

STATE LEADERS REFUTE PRESIDENT'S CLAIMS OF ELECTION INSECURITY

BY ANDY HART

In a televised address to the nation on Saturday, July 18, President Donald Trump claimed that our country's current election process is open to outside manipulation.

On Monday, July 20, Governor Ned Lamont and top state election officials held a press conference at the Old State House in Downtown Hartford to reject those claims.

Lamont said, "Last week, the president used primetime television to try to convince Americans that our elections can't be trusted, and he did it without a shred of evidence. Connecticut has spent its time building up our elections, and every vote here is backed by a paper ballot. That's why our residents can vote with confidence."



Governor Ned Lamont speaks at a press conference called to reassure Connecticut voters that the state's voting process is safe, accurate and protected from outside influences. The press conference was held at the Old State House on Monday. (Hartford News photo)

Trump famously claimed he lost the 2020 presidential election due to widespread voter fraud, a claim that was rejected in several court cases.

Trump's claims of insecure election on Saturday night sparked anger among his opponents as well as election officials across the country, as they are charged with maintaining the integrity of the voting process.

Connecticut Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas, who is in charge of the state's election process, said "Voters don't have to take our word for it—they can look at the people, the paper, and the proof," Secretary Thomas said. "Our elections are run by trained local officials, every vote creates a paper record, and the results are checked through post-election audits. We preserve the evidence, check the count, and show our work."

Thomas, Lamont and other speakers at the event detailed steps Connecticut has taken recently to ensure election security. Connecticut recently invested \$25 million to purchase new voting tabulators statewide, the state's first equipment

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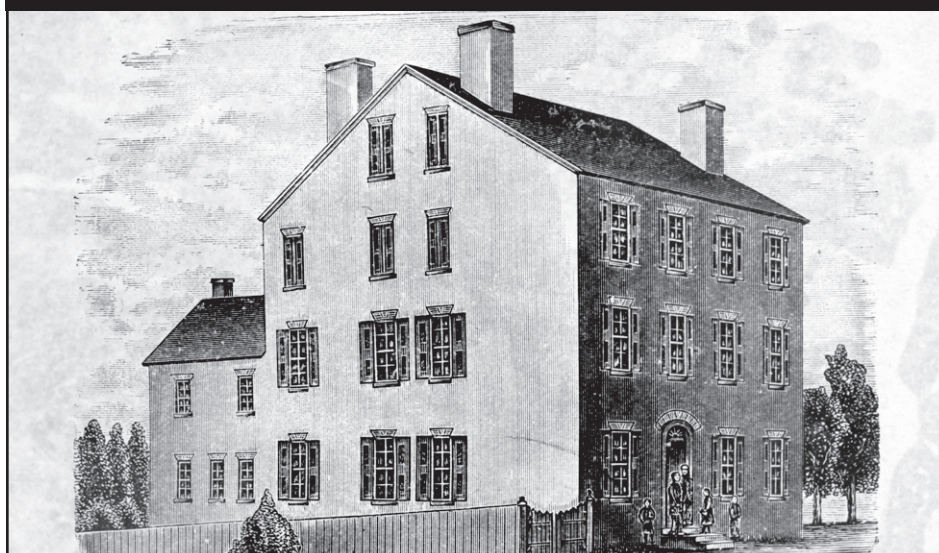


North End Activists Call for Safety and Justice

Hartford anti-violence advocate "Brother Carl" Hardrick (above left) speaks in front of the Wilson-Grey YMCA on Albany Avenue Monday afternoon during a march organized by the North Hartford Public Safety Coalition (NHPSC) and the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA) in response to a recent spike in shootings in the area. The march was led by NHPSC's Kelvin LoveJoy (above, right), and was held to advocate for safety, justice, and greater police accountability through changes to the Civilian Police Review Board. The march was led by Hartford's Proud Drill, Drum, and Dance Corp (right), which was founded as an anti-violence organization. (Hartford News photo)



Hartford...Once Upon a Time



The American School for the Deaf (ASD), founded in Hartford in 1817, was the first school for the hearing impaired in America. This drawing shows the school's second location in Hartford on Prospect Street. In 1820, the school, known as the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, moved to the top of Lord's Hill, which soon became known as Asylum Hill. (Drawing courtesy of the Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library)

NEWS BRIEFS

Still Time to Register for August 11 Primary

A Democratic Primary election for State and Federal offices will be held in Hartford on Tuesday, August 11. Persons who are not currently registered but wish to vote in the primaries can register in person up until August 9 at 12 noon at the Registrar of Voters Office (ROV), Hartford City Hall, 550 Main Street, Downtown Hartford. Mail-in registrations will be accepted until Friday, July 24. For more information, call the ROV at (860) 757-9830.

1st Congressional Candidates' Debate this Tuesday

The Connecticut League of Women Voters will host an in-person debate among candidates for Connecticut's 1st Congressional District. The debate will be held on Tuesday, July 29, from 6 - 7 pm at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Downtown Hartford and is free and open to the public. All four candidates who are on the ballot for the Democratic Primary on August 11 have been invited to attend: incumbent John Larson, former Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, attorney, educator, and community leader Ruth Fortune and State Representative Jillian Gilchrest of West Hartford. The debate will be live streamed on www.HPATV.org, broadcast live on HPATV's Cable TV Channels (Xfinity Channel 96 GOV and Frontier Channel 6032 GOV), the HPA TV YouTube Channel, HPATV's Facebook Page and HPATV's AppleTV, RokuTV and PrimeTV apps. It will also be streamed live by partner station West Hartford Community Interactive (Comcast Channel 5 and Frontier Channel 6098) and its YouTube Channel.

Learning & Fun at Colt Park this Saturday

The Friends of Colt Park will host "What A Relief," a family craft activity on Saturday, July 25, from 10 am - 12 pm. Youngsters will have a chance to create their own art using the newly restored Samuel Colt Memorial. Tour of Coltsville will also be available. Please meet at the memorial, which is just east of the Wethersfield entrance to the park. The event will also be held on Saturday, August 8, and Saturday, August 22. Co-sponsored by CICD-Puerto Rican Parade, Morgan Stanley and the National Park Service. Free and open to the public.

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SOMEONE HAS TO SAY IT

New Morning Talk Show Focuses on Local Issues

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Something new has just come to Hartford. Jendayi Scott aka the Angel of Edgewood, is the creator and host of a weekly morning talk show in Hartford produced by J Stan McCauley. Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. the show, "Someone Has to Say It", is all about Hartford and covers the issues that are on the minds of city residents. Jendayi will also have a guest on the show each week as they converse and discuss what's going on.

The first show went on the air Tuesday morning , July 21st and Jendayi's first guest was CT First District Congressman John

Larson who answered her questions about what's going on in D.C., how things are going for the people of the United States, and what needs to change. Their conversation was deep, particularly as it relates to Social Security percentages that have seen no raise for many years even as the cost of living has steadily increased.

Every week there will also be another guest on the show, often a Hartford resident, who with Jendayi will discuss

what Hartford needs to work on in order to elevate the citizens and the city as a whole to a stan-

dard of better living for all.

Tune-in Tuesdays offers Hartford residents to not only think about possible solutions, but later add their comments and questions on the post, engendering conversations within the city, and video which will always be available on AccessTV.org and YouTube shortly after the show. This will be a platform where ideas will be aired for public consumption--a first for the capital city.

From Jendayi Scott: "Someone Has To Say It is where honest conversations meet real community impact."

ConnectiCon

A blitz of color and cosplay, the 23rd annual ConnectiCon is Connecticut's longest-running multi-genre pop-culture fan convention.

BY MARIE SULTANA ROBINSON



Mayhem, mirth, and merriment welcome first-timers and regular attendees. Friendships endure for decades. “We create chosen family here. We accept everyone,” explains staffer, Rachel King. From toddlers to 70 year old cosplayers, families attend together.

The Artist Alley and vendors have fan art, original art, anime art, cosplay wares, candles, lotions, and potions. For four jampacked days, there is cosplaying, gaming, and meeting celebrity heroes. There are panels, craft workshops and Pop-Off!, a live dance competition.

After hours over 21 experiences, and a kid’s room round out this safe space. “We have a harassment number on the badge. And special registration to aid someone with disabilities,” says Tori Thomas, who heads the disability division. Tickets for next year are on sale.

Welcome to a world where the extraordinary is ordinary, and the ordinary is kind and mirthful.

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Travels with Mike

Great Places to Go and Things To Do in Greater Hartford

BY Mike McGarry

Worth a Trip to Windsor!

Readers of this column will know that there’s no shortage of things to do in Hartford, but it’s always good to break up the routine once in a while and leave the confines of our fair city. We plan on doing just that next month for the August Jazz series at the Underwater Kite, Windsor’s newest avant-garde art gallery, located in the Contemporary Art Center, 150 Broad Street, Suite 101 in Windsor.

The series consists of three Thursday night concerts on August 6, 13 and 20 at the The concerts will run from 6:30-7:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm). Seating is limited. Tickets are \$20 in advance and can be ordered at www.underwaterkite.art/ or purchased at the door for \$25.

We’re truly looking forward to the first concert on August 6 featuring our friend Nat Reeves on bass - Kirk Woodard on drums and Mary DiPaola on keyboard. Here’s a little bit about each of these three talented musicians.

Nat Reeves is a highly respected bassist, educator, and bandleader known for his substantial contributions to both the performance and educational aspects of jazz music. His career spans decades and reflects a deep commitment to the jazz tradition, while also embracing the evolution of the genre. He has had the honor of performing alongside many iconic jazz musicians, including Jackie McLean, Pharoah Sanders and Kenny Garrett, as well as leading his own ensembles. His collaborations have placed him at the forefront of modern jazz bass playing, where his rhythmic precision, harmonic understanding, and dynamic sound have made him a sought-after sideman, as well as an accomplished band leader.

Kirk Woodard is a musician and educator from Hartford, CT. He began playing drums at the age of eight and pursued his study of percussion in school and through the Artists Collective in Hartford. He went on to study at the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz at the University of Hartford’s Hartt School of Music where he earned a master’s degree in jazz studies, specializing in jazz percussion.

Mary DiPaola is a highly respected Connecticut-based jazz pianist, recording artist, and educator. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies and a Master of Music in Music Education from the Hartt School. Active in the Southern New England jazz scene for decades, DiPaola is a prominent bandleader and recording artist, having released albums such as Cat's Cradle and Seventh Sign. In addition to leading the Mary DiPaola Quartet/Trio, she has notably collaborated with distinguished musicians like bassist Nat Reeves, performing at renowned local venues such as The Side Door Jazz Club in Old Lyme and Real Art Ways in Hartford.

Remaining Concerts

Thursday, August 13: Celebrate the music of Brazil with “Balanco em Dois,” featuring Joe Carter (Jazz Guitar) and Laura Volpintesta (Vocals and Percussion).

Thursday, August 20: Saskia Laroo, internationally known trumpet player, and Warren Byrd, pianist, vocalist and composer will close out the series.

East Hartford Robbed By The Rich

COMMENTARY BY BRIDGITTE PRINCE

Politicians have no problem giving away public land to the wealthy and the greedy! "Affordable " seems to be the number one campaign issue, but privately owned, over market rate, luxury apartments are what's being funded by the State of Connecticut.

The lead "Affordable Housing " Legislator, House Majority Leader Jason Rojas pushed a bill that gives wealthy developers up to 30 years of tax exemptions at Port Eastside.

About 26 acres of Showcase Cinemas land was sold by the

Town of East Hartford for one dollar, without a clause to get the land back if the developer fails to build luxury, privately owned apartments.

Meanwhile, as the CRDA, with the East Hartford and Hartford mayors are deciding to give more wealth to the wealthy, town council is unanimously voting to sell property tax liens of residents facing financial hardship!! Yet, wealthy developers are tax exempt and Hartford and East Hartford have forgiven their tax delinquencies.

Affordable? Time will tell.



Inside Hartford Sports

Going Beyond the Boxscores for the Stories That Really Matter

BY NICK LEBRON



One City, One Future: Reimagining Hartford High School Sports

Week 3: The Search for Opportunity

Why many of Hartford's top athletes are looking beyond city schools—and what that means for the future of local sports.

The question isn't whether Hartford still produces talented athletes. It does. Every year, athletes from Connecticut's capital city earn college scholarships, receive all-state recognition, and develop into some of the state's most exciting competitors. The real question is something much larger: Where are those athletes choosing to play?

Over the last two decades, the landscape of high school athletics has changed dramatically. Families now have more educational choices than ever before. Neighborhood schools no longer compete only with schools across town—they compete with magnet schools, suburban public schools, private academies, prep schools, regional programs, and even sports-focused institutions designed almost entirely around athletic development. For Hartford, the challenge isn't a lack of talent. It's competing in an increasingly competitive marketplace for students.

When Community Chose for You

Former Hartford basketball standout Kendrick Moore remembers a different era. The neighborhood was the team. You grew up playing against friends on local courts before eventually wearing the same school colors together. The classmates sitting beside you in English class became your teammates on Friday nights. Neighborhood rivalries filled gymnasiums because everyone shared the same identity. Today, Moore

believes that dynamic has changed. The best competition—and the opportunities many families seek—often exist somewhere else. That isn't necessarily a criticism. It's the reality of modern high school athletics.

Opportunity Has a New Address

Families choosing prep schools often aren't chasing prestige alone. They're pursuing opportunity, elite coaching, year-round strength and conditioning, sports medicine, national competition and built-in college recruiting exposure. Many prep schools now operate almost like miniature college campuses, integrating academics with athletic development in ways that few traditional public schools can replicate. The rise of nationally recognized programs such as IMG Academy and Prolific Prep demonstrates how youth sports have evolved. These institutions aren't simply schools that happen to have athletics—they are athletic environments where sports are central to the educational experience. At the same time, AAU basketball, travel baseball, club soccer, and other year-round programs have changed where athletes spend their time and where college recruiters increasingly look for talent. The competition for Hartford athletes no longer begins when school starts. It exists year-round.

The Public School Myth

It's easy to assume families are abandoning public education. The data tells a more complicated

story. Many of the highest-ranked sports high schools in Greater Hartford remain public schools. According to Niche, schools such as Farmington, Simsbury, Glastonbury, Hall and Conard consistently rank among the area's top schools. These aren't exclusive private academies—they're public schools serving traditional communities with stable enrollment and established athletic identities. That distinction matters. Many of these communities are located within the Sheff region, meaning Hartford families may already have access to them through school choice programs. But access isn't the same as certainty.

The Lottery Dilemma

School choice has created tremendous opportunities for thousands of Hartford students. Yet it also introduces uncertainty. Admission into many magnet schools is determined through a lottery. Families cannot guarantee placement at a particular school, regardless of how strongly they prefer it. When parents are making decisions that affect academics, athletics, transportation, friendships, and long-term stability, many want something simple: The ability to choose their own path. Not have it chosen by chance. Whether a family's priority is academics, athletics, or both, certainty often carries tremendous value. Parents want to know where their children will attend school. Athletes want to know where they'll build relationships

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CRUISING with Yadira

A fresh look at events and happenings in Hartford

BY YADIRA MALDONADO

Access Health CT Connects Hartford Residents to Affordable Health Insurance

Although Connecticut has one of the lowest uninsured rates in the nation, thousands of Hartford residents still lack health insurance, making access to affordable coverage and enrollment assistance a critical public health issue.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 12% of Hartford residents under age 65 are uninsured, a rate significantly higher than the statewide average. For many families, the lack of health insurance can mean delaying preventive care, skipping prescription medications, or facing overwhelming medical bills.

Access Health CT, Connecticut's official health insurance marketplace established under the Affordable Care Act, continues to serve as the state's primary resource for residents seeking quality, affordable health and dental insurance. The marketplace allows individuals and families to compare plans, determine eligibility for financial assistance, and enroll in coverage through a single application. (Access Health CT)

The need for affordable coverage remains strong. During the 2026 Open Enrollment Period, 157,246 Connecticut residents enrolled in health insurance through Access Health CT, the highest enrollment in the marketplace's history and the third consecutive year of record enrollment. More than 51,600 residents enrolled through the Covered CT Program, which provides no-cost health insurance for eligible Connecticut adults. (Access Health CT)

Hartford remains a priority for outreach. Access Health CT data identifies Hartford ZIP codes 06112 and 06120 among those with the highest historical likelihood of residents being uninsured, prompting continued community outreach and enrollment assistance in neighborhoods across the city. (Access Health

CT) Many Connecticut residents are surprised to learn they may qualify for financial assistance. Depending on household income, individuals may be eligible for federal premium tax credits, state subsidies, HUSKY Health (Connecticut's Medicaid program), or the Covered CT Program, reducing or eliminating monthly insurance costs.

Free enrollment assistance is available through certified brokers, enrollment specialists, community organizations, and Access Health CT customer service representatives. Residents can receive one-on-one help understanding plan options, completing applications, and determining eligibility for financial assistance.

Even outside the annual Open Enrollment Period, individuals who experience qualifying life events—such as losing employer-sponsored insurance, getting married, having a child, or moving to Connecticut—may be eligible to enroll through a Special Enrollment Period. Access Health CT also recently announced updated enrollment dates in response to federal policy changes while continuing to offer enrollment support and financial assistance. (CT Insider)

Healthcare leaders encourage Hartford residents to review their coverage options before a medical emergency occurs. Having health insurance provides access to preventive screenings, primary care, mental health services, prescription medications, and protection from unexpected medical expenses.

For information about available plans or free enrollment assistance, residents can visit Access Health CT or call 1-855-805-4325. Assistance is available in multiple languages, and in-person enrollment help is offered throughout the Greater Hartford region.

Save the Dates!

Taste of the Caribbean & Jerk Fest
Saturday, August 1, 1 - 8:30 pm • Riverfront Plaza

West Indian Independence Day Parade
West Indian Independence Parade
12 noon, Saturday, August 8, Downtown Hartford

Dragon Boat & Asian Festival
Saturday, August 15, 8 am - 4 pm Riverfront Plaza

Greater Hartford Puerto Rican Parade
Sunday, September 13
Starts at corner of Park Street & Park Terrace; ends at corner of Main Street & Central Row.



Friday, July 24 Fourth Friday Salsa

Want to learn Salsa? Hartford Ballroom, 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, is the perfect place to begin this Friday, June 24, from 7 - 11 pm. The night starts with a long beginner lesson followed by a mix of more lessons and more social dancing. There are half hour workshops spread throughout the evening, with lots of open salsa dancing in between. You'll be chanting 123567 in no time. Cost is \$15.

Saturday, July 25 Peru Fest at Parkville Market

Parkville Market, 1400 Park Street, Hartford, will host Peru Fest 2026 from 12 - 11 pm this Saturday. The event is being held in honor of Peruvian Independence Day. Enjoy live Peruvian music, traditional dances, and authentic cuisine

from Mercado 27.

July 26 - Aug 1, Shark Week at CT Science Center

Celebrate Shark Week at the Connecticut Science Center, 250 Columbus Boulevard, Downtown Hartford, with a week-long line-up of hands-on activities, live science demonstrations, and FIN-TASTIC family fun at the Connecticut Science Center. Explore the blockbuster Sharks exhibition, catch Sharks 3D on the giant screen, meet Baby Shark, hunt for hidden sharks, and dive in with ocean-themed surprises.

Saturday, July 25 Mark Twain House Ghosts

Ever wonder if Samuel Clemens's spirit still lurks the halls of his famed home, smoking his pipe and eves dropping on your gossip and secrets?

Investigate the ghosts of the Mark Twain House, 351 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, at 5 pm with Adam Berry from Kindred Spirits and Ghost Hunters on the Travel Channel. Have a VIP experience that includes a meet and greet with Adam Berry before the show and get to the bottom of who exactly that was snickering behind you in the study... For tickets, go to MrkTwainHouse.org.

Saturday, July 25 Free Outdoor Movie

The Spooky Popcorn free horror film series will show *The Mist* at 8 pm on Constitution Plaza in Downtown Hartford. The film follows David Drayton and his young son after a powerful storm damages their Maine home. The pair head into town to gather food and supplies. Soon afterward, a thick fog rolls in and engulfs the town, trapping the Draytons and others in the grocery store. Terror

mounts as deadly creatures reveal themselves outside, but that may be nothing compared to the threat within, where a zealot (Marcia Gay Harden) calls for a sacrifice. Free and open to the public. Hosted by the Hartford Business Improvement District. The Spooky Popcorn series is held annually on Constitution Plaza on Saturday evenings from July through August. Stock up on your favorite snacks, pack some chairs, and look for the screen near the clocktower.

Wednesday, July 29 Elizabeth Park Music Series

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy will conclude its annual Summer Music Series with a performance by Mass-Conn-Fusion starting at 6:30 pm.. The group boasts an extensive repertoire spanning Motown, R&B, jazz, and blues classics, as well as contemporary hits. They have been performing throughout New England, providing premier entertainment, for over 35 years.

Thursday, July 23 Free Cedar Hill Concert

Cedar Hill Cemetery will present a free outdoor concert at 6 pm featuring the group The Midnight Anthem, a country music - inspired Americana act made up of Catherine, Sophia and Grace... cousins by birth, but sisters at heart. Americana. minated for Best Live Act in 2024. Cedar Hill Cemetery is located at 453 Fairfield Avenue in Hartford. The concert will be held on the large lawn between the Garden and Cedar Mausoleums. Bring blankets, chairs, and picnic dinners for a night to remember. No pets allowed, except for service animals. Rain date is Friday, July 24 at 6 p.m.

Sunday July 26 Salsa Meets Jazz in Bushnell Park

The 15th Annual Ramon Santiago' "Salsa Meets Jazz" Festival will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2026, from 1:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Thomas D. Harris IV Performance Pavilion in Bushnell Park in Downtown Hartford. Free and open to the public.

Festival Line-up

- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.: The Next Generation Meets Venerated Elders, featuring students from Cooperative Arts and Humanities (Co-op) Magnet High School (New Haven, Connecticut) under the direction of Matt Chasen and Henry Lugo
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.: Goza Latin Jazz Band, directed by guitarist Dave Giardina
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.: 2026 Mellon Foundation / Jazz Foundation of America Fellow, trombonist and conch shell player William Cepeda's Afro-Rikan Quintet.

Sunday, July 26 RNB Sundaze on Pratt Street

Spend a chill evening filled with music, vendors, and big summer energy while DJ MAB lays down tracks for RNB Sundaze. Wearing shades of green for this party is encouraged—whether dancing or lounging, this is the place to catch the groove in downtown. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, August 6 Wadsworth Atheneum's First Thursday at the Atheneum

Celebrate First Thursdays at the Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main Street, Downtown Hartford, from 5 - 7 pm. This month's event will take the form of a summer lawn party to celebrate Hartford's creative communities. Vibe to Caribbean music with the Sound Pipers Band while you enjoy live painting, lawn games, and dominoes. Savor authentic Caribbean food from The Rolling Roti and Jamaican Jerk Shack. In addition, MATRIX 199 artist Ocean Vuong will discuss es his new exhibition "I'm Sorry I Love You," and stay for a screening of the film Kes (1969). Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Thursday, August 6 Cedar Hill Sunset Tour

The Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation will host a Sunset Notables Tour at 6:30 pm. Discover the history and beauty of Cedar Hill on this tour showcasing some of the cemetery's most celebrated residents and

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Friday, July 24 Salsa Social on Pratt Street

This summer, the Hartford Business Improvement District (HBID) is once again hosting a series of Salsa Socials on Pratt Street in Downtown Hartford. The next event will be Friday, July 24; additional dates are August 21, and September 18. Salsa Socials run from 5 - 8 pm and are free and open to the general public. In the event of rain, Salsa Socials will take place the following night. For more information go to Hartford.com/



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renowned monuments. Learn about General Griffin Stedman, John Pierpont Morgan, Katharine Hepburn and more. Participants will enjoy watching the sun set during the walk. Admission to the program is \$10.00 and free for Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation members. Advance reservations are recommended and may be made online at www.cedarhill-foundation.org. Cedar Hill Cemetery is located at 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford. The tour begins at the flagpole at the end of the entrance drive.

Friday, August 7
Other People’s
Poems

Hartford Flavor Company, 30 Arbor Street (rear), Hartford, will host another edition of Other people’s Poems from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Read a poem- which someone else wrote – that you love, so that you can feel all fuzzy and warm on the inside. Also, you are not legally required to read a poem. You can come cheer everybody on. Here’s how it works: Sign up for a slot starting at 6:30pm (there are 25 slots). Poems may be read from a page, a screen, or from memory. If you have your poem memorized, you win a loafah. Yup, you read that right. Please only read one poem, save the

Black Church to Host
First LGBTQ+ Service

Faith Congregational Church (FCC), 2030 Main Street, Hartford will host the Sunday Morning Service of the Hartford Black Pride (HBP) weekend this Sunday July 26, at 11am. The event is a partnership between Pride celebration organizers, Faith Congregational, Hartford’s oldest Black church, and the third oldest Historically Black Congregational Church in the United States and the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ (SNEUCC). The event is the first fully public acknowledgement and celebration of FCC’s status as the first historically Black, Open and Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ denomination nationally.

Rev. Cleo D Graham, pastor of FCC, said, “This is the latest milestone in the evolution of our remarkable institution. Under our former name Talcott Street Congregational Church, we began meeting in 1819 as a trail-blazing act, and our faith community have been leaders in creating a more inclusive and equitable world for over 200 years. We are proud in 2026 to continue that legacy. Black and Brown LGBTQ+ people have always been a part of our community and have contributed greatly to the life of the Church. Their faith, leadership, gifts, and witness have enriched congregations across this nation. This event, made possible through a dynamic partnership celebrates that enduring truth, while affirming, Every person is created in the image of God and beloved by

other for next time. Free.

Friday, August 7
WISC First Friday
Celebration

The dance floor at the West Indian Social Club (WISC), 3340 Main Street, Hartford, heats up every First Friday with global rhythms, a guest DJ, and enough energy to keep you moving long into the night. Whether you’re repping your flag or out for a good time, you’ll love the non-stop music and the community vibes. Admission is \$10.

August 7 - 9
CatVideoFest 2026
at Cinestudio

If watching silly cat videos is your thing (and why wouldn’t it be), here’s your time to shine. Knock your glass of water off the table, tear the curtains down, and ack ack ack at all the birds on your way to see CatVideoFest 2026 at Cinestudio, located on the Trinity College campus, 300 Summit Street, Hartford. It’s the world’s fluffiest, most aloof, silly goosiest festival of cat compilation videos in the world. Tickets range from \$7 - \$10. Showtimes are 7 pm on Friday, August 7; 2 pm and 4 pm on Saturday, August 8; and 1 pm on Sunday, August 9. For more details, go to:

Yoga in Our City

Yoga In Our City will return to parks throughout Hartford on Sunday, May 18, and continue through October 12. All classes are offered at no cost to participants and are open to all ages, skill levels, body types, and abilities. However, participants must submit a waiver. For more information, please go to: yogainourcity.com/connecticut/

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Hartford National Night Out – North and South – Aug. 4

North: The Clay Arsenal Community Development Corporation (CACDC) and the Clay Arsenal Revitalization Association (NRZ), will host National Night Out 2026 on Tuesday, August 4, from 5 – 8 pm at Lozada Park, 72 Seyms Street, Hartford. The

annual event provides residents with an opportunity to meet public safety officials, connect with local organizations, and celebrate the strength, resilience, and diversity of the Clay Arsenal neighborhood.

South: The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold National Night Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, from 5 - 8 pm. The event, which is co-sponsored by the Hartford Police Department will be held in

Goodwin Park, please use the entrance off South Street. There will be food, games and activities. National Night Out is designed to strengthen relationships between city residents both among themselves and with the police depart-

ment. It was founded in 1984 in Philadelphia and is now held in hundreds of cities. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie, MARG President, at 860-757-0853 or 860-883-0383.

West End Ride is Rolling

The West End Morning Ride (bicycling group) has begun. This informal group rides every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the warmer months, unless it is raining. The ride starts at 6am sharp from the CVS parking lot at 1044 West Boulevard (corner of Prospect Avenue), West Hartford. A differ-

ent route each morning, casual ride, back within an hour. All are welcome! Helmets are required. For more information, contact Matt Ciscel at matt.ciscel@gmail.com.

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Pursuant to an order of Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge, a hearing will be held at Hartford Probate Court, 250 Constitution Plaza, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103-2814 on August 27, 2026 at 11:40 AM on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning a certain minor child born on August 11, 2010. 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

Dionne E. Bentley, Assistant Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
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AKA Martina Nicolette Miller
(26-00707)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated July 20, 2026, 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:
Wayne Miller
C/O Anthony Joseph Zingales,
Kirschbaum Law Group, LLC,
935 Main Street, Level A,
Manchester, CT 06040

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
Effegina Douglas
(26-00657)

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Michael P. Livieratos,
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The fiduciary is:
Diana Warren
c/o Halley Connolly Allaire,
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El Informativo Latino



Expo de empoderamiento para personas mayores

Gracias a los miembros South End Wellness Senior Center que pudieron asistir a la Expo de Empoderamiento para Personas Mayores en la Biblioteca Pública de Hartford. By Iris Rodriguez

Conductor a Exceso de Velocidad Provoca Choque en Cadena de 5 Autos en I-91 en Windsor; 4 Llevados al Hospital

Un conductor que iba a alta velocidad provocó un choque en cadena de cinco vehículos en la Interestatal 91 Norte en Windsor que envió a cuatro personas al hospital con lesiones menores, según las autoridades.

Cuatro de los cinco vehículos estaban reduciendo la velocidad cerca de la Salida 37 o estaban detenidos debido al tráfico adelante cuando un quinto vehículo se acercó por detrás, "viajando a alta velocidad" poco después de las 6:49 a.m. del domingo 20 de julio, dijeron la Policía Estatal de Connecticut.

El conductor se desvió a la derecha en un intento de evitar un choque. En cambio, el vehículo golpeó la parte trasera de un SUV en el carril derecho, dijeron los investigadores.

El SUV perdió el control y cruzó al carril central, donde chocó con otro vehículo. Ese impacto empujó al segundo vehículo hacia un tercer vehículo en el carril derecho, dijeron los

policías. El vehículo a alta velocidad luego continuó hacia el norte y chocó por detrás a un cuarto vehículo antes de detenerse.

Cuatro personas fueron llevadas al hospital para evaluación.

Un conductor fue llevado al Hospital Saint Francis. Otro conductor, un pasajero y el conductor que la policía determinó que causó el choque fueron llevados al Hospital de Hartford, según la policía estatal.

Todas las lesiones fueron menores, explicó la policía.

El conductor del primer vehículo, un pasajero de 13 años en ese vehículo, y el conductor del cuarto vehículo no resultaron heridos.

Cuatro de los cinco vehículos tuvieron que ser remolcados desde la escena, dijeron los policías.

La policía estatal determinó que el conductor del quinto vehículo fue el culpable y le emitió una citación por delito menor, según el informe del choque.

— By Iris Rodriguez



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