

A night photograph of the Connecticut State Capitol building, featuring its iconic gold-domed roof and ornate facade. A large, brilliant firework explodes behind the building, creating a massive fan of golden-orange streaks that radiate across the dark sky. The building's windows are illuminated, and the overall scene is a vibrant display of light and architecture.

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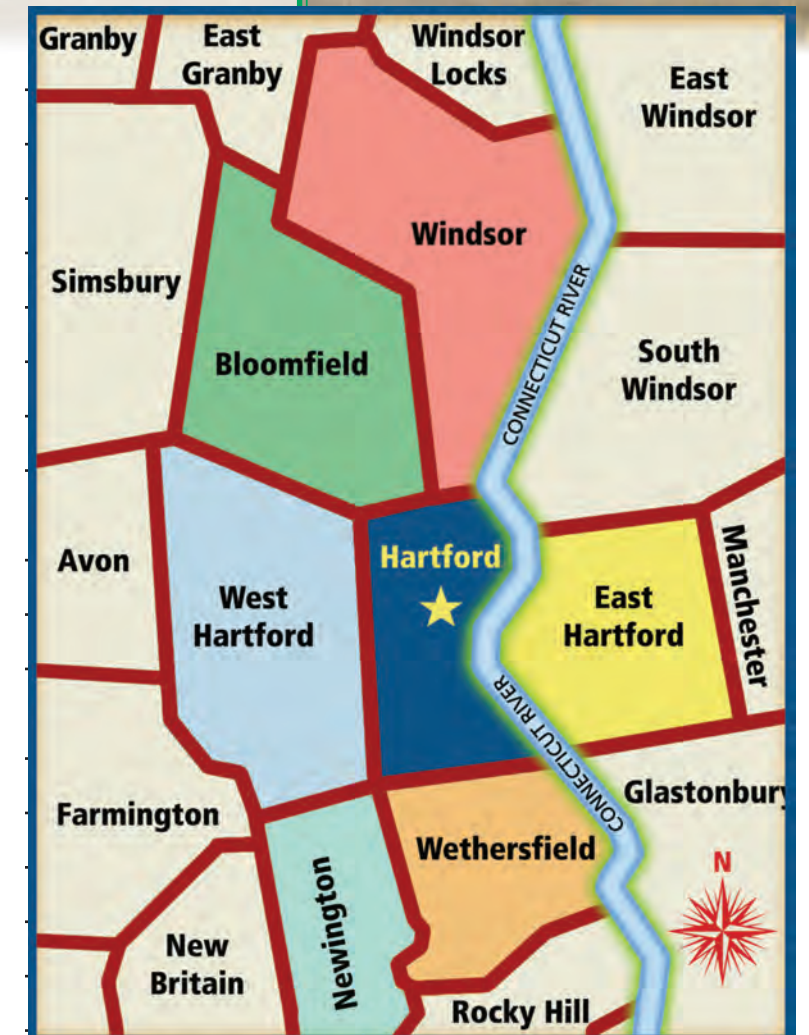
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351 Farmington Avenue | Hartford, CT | 860-247-0998 | marktwainhouse.org

Greater Hartford

Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, is the center of a thriving network of diverse and distinctive suburbs. The city is located at the junction of two major highways, I-84 and I-91, providing easy access to the surrounding towns.



HANDY SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Area Code 860 unless otherwise noted)

"The Blue Book" State of Connecticut Register and Manual: Available from the Secretary of State's office, 14 Trinity Street, Hartford or online: www.sots.ct.gov. Contains a wealth of information about federal, state and local government.

Connecticut Business and Industry Association: Call 860-244-1900 for info.

MetroHartford Alliance: 31 Pratt Street, Hartford, 860-525-4451, www.metrohartford.com.

City of Hartford: For information on almost any City Department, call the info line at 311 or call the general number at 860-757-9500. Or go online to hartford.gov

Greater Hartford Social Services: 211 or 1-800-505-2000 (Emergency 911). Housing, health needs, referrals.

Greater Hartford Arts Council: 860-525-8629, www.letsgoarts.org. Regional arts coordinators and funders.

Go to hartford.com for info on dining, shopping, events and more.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS (Area Code 860 unless otherwise noted)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

General Number.....	622-2200
Attorney General.....	808-5318
Children & Families (DCF).....	550-6300
Commission on Aging	240-5200
Comm. on Culture & Tourism.....	256-2800
Consumer Protection.....	800-842-2649
Education Department	713-6543
Environmental Protection Dept.	424-3000
Governor's Office	566-4840
JUDICIAL BRANCH	
Civil Court	548-2700
Criminal Court	566-1630
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Labor Department, Information	263-6000
Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs.....	240-8330
League of Women Voters.....	203-288-7996
Motor Vehicle Department.....	263-5700
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Emergency (After Hours).....	509-8000
Main Office	509-8000
Public Works, Commissioner	713-5100
Revenue Services	297-5962
Social Services, General Info	424-4908
Transportation Department.....	594-2000

ORGANIZATIONS

MetroHartford Alliance	525-4451
CRCOG.....	522-2217
Capital Reg. Education Council.....	247-2732
Capital Workforce Partners	522-1111
Connecticut Humanities Cncl.	685-2260
Htfd. Consort. for Higher Ed.....	702-3802
Cap. Region Conf. of Churches	247-0017
Knox Parks Foundation	951-7694
UTILITIES	
Electricity, Eversource.....	286-5000
Gas, CTG Resources	727-3000
Telephone Information.....	411
Call Before You Dig	811
Water, MDC	278-7850

HEALTH INFORMATION

AIDS Project Htfd. Hotline	247-2437
Alzheimer's Association	800-272-3900
American Cancer Society	800-492-7161
American Diabetes Assn.....	800-842-6323
Cancer Care	800-813-HOPE
Cancer Infor Serv.....	800-4CANCER

PARKING

Hartford Parking Authority (hartfordparking.com).....	757-0720
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HOSPITALS

Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center	714-4000
Hartford Hospital	545-5000
Connecticut Children's Medical Center	545-9000
Institute Of Living	800-673-2411
Connecticut VA Healthcare System	666-6951

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Child Abuse Hotline.....	800-842-2288
Child Support Center.....	800-228-KIDS
DCF Adoption Information.....	800-842-6347
HUSKY Healthcare for Uninsured Children	877-CT-HUSKY
National Center for Missing Children.....	800-843-5678
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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

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Hartford is the capital of Connecticut and is often called "The Insurance Capital of the World," since it is home to many major insurance corporations, such as Aetna, Travelers and The Hartford Insurance group. Although its population has decreased since reaching a peak of approximately 164,000 in the early 1960s, Hartford remains the region's largest city and its cultural and employment center. Hartford was founded in 1636 by Reverend Thomas Hooker, whose sermon on liberty became the basis for Connecticut's Fundamental Orders, adopted in 1639 and considered by some to be the first written Constitution in the Western tradition. For its first 200 years, Hartford was a relatively minor river port and trading center. That all began to change when Samuel Colt decided to build a factory in his hometown to manufacture his increasingly popular Colt revolver. The Colt Armory was soon the largest privately-owned factory in the world and its distinctive blue-onion dome topped by a golden statue of a colt remains one of Hartford's most memorable sites. The Colt factory attracted some of the most talented inventors of America's Industrial Revolution and Hartford was, for a time, the country's "Silicon Valley" and it became an industrial powerhouse and continued to be so until after World War II. The city's factories attracted waves of immigrants from countries

around the globe, each of which has left its mark on the city. Nineteenth-century Hartford was also one of the most forward-thinking cities in America in terms of culture.

The Wadsworth Atheneum is the country's oldest public art museum; Bushnell Park is the country's first publicly-funded



State Capitol, Downtown Hartford

park; the American School for the Deaf (now located in West Hartford) was the world's first school specifically designed for the hearing impaired; and the Bulkeley Bridge is the world largest stone arch bridge. The city's prominence as a publish-

ing center attracted Mark Twain, who moved in next door to Hartford native Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Both homes have been restored and are among the city's most prominent attractions (see pages 9 - 13). Just down the street from the Stowe House lived a little tomboy who would go on to become one of the greatest actresses Hollywood has ever produced, Katherine Hepburn, who is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, another of Hartford's magnificent attractions. Today, Hartford is a richly diverse urban center. The city's many festivals and events reflect its population composed of African-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Jamaicans, Brazilians, Italians, Bosnians, Peruvians, Indians, Guyanese, Mexicans, Burmese, Albanians, Chinese, Somalians, Polish and many other nationalities and ethnicities.

Settled in 1635; incorporated 1784; city inc., May, 1784. Town and city consolidated, Apr., 1896. Total area: 18.0 sq. miles. Population: est., 124,744. Post offices: Hartford, Main Office, 141 Weston St.; Station A, 510 Park St.; Central, 80 State St.; Barry Square, 641 Maple Ave.; Blue Hills, 433 Woodland St.; Unity Plaza, 271 Barbour St. City Hall 550 Main St., 06103-2992; Tel., (860) 757-9751; FAX, (860) 722-8041. Website: www.hartford.gov.



Mardi Gras Parade with the Hartford Hot Several Band; HartBeat Ensemble's "Jimmy & Lorraine" at the Carriage House Theater.



Mariachi Mexico Antiguo at the Dirt Salon's Day of the Dead celebration; rapper and trumpeter "Tang Sauce" plays at the Charter Oak Cultural Center's Kwanzaa Celebration.



From a Tony Award-winning stage company to the oldest public art museum in the country, the Hartford area provides arts and entertainment on a level beyond many cities several times its size.

Theater

HARTFORD STAGE: This powerhouse theater presents both original productions and innovative revival of theatrical classics. Now in its 54th year, Hartford Stage has presented over 70 American and world premiers. **50 Church St., Hartford, 860-527-5151, hartfordstage.org**

THEATERWORKS: Founded in 1985, TheaterWorks produces some of the most innovative and relevant theater in New England. In over three decades it has turned out over 130 plays. Located in a historic building in Downtown Hartford, TheaterWorks hosts approximately 225 performances annually. **233 Pearl St, Hartford, 860-527-7838, theaterworkshartford.org.**

HARTBEAT ENSEMBLE: Now in its 17th year, HartBeat is activist theater at its best. Many of the ensemble's plays are based on interviews with Hartford residents. HartBeat's home is the historic Carriage House Theater, located across the street from the former home of a Hartford resident who

also liked to stir things up: Mark Twain. **360 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, 860-548-9144, hartbeatensemble.org**

PLAYHOUSE ON PARK: Located on bustling Park Road in West Hartford, Playhouse on Park strives to build community through theater. Productions are designed to be appealing, enlightening and affordable to a wide audience. **244 Park Rd., West Hartford, 860-523-5900, playhouseonpark.org**

Performance Venues

THE BUSHNELL: Many of the world's greatest performers have trod across The Bushnell's stage, from Arturo Toscanini to Judy Garland. It is home to the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and others arts organizations and host a wide variety of shows virtually every week, some right off Broadway. The entertainment complex includes the original Mortensen Hall and the recently constructed Belding Theater as well space for meetings, weddings and other events. **166**

Capitol Avenue, Hartford, 860.987.5900, bushnell.org.

XL CENTER: In addition to major sporting events (see page 14), this 16,000 seat arena host a full schedule of major music concerts. Recent performers include Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Pearl Jam, Black Eyed Peas, Britney Spears, Drake and many more. **1 Civic Center Plaza, Hartford, 877-522-849, xlcenter.com**

INFINITY HALL AND BISTRO: This acoustically pristine, 500-seat theater is modeled on its legendary parent theater located in Norfolk, Connecticut. It hosts approximately 250 music and comedy shows annually by the likes of Al DiMeola, the Gin Blossoms and Howard Jones. **32 Front Street, Hartford, 860-666-6306, www.infinityhall.com**

XFINITY THEATRE: One of the largest amphitheatres in the country is located just minutes north of Downtown Hartford. The Xfinity has a total capacity 30,000 people (22,500 outdoors,

7,500 indoors) and hosts a mix of some of the top musical acts in the country, from Dave Matthews to Jason Aldine. **61 Savitt Way, Hartford, (203) 265-1501, hartfordtheatre.com.**

WEBSTER UNDERGROUND: "Hartford's own CBGBs" is located just around the corner from Trinity College in Hartford's South End. The architecture of the former movie theater is Art Deco, the music is rock from top acts and up-and-comers. **31 Webster Street, Hartford, 860-525-5583, webstertheater.com**

CAROL AUTORINO CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Located on the campus of the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, the Center presents an eclectic lineup of plays, concerts and other events. **1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, 860-232-4571, usj.edu/arts**

LINCOLN THEATER: Located on the University of Hartford campus, this theater seats 716 people. The Lincoln makes full use of the university's talented students and faculty from the world-famous Hartt School of Music. **200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, 860.768.4100 hartford.edu/hartt**

Galleries & Museums

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER: Located in an architectural gem overlooking the Connecticut River, the Center features over 165 hands-on activities and exhibits, a state-of-the-art 3D digital theater, plus daily programs and events. **250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, 860-747-3623, ctsciencecenter.org**

REAL ART WAYS: The home of cutting-edge art in Connecticut has become a lot more. It's theater shows an exciting range of independent films and its parties are legendary. Stop by Creative Cocktail Hour on the third Thursday of every month – the hottest gathering in town. **56 Arbor Street, Hartford, 860-232-1006, www.realartways**

WADSWORTH ATHENEUM: Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth is the oldest public art museum in the country. Among the 50,000 items in its collections are some of the finest painting from the Hudson River School of landscape painting the Wallace Nutting collection of American colonial furniture and decorative arts; the Samuel Colt firearms collection. **600 Main Street, Hartford, 860-278-2670, thewadsworth.org**

100 PEARL STREET GALLERY: Managed by the Greater Hartford Arts Council, this gallery showcases contemporary art exhibits by established and emerging local artists. **100 Pearl Street, Hartford, 860-525-8629, letsgoarts.org/gallery**

Movies

Cinestudio: 200 Summit Street, Trinity College, Hartford, 860-297-CINE, www.cinestudio.org

Palace 17: 330 New Park Avenue, Hartford, 860-236-6677, www.bowtiecinemas.com

Spotlight Theater: 39 Front Street, Hartford, 860-422-7711, hartford.spotlighttheatres.com

AMC Classic: Bloomfield, 863 Park Avenue, 860-286-7900, www.amctheatres.com

Cinepolis: 42 South Main St., West Hartford, 860-236-4111, www.cinepolisusa.com,

To get the latest and most comprehensive info on Hartford events, go to hartford.com and click "Where To Go."

There's also a wealth of up-to-date information on city events, programs, etc. on Facebook at Hartford311.



Cuisine from (left) Costa Del Sol, Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, and (right) Vito's Trattoria, Church Street, Downtown Hartford.

Canolies (left) from Modern Pastry on Franklin Avenue, Hartford and serving up lunch on the banks of the Connecticut River at Riverfront Recapture's Taste of the Caribbean Festival.

Hartford's long and continuing role as a mecca for successive waves of immigration has given it a wide range of restaurants, bakeries and specialty food shops reflecting numerous culinary traditions.

Franklin Avenue in Hartford's South End, once the center of the region's Italian-American community, has gone global. It still boasts some of the state's best Italian restaurants, such as Carbones Ristorante and Ficara's, and bakeries, including Mozzicato-DePasquale Pastry and Modern Pastry, but they have been joined by several Peruvian restaurants, including Piolin, Goal International and The Rocking Chicken. On Wethersfield Avenue, just one block east of "The Avenue," is Costa Del Sol, famous for its paella and other dishes from the Galician region of Spain, and Baltyk Deli, which sells numerous Polish foods, including more varieties of kielbasa than most people even knew existed.



Chick Cicchetti's Big Band has been playing "The Arch" every Monday night for 20 years. No cover!

Hartford's Iconic Restaurants

ARCH STREET TAVERN

85 Arch Street | Hartford | (860) 246-7610

Located just down the block from Hartford City Hall, "The Arch" has long been a favorite watering hole for local politicians. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and inviting. The restaurant has specialized in "comfort food" since long before the term was invented. Try the Mac And Cheese, New England Clam Chowder or a Bacon Cheeseburger. The Arch is also famous for providing a venue for some of the most talented local musicians. www.archstreettavern.com

Downtown Hartford is equally eclectic in its wide range of choices for dining. From Agave Mexican Grill to Black-Eyed Sally's BBQ And Blues and Feng's Asian Bistro, the world is waiting for you. Go Irish at Vaughan's Public House, Italian at Peppercorns, Polish at

the Polish National Home, Japanese at Koji or Middle Eastern at Aladdin Halal Restaurant. Downtown also has numerous eateries on the cutting edge of culinary innovation, such as Max Downtown, Trumbull Kitchen and Salute. As Puerto Ricans and West

Indians comprise a major part of Hartford's population, it is no surprise that the city contains numerous restaurants, clubs and bakeries reflecting these two distinctive – and delicious – culinary traditions. Jerk chicken, curry goat, fried plantains and other West Indian favorites can be found at Sunsplash, Dunn's River Restaurant and several other eateries, while the famous Jamaican beef patties from Scott's Bakery have become a Hartford tradition. Aqui Me Quedo Restaurant on Albany Avenue and Park Street and Comerio Restaurant on Park Street are just two of the many Hartford restaurants serving up Puerto Rican favorites like Arroz Con Pollo (rice with chicken) and Chuleta en Salsa (pork chops in sauce).

This culinary richness doesn't end at the city limits, of course. West Hartford Center rivals Downtown Hartford in the number of restaurants, including Max's Oyster Bar, Restaurant Bricco, Grant's, Luna Pizza and The Elbow Room. Many more distinctive restaurants are scattered across town from Koma Japanese Steak House and the Blue Plate Kitchen at Bishops Corner to the Corner Pug and Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana

on New Britain Avenue.

Most Greater Hartford towns seem to have at least one or two eateries that have become town institutions. Augie & Rays on Main Street in East Hartford is a prime example. Fried fish, burgers, fries and milkshakes are the restaurant's mainstays but the

menu includes such charming choices as the [Congressman] John Larson Breakfast Special, the Mark Schein Burger and the Big Mike Burger. The suburbs have also gone global with Indian, Mexican and Japanese restaurants mixed in with those offering more standard American fare.



Hartford's Iconic Restaurants

PEPPERCORNS GRILL

357 Main Street | Hartford | (860) 547 1714

"Bringing Italy to Hartford for over 28 Years" is the motto of this popular Main Street restaurant. The emphasis on the best ingredients that is the hallmark of Italian cuisine is also the cornerstone of the menu at Peppercorns. Try the insalatina di portabello salad of arugola, grilled portabello mushrooms, plum tomato, balsamic vinaigrette and shavings of parmigiano reggiano or the Northern Italian classic ossobuco in bianco sautéed veal ossobuco braised with white wine, fresh aromatic herbs, garlic, and fresh lemon zest. www.peppercornsgrill.com.



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

Greater Hartford's rich diversity generates a seemingly endless series of major festivals, outdoor concerts, parades and other events, most of them free!

JANUARY: The holidays are over, the weather's cold and the sun goes down around 4:30 pm...but that doesn't stop Hartford from celebrating! On January 6, the region's Puerto Rican community holds its annual Three King's Day Parade on Park Street. Community leaders play the three kings, riding their camels with varying degrees of trepidation and Salsa music warms up the chilly winter streets.

FEBRUARY: If watching brave souls careen down a steep, snowy slope in every kind of

homemade "sled" imaginable is on your bucket list, you can cross it off at the Hartford Art Sled Derby in Elizabeth Park.

MARCH: Everyone's Irish for the Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade! Hundreds march, thousands watch, and a good time is had by all.

APRIL: Opening Day for Hartford Yard Goats dominates the month, but there's also the Ted Hershey Dance Marathon which showcase an amazingly diverse array of local dancing groups!

MAY: The historic Bushnell Carousel in Downtown Hartford's Bushnell Park is open from April through December. In May, the Carousel will host its first Princess Tea of the season.

JUNE: Numerous events are held as the summer officially opens but the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade tops them all. The massive parade draws thousands and is followed by a festival and concert in Downtown Hartford's jewel: Bushnell Park. Wepa!

JULY: Two of the region's most popular events dominate the calendar. Riverfront Recapture's Fireworks Show is one of the largest in New England celebrating our country's Independence. After that, the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz in Bushnell Park extends over three days. The festival draws some of the world's top musicians as well as thousands of spectators.

AUGUST: Greater Hartford has one of the largest West Indian communities in the nation, so they celebrate twice! First with the annual Taste of the Caribbean Festival at Riverfront Plaza and then with the annual West Indian Parade in the city's North End and Downtown neighborhoods. Both are reggae-soaked feasts for the ears, eyes and tastebuds!

SEPTEMBER: Things slow down a bit as the kids go back to school but at the end of the month the Greater Hartford region's Indian community host one of the city's most visually spectacular celebrations, the Incredible India Festival in Bushnell Park. Dances range from the ultra-traditional to the latest Bollywood hits.

OCTOBER: The days grow shorter and colder and Hartford welcomes the changing season with one of the city most distinctive and unique events: Nightfall. Conceived and directed by Hartford artist Anne Cubberly, the show features her famous giant puppets and some of the region's top dancers and singers in a dazzling show designed to entertain children and adults alike. The free show is pre-

sented in a different Hartford park each year.

NOVEMBER: Hartford artists take over the city for Open Studio Weekend. Hundreds of artists display their work and methods at dozens of sites throughout the city.

DECEMBER: Holiday events of all kinds are held throughout the city and region this month. It's all capped off on New Year's Eve by First Night Hartford, an alcohol-free, activity-filled festival highlighted by two fireworks shows, the first at 6 pm for children and the second at 12 midnight.

These are just a few of the city's many events. For the latest details and information, go to hartford.com.



JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



Whether you like watching or doing, Greater Hartford is the perfect spot for sports fans of all ages and interests..

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Despite its relatively small size, Greater Hartford has three major sporting venues. The XL Center in Downtown Hartford is home to the AHL's Hartford Wolf Pack. The 16,294-seat arena also hosts one of the greatest teams in the history of sport, the UCONN Lady Huskies basketball team as well as the university's men's team, winners of four NCAA Tournament Championships.

Just up the street is the new Dunkin Donuts Stadium, home

of the Hartford Yard Goats, a top farm team of the Colorado Rockies. The stadium opened in the spring of 2017 and was soon voted the best minor league baseball venue in the country.

Just across the river in East Hartford is Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field. "The Rent" seats approximately 40,642 and is home to UCONN's Division I football team. It has also been used as the home field for the U.S. men's and women's national soccer teams as well as concerts and other events.

BOATING

Thanks to an effort led by Riverfront Recapture (see page 20), the Greater Hartford region is now making full use of the magnificent Connecticut River. Several boat launches are located along the river for public use. Don't have a boat? Take a leisurely cruise down the river on the Hartford Belle. Riverfront Recapture also manages several rowing programs as well as the highly popular Dragon Boat Festival in August which draws thousands of paddlers.

FISHING

Like many American rivers, the Connecticut was once badly polluted. But its waters run clean again and is one of the most popular fishing spots in the Greater Hartford region, along with the Farmington River. In the spring, thousands of alewives run up the Connecticut to spawn. These minnows are usually followed by striped bass from Long Island Sound and large "stripers" are routinely caught.

CYCLING

Hartford has a large and active cycling community – as befits a city that was home to one of the earliest major bicycle makers, the Pope Manufacturing Company. Hartford's Riverside Park hosted the National Cy-

clocross Championship in January, 2017 and it is also used for local competitions. The region also has many biking clubs, groups and events. Hartford will also soon have a bike-sharing program, see pg. 37. You can find out more at bikewalkct.org.

RUNNING

The Greater Hartford Marathon is one of the largest in the northeast and draws thousands of runners. The Marathon Foundation also hosts numerous other running events throughout the year, such as the "scrambles" along the Connecticut River. Go to hartfordmarathon.com to find out more. Greater Hartford is also home to a wide variety of charity runs of various lengths.

TEAM SPORTS

Hartford's extensive park system (see page 29) has facilities for a diverse range of sports, including baseball, softball, football, basketball and soccer as well as cricket, lawn bowling and kickball. To find out more, go to hartford.gov/parks. Hartford's suburbs also have facilities for numerous sports, find out more on pages 34-37.

GOLF

The rising popularity of golf has been mirrored in Greater Hartford by an increase in the number of private and public courses. Hartford has two, one at Keney Park and the other at Goodwin Park, both of which were recently renovated..



Greater Hartford Breweries



- 1 **Hanging Hills:** 150 Ledyard St., Hartford, 860-263-7033
- 2 **Thomas Hooker:** 16 Tobey Road, Bloomfield and 140 Huyshope Ave, Hartford, 860-242-3111 or 860-461-0945
- 3 **City Steam:** 942 Main St., Hartford, 860-525-1600
- 4 **Hog River:** 1429 Park St., Hartford, 860-206-2119
- 5 **Olde Burnside Brewing:** 776 Tolland St., East Hartford, 860-306-2653.
- 6 **New Park Brewery:** 485 New Park Ave., West Hartford, 860-232-2033
- 7 **Back East Brewing Company:** 1296 Blue Hills Ave, Bloomfield, 860-242-1793

Distilleries

- 8 **Hartford Flavor:** 30 Arbor St., Hartford, 860-338-1642
- 9 **Waypoint Spirits:** 410 Woodland Ave, Bloomfield, 860-858-1446
- 10 **ONYX:** 64 D Oakland St., East Hartford, 860-540-6699

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Hartford Attractions

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100 Pearl Street Gallery: (100 Pearl St.) In lobby next to Greater Hartford Welcome Center. Managed by Greater Hartford Arts Council, gallery showcases local artists. Mon.-Fri. 8am-7pm; Sat. 8am-12pm, Closed Sun. 860-525-8629, www.letsgoarts.org/gallery

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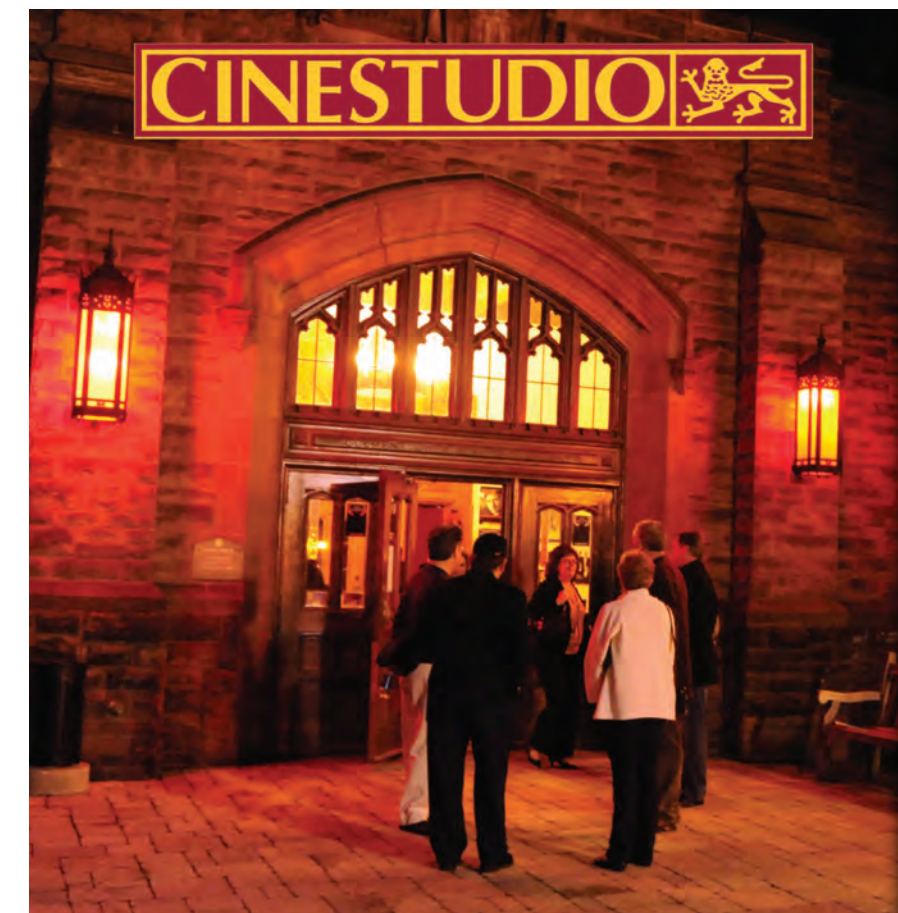
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Front Street Returns

Years ago, before "redevelopment", Front Street in downtown Hartford was an Italian enclave with restaurants, fruit vendors and even Nicky "The Chicken Man" Latorre. Against all corporate pressure and big money offers, Latorre kept his small poultry shop open until his death. By the late 1970's, all had changed with parking lots as the main feature of Columbus Boulevard.

Then came the riverfront, bringing people to the Connecticut River for concerts, festivals, boating and the Lincoln Walk (15 Statues about Lincoln's life). Next came Hartford's six pillars of progress developing what now is "Front Street." With investment by the state, the Phoenix, Waterford Group and others, the area - again, once a sea of parking - is now home to a science



Nicky Latorre's stand against corporate pressure to sell his poultry shop (above) made national news. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford Public Library)

center, a convention center, a large parking facility, and an intriguing array of restaurant and entertainment options. And, now, a University of Connecticut branch!

Every night of the week something happens on Front Street. Movies at the Spotlight Theater (with a seven day happy hour, 3 - 7 pm) Headliners several times a week at the Infinity Hall and "specials" offered at other restaurants, Ted's, Qdoba, Capital Grill and Bear's Barbeque. Plus, the Barnes and Noble bookstore often has book signings and varied events.

Parking is plentiful in several garages, both at the Convention Center and around Front Street and Sheldon Street marked spots (a short walk) and gated parking lot.

Successful housing has been developed on Prospect street along with a new construction on Arch Street, soon to be opened. With the advent of the UConn School of Social Work branch, the whole area bustles with students, faculty and visitors mixing with conventioners and area employees. Stop in at any happy hour and you'll rub elbows with a businessman or woman from the mid-west, a Traveler's employee or a UConn Professor!



(Above) An impromptu concert at the corner of Columbus Boulevard and Front Street. (Below) Infinity Hall has become one of the new Front Street's main attractions.





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Unique PRATT STREET

From Max Bibo's Deli, 280 Trumbull Street to bricks on the sidewalk, the stretch between Trumbull Street and Main Street - Pratt Street - is about as varied as any street of its size in the nation. Bob Colangelo, of Max Bibo's, claims he will deliver 100 sandwiches or a bowl of soup. Bricks assembled in 1989 are a snap shot of the city 30 years ago. Other notables up and down this small stretch: Jerry in the Tobacco Shop, the Gale sisters in Hartford Prints, the Morneaults at Morneaut's Stackpole or Kate Malloy walking clients dogs for a living (860-830-3439) all love to meet visitors and new residents... and do so daily.

History marks the corner of Pratt and Main. In 1860, a group of young Republicans met in a dry goods store and organized what came to be known as the "Wide-Awakes". This group went "viral" (by telegraph) and by the start of the civil war, 400,000 men (and women) marched and cheered for Lincoln. "Old Abe" said "the Wide-Awakes made me President!"

When the good weather approaches, lunch times and some Friday nights will see tables and chairs in the street often with entertainment. The B.I.D. (Business Improvement District) plans a variety of events from college mixers to Salsa Dance parties.

So, if you are looking for ethnic food (Irish, Thai, Greek...) or to have your fortune read, head over to Pratt Street. You might see a wedding party coming out of the Society room or soccer fans packing Vaughan's Irish Pub.



(Above) Dancing on Pratt Street. (Left) Medal honoring the Hartford Wide-Awakes. (Below) Commemorative sidewalk bricks on Pratt.



You might buy a cigar, a fruit treat, or a pair of glasses. And, the ever changing face of the street demands multiple visits!

History still is made daily on Pratt Street with the traditional, like Morneault's Stackpole's, and the Society Room as well as newcomers to the street, like Painting with a Twist and even a Hookah Lounge.

A Historic Clothing Store ~ With a Modern Twist ~

Ron and Jody Morneault have been active in Hartford as clothing retailers for 45 years. Ron's roots go even further as he grew up in Hartford, attending the Cathedral of Saint Joseph's School and has been a downtown landlord for much of his life. Jody is well known for her many charitable & city activities and as a couple they were instrumental in establishing the downtown business improvement district (B.I.D.) They opened a hip clothing store, Tuesday's, way back in 1970's, serving many stylish customers and many famous entertainers at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center (now, the XL Center).



Ten years ago, they purchased Stackpole, Moore & Tryon and combined the two establishments. "We're truly positioning our store for the 21st century" said Ron Morneault.

"While we are eager to meet the needs of today's consumer, we are also committed to upholding the high standards established by Stackpole, Moore and Tryon over one hundred years ago." The store is doing just that, as it was voted the #1 Women's Clothing Boutique by Connecticut Magazine and Best Men's Store by Hartford Magazine in 2016.

Ron and Jody Morneault, as well as their staff, strive to understand each customer's lifestyle and needs. The store continues to be known for its impeccable personalized service. Aside from featuring designer clothing lines that are made in the U.S.A. and Europe, the store also hosts several custom made clothing options as well as formal-wear for both men and women.

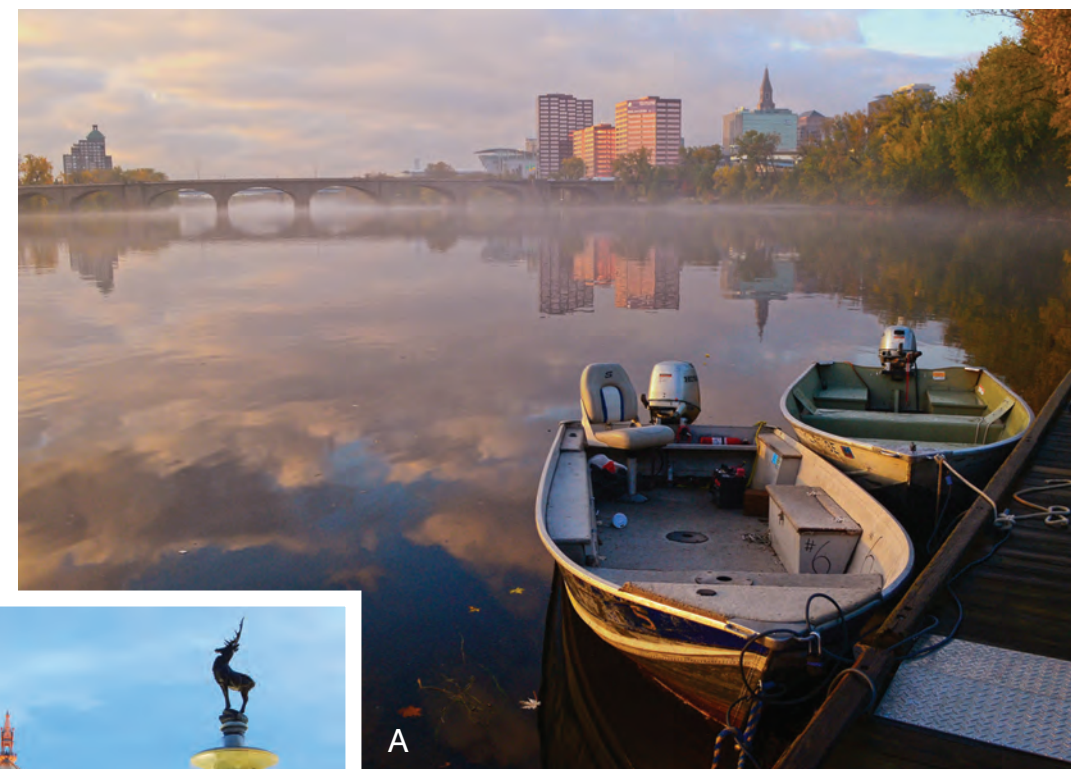
Morneault's Stackpole, Moore & Tryon prides itself on the fit of their customer's clothes and continues to offer in house fitting and tailoring services. The Morneaults see the store as an integral part of the Hartford community. They have been actively involved in the area for 45 years, from charitable and volunteer work to supporting the local downtown area.

RELAX! and take a walk

All the hotels in downtown Hartford (and right across the river) have opportunities for good healthy walks. Hartford is a very walkable city with safe, well maintained streets and trails. Downtown has the "Hartford Guides" and the Riverfront has its rangers, both obviously available for information and security.

Notable walks:

- **I-Quilt** walk from the State Capitol to the riverfront cuts through the heart of the city. Directions at I-quilt.org, you'll pass through "the rocks" by the Travelers Tower and the Wadsworth Atheneum, across Constitution Plaza to the Riverfront.
- **Bushnell Park**, in the center of the city, with its Civil War Arch (Trinity Street), Corning Fountain, antique Bushnell Carousel, pond, trees and ongoing activities is a good half hour circuit.
- **Riverfront Recapture Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk.** Sixteen sculptures starting from the Mortensen Riverfront Plaza (near the Connecticut Science center) and traversing several miles along both sides of the Connecticut River. Visit riverfront.org for details.
- A relaxed stroll through **Hartford City Hall** (550 Main Street), pays handsome dividend. Built in 1915, the building is an architectural gem inside and out. The new Hartford Branch of the



(A) An early morning walk along the Connecticut River from Downtown Hartford to Riverside Park takes only minutes and provides magnificent views of both city and river. (B) The Corning Fountain and State Capitol, Bushnell Park



(C) A statue of the young Abraham Lincoln seems to rise out of the prairie on the banks of the Connecticut River in East Hartford. (D) The Gallaudet Statue at the intersection of Farmington and Asylum Avenues portrays Alice Cogswell, the first student of Thomas



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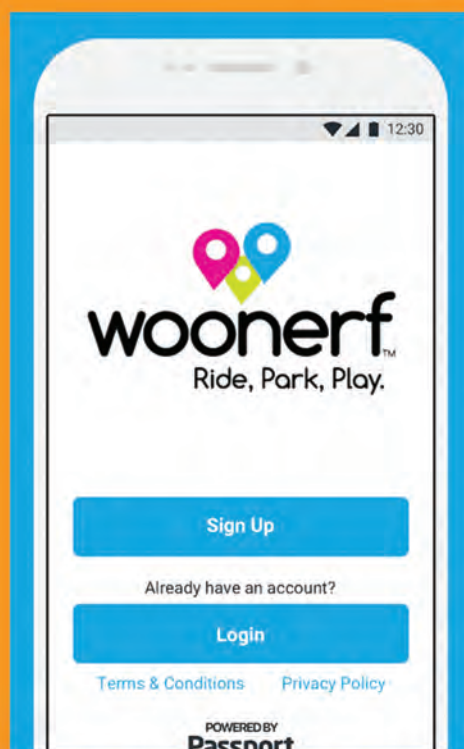
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Many of Hartford's new residents and visitors ask "where do the movers and shakers meet in Hartford". The answer is simple - the Arch Street Tavern at lunch time and right after work is a second home for city and state officials, lobbyists and colorful city characters.

"The Arch" is a restaurant that not only provides you with great food and a relaxed atmosphere, but a place where you become a part of history.

To start with, the Whitehead-Conlin Highway which runs behind The Arch hides a deep secret: it runs over a river. In the early 1940s, much of the Park River was covered over to prevent the kind of flooding that had devastated Hartford in the 1930s.

But the area's history goes back much further. In the early 17th century, the English and the Dutch were busy establishing their respective global empires. The two maritime powers competed and battled against each other from the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of Africa to the far-flung islands of the Pacific. But nowhere did these two empires come closer than in what is now Hartford, where they were only separated by a little river (known quite unimaginatively as "The Little River" at that time and now the Park River).

In 1633, the Dutch built a small fort and trading post, known as the House of Hope, on the south bank of the Little River, just west of where it flowed into "The Long

River" (today's Connecticut River). Three years later, English settlers arrived from Massachusetts under the leadership of Thomas Hooker and began building what would become Hartford on the north bank of The Little River. Hooker himself lived at the corner of Meeting House Alley and School Street (now Arch Street), about 75 yards west of where the Arch Street Tavern stands today.

For almost two decades, the Dutch and English co-existed on their respective sides of the Little River. But the climatic battle never came, unless you count a few shouting matches and other minor incidents. Hartford was just a pawn in the global struggle between the two empires, and a very small pawn at that. Eventually, the Dutch abandoned the fort. All that remains of it is a single yellow brick at the Connecticut Historical Society and the name of the street where Samuel Colt built his world-famous factory. Colt called it Huyshope (Dutch for "House of Hope") Avenue.

Fast forward a couple of centuries. Hartford was growing north and south of the Park River but the wooden bridges across it were repeatedly washed away by the spring floods. By 1833, city leaders had enough. A new bridge - made of stone this time - was to be built where Main Street crossed the river. When it was completed, it was the longest stone arch bridge in the country at 104 feet. The road to its north soon became

known as Arch Street. The bridge still stands today, although it now spans a highway well as the river underneath.

In 1895, the Hartford Brick Carriage Factory was built at the east end of Arch Street. The company manufactured buggies and carriages but the rise of the automobile caused its demise some 20 years later. The building later served as a firehouse and a truck bodyshop. It is one of only a handful of buildings in Hartford's old East Side neighborhood that were not demolished to make way for Constitution Plaza and other urban renewal projects of the 1960s.

In 1978, the Arch Street Tavern opened in the historic building and has continued to thrive despite the disruptions caused by the recent spate of major construction projects near-by.

You certainly don't have to know all that history to enjoy the food - especially their famous pastrami sandwich, atmosphere and live music at The Arch. Big band music has been a fixture there on Monday nights for 25 years. Top flight local musicians of every age play the music of the great American song book to a usually full house. Wednesday means "Boo Yah" night with local and visiting bands. Our suggestion is to go early or reserve a table, call 860-246-7610. On other nights, The Arch hosts a variety of music, rock, folk and touring groups. Check the Tavern's website, archstreettavern.com, for details.

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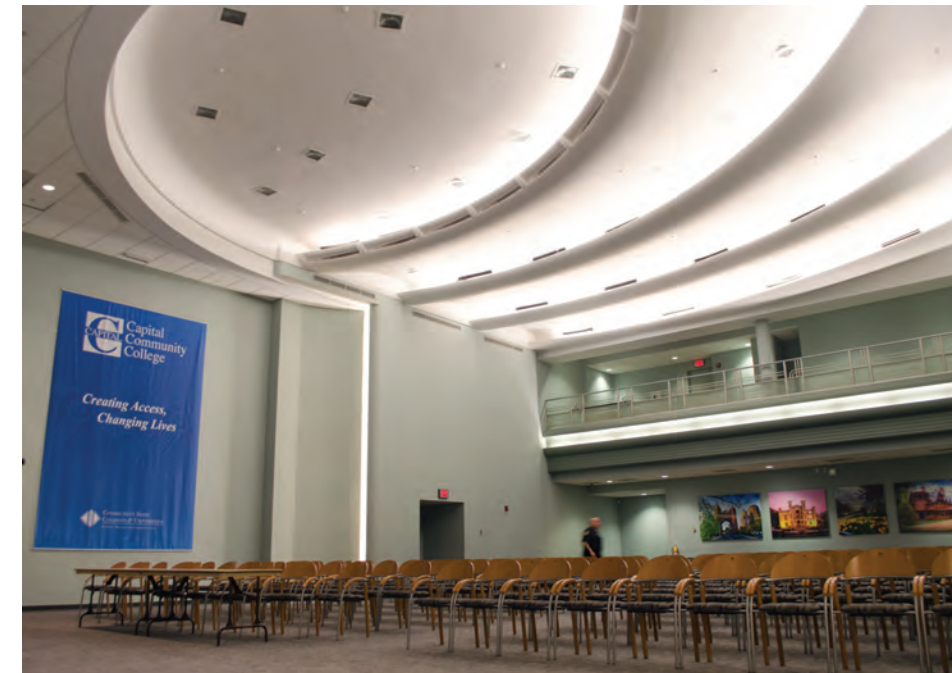


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Capital Community College Revives Historic G. Fox Hall as Gathering Place for Music and Civic Engagement

When a fire destroyed G. Fox & Company's four-story department store in 1917 in downtown Hartford, a new 11-story structure was built in its place, completed in 1918. American architect Gilbert Cass, best known for design of the Woolworth Building in New York City, designed the Main Street building that became the campus of Capital Community College in 2002.

One of the building's best-known features was Centinel Hill Hall, a multi-function theater-style auditorium on the 11th floor. When Hartford was first settled Centinel Hill was the place sentinels stood watch against "marauders and Indians" according to the G. Fox & Company's history of the hall. The name is derived from the old English spelling of sentinel with a "c".

Through the years, G. Fox & Company opened the facility to many groups and organizations. During World War II the hall was a focal point for a community service bureau which promoted volunteerism and civic involvement. From 1928 through the 1980s, all were welcome to use the audi-

torium and its adjoining rooms for meetings and gatherings.

Today, in addition to using the hall for class lectures, faculty, students, and staff are continuing the tradition of using the art-deco auditorium as a community gathering place for music, cultural events, and civic engagement.

Centinel Hill Hall is home to a Concerts @ Capital series in the fall and spring semesters that brings noted musicians of every genre for free, public performances. In the spring 2018 semester the Hartford Heritage Project is hosting a first of its kind Hartford Studies Public Lecture series focusing on place-based learning and the value of the city's history as an asset for growth and community building in the 21st century. Produced by Historian William Hosley, the series is part of the College's 50th anniversary activities.

To visit Centinel Hill Hall or for more information contact the College's Advancement office at 860-906-5102; E-mail: CA-foundation@capitalcc.edu



Upcoming Events at
Capital Community
College and
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Hartford History Lecture Series

April 26: Rediscovering the
Hartford Art Scene, 1850-1950
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Concerts @ Capital

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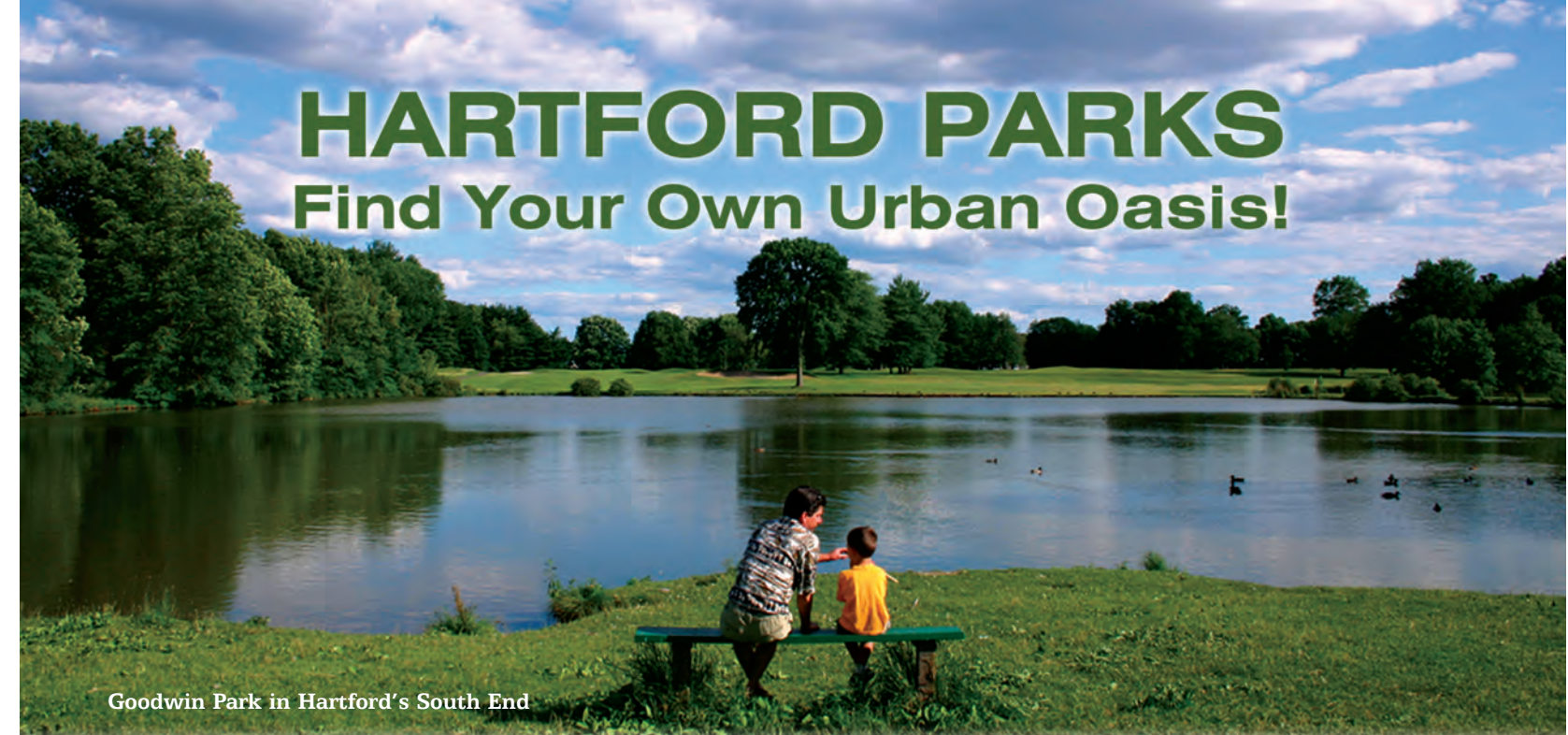
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Goodwin Park in Hartford's South End

Hartford parks and open spaces serve as valuable amenities to the city's residential neighborhoods, regional visitors, and tourists from abroad. The parks' multifaceted benefits include a range of recreational fields for organized sports, scenic pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians, swimming pools, boat launches, equestrian trails, golf courses, playscapes for children, gardening, and other healthy opportunities for social interaction.

Hartford has 35 parks and approximately 1,513 acres of parks and open space within the city limits and an additional 717 acres outside Hartford. Hartford's facilities range from large parks like Bushnell, Pope, Keney, Colt and Goodwin to small neighborhood parks and greens like Campfield Green and Franklin Square Park.

Hartford Parks system is of great historic significance to the evolution of American public parks. Pioneering landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead was a native of the city and his firm played a key role in planning Hartford's park system. Six of Hartford's parks are on the National Register of Historic Places, including Bushnell Park, Keney Park, Colt Park, Elizabeth Park, Sigourney Park, and Charter Oak Landing. Hartford is blessed with the nation's first publicly-funded municipal park, Bushnell Park (1854), as well as America's the first municipal rose garden in Elizabeth Park.

Major Hartford Parks

- **Keney Park (1896)** is one of the largest public parks in New England with 693-acres. The park's natural look was designed as a series of typical regional landscapes, including meadows and forests. The 18-hole Keney Park Golf Course was designed by Devereux Emmet and recently reovated.
- **Goodwin Park (1895)** is similar to Keney in many ways and also features the natural look favored by the Olmsteads. The park includes 9-hole and 18-hole golf courses, a driving range, tennis courts swimming pool and play area.
- **Pope Park (1895)** was donated to the city of Hartford by industrialist Colonel Albert Pope for his employees and city

residents to enjoy games, walking and out-of-door activities. It was designed by the Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects in 1898. The Park has athletic fields, a recreation center, a pond, and other amenities.

- **Elizabeth Park (1897)** lies on both sides of the Hartford-West Hartford town line. In addition to its world-famous Rose Garden, it also contain sports fields, greenhouses, a large pond and even a lawn-bowling pitch.




Colt Park

- **Colt Park (1905)** was established from the former Armsmear Estate of Samuel and Elizabeth Colt and given to the City of Hartford for active recreational use. The park includes facilities for baseball, softball, soccer, football and many other sports as well as a swimming pool.
- **Bushnell Park (1854)** is located in the heart of Downtown Hartford. It features a historic carousel and numerous monuments and hosts many major events, including the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz.

For more information about each of our parks and maps, use the QR code at right, for current events and activities taking place in Hartford's parks, go to the Facebook page, A View from the Parks.





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SHOPPING

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Following the national trend, most retail shopping moved out of Downtown Hartford and into the suburbs in the last quarter of the 20th century. While some conventional malls in other parts of the country have seen a decline, Westfarms Mall on the West Hartford-Farmington-Newington town line is still going strong. The mall has over 160 shops and restaurants, anchored by Nordstrom, Macy's, Lord & Taylor and JCPenney and including The Art of Shaving, Athleta, Brio Tuscan Grille, California Pizza Kitchen, Coach, Free People, Kiehl's, J.Crew, Louis Vuitton, lululemon, Lush, Michael Kors, Microsoft, P.F. Chang's, Tiffany & Co., Tommy Bahama, Tory Burch, True Religion Brand Jeans, Urban Outfitters and many more. Westfarms is also the center of a busy retail corridor with Target, Trader Joe's, Best Buy and several other major stores just down the road.

The 21st century trend of creating "all-in-one" shopping districts with retail supplemented by entertainment and residential space is exemplified by Blue Back Square, located in West Hartford Center. "The Center" is a retail powerhouse in itself with many shops and several acclaimed restaurants (See Dining in Greater Hartford, page 22). Blue Back opened a decade ago on the east side of West Hartford Center and includes a multi-screen movie theater, apartments and many restaurants, including The Cheesecake Factory and Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, and shops, anchored by Crate & Barrel, West Elm and REI.

West Hartford has a more traditional shopping district along Park Road. The area is famous for its many upscale beauty salons as well as some of the town's oldest and most popular institutions, such as A.C. Petersen Farms restaurant, well-known for its original art-deco decor and overloaded sundaes, Hall's Market, which boasts a regionally famous meat department, and the Quaker Diner, which serves up one of the best breakfasts around.



Blue Back Square, West Hartford

Downtown Hartford is a shadow of its former role as the region's retail mecca, but still contains a number of distinctive shops, such as the Camera Bar, Morneau's Stackpole Clothiers, The Tobacco Shop, Hartford Prints and Spiritus Wines, in among the area's many restaurants and cafes. A comprehensive list of Downtown Hartford shops can be found at hartford.com/shops-services.

Other major retail corridors in Greater Hartford include Main Street in East Hartford, the Silas Deane Highway in Wethersfield, the Berlin Turnpike in Newington and Wethersfield, Bloomfield Center (junction of Rts. 178 and 189) and Main Street and Route 175 in Windsor.

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HJC is located minutes from Downtown Hartford which has many great restaurants, hotels, parks, entertainment along with multiple education facilities of Connecticut. HJC is a full service FBO offering an Air Traffic Control Tower, flight planning room, pilots lounge, two conference rooms, on site rental cars, courtesy crew car, aircraft detailing, hotel accommodations, fuel and

ground support. You can also stop by the onsite restaurant "The Flying Monkey Grill and Bar" a local favorite offering soft jazz for your dining pleasure whether indoors or outside on the patio.

The Jet Center complex also offers aircraft maintenance, avionics installation and services, aircraft sales, flight training, and charter services. Whenever you travel to Connecticut, we invite you to visit us and enjoy our world class facility and outstanding services. You'll find our FBO is staffed with dedicated and passionate team members eager to assist you whatever your aviation needs.

For more information on Hartford Jet Center, go to the website hfdjet.com or call (860) 548-9334.

Getting Around Greater Hartford

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Beginning May 2018, new service adding trains between New Haven, Hartford and Springfield.

Hartford Bike-Sharing Program
Early this spring, Hartford will have its own bike-sharing program. LimeBike, a California-based company, plans to deploy 300 bikes throughout the city. Access to the GPS-tracked bikes will be provided through an app. The cost will be \$1 per half-hour.

	Bradley International Airport (BDL) BradleyAirport.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in Windsor Locks, just 12 miles from Hartford Airlines include Aer Lingus, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest & United Airlines Car rental & taxi services available Public transportation connects BDL and Hartford (see Bradley Flyer)
	CTtransit www.cttransit.com	<p>Over 30 local and 13 express bus routes. Many local routes operate 7 days a week, serving 26 towns in the Capital Region. Express service primarily operate weekdays only, with service 7 days a week on the 913 (Storrs) and 928 (Waterbury) express routes.</p>
	Bradley Flyer by CTtransit www.cttransit.com/services/bradley-flyer or call 860-525-9181	<p>Semi-express bus service to Bradley International Airport for a low local bus fare. The Bradley Flyer provides direct service to the Connecticut Convention Center and Union Station in Hartford. The trips operate approximately hourly between downtown Hartford and all the terminals at the airport, seven days a week.</p>
	CTfastrak by CTtransit www.cttransit.com/services/ctfastrak	<p>Connecticut's first Bus Rapid Transit system. It is a system of bus routes that utilize a bus-only roadway for all or a portion of your trip. CTfastrak routes are integrated with the CTtransit system, making it easy to connect, transfer and pay your fare.</p>
	Car Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taxi fare from BDL is approximately \$45.00 Car rental is available at the airport and in Downtown Hartford Livery service is approximately \$80. Numerous companies serve the Greater Hartford region. Uber: inexpensive transportation for up to 4 people. Go to the website: www.uber.com/ride to sign in. Lyft: Serves Bradley Airport and the region. Go to the website: www.lyft.com/cities/hartford-ct.
	Hartford Parking Authority 11 Asylum St., Hartford hartfordparking.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAT Garage, 20 Church Street, Hartford 58 Chapel Street Lot, Hartford 1212 Main Street, Hartford Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford On-street metered parking (see page 31)
	Union Station Hartford (HFD) hartfordtransit.org/unionstation.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in Downtown Hartford Services Amtrak, Bonanza, Greyhound, Peter Pan and others Taxi service available Hertz car rentals available Connections to CTtransit local bus routes

Bloomfield

A diverse suburb north of Hartford, Bloomfield includes numerous parks and large open spaces perfect for hiking. Incorporated: May, 1835; taken from Windsor. Total area: 26.2 sq. miles. Population: 20,525. Post office, Bloomfield. Rural free delivery. Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Ave., P.O. Box 337, 06002-0337; Tel., Hartford, (860) 769-3500; FAX, (860) 769-3597. Website: www.bloomfieldct.org.

Attractions

4-H Center at Auer Farm (158 Auer Farm Rd.) 120-acre farm. Seasonal education programs, picnic areas, gardens, animals in barn. Some activities require advance reservations/fees. 860-242-7144, www.auer-farm.org

Back East Brewing Company (1296 Blue Hills Ave.) Family-owned craft brewery that hosts tours and special tastings. 860-242-1793, www.backeastbrewing.com

Bloomfield History Center (153 School St., Rt. 178) Museum and library. Local genealog-

ical records. Open Mondays. 860-242-1531, www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

Filley Park (Located in Town Center, west of Tunxis Avenue) “The Jewel of Bloomfield” is a compact park with a stream and pond.

Gillette Ridge Golf Club (1360 Hall Blvd., Rt. 218) 860-726-1430, gilletteridgegolf.com

Old Farm School (151 School St., corner of Park Ave. Rt. 178) Two-story schoolhouse built in 1796. Sun. 1-4pm, May 15-Oct. 15. 860-242-1531, www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

Penwood State Park (560 Simsbury Rd.) Mountain bike accessibility. 860-424-3200 • www.ct.gov/deep/penwood

Sky Endeavors Hot Air Balloons (4 Brown St.) 860-242-0228, www.skyendeavors.net

Thomas Hooker Brewing Company (16 Tobey Rd.) Microbrewery produces award-winning craft-brewed beer. Tours, open houses, 1st and 3rd Fri. 5-8pm and Sat. 12-5pm. 860-242-3111, www.hookerbeer.com



Bloomfield’s Old Farm School (built 1796).

Waypoint Spirits (410 Woodland Ave.) Hand-crafted distillery of vodka, gin, whisky and rum. Tours and tastings. Fri. 4-7pm, Sat. 12-4pm. 860-858-1446, www.drinkwaypoint.com

Wintonbury Hills Golf Course (206 Terry Plains Rd.) 860-242-1401, www.wintonbury-hillsgolf.com

East Hartford

Located directly across from Hartford and connected to it by three major bridges, East Hartford is home of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and Rentschler Field, home of the UCONN Huskies football team. Incorporated: Oct., 1783; taken from Hartford. Total area: 18.8 sq. miles. Population: 51,318. Post office, East Hartford Main and Silver Lane. Town Hall, 740 Main St., 06108-3114; Tel., Hartford, (860) 291-7230; FAX, (860) 291-7238. Website: www.easthartfordct.gov.

Attractions

Cabela’s (475 East Hartford Blvd. North) Next to Rentschler Field stadium. 185,000-sq.-ft. retail showroom, educational/entertainment attraction with huge aquariums and trophy animals in recreations of natural habitats. 860-290-6200, www.cabelas.com

East Hartford Cultural Center (50 Chapman Pl.) Host to numerous cultural and community events, providing concerts by diverse and talented artists. 860-282-8241, www.ehccc.com

Edward E. King Museum (840 Main St.) Tobacco and aviation history. Year-round. Mon.-Thur. 9am-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm. Free. 860-289-6429

Great River Park (East River Dr. near Hartland St.) Park has something for everyone – 350-seat amphitheater, public art display, boat docking, picnicking and playgrounds, fishing. 860-713-3131, www.riverfront.org

Huguenot House/East Hartford Historical Society (307 Burnside Ave.) Restored home of colonial saddlemaker, gambrel roof, vaulted dormer windows. Ask about friendly ghost. Also, 1820 one-room Goodwin School House and c. 1850 Burnham Blacksmith Shop. Call for hours. 860-528-0716, www.hseh.org

Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk at Riverfront (On the banks of the Connecticut River) Award-winning sculptures reflecting the life and values of Abraham Lincoln. Free. 860-713-3131, www.riverfront.org

Olde Burnside Brewing Company (776 Toland St.) Tours of brewery and antique ice-house by appt. 860-528-2200, www.oldeburnsidebrewing.com



Summer Sounds Concert Series, Great River Park.

Onyx Moonshine (64D Oakland Ave.) Craft distillery. Tastings on Fri. 5-8pm and Sat. 12-6pm, and Sun. 12-5pm. 860-550-1939, www.onyxmoonshine.com

Rentschler Field (615 Silver Ln.) 40,000-seat sports & entertainment stadium. Home to UConn Huskies football, concerts, special events and more. 860-610-4700, www.rentschlerfield.com

Newington

A small, quiet suburb, Newington is adjacent to Hartford, West Hartford and New Britain, giving easy access to jobs, dining and cultural resources and activities. Newington Center has a charming variety of shops and eateries. In addition, numerous retail shops and restaurants line the Berlin Turnpike, which runs through the west side of town. Incorporated July 10, 1871; taken from Wethersfield. Total area: 13.2 sq. miles. Population: 30,599. Post office: Newington. Rural free delivery. Town Hall: 131 Cedar St., 06111-2644; Tel., (860) 665-8545; FAX, (860) 665-8551. Website: www.newingtonct.gov.

Attractions

American Radio Relay League (ARRL) (225 Main St.) The Center of U.S. Amateur (“ham”) Radio since 1914. Learn about ham radio, visit W1AW flagship station. Free tours Mon.-Fri. 9am-3pm. 860-594-0200, www.arrl.org

Callahan’s Bowl-O-Rama (2143 Berlin Tpke.) Great family fun, birthday parties, get togethers, leagues. 860-666-5411, www.bowlo-ramact.com

Enoch Kelsey House (1702 Main St.) Built in 1799 by Enoch Kelsey, noted for trompe l’oeil wall paintings, free-hand-painted wall designs which imitate wallpaper. Apr.-Oct.: Sun. 1-4pm and by appt. 860-666-7118

Kellogg-Eddy House (679 Willard Ave.) Built in 1808 for Gen. Martin Kellogg. New England interpretation of Georgian-style house noted for Greek Revival design influences. Apr.-Dec.: Sun. 1-4pm and by appt. 860-666-7118

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Mill Pond Park (123 Garfield Street) Contains Mill Pond Falls, billed as the smallest natural waterfall in the country – as well as a basketball court, two soccer fields, a boundless playground, a fishing pond for children under 16 years of age, a 90 foot baseball field, an outdoor pool and a walking nature trail. (860) 665-8666

National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument (Ella Grasso Blvd.) Only flag-raising monument dedicated to memory of 6,421 Americans killed at Iwo Jima. Erected by survivors. Contact: Iwo Jima Survivors Assoc., P.O. Box 310516, Newington, CT 06111. 860-666-5521

Newington Children’s Theatre Company (743 North Mountain Rd.) Performing arts, cultural and educational experiences for young people. Theatrical performances for public. 860-666-NCTC, www.nctcarts.org



Iwo Jima Memorial in Newington

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West Hartford

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Attractions

Hartt School at the University of Hartford (200 Bloomfield Ave.) Performing arts school offers more than 400 music, dance and theatre performances every year. 860-768-4228, www.hartford.edu/hartt

Joseloff Gallery of the Hartford Art School (Harry Jack Gray Center at University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave.) Artist, student and faculty exhibitions throughout year. Free. Tue.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Sat.-Sun.12-4pm. 860-768-4090, www.joseloffgallery.org

The New Children’s Museum (950 Trout Brook Dr.) Where science and nature are fun! Wildlife sanctuary, digital planetarium, hands-

on experiences and more. 860-231-2824, www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org

Noah Webster House/West Hartford Historical Society (227 South Main St.) Birthplace of creator of first American dictionary. Tours, educational programs, exhibits, shop. Call for hours. 860-521-5362, www.noahwebster-house.org

Playhouse on Park (244 Park Rd.) Year-round professional theatre presenting high quality, affordable performing arts programs. 860-523-5900, www.playhouseonpark.org

Rock Climbing School at Eastern Mountain Sports Corbins Corner Parkade (1459A New Britain Ave.) 860-561-4302, www.em-sclimb.com

Rockledge Golf Club (289 South Main St.) One of the finest 18-hole public golf courses in the Northeast region. 860-521-3156, www.golfrockledge.com

Sarah Whitman Hooker Homestead (1237 New Britain Ave.) Three periods of early Connecticut domestic architecture, 1720-1830. Wallpapers, decoration, table settings, period garden. Call for hours and tours. 860-523-5887, www.sarahwhitmanhooker.com

University of Saint Joseph Art Gallery (1678 Asylum Ave.) Open year-round with changing exhibitions and a permanent collection of



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over 2,000 artworks. Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., 11am-4pm; Thur. 11am-7pm; Sun. 1-4pm. 860-231-5399, www.usj.edu/artgallery

Veterans Memorial Skating Rink (56 Buena Vista Rd.) Skate rentals. 7 days/week year-round. 860-521-1573, www.skatevmsr.com

West Hartford Art League (37 Buena Vista Rd.) Regional art center. Monthly exhibits of local, regional artists. Year-round classes. Call for hours. 860-231-8019, www.westhartfordart.org

Westmoor Park (119 Flagg Rd.) Environmental education center and demonstration farm. Farm hours: 9am-4pm daily. Nature trails open dawn to dusk. 860-561-8260, www.westmoorpark.org

Wethersfield

Founded in 1634 by a group of 10 Puritans hailing from Watertown, Mass., led by John Oldham and Nathaniel Foote, Wethersfield is recognized as the second-oldest town in Connecticut, after Windsor (although many Wethersfield residents will argue it’s the other way around!). Settled, 1634; named, 1637; incorporated May, 1822. Total area: 13.1 sq. miles. Population: 26,695. Mill rate: 36.74. Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Hwy., 06109-2216; Tel., 860-721-2880; FAX, 860-721-2994. Website: www.wethersfieldct.com.

Attractions

Buttolph-Williams House (249 Broad St.) Built around 1715, house reflects popularity of traditional architecture imported from England with diamond-paned casement windows, clapboards weathered nearly black, and hewn overhangs. See website for hours. 860-529-0612, www.webb-deane-stevens.org

Captain James Francis House (120 Hartford Ave.) Built in 1793 and expanded in 1815. Tours by appointment only. 860-529-7656, www.wethhist.org

Windsor

In 1634, a party of around 30 people, sponsored by Sir Richard Saltonstall, and led by the Stiles brothers, Francis, John and Henry, settled in the Windsor area, making it the first English settlement in the state. Windsor once included all or part of the following towns: Windsor Locks, South Windsor; East Windsor; Ellington, and Bloomfield.Settled, Sept. 26, 1633; named, Feb., 1637. Total area: 31.1 sq. miles. Population: 29,060. Post offices: Windsor and Poquonock. Mill rate: 30.47. Town Hall, 275 Broad St., P.O. Box 472, 06095-0472; Tel., (860) 285-1902; FAX, (860) 285-1909. Website: www.townofwindsorct.com.

Attractions

Luddy/Taylor Connecticut Valley Tobacco Museum (135 Lang Rd. in Northwest Park) History/artifacts of cigar tobacco growing in region. Old equipment, tobacco shed, pictures, literature, films. March to mid-Dec.: Thur. & Fri,m 12-4, Sat. 10-4pm. Free. 860-285-1888, tobaccohistsoc.org

Cove Warehouse (North end of Main St.) Ancient warehouse features maritime exhibits of town and Connecticut River. Mid-May to mid-Oct. 860-529-7161, www.wethhist.org

Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center (156 Prospect St.) Ecology education center with exhibits, animals, library, and park. Tue.-Sat. 860-529-3075, www.ebwnaturecenter.org

Historic Wethersfield (Exit 26 off I-91) Also known as “Old Wethersfield.” Founded in 1634, quaint shops and museums in ancient warehouses, vintage homes and old barns. Restaurants, museums, bed & breakfasts, art galleries, antiques, jewelry, travel agency. 860-721-2939, www.historicwethersfield.org

Hurlbut-Dunham House Museum (212 Main St.) Elegant brick Georgian, renovated in Italianate style in 1860s. Mid-May to mid-Oct. on Sat. & Sun. Admission: \$5 for over age 16. 860-529-7161, www.wethhist.org

Meadowgate Farms (250 Elm St.) Trail rides, pony rides, and pony parties. 860-257-9008

Old Academy Genealogical & Research Library (150 Main St.) Research town history and genealogy. Tue.-Fri. 10am-4pm. 860-529-7656,

Northwest Park & Nature Center (145 Lang Rd.) 473 acres of woodlands/wetlands. Nature center, heritage breed live animals, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing rentals, maple sugar house. 860-285-1886, northwestpark.org

Oliver Ellsworth Homestead (778 Palisado Ave.) Home of famous Revolutionary patriot, jurist, statesman, and framer of U.S. Constitution. Built in 1780. 860-688-8717, ellsworth-homesteadaddar.org

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Windsor Art Center at the Freight House (40 Mechanic St.) Visual and performing arts. Gallery is free (Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 11am-4pm, Thur. 6-8pm). Gift shop has locally made art. 860-688-2528, windsorartcenter.org

Windsor Center River Trail (Rt. 159, Downtown) Stroll along the Windsor Center River Trail located on a 43-acre site on the Farming-



Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum in Old Wethersfield, decorated for the Holidays

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Wethersfield Museum at Keeney Memorial Cultural Center (200 Main St.) Features permanent and changing exhibits, gift shop, visitor services. Tue.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 1pm-4pm. 860-529-7161, www.wethhist.org



The Strong-Howard House (built in 1758) on Palisado Green anchors the Windsor Historical District.

ton River. Cyclists and roller bladers welcome. townofwindsorct.com

Windsor Historical Society (96 Palisado Ave.) Two historic houses, exhibition galleries, family learning center, research library, museum gift shop. Year-round: Tue.-Sat. 10am-4pm. 860-688-3813, www.windsorhistoricalsociety.org

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Hilton Hartford Hotel 315 Trumbull St., 860-728-5151, www.hartford.hilton.com	393	•	•	•	•	•	In	600		
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Marriott HartfordDowntown 200 Columbus Blvd., 860-249-8000, www.hartfordmarriott.com	409	•		•	•	•	In	900		
Radisson Hotel Hartford 50 Morgan St., 860-549-2400 www.radisson.com/hartford-hotel-ct-06120/usahart	150	•	•	•	•	•	Out	350		
Red Roof Plus Hartford Downtown 440 Asylum St., 959-888-3000, www.redroof.com	96	•	•			•		55		•
Residence Inn by Marriott Downtown Hartford 942 Main St., 860-524-5550, www.hartfordresidenceinn.com	120	•	•	•	•	•		50		•
Super 8 Motel 57 West Service Rd., 860-246-8888, 800-800-8000, www.super8.com	104	•						20	•	•
Travel Inn Motel 100 Weston St., 860-724-0222	115	•							•	
BLOOMFIELD										
Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary 467 Bloomfield Ave., 860-242-5573, www.stseminary.org	100	•			•			450		•
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EconoLodge 490 Main St., 860-569-1100, www.econolodge.com	80	•							•	•
Hampton Inn & Suites 351 Pitkin St., 860-282-2500, www.hamptoninneasthartford.com	121	•				•	In	30	•	•
Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown Area 100 East River Dr., 860-528-9703, 877-834-3613 www.holidayinn.com/easthartfordct	215	•		•	•		In	350	•	
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Holiday Inn Express 2553 Berlin Tpke. 06111, 860-372-4000 ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/newington/bdInc	99	•				•	Ind.	40	•	•
WEST HARTFORD										
Delamar Hotel 1 Memorial Rd. 06107, 860-937-2500, delamar.com/west-hartford	102	•	•	•	•	•		300	•	•
West Hartford Inn 900 Farmington Ave., 860-236-3221, 877-782-2777 www.westhartfordinn.com	52	•	•			•			•	•
WETHERSFIELD										
Chester Bulkley House B&B 184 Main St., 860-563-4236, www.chesterbulkleyhouse.com	5								•	•
Comfort Inn Wethersfield 1330 Silas Deane Hwy., 860-563-2311, www.comfortinn.com	108	•		•			In	60	•	•
Motel 6 1341 Silas Deane Hwy., 860-563-5900, 800-466-8356, www.motel6.com	144	•	•						•	
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Courtyard by Marriott (Hartford/Windsor) 1 Day Hill Rd., 860-683-0022, www.courtyardhartfordwindsor.com	149	•		•	•	•	In	40	•	
Hampton Inn (Hartford/Airport) 2168 Poquonock Ave., 860-683-1118, www.hamptoninnhartford.com	110	•				•	In	30	•	•
Hartford/Windsor Marriott Airport Hotel 28 Day Hill Rd., 860-688-7500, www.hartfordairportmarriott.com	295	•		•	•	•	In	600	•	
Hilton Garden Inn Hartford North/Bradley Intl. Airport 555 Corporate Dr., 860-688-6400, www.windsor.hgi.com	157		•	•	•	•	In	240	•	
HYATT house (Hartford North/Windsor) 200 Corporate Dr., 860-298-8000, www.hyatthousehartfordnorth.com	132	•	•			•	In	60	•	•
Residence Inn by Marriott (Hartford/Windsor) 100 Dunfey Ln., 860-688-7474, www.residenceinn.com	96	•	•			•	Out		•	•

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2. **Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Complex:** The machines and manufacturing techniques developed launched the second industrial revolution.



Photo circa 1870

3. **Armsmear:** The Colts had Armsmear constructed to mark their marriage. It is now a private residence for women.



4. **Colt Park:** Colt Park was originally part of the Colt's estate.



5. **Church of the Good Shepherd:** Elizabeth Colt built the Church in memory of her husband.



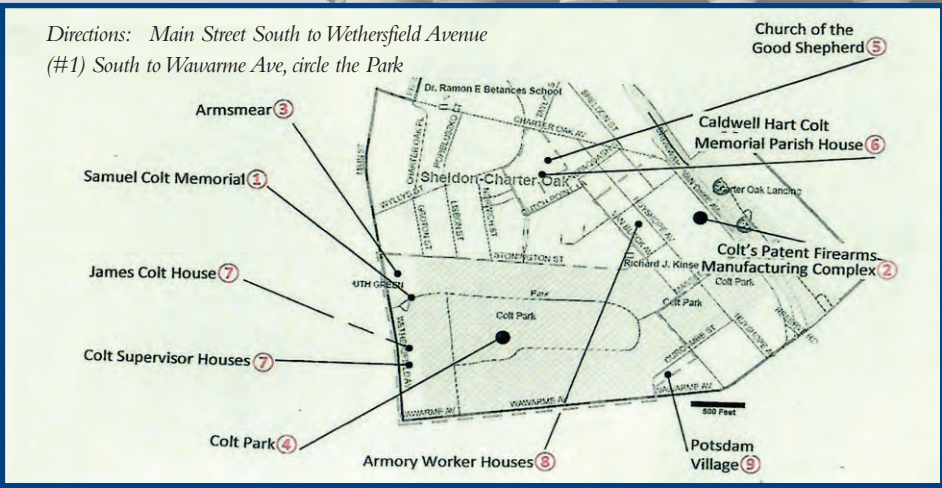
6. **Caldwell Hart Colt Memorial Parish House:** The Parish House was built in memory of the Colts' son, Caldwell.



7. **Armory Worker Houses:** Colt built 20 multi-family houses for worker housing.



8. **Potsdam Village:** The Village was fashioned after Potsdam Germany to recruit willow workers from Germany.



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MAR 31vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers
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