

**VOTE!**  
**Hartford 2023**  
**Democratic Primay**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 12**  
**Polls Open 6am -8pm**

## Arulampalam to Face Coleman and Fonfara in Democratic Primary

From almost the moment Mayor Luke Bronin announced that he would not be seeking re-election on November 29, 2022, Hartford has been rife with speculation about who will succeed him as mayor.

Next Tuesday, September 12, that question will go from the back rooms and the chat rooms to the ballot box in the Democratic Primary. Endorsed candidate Arunan

Arulampalam is facing challengers former State Senator and judge Eric Coleman and current State Senator John Fonfara. Polls are open from 6 am-8 pm.

Although a political newcomer, Arulampalam demonstrated he is a force to be reckoned with by securing the Democratic endorsement with 46 votes among the 77 Democratic Town Committee members, to

Fonfara's 21 and Coleman's 10.

But winning 46 votes is not the same as garnering the thousands it will take to win the primary. Arulampalam does have the Democratic nomination, but Fonfara and Coleman are extremely experienced campaigners. Both began serving in the State Legislature back when Ronald Reagan was president. Between them they have won over 30 elections

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## PUERTO RICAN PARADE SATURDAY



The biggest parade in Connecticut will march through Downtown Hartford this Saturday, September 10, amidst a sea of Puerto Rican flags and the blaring of Salsa music.

The annual Puerto Rican Parade, sponsored by the Connecticut Institute for Community Development (CICD) will start at 1 pm and last approximately two hours. The parade will be followed by the Festival del Coqui in Bushnell Park, which is scheduled to run until 7 pm.

The parade will form up on Van Dyke Avenue in front of the Colt Building and then proceed down Charter Oak Avenue, Main Street, Gold Street and Jewell Street before ending beneath the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch in Bushnell Park. Streets along the parade route will be closed to traffic from 12:30 pm until the parade passes.

The theme of this year's parade is "Unity and Solidarity" and to that end Hartford's event will honor the City of New Britain and its Mayor, Erin Stewart. In addition, CICD and Goya Foods teamed up to donate 7,000 pounds of food to New Britain residents in need this past Tuesday, September 5.

Before the parade, CICD will host two flag-raising ceremonies on Thursday, September 7. The first ceremony will be at 10 am at Hartford City Hall, 550 Main Street, followed by another at 11:30am at the State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue. During these events, CICD will officially present sashes to this year's delegates of the Puerto Rican Day Parade.

### Honorees

- **GRAND MARSHALL:** Luiz Casanova, State Capitol Police Chief
- **GODMOTHER:** Gladys Rivera, Community Activist
- **GODFATHER:** Fernando Betancourt, Director of the San Juan Center
- **HONORARY GRAND MARSHALL:** Luis Carrasquillo, Division Manager for Goya
- **HONORARY GODMOTHER:** Maly

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## City Kicks Off New Exercise Program

*Fitness instructor Karla Medina of Sudor Taino leads an exercise class at the Kick-Off Celebration for "Hartford...Move Your Body" on Thursday, August 31 at the Park Street Branch of Hartford Public Library. Medina and Sistah Anyango of FLYY Movement, LLC will be the main instructors for Hartford...Move Your Body, a series of free exercise classes this month. Both instructors utilize Afrikan, Caribbean and Latin rhythms in their classes. Classes will be held at the United Way Building, 30 Laurel Street, Hartford, from 9 - 10 am on Tuesdays (September 12, 19 and 23); on Wednesdays at the Swift Factory, 10 Love Lane, Hartford from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on September 13, 20 and 27; and on Thursdays at the Park Street Library, 603 Park Street, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on September 7, 14 and 21. The program, which is sponsored by the City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services, will have a closing celebration and class at the Park Street Library from 6 - 8:30 pm. All classes are free but spaces are limited, register at: [https://www.healthyhartford.info/index.php/en/initiatives/heartbeat-in-motion\(Hart photo\)](https://www.healthyhartford.info/index.php/en/initiatives/heartbeat-in-motion(Hart photo))*

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



*This shot shows Downtown Hartford getting ready for something that fortunately never happened. The time is the 1950s and the event is a full scale drill for a nuclear attack by the Soviet Union. The man at lower left with the white hat is an air-raid warden. A second warden can be seen in the distance at center. The urgency of the drill can be seen by the woman running at left and the old man with a cane (just left of center) rushing up the sidewalk. The view is looking north from the intersection of Pearl and Main Streets. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Keney Park Trail Walk September 8

The Urban Ecology Wellness Center, the Keney Park Sustainability Project and numerous other organizations are teaming up to offer a trail walk through Keney Park on Friday, September 8. Meet at the 392 Tower Avenue entrance at 5:30 pm. The walk will be led by a Keney Park guide and accompanied by community health workers and other health professionals from UCONN. With almost 700 acres, Keney Park is one of the largest public parks in New England, stretching in a broad arc across north Hartford to the Windsor town line.

### Cultural & Education Fair September 9

On Saturday, September 9, the Har-Rambee Association will host a Community, Cultural & Education Fair from 10 am - 4 pm at Keney Park (near tennis courts). Use Woodland Street entrance. The event will feature information on black history, cultural performances and refreshments.

### Women's Health and Wellness Fair September 9

The Hartford Health Initiative will host the 2nd Annual Sister 2 Sister Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, September 9, 12-4 pm, at the Swift Factory, 10 Love Lane, Hartford. If you would like to secure an appointment for a mammogram on the day of event, contact us at [info@hartfordhealth.us](mailto:info@hartfordhealth.us) or 860 956-5512.

### MARG Meets September 14

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church. Representatives from Trinity College will be on hand to discuss a neighborhood survey they are conducting. There will also be discussions of energy assistance programs and funding for those who have suffered flood damage. The meeting is free and open to the public.

### Elizabeth Park Garden Tour Sept. 14

The Robert A. Prill Annual Garden Tour will be held Thursday, September

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# WISHING AND HOPING...

*Will this be the time Hartford finally gets it right?*

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Anticipation precedes participation. There are two “main events” that happen in Hartford that engaged citizens hold high hopes for. One is every 4 years and the other every 10 years. I’m talking about municipal elections and city charter revision. These events are opportunities to clean the slate, times when the city needs a re-vamping of the administration, and exploring areas of the charter that are in need of updates that would benefit the city and its people. Those times are ripe for considerable input from the public. So when the most recent 15-month Charter Revision process began in 2021, many Hartfordites rejoiced. During the intervening years from the previous CR, the most widespread wish for change was that the charter would eliminate the rule that says the mayor of Hartford is endowed with the power to appoint 5 of the 9 members of the Board of Education; the voting majority. The other 4 are elected to office, and their ideas and concerns are ignored in favor of “Whatever the SOS wants, the SOS gets” rubber-stamping. We all know how far the Hartford Public schools have slipped,,and are still sliding. The main reason for that is the Superintendent and the BOE majority, who are doing a piss-poor job. There were 3 or 4 of the CRC monthly meetings where the public was invited to comment and ask questions of the commissioners, all 14 of them appointed by the individual City Councilors, Mayor Bronin, and the City Treasurer. This was by far the potential charter change that resonated the most with the public. Another was creating the position of Police Commissioner within HPD as above the Chief in a system of checks and balances to keep the department honest. And there was an ini-

tiative put forth that would restructure the City Council by adding more councilors for a total of 15, some elected for a 4-year term and others a 2-year term. The object was to have a sitting council where each representative was elected from one of the 15 Hartford “neighborhoods, and would be available to his/her constituents, and bring their concerns to the council as a whole, as is done in several Connecticut towns and cities. In addition to the comments from the public, several members of the CRC also promoted these as positive changes.

However, the city’s Democratic “leaders”—no surprise to engaged citizens—did not want anything to change in the charter. Thus, the majority of the Charter Revision commissioners voted “No” on all those changes, and when the final revision went to the council for approval, they also nixed those proposals that were supported by the 2 WFP councilors. During that time, it also came out that the entire CR process had been a sham, when it turned out that 8 of the 14 CRC members had been attending secret closed door meetings with Bronin and DTC Chair Marc DiBella, to which the other 6 were not invited and had no idea they’d been going on, until one of the 8 (who has a conscience and some integrity) spilled the beans to the 6 “outsiders”. They were angry and offended by this subterfuge, and resigned en masse from the CRC. That group included the only Black members of the commission. In plain words: “The fix was in”, and now we’ll have to wait until 2031 before we can try, try again. Among the 8 go-along, get-along appointees who didn’t support the positive changes is

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## Race, Religion, and Contested Identities: A Christian-Muslim Dialogue at HIU

On Tuesday, September 19, Hartford International University (HIU), 77 Sherman Street, Hartford, will host a panel discussion on Christian-Muslim relations from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

With the rise of White Christian Nationalism, it has become evident how integral race and ethnicity are to religion in America. As Cheryl Gilkes has written, “religion and race operate as two interconnected and co-creative social forces” in America (2010). Religion has been used to produce and maintain oppressive and prejudicial systems and it has been a beacon of hope for those who would resist a dominant culture. This panel discussion, sponsored by the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, will explore the intersection of race and religion for Muslims and Christians.

To register, go to: <https://bitly.ws/TKFa>. This event will also be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/hartfordinternational>



### Panel Participants

- Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Distinguished Professor, Community Liaison, and Research Consultant for the Howard Thurman Center, HIU
- Imam Zaid Shakir, co-founder of Zaytuna College
- Mona Siddiqui, Distinguished Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies, HIU
- Scott Thumma, Professor of Sociology of Religion, HIU
- Conversant: Bilal W. Ansari, Faculty Associate in Muslim Pastoral Theology, Co-Director of MA in Chaplaincy, Director of Islamic Chaplaincy program
- Moderator: David D. Grafton, Director of the Macdonald Center

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## Enjoy Hartford!

A weekly look at some of Hartford's best spots and events

BY MIKE MCGARRY

### Estuary Magazine...A Pleasant Surprise!

Last Saturday, we attended a lunch with dozens of fellow followers of the Connecticut 169 Club. The club takes its name from a book written by local author Marty Podskoch, whose book offers details on all 169 official towns in our state. He also wrote a book called *Rhode Island 39 Club*.

Saturday’s lunch was attended by dozens of people who contributed to the book, those who have visited all 169 towns, and those who are just interested in learning more about where they live.

As luck would have it, the speaker for the day was Dick Shriver, publisher of the new magazine, *Estuary: Life on the Connecticut River*. Over the years, we’ve been involved with many publications, but seldom have we seen such a polished piece.

From its striking cover shot of a nesting Virginia Rail in Old Lyme through 60 pages of articles rich in photos and illustrations, every facet of the magazine is superb.

The most eye-catching article in the Fall edition is “The Most Dangerous Animal in America.” It’s not about bears or sharks or even rattle snakes – it’s about the White Tail Deer. Those cute, graceful creatures actually cause all kinds of havoc, from car accidents to Lyme Disease. Add to that all the destruction hungry deer cause to gardens and shrubs

and, yes, we’ve got quite a problem.

The problem is that shooting these critters isn’t that simple. All kinds of restrictions hover around needed culling, as the article by Ted Williams, a nationally known fish and wildlife author, points out. Some hope is out there in the form of Moxidectin, an FDA-approved substance that kills ticks and fleas. But that won’t stop the deer from eating your lettuce crop. Hunting is the solution, but what homeowner on Scarborough Street wants hunters on the land along the North Branch of the Park River? And we don’t need gunshots ringing out in Cedar Hill Cemetery, where a relatively large herd of deer have lived for years.

Such thoughtful articles are missing these days from our daily paper, and most statewide magazines would probably not advocate for shooting Bambi.

Readers of *Estuary* will also find several other great articles in the current edition, including “Casting About” on fly-fishing, “Gardening for Good” and “Central Watershed Outings.” Not sexy, but very informative, well-researched and well-written.

If any readers are interested in finding out more about the Connecticut River in all its many facets, go to [EstuaryMagazine.com](http://EstuaryMagazine.com) or call them at 860-474-3556.



## Application Period Open for Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

By Minnie Gonzalez, State Representative, 3rd District

Dear Neighbor,

The application period for the 2023-2024 winter season of the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is open. CEAP provides vulnerable state homeowners and renters with crucial support for the associated costs with heating their homes.

Applications for the 2023-2024 winter season must be received by May 31, 2024. If you are interested, there are several ways to apply:

- Visit [ct.gov/heatinghelp](http://ct.gov/heatinghelp)
- Call your local community action agency and request application assistance or schedule an in-person appointment (Click here for the list of phone numbers)
- Download and complete the CEAP application. Mail the completed application and required documents to your local community action agency. (Click here for the list of mailing addresses)

Additional information on the application process can be obtained by visiting [ct.gov/heatinghelp](http://ct.gov/heatinghelp) or calling 2-1-1.

Basic benefits toward heating bills range from \$180 to \$530 depending on income, size of household, and need. Benefits are available for households with incomes up to 60% of the state median income, which equates to roughly \$79,910 for a family of four. These benefits are usually paid directly to the utility company or fuel supplier. Households that heat with deliverable fuels like oil or propane may be eligible for multiple free tank refills.

I want to spread the word that this resource is available to our most vulnerable community members.



# Letters to the Editor

## We must learn to live together on a small planet

Both John Kerry and Bernie Sanders have pointed out that there is a urgent need for the US and China to work together to deal with the crises of climate change. If we fail to work together on confronting carbon emissions, we will certainly face rising sea levels, expanding areas of water scarcity and hotter summers. The issues that divide us call out for diplomacy, not escalation of tensions and threatening rhetoric.

Please call Congress and the President to urge a more reasonable and cooperative approach with China, rather than a punitive approach. A punitive approach will only turn around to bite us in the end. We share the same small planet and must learn to live together. If we do not, we may not only face catastrophic climate change, but nuclear war.

Joseph Wasserman  
West Hartford,

## Primary Day on September 12

COMMENTARY BY BILL DIMAURO KATZ

There are three candidates that have won placement in the Democratic Primary: State Senator John Fonfara, former legislator and retired judge Eric Coleman and Democratic Town Committee nominee Arunan Arulampalam. Many more names will be on the ballot for election in November.

In my opinion, Hartford historically suffers from a lack of wise leadership or at least leadership that takes steps forward then steps back in error. When Mayor Bronin was elected, it was a vote against Pedro Segarra, who spent 90 million dollars to build a ballpark for a billionaire who owns a baseball team. Then Bronin fired the developers for alleged incompetence and now after years of litigation by the developers, first losing in superior court then winning another trial on appeal, Hartford is once again facing a 90 million dollar default judgement if it loses trial number two.

The new proposal to close Brainard Airport if successful, will put Hartford into financial jeopardy which it seems to enjoy being in. Closing the airport will cost the city tens of millions in payments to secure the land through eminent domain and to pay for the existing businesses. And who pays? You do. You the taxpayer or renter who pays through increased rental costs. The question begs to be asked; why don't we ever learn?

I asked Mayor Bronin why he supports closure and his retort was, "... because it's state property." And why is every local politician in total agreement to close an airport that the federal government will not close? Representative James Sanchez, who works for MDC says to close it. Senator and candidate for mayor John Fonfara wants it closed. Mayor Bronin says it's state land which means the land could be sold to private interests to expand the tax base. Fat chance of that happening to land that's on a flood plain and protected by Connecticut River dikes. And most councilors are onboard. Why? Because the head of Hartford politics, Marc DiBella, chair of the Democratic Town Committee, wants it closed. Go ahead and ask him.

And Marc probably takes his commands from his daddy, MDC chair and my distant cousin Billy DiBella, who hasn't lived in Hartford for decades and has no business being chair of the MDC. Ya can't make this stuff up.

Only one candidate for mayor has acknowledged support for keeping the airport open and that is Eric Coleman. It's a prudent position to take. We don't need to close an airport down in an effort to reach some far flung goal to try and turn an outlier parcel of land into an income generating project.

We don't need to go into further debt. And that's the truth, Ruth.

### Hartford's Got Talent Auditions

Hartford's Got Talent will hold a series of open auditions next month for local performers. Season Two auditions are open to all performers ages 8 and older at the Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, on the following dates:

- Saturday, September 9, 12pm – 4pm (Solo / Group Singers)
- Saturday, September 16, 12pm – 4pm (Drama, Spoken Word, Rappers)
- Wednesday, September 20, 5pm – 8pm (Unique Talents)
- Saturday, September 30, 12pm – 4pm (Dancers, Musicians, Unique Talents)

Winners will advance to semi-finals. Cash prizes and awards. ALL AGES! For more information go to [info@Hartfordsgottalent.org](mailto:info@Hartfordsgottalent.org), [www.hartfordsgottalent.org](http://www.hartfordsgottalent.org)



## Riverside Wins State T40 Cricket Championship

On Sunday, August 13, the Riverside Cricket Club (RCC) of Hartford won the Connecticut Cricket League T40 championship with a five-wicket victory over the Concord Eagles at the Keney Park Cricket Ground. . RCC's home pitch is in Hartford's Riverside Park. The Connecticut Cricket League has 16 teams in two divisions. While largely unknown in most of the United States, cricket was popularized in the Greater Hartford area by the influx of immigrants from Jamaica in the 1940s and 1950s. The sport is very popular among countries that were once part of the British Empire, including Guyana, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa and the Caribbean Islands, including Jamaica. (Photo courtesy of RCC)

## What Does it Take to Make a Great Neighborhood?

*How to keep people from moving out of Hartford, and entice those who live Downtown to stay and make a commitment to the city.*

COMMENTARY BY DONNA SWARR

Where multiple prior administrations have gone wrong about neighborhoods is due to the economic development lens that they are not worth the effort. Only when a property in the neighborhood has fallen behind on taxes has it shown up on the radar as requiring attention. Having only approximately 25% home ownership hasn't been addressed, just repeatedly noted. Why? The city still gets its tax dollars. Why is it worth it to invest in the long-term to have desirable neighborhoods? We need to entice the young adults who live Downtown to transition into our neighborhoods. It's the most viable way to create stability in Hartford. So how do we make these neighborhoods desirable?

Are our parks an amenity, our environmental salvation, or are they economic development? For a long time, Hartford parks have been seen as revenue opportunities via regional events, rather than amenities that make a neighborhood desirable and safe. This is where and how communities form bonds. The size of the park doesn't really matter as long as it can accommodate those who live around it. In the Capital City Park Guide, it was noted that "More amenities that allow for casual hanging-out and socializing are needed in Hartford." The schools eradicated their status as a community gathering space when they went into lockdown mode more than a decade ago. The parks and libraries now act as the neighborhood gathering places. There has been investment into our park grounds and open spaces, but more is needed. Maintenance of our parks still lags in providing upkeep. You can plan all you want, but if the field or space isn't ready for the activity, it's a waste of time and infuriates not only the organizers, but the community as a whole. Some parks don't have a master plan. This slows down decision-making and inhibits

community input into what amenities they want. These outdoor community spaces are very much evenly distributed throughout the city. They should be used to provide programming for those neighborhoods. If you want to reach out to the public, you need to "meet them where they're at" - literally. Don't expect them to go to a recreation center that isn't within walking distance just because it is easier to organize.

We need to have the laws on our books enforced; we don't need new ones. Having sufficient inspectors in all departments is

needed to make our neighborhoods desirable. Noise pollution from loud exhaust systems and music amplification systems during the Eddie Perez administration was addressed, but then it fell apart. People need to be able to sleep, and hear their own TVs inside their homes. People need to be able to walk safely to the bus stop or cross over to go to the grocery store without fearing that an illegal motorized vehicle will run them down in the street or on the sidewalk, or have a construction

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### Hartford LIVE!

Held from 6 - 9 pm on the grounds of the Old State House, 800 Main Street, in Downtown Hartford. Presented by the City of Hartford and GoodWorks Entertainment. Beer garden and food trucks start serving at 5 pm.

- September 7: .....West End Blend & One Time Weekend
- September 14: .....Third World & The Legendary Wailers
- September 21: .....Pigeons Playing Ping Pong
- September 28: .....To Be Announced

show and numerous community organizations. An after-party will follow on Pratt Street from 6 pm to 12 midnight. Free and open to the public.

Rock and Jazz. They finish out their live band with drummer Robin Baytas. Free admission courtesy of the Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Fund.

### Friday, Sept. 8 Final Salsa Social of 2023!



The Hartford Business Improvement District (HBID) will hold its final Salsa Social of the season from 5-8 pm on Friday, September 8, on Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford. Free and open to the public; all dance skill levels welcome!

### Friday, Sept. 8 Brazilian Independence Day

Parkville Market, 1400 Park Street, Hartford will celebrate Brazilian Independence Day! We're with the Josè Paulo and Friends' Samba Band performing on the Main Patio from 7-10 PM this Friday, September 10. Be sure to head into the Market and stop by Gula Grill and Flor do Mar for their Brazilian food specials all night!

### Saturday, September 9 HartBeat Music Festival

Riverfront Recapture will present the 5th annual HartBeat Music

Festival from 11 am to 9 pm at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, in Downtown Hartford on Saturday, September 9. The event features the best in local talent with over 23 bands playing everything from reggae to rap to rock on three stages. Free!

### Saturday, September 9 Hartford Pride Fest

Connecticut Latinos Achieving Rights & Opportunities (CLARO) will present Hartford Pride Fest on Saturday, September 9 on Church Street, Downtown Hartford. The annual festival and concert is a family-centered event showcasing entertainment, food, local businesses, giveaways, activities, a drag

### Wednesday, Sept. 13 Allen Lanz Free Concert at RAW

Allen Lanz isn't a person, it's an exciting musical group that will play a free concert at Real Art Ways (RAW), 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:30 pm. Allen Lanz is an electroacoustic, synths and horns team of multi-instrumentalist Ben Lanz and saxophonist Kris Allen. Ben and Kris, who've known each other practically since birth (and started playing together shortly after) got together in 2021 to start working on this project. Allen Lanz brings influence from Ben and Kris' respective musical worlds, Indie

### Wednesday, Sept. 13 A History of Political Cartoons



Join historian Dr. Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University for "Before the Meme: A History of Political Cartoons" on



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Wednesday, September 13, at 6 pm at the Old State House, 800 Main Street, Downtown Hartford. Warshauer will explore the history of political cartoons and their impact in Connecticut and the United States.

### Thursday, Sept. 14 CMCH Outdoor Concert

The Connecticut Museum of Culture & History (CMCH, formerly CT Historical Society), 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford will host an outdoor concert in Thursday, September 14, from 5 - 7:30 pm featuring music from Debra Cowan and Cate Clifford as they present Songs that Touch the Past. The musicians will be sharing some great traditional story songs along with favorites from their repertoires. Attendees are welcome to come at 5pm to enjoy the museum and vendors. Music will run from 6pm-7:30pm.

### Friday, Sept. 14 Electric Jungle Closing Show

A closing celebration and block party for Electric Jungle, an immersive exhibit at RiseUP's Hartford studio, 50 Bartholomew Avenue, will be held from 5-9 pm. The exhibit is unlike anything you've experienced before. Created by artists Ryan Glista & Mercury, it features vertical ribbons of 20-foot fabric that visitors must wade through like a jungle. A projector shoots across the room through the layers, creating an echo of imagery that varies in scale. Projection-mapped dance video explores the invisible flow of information and the effect of technology on our psyche. Created by Mercury and Ryan Glista and featuring several local dancers, the exhibit presents a meditative and creative community space.

### Friday, Sept. 15 Free Concert at Riverfront

From "Margaritaville" to "Cheeseburger in Paradise," Changes in Latitude, a talented tribute band, will transport you to a tropical paradise with their authentic and energetic performances of the late Jimmy Buffett's classic songs. The concert will be held Friday, September 15, from 7-9 pm at Riverfront Plaza in Downtown Hartford. Expect a night of good vibes, sing-along moments, margarita slushies and more during this free concert.

### Saturday, Sept. 16 Gospel Concert at Riverfront

Riverfront Recapture will host the 2023 Greater Hartford Gospel festival from 5-8 pm on Saturday, September 16, at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza in Downtown Hartford. Scheduled performers include Bethel Bloomfield Praise; Shane Davis Ministries; Anthony Smith and Fully Committed; and Kymberli Joye. The first 150 students to attend will receive a free

backpack with school supplies inside. The Conference of Churches, Greater Hartford Arts Council, Our B.R.O.S, and Goall Friends sponsor this event.

### Saturday, Sept. 16 Pratturday Night Live: Latin Jazz

The Pratturday Night Live music series on Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford is back on Saturday, September 16, from 7-9 pm. This month will be a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month! Ray Gonzalez and his Latin Jazz Quintet will be playing your favorite Latin Jazz hits. Pratt Street businesses will also be selling food and drink specials.

### Saturday, September 16 Lift Every Voice & Sing Gospel Fair



Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) will host its 28th annual Gospel and Inspiration Community Celebration on Saturday, September 16, from 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. in Bushnell Park at the Thomas D. Harris Performance Pavilion. The free event will feature local, regional, recording artists and more. A Memorial will honor First Responders of 911, those serving in the military and lives lost in the Greater Hartford Community. The event is free and open to the public.

### Sunday, September 17 Incredible India Festival

Milan USA will host its annual Incredible India Fair from 10 am - 5 pm in Bushnell Park on Downtown Hartford. There will be Indian food and goods for sale as well as several live performances of Indian music and dance. The event is free and open to the public.

### Sunday, September 17 Domingo! Hartford 2023: Frog Hollow

The City of Hartford will host the 2nd in its series of Domingo! Street Festivals on Sunday, September 17 from 11 am - 4 pm in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood. Park Street from Main Street to Pope Park will be closed to traffic for the duration of the event. There will be numerous athletic activities, food vendors and community groups, as well as live performances honoring Hispanic Heritage Month. Performers will include Kasey Cortez, Fiesta del Norte Mariachi Band, The Lost Tribe, Mario Pueblo y los Sabrosos de la Salsa, Nelson Bello and Friends, DJ Selector AR and Ray Gonzalez and Friends. Free and open to the pub-

lic.

### Wednesday, Sept. 20 Cedar Hill Walk Honors Trinity

Join Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation on Wednesday, September 20, at 10:00 am for the guided walk, College Ties – Hartford's Trinity College. Founded in 1823, Trinity was the second college established in Connecticut. The tour introduces participants to Trinity alumni, faculty, and benefactors who now reside at Cedar Hill. Admission is \$10.00; Advance reservations are recommended and may be made online at [www.cedarhillfoundation.org](http://www.cedarhillfoundation.org). Cedar Hill Cemetery is located at 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford. The walking tour begins at the Brownell Monument on Section 2. Follow the signs once you enter the cemetery.

### Thursday, Sept. 21 Riverfront Dance Festival

Riverfront Recapture will hold its annual Dance Festival from 6-9 pm on Thursday, September 21. The event was originally scheduled for June but was postponed due to rain. The free event will feature several talented local dancers, including MMIX Dance Project; Studio 860; Justice Dance Performance Project; Stop Time Dance Theater; Garet & Co; Lauren Horn; Chantal Edwards; and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts.

### Thursday, Sept. 21 CMCH Roaring 20s Date Night

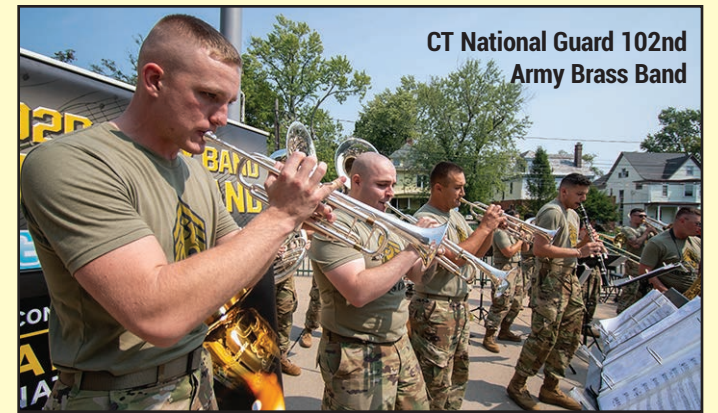
The Connecticut Museum of Culture & History (CMCH, formerly CT Historical Society), 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, will host a "Roaring 20s Date Night on Thursday, September 21, from 6 - 7:30 pm. One hundred years ago, the U.S. was in the throes of Prohibition — but we know that didn't stop people from imbibing. Bring your bestie or sweetie to the museum to get a taste of the Roaring '20s. You'll get a special behind-the-scenes tour of the museum featuring clothes and pastimes from the 1920s. Then enjoy a Prohibition-era cocktail crafted by a mixologist from The Wise Old Dog. Tickets are \$15 per person. Space is limited, and preregistration is strongly recommended. Gp to: <https://2512.blackbaudhosting.com/2512/Date-Night-Roaring-20s> to register.

### Wednesday, Sept. 30 Cuatro Puntas Patio Concert

Cuatro Puntas will present the last installment of its summertime concerts on the patio of Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Downtown Hartford, on Wednesday, August 30, from 4 - 6 pm. Performers include the Arkdash Band and Pedro Luis Cirilo Coral & Jon Sheffield.

# West End Porch Fest this Saturday

The West End will be humming – and dancing and singing along to the music of over 40 musical acts this Sunday, for the 4th annual West End Porch Fest from 1 - 6 pm.



Address	Performer	Time
72 Oxford St	Nikita	5 pm
140 Warrenton Ave	Ulysses DRAGON	2 pm 5 pm
131 Elizabeth St	K. Dub Shoulda*Wouda*Couлда The Mighty Suicide Squirrels	1 pm 3 pm 5 pm
90 Evergreen Ave	92/90	4 pm
108 Kenyon St	Big Joe & the Stolen Hearts	5 pm
84 Oxford St	Ros CO. Haunting Titans O'K and the Night Crew	1 pm 2 pm 4 pm
176 N. Beacon St	Primo, Hart Roper Mark Barden	1 pm 3 pm 5 pm
109 Girard Ave	Yellow	4 pm
726 Prospect Ave	Christie Echols Sound & Color	2 pm 4 pm
154 Kenyon St	Wes Lewis Digital Combo	
65 Kenyon St	Carolyn West, Storyteller	2 pm
67 Girard Ave	Walking Cosmo	3 pm
114 Warrenton Ave	The Love Joneses	4 pm
104 Beacon St	Mike Zanta Lee Totten	3 pm 5 pm
830 Prospect Ave	Lew Jones Act	2 pm
148 Kenyon St	Andy Lepak	1 pm
206 Oxford St	Ian Fay	4 PM
786 Prospect Ave	Pride 247-365	3 pm
115 Girard Ave	Sean Rivers	3 pm
91 Warrenton Ave	Record Affair Earl Champagne	1 pm 3 pm
160 Kenyon St	Mike Leahy	2 pm
42 Cone St	Jim Mercik & Friends	4 pm
210 Oxford St	Riley Cotton The Guinea Pigs	2 pm 5 pm
598 Farmington Ave	Tenaya Denine	2 pm
76 Oxford St	Romance Tropical	3 pm
193 Kenyon St	Underwater Runner Ch'Varda	1 pm 4 pm
76 Kenyon St	Mental Math Syndicate Jared Knapik	1 pm 3 pm
199 N Beacon St	Restless Mountain Bluegrass	2 pm
149 Girard Ave	Maxine Martin & Sinan Bakir	3 pm
Porchfest Hub	CNG 102nd Army Brass Band She's With Him Calendula	1 pm 3 pm 5 pm

As in past years, Noah Webster Micro-Society Magnet School at the corner of Cone and Whitney Streets will serve as the headquarters – or hub – of Porch Fest 2023. A map of performance venues will be available, as well as other information. Other activities at Noah Webster during Porch Fest will include visits from **Dillon The Hartford Athletic Mascot, Hartford Public Library's Library on Wheels and numerous other activities.**

Founded in 2007 in Ithaca, NY, porch fests are now held throughout the country. The first West End Porch Fest was held in 2019. After a year off during the pandemic, the event returned in 2021 and 2022, drawing larger crowds and more musicians.

West End Porch Fest is sponsored by the West End Civic Association.



### What Makes a Great Neighborhood

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area make no accommodation for pedestrian safety. Cars parked on lawns, and not putting trash out properly degrade the neighborhood. Increased sanitation inspection of businesses should be based on complaints, but on a regular schedule. One the biggest complaints I hear is "Why do I have to complain to get something done? Why am I responsible, not just for

my home, but for the neighborhood regarding cleanliness. I do not have any solutions or recommendations for the violence in our community. I just know that regular policing in all areas matters. How can Hartford make this happen? Fill those open inspector positions and demand more. When a bottleneck is stifling our city, find a way around it or remove it. Housing in Hartford is complicated, but where isn't it? We have



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lots of poor-quality housing which will not attract homeownership by Downtown residents. and is the cause of residents' constant rental hopping. The Land Bank addresses blighted property, but not poor-quality housing. The construction unions are kicking themselves in the butt for not doing a good job jumping on the ARPA bandwagon. What they need to do is create a solution for owners (not limited to homeowners) to bring residential property up to code, and along with that, there needs to be a caveat that they can't raise the rent for a specific period of time. The unions could create a training workforce specifically addressing this need. Once a solution has been identified, then funding, can

be sought. Habitat for Humanity is not the solution; it is a volunteer-based organization. Hartford needs paying jobs. But Habitat surely has a process worth examining. OPP could be the recruitment piece which would be tied into getting a GED. Knox already has an internship program, but it would be a really good add-on and help implement the city's goal of increasing the tree canopy on private property.

Do I think that some or much of this has already been said? Yes, of course it has. It's just that little-to-nothing has been done about it. Funding is in the budget, but the positions don't get filled, and it ends up being used elsewhere. The city's Human Resources department should be made to provide monthly reports to the council about this issue. No more excuses about "bad" behavior" after the pandemic. We need to move on and address these issues head-on.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Leon D. Evans, AKA Leon Darick Evans (23-00629)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by by decree dated August 28, 2023, 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.

Michael P. Livieratos,  
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS CITY OF HARTFORD BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS – MOTOR VEHICLE ONLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS OF THE TOWN AND CITY OF HARTFORD WILL MEET IN SESSION IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 550 MAIN STREET – SECOND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS #206, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023. MEETINGS WILL COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. THE SOLE PURPOSE OF HEARING APPEALS IS RELATED TO THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE 2022 GRAND LIST. ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE AGGRIEVED FROM THE DOINGS OF THE ASSESSOR MUST ATTEND. PLEASE CALL 860-757-9641 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

CALIXTO TORRES, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

### Gosdigian Commentary

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a current candidate for mayor who keeps touting that his kids are attending Hartford public schools. Ironic, because he apparently didn't care about the shameful conditions in the city schools engendered by the SOS and the apathetic BOE-appointed majority when the time came to vote on the charter. And yes—he was present at those secret meetings. Where was the integrity?

First comes the September 12th primary, and please remember that come November 7th and the general election, those 7 city councilors (6 Democrats and the "7th" who has his own party of one) who also refused to consider those positive changes. They'll be on the ballot, but do you really want them to come back to council chambers in 2024? Every 4 years we hope for so much better to come from a new administration, and every 4 years we are let down for the same reason: The powers that be, both behind the scenes and in the public eye still don't want anything to change. Specifically, the Democratic Town Committee, an organization that is not a part of city government, nominates and endorses candidates for that very purpose. The DTC is the primary enabler of Hartford's continuously dysfunctional leadership, and maintains a stranglehold on municipal elections. Wake up, people! Do your own research into the candidates for mayor and council and accept nothing at "face value". Then vote. Vote like our city's life depended on it—because it does. Only you have the power to bring about change for the better.

### Volunteers for CT Children's Marathon Team

The 2023 Eversource Hartford Marathon is just under 60 days away, and Team Connecticut Children's is inviting runners and volunteers to join us for the Marathon, Half Marathon, Charity 5K or Team 26.2 Relay. Our team welcomes participants of all abilities and backgrounds. We're not all the same, and that's our greatest strength! HMF Events (Hartford Marathon Foundation). Join Team Connecticut Children's and feel fulfilled knowing that your participation supports critical healthcare resources for kids at Connecticut Children's. Learn more and register: — at Connecticut Children's, <https://tinyurl.com/yc8z79mt>.

### Wadsworth Atheneum Internships

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is offering a fall internship opportunities. The paid internship program at the Wadsworth introduces students to museum careers through defined projects under the guidance of experi Learn more and apply at [www.wadsworth.org/internships](http://www.wadsworth.org/internships).

### State of Connecticut

### Court of Probate, Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court District

### NOTICE TO

### Devair Martins da Dilva, whose whereabouts are unknown to the court.

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge, a hearing will be held at Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court, 250 Constitution Plaza, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103 on **September 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM on a petition for Removal of Guardian of the Person concerning a certain minor child, Bryan Santiago Perez Gutierrez born on November 20, 2009.** The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court  
Kemston N. Best, Esq.  
Chief Clerk



**News Briefs**

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14, at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM in Elizabeth Park. Horticulturist Rosemary Aldridge will lead tours of the Robert A. Prill Annual Garden. Aldridge will also host a Perennial Garden Dividing Plants Clinic on Thursday, September 21, at 10 am in Elizabeth Park.

**Mexican Independence Day September 15**

Connecticut's Mexican American community will mark 213 years of their home country's with a celebration at the State Capitol, 410 Capitol Avenue, Downtown Hartford, on Friday, September 15 from 12-2 pm. In addition to the traditional Grito ceremony, there will be remarks from Alberto Fierro, Consul General of Mexico in Boston, and other Mexican American leaders. There will also be artistic presentations with mariachi music and folkloric dances.

**Love Your Block Meeting Sept. 15**

An informational and networking event for the City of Hartford's Love Your Block grant program will be held Friday, September 15, at 5:30 pm at Uconn Hartford, 10 Prospect Street, Downtown Hartford. The grants provide grants of up to \$2,500 to improve Hartford's neighborhoods. The meeting is a chance to ask questions about the program and meet with City staff, past recipients, community organizations, local artists and more. RSVP: [www.hartfordct.gov/lyinfosession](http://www.hartfordct.gov/lyinfosession)

**HPHS Hall of Fame Golf Tourney September 16**

The Hartford Public High School Athletic Hall of Fame is hosting their 22nd annual golf tournament Saturday, September 16, at Goodwin Park in Hartford. Proceeds from the event support various initiatives at the school and our bi-annual induction ceremony. Tee off is 8:30 and cost for golf and lunch is 150. Lunch only costs 30. See our website for details at [hphsathletichof.com](http://hphsathletichof.com) or contact Mike Forrest at [forrest.mike.r@gmail.com](mailto:forrest.mike.r@gmail.com).

**Help for Youth with Mental Health Issues**

The Urgent Crisis Center (UCC) at The Village, 1680 Albany Avenue, Hartford is now open. The walk-in center provides outpatient services for children and teens who are experiencing an urgent mental or behavioral health crisis, including

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To find out more, call (860) 297-0520 or go to: [thevillage.org/UCC](http://thevillage.org/UCC).

**Ha-Rambee Flag Football "Old School Reunion"**

The Ha-Rambee Association will host an Old School Flag Football Reunion on Saturday, September

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**Puerto Rican Parade**

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- Rosado, Hartford City Council President
- **HONORARY GODFATHER:** Iran Nazario, President/CEO of the Peace Center of Connecticut
- **AMBASSADORS:** Juan Rivera, noted community activist, and organizers of the CT Coalition of Puerto Rican Parades and Festivals from Hartford, New Haven, New London, Waterbury, Meriden, and Bridgeport.
- **YOUTH AMBASSADOR:** Destiny Garcia, former Miss Puerto Rico of Greater Hartford

**Community Fund Seeks Proposals to Benefit City Residents**

The Hartford Greater Together Community Fund (HGTCF) at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, is now seeking funding proposals from organizations working to serve Hartford residents.

The Fund, established by the Hartford Foundation in 2019, is directed by an advisory committee of Hartford residents from various backgrounds and supports residents

zations. The deadline for applying is 11:59 pm on October 6, 2023.

Organizations that received grants in 2021 and 2022 must have submitted their final reports to be eligible for this new cycle of grants.

An online information session for applicants is scheduled for September 11 at 10 a.m. To register, contact the committee at [hartford-greater2gether@gmail.com](mailto:hartford-greater2gether@gmail.com) for the

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in taking ownership around the needs of their city through grant-making.

The Fund aims to support local nonprofits that are serving Hartford residents to address critical needs in housing security, food security, childcare, health care, job readiness, literacy, and other critical issues – understanding that these nonprofits are the backbone of grassroots efforts to better Hartford.

In the past two years, the Fund has awarded twenty-two grants totaling \$62,450 to address a wide range of community needs. This year, the advisory committee will award grants of \$500 to \$5,000 to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations for projects or operational support. The Advisory Committee changed the eligibility to accept applications that primarily serve Hartford residents. (Previously organizations had to be based in Hartford.)

To enhance strategic impact, the committee is encouraging collaborative projects among eligible organi-

zations.

The grant application, along with more information on the Fund, including the winners of the 2021 and 2022 cycles, can be found at [HFPG.org/HartfordCF](http://HFPG.org/HartfordCF). For questions about the organization or application, please email [hartford-greater2gether@gmail.com](mailto:hartford-greater2gether@gmail.com).

"The Advisory Committee eagerly awaits proposals for its 2023 round of grant applications," says Lara Langer, Chair of the Hartford Greater Together Community Fund's Advisory Committee. "We are very excited to continue this important work of supporting our city's nonprofits as they implement programs to address the city's critical social issues. We look forward to reviewing applications by the October 6th deadline. We remain grateful to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, which began this initiative to empower the citizens of their towns to take ownership of the needs of their communities."

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# El Informativo Latino

## DSS y el Departamento de Educación de CT anunciaron la distribución de SNAP a más de 209,800 familias

Las familias de niños que están inscritos en el programa de comidas gratuitas o de precio reducido en sus escuelas y que reciben asistencia del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP), Asistencia Familiar Temporal (TFA) o Medicaid (HUSKY A) recibirán beneficios adicionales. Estos beneficios suplementarios únicos ascienden a \$120 por niño. Los fondos se transferirán automáticamente a las tarjetas de transferencia electrónica de beneficios (EBT) de los hogares elegibles.

El gobernador Lamont dijo que estos beneficios adicionales de SNAP ayudarán a proporcionar alimentos nutritivos y de calidad a los niños justo cuando comienzan el año escolar y que esta ronda especial de asistencia se suma al reciente anuncio de que se está ampliando el programa de comidas escolares gratuitas para este nuevo año escolar, permitiendo que más estudiantes reciban acceso a desayuno y almuerzo sin costo adicional para ellos o sus familias. La comisionada del Departamento de Servicios Sociales, Andrea Barton Reeves, dijo que en agosto, se comenzó la primera ronda de beneficios de asistencia a más de 57,300 niños en Connecticut y en esta

ronda, ampliaron la elegibilidad a todos los niños en edad escolar, brindando un impulso en la asistencia a más familias. Los fondos para esta distribución especial provienen del programa federal Summer Pandemic EBT: Children in School.

Este anuncio es la segunda ronda de beneficios especiales de SNAP que el Departamento de Servicios Sociales de Connecticut está distribuyendo con el apoyo de este programa. El 13 de agosto de 2023, el departamento distribuyó \$8,8 millones en beneficios adicionales a las familias de niños menores de 6 años inscritos en guarderías. Además, el departamento planea distribuir una tercera ronda de beneficios especiales el 17 de septiembre de 2023, que incluirá \$11.6 millones a los hogares de 97,033 niños que están inscritos en el programa de comidas gratuitas o de precio reducido pero que no reciben SNAP, TFA o asistencia HUSKY A.

En total, se espera que estas tres rondas de asistencia especial beneficien a las familias de casi 364,300 niños en todo Connecticut. Para obtener información adicional sobre el programa Pandemic EBT, visite portal.ct.gov/p-ebt . *By Iris Rodriguez*

## ALBUM DE LA COMUNIDAD



*Exhibición de Voceteo de carro en Waterbury .Es un lugar de ambiente seguro y sano entretenimiento para las familias ,en la cual disfrutarán los amantes que les gusta escuchar música pasarla bien jóvenes y adultos hasta los más pequeños de las familias.Gracias a José Collazo está dando a conocer el mundo del Voceteo en Waterbury .By Iris Rodriguez*

## LOS RESIDENTES DE HARTFORD AFECTADOS POR LOS DAÑOS DE LAS INUNDACIONES TIENEN ESPERANZA EN EL HORIZONTE

Los residentes de Hartford afectados por los daños de las inundaciones ahora pueden solicitar una parte del nuevo fondo de ayuda de compensación por inundaciones de la ciudad. La solicitud se abrió el viernes y muchos residentes de Hartford se están inscribiendo.

Lynette Watkins ha vivido en esta casa en el vecindario Blue Hills de Hartford durante 50 años.

“He criado a tres generaciones aquí”, dijo Watkins. Pero en 2021, las cosas cambiaron cuando su sótano se inundó. “Aguas residuales sin tratar, heces hasta las rodillas. Todo”, dijo Watkins. El viernes, la oficina del contralor estatal abrió solicitudes para el Programa de Compensación por Inundaciones de Hartford. Es un programa de \$5,000,000 diseñado para ayudar a los residentes elegibles de Hartford afectados por las inundaciones desde enero de 2021.

La Sra. Watkins fue a dejar su solicitud el martes por la mañana, optimista de que su pesadilla pronto llegaría a su fin.

La defensora comunitaria Bridgitte Prince ha estado presionando para obtener recursos para el North End de Hartford durante algún tiempo y no cree que se esté abordando el problema en su totalidad. Prince trabajó estrechamente con los legisladores para que este programa despegara y dice que North End debe ser el foco principal.

“El financiamiento está abierto a todos en la ciudad de Hartford y esa no era la intención de la legislación y ese no es el motivo del financiamiento, por lo que definitivamente es un problema porque las personas que más lo necesitan no están siendo beneficiadas. servido”, dijo Bridgitte Prince.

En una declaración, el contralor estatal dijo en parte: La legislación que promulgó este programa estableció claramente los requisitos previos para recibir compensación por ser residente de Hartford y poseer una propiedad en Hartford que resultó dañada debido a las inundaciones. *By Iris Rodriguez*

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