019 and, by 2020, the number of unreturned

items decreased by 60%. The Library's Materials Lending Policy states that there are no fines for overdue materials, so long as materials are returned within one

week of exhausting all renewal or automatic renewal options. Customers will be billed for the replacement of the item if the item is not returned.

**PUBLICATION FOR: HARTFORD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE
JUVENILE DEPARTMENT
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:**

1. GAETANO PAPPALARDO AKA GUY PAPPALARDO, alleged father of CAMERON LEE WALKER; DOB: 7/12/19; Cause No. 20-7-01102-2; A Termination Petition was filed 12/18/20.

AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: **August 24, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.** at Pierce County Family and Juvenile Court, 5501 6th Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98406. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you are encouraged to participate in this hearing by video at <https://zoom.us/join> or telephone at (253) 215-8782 using Zoom Meeting ID 983 8387 6659, Passcode 256739. **YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS HEARING.**

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Aumento veraniego inusual en casos de resfriados tras relajar restricciones del COVID-19.

Si bien no es la época habitual del año para muchos estornudos y tos, muchos padres llevan a sus hijos a PM Pediatrics para que los traten por infecciones respiratorias, como el resfriado común.

Tiene oficinas en West Hartford y Manchester.

"Hemos estado sorprendentemente ocupados durante el verano", dijo la Dra. Christina Johns, asesora médica senior de PM Pediatrics. "El volumen se ha ido acumulando lentamente durante las últimas, oh, tal vez seis semanas más o menos".

Eso es justo cuando el estado relajó las reglas relacionadas con COVID.

Justo cuando la gente empezó a salir más y a quitarse las máscaras.

"En el pico de la pandemia, cuando todos se quedaban en casa y todos usaban una máscara. Dios, seguro que fue agradable no contraer resfri-

ados y no ver una temporada de gripe significativa. Y eso es porque las máscaras funcionan. Pero ahora estamos comenzando a ver más reuniones, menos enmascaramiento, y eso significa que más virus está comenzando a circular", dijo Johns.

Si bien la gente se preguntaba si tal vez nuestro sistema inmunológico se había debilitado durante la pandemia, Johns cree que tenemos una buena memoria inmunológica y ahora es simplemente una cuestión de exposición.

Hay otro problema que señala el Dr. David Banach de UConn Health.

"Creo que puede ser muy difícil distinguir entre estos virus respiratorios del resfriado común y COVID", dijo Banach, epidemiólogo del hospital de UConn Health.

En este momento, los niños menores de 12 años siguen siendo un grupo vulnerable sin la vacuna

COVID-19 autorizada para ellos y la variante Delta se propaga rápidamente.

E incluso entre los vacunados, los síntomas de COVID-19 tienden a ser más leves, posiblemente simulando un resfriado.

"Creo que mi mensaje general es que si hay alguna preocupación, hágase la prueba. Hay muchas pruebas disponibles aquí en Connecticut y creo que es la mejor manera de obtener una respuesta", dijo Banach.

Los expertos dicen que es difícil saber cuánto durará este aumento y qué significará para el otoño.

Por ahora, te aconsejan que trates de mantenerte saludable lavándote las manos con frecuencia, manteniendo la distancia si es posible y tratando de realizar eventos afuera.

- By Iris Rodriguez

Female Mentors of Color Sought

Charter Oak Boxing Academy (COBA) is currently seeking female mentors of color for youth ages 8-18 for its "Pay It Forward" program. No mentoring experience required, training will be provided.

Program Director LaReese Cooper said, "Our girls need the support, experience, and wisdom of upstanding women of color. Mentoring extends the lens of hope to empower girls of color to believe in themselves and see their possibilities and to develop self-awareness. It also assist them in planning and implementing life goals and learning to solve their own problems."

For more information, call Cooper at (860) 951-0377 or email to : www.cobaboxing.net



Hands On Serves the Community

On Sunday, July 4, Hands on Hartford on Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford's Parkville neighborhood served up a community meal for local residents to celebrate Independence Day. Above are Jamie Kreller and Ruby Faust preparing the meals; below are Sylmaria Faust and Keith Rhoden, Jr. packing them up. To find out more on how you can volunteer or donate to assist Hands On Hartford, go to: handsonhartford.org/(Hart photos)



Hopgood/Lord Music Series

The new Hopgood/Lord Music Series is being held every Wednesday evening this July and August in Bushnell Park in Downtown Hartford. Concerts run from 5:30-7:30 pm.

- July 21: Michael Carabello Trio
- July 28: Golden Scroll Soloists

- August 4: The New Mosaic
- August 11: Blondie & Beyond

• August 18: Haneef N. Nelson Quintet

• August 25: To be announced

The music series was founded by

longtime Hartford resident Suzanne Hopgood to honor her late husband, Frank Lord.



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