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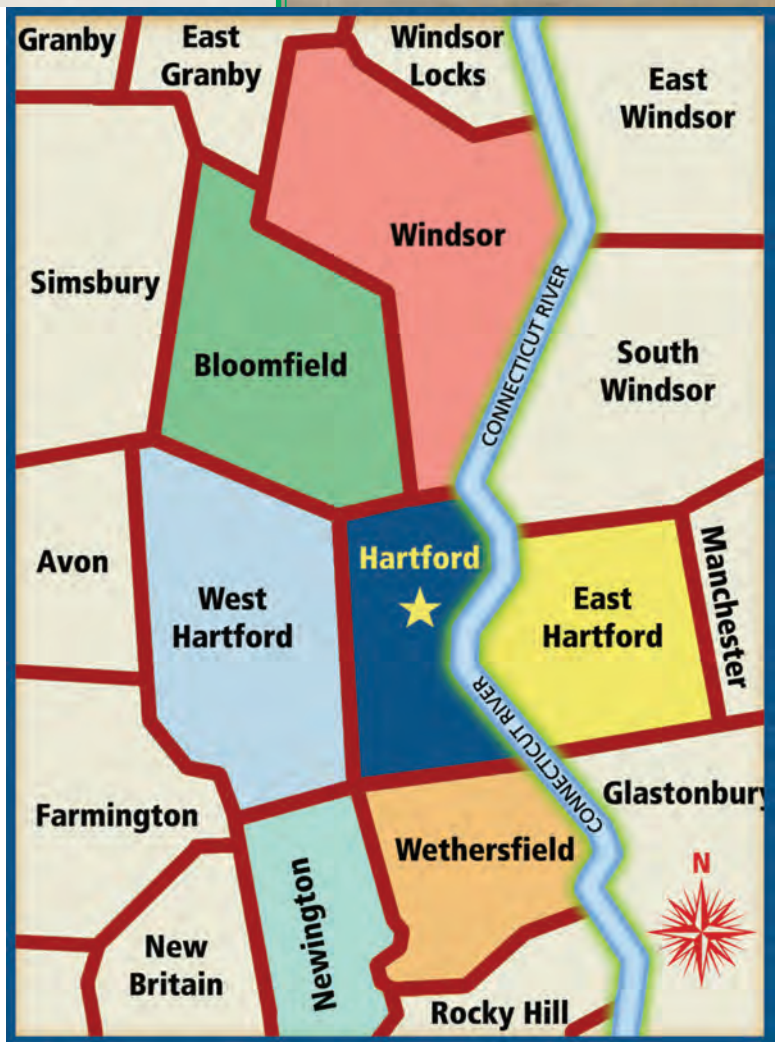
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Dragon Boat Racing on the Connecticut River

Welcome to Summer! in Greater Hartford!

This issue of the Greater Hartford Guide For New Residents and visitors will actually be useful for everyone interested in enjoying the bounty of our landscapes, events and attractions.

Greater Hartford is certainly enjoyable throughout the year, but summer is the time to get outdoors and enjoy all it has to offer (see pages 10-11). The Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz will be held in Bushnell Park on July 20, 21 & 22. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and the refreshments of your choice and plan to spend as much time as you can soaking up the great music in beautiful Bushnell Park.

The Hartford Yard Goats will be playing all summer in Dunkin' Donuts Stadium. There's no better way to spend a summer afternoon or evening.

There's also a lot going on down by the Connecticut River as Riverfront Recapture has a full schedule of large and small events scheduled for this summer (see page 21). The Riverfront Fireworks on July 14 always draw a crowd, as do

the Taste of the Caribbean and Jerk Festival (August 4) and the Dragon Boat and Asian Festival (August 18).

Also included in the summer issue will be Hartford Blooms, a citywide garden tour, June 9 - 17. Much of the information in this special section (pages 39-54) can be used year-round, including details on Cedar Hill Cemetery, Columbia Street, Ashley Street and Saint Joseph Cathedral.

Other special features in this edition will be enhanced transportation information, housing options and new city developments. Obviously, we can't include everything, so suggestions for coming issues are welcome.

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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
Supreme/Appellate Court.....	757-2200
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
Community Renewal Team (CRT).....	560-5600
Leadership Greater Hartford.....	951-6161
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 Htd. 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 Servic.....	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
Nat. Runaway Switchbrd.....	800-RUNAWAY

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

Infinity Hall, Hartford.....	560-7757
Rentschler Stadium, East Hartford.....	610-4700
Xfinity Theater, Hartford.....	548-7370
XL Center, Hartford.....	249-6333

WADSWORTH



The Blackout Experience performs at the Wadsworth Atheneum's Aetna Theater; Creative Cocktail Hour is held the third Thursday of every month at Real Arts Ways (RAW).

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 premieres. **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 other arts organizations and hosts 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 as 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 hosts 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,



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Students in Hartford Stage's Summer Yout Internship Program perform at the close of their session; Infinity Hall on Front Street in Downtown Hartford hosts several lives shows every year.

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. Its 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 paintings from the Hudson River School of landscape paintings, 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. **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

Real Art Ways Theater: 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, 860-232-1006, www.realartways

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

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

Wadsworth Atheneum Aetna Theater:

600 Main Street, Hartford, 860-278-2670, thewadsworth.org

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

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CELEBRATE



JUNE 2



JUNE 10



JUNE 23

Summertime is festival time in Greater Hartford with several major festivals, outdoor concerts, parades and other events, most of them free!

CONNECTICUT PUERTO RICAN PARADE, Saturday, June 2, Downtown Hartford: Hosted by the Connecticut Institute for Community Development (CICD), this annual parade draws thousands to the streets of Downtown Hartford. It is immediately followed by the El Coqui Festival in Bushnell Park.

DAY OF PORTUGAL PARADE, Sunday, June 10, Parkville Neighborhood: Portuguese-Americans from throughout Connecticut flock to the "old neighborhood" for this beautiful, vibrant and colorful parade.

BLACK-EYED & BLUES FEST, Saturday, June 23, Bushnell Park: Blues, Roots and Rock music plus craft beers and barbecue add up to an unbeatable event, hosted by Black-Eyed Sally's, one of Downtown Hartford's most popular eateries.

HARTFORD LATINO FEST, Saturday, June 23, Church of the Good Shepherd (Wyllys Street, Hartford): An explosion of Salsa, Bachata and numerous other Latin American musical genres designed to get you dancing!

CONNECTICON, Thursday - Sunday, July 12 - 15, Connecticut Convention Center: Dress up as your favorite pop culture character at the largest event of its kind in New England. Last year's event drew over 12,000 people!

RIVERFRONT FIREWORKS, Saturday, July 14, Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, and Great River Park, East Hartford: Riverfront Recapture's signature event and one of the biggest and certainly the most beautiful display of fireworks in New England. Tevent coincides with Riverfront's Food Truck Festival on the Plaza, July 12 -14.

JULY 20 - 22



AUGUST 4



AUGUST 11





JUNE 23



JULY 12 - 15



JULY 14

GREATER HARTFORD FESTIVAL OF JAZZ,

Friday - Sunday, July 20-22, Bushnell Park: Now in its 27th year, this festival draws thousands to hear some of the best jazz musicians on the planet.

TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN & JERK FEST,

Saturday, August 4, Riverfront Plaza: The music, cuisine and culture of the islands comes to the banks of the Connecticut River. All that's missing is the Palm Trees!

WEST INDIAN INDEPENDENCE PARADE,

Saturday, August 11, Downtown Hartford: Greater Hartford is home to one of the largest West Indian communities in the country and this parade is a carnival-style explosion kaleidoscope of sights and sounds. A festival follows in Bushnell Park.

DRAGON BOAT AND ASIAN FESTIVAL,

Saturday August 18, Riverfront Plaza: Thousands of local paddlers compete in dozens of races in traditional dragon boats. This festival also includes a wide variety of Asian food booths, cultural performances and more.

CAPITAL CITY PRIDE FEST, Saturday, September

8, Pratt Street, Downtown Hartford: Greater Hartford's diverse LGBT community lets its hair down in a wild and welcoming celebration that's always fun and filled with surprises.

INCREDIBLE INDIA FESTIVAL, Sunday, September

23, Bushnell Park: Sponsored by the

OTHER MAJOR HARTFORD EVENTS THIS SUMMER

SUMMER SOLSTICE IN THE PARK, Thursday,

June 14, Bushnell Park

HARTFORD RIB-OFF, Friday & Saturday, June 15

& 16, Riverside Park

HARE KRISHNA FESTIVAL, Saturday, June 16,

Bushnell Park

RIVERFRONT FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL, Thursday -

Saturday, July 12-14, Riverfront Plaza

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING GOSPEL FEST,

Saturday, September 8, Bushnell Park

AUGUST 18



SEPTEMBER 8



SEPTEMBER 23



HARTFORD!

DINING



Cooking al fresco at Riverfront Recapture's Dragon Boat and Asian Festival; cooking as art at Carbone's Ristorante on Franklin Avenue in Hartford's South End.

GREATER HARTFORD'S ICONIC RESTAURANTS

Costa Del Sol



Experts say that the best food in Spain comes from the Galician region, so it's no surprise that the best Spanish restaurant in the Connecticut is Costa Del Sol, owned and operated by the Feijoo family, natives of Galicia. Located on Spain's rugged north-west coast, Galicia is best known for its seafood and Costa Del Sol serves up some of the best in the region, from slamon to octopus. It has four variations of the classic Spanish dish, Paella, including vegetarian. Costa Del Sol introduced the Spanish tradition of "tapas" to the Greater Hartford region. These hot and cold appetizers are a great introduction to Spanish cuisine.

**901 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford
860-296-1714**

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 Baltyk Deli, which sells numerous Polish foods, including more varieties of kielbasa than most people even know exist.

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 Qdoba Mexican Eats, 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



Beef Patties from Scott Jamaican Bakery have been a Hartford favorite for decades; Shepherd's Pie defines "comfort food" at Vaughan's Public House.

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.

GREATER HARTFORD'S ICONIC RESTAURANTS

Republic at the Linden



After years of on-the-job and formal training, chef Steven Wolf opened his first restaurant, Republic Gastropub ("Great Beer, Better Food") in Bloomfield. Encouraged by its success, Wolf expanded to Hartford and Republic at the Linden was soon one of the city's most popular hotspots. The cuisine is primarily time-tested classics with a new twist (try the Sriracha Deviled Eggs or the Bolognese Mac 'n Cheese!). Republic places a strong emphasis on top ingredients, local if available, including a selection of regional cheeses. Republic's long list of craft beers is among the best in the area.

**901 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford
860-296-1714**

DINING

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
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THE SPIRIT OF YANKEE INGENUITY

What started out as a pursuit of happiness ended up as a labor of love and a profitable business for the Dubays of Hartford.

When botanist and landscape designer, Lelaneia Dubay decided to find a way to enjoy a cocktail without the affects from gluten and additive allergies, she took to her laboratory, well actually her kitchen, for a solution using a spirit recipe she remembered seeing in an old Hartford Courant article. The result was cranberry-infused gluten-free vodka. Friends and family encouraged her to bring her delectable concoction to market. Together, with her husband, Tom and his business acumen from years at Travelers, Hartford Flavor was launched.

Hartford Flavor's line of liqueurs is sold under the brand, "Wild Moon". What sets the Dubays' product apart from other spirits are the ingredients, "Our cranberries are from a bog outside of Boston, we grow and harvest our lavender from a local community garden and use Hartford water", says Tom Dubay. "Lelaneia succeeded in creating an all-natural, chemical-free, pure-flavored, truly unique drink." Cucumber, Chai Spice, Birch, Rose and Lime round out the flavor selections.



The Tasting Room at Hartford Flavor.

Wild Moon is produced in Hartford in the former Gray factory building at 30 Arbor Street, an historic facility where pay phone inventor, William Gray manufactured pay phones, dictation machines, answering machines and turntables. Hartford Flavor Company plant tours, providing a glimpse of the preparation process, can be booked or you can enjoy many of the scheduled tastings events.

The Dubays complete the connection to nature and Connecticut's capital city not only with the ingredients and location, but also through the significance of the company name. "Hartford" is derived from Old English heorot "hart" plus "ford" meaning deer river crossing. The woman in the logo is the goddess Diana, the goddess of wild animals and woodlands in Roman mythology, usually depicted as an archer accompanied by a stag. It's safe to say Wild Moon Liqueurs hits the mark with local customers and visitors from around the country. It is one of the popular flavorings in many cocktails served at one of the hottest lunch and dinner spots downtown, City Steam Brewery.

City Steam on Main Street in Downtown Hartford brews its own beer on-site.



City Steam Brewery is a brew pub that features 15 to 18 varieties of craft beers and ales. Located at 942 Main Street, visitors can see the pub's line of libations from lagers, to ambers,

to stouts, to IPAs to pale ales being made right on the premises. Each specialty flavor has an equally distinctive moniker such as "Naughty Nurse", "Blonde on Blonde", "Sap Queen", "Jungle Crush", "Innocence", "I-84 Sucks" and "Colt 46".

"Coming up with specialty brews is a mix of my own whims (what beer I imagine enjoying), what is seasonally appropriate (generally lighter beers for warm months, darker as it cools) and what I think belongs in a well-rounded variety of options on a beer menu", says City Steam Brew Master, Jeff Pasquale. From there Jeff envisions what the beer tastes, smells, looks and feels like and comes up with a way to brew it. He also draws inspiration from brews he's had at other establishments. "It's a mix of taking experience I have with ingredients and process", states Pasquale. "If there is a new malt, hop, yeast or other ingredient I'd like to experiment with, I'll try to read up on it to figure out the best way to use it."

Andrew Smith, director of banquet and catering sales, explains that it's not just the specialty brew that attracts guests. "We pride ourselves on furnishing a family-friendly environment", says Smith. "There's a game room with arcade-style entertainment such as basketball, pool, ping-pong and driving simulator racing games in addition to themed seating areas." Outdoor dining is also available on the brewery's covered patio providing a unique dining experience. "It's a very casual atmosphere where you can come and enjoy a light snack, appetizers or a full meal", says Smith.

If you're looking for some weekend entertainment, you can visit City Steam's Brew HaHa Comedy Club. The stage is set in front of the actual brewing facility in the lower level of the historic Brown Thompson and Company building. Patrons of the 200-seat showroom have enjoyed such mainstream comedians as Kevin James, Ray Romano, Jay Mohr, Sarah Silverman and Denis Leary. Visit citysteam.biz for a look at the upcoming line up of contemporary performers, purchase tickets or to view the extensive menu.

— CHEERS!

RECREATION



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 (see pages 18-19).



RECREATION



TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

CT's Premier Sporting Event

Every year, the Travelers Championship draws thousands of golf fans to Cromwell, Connecticut for one of the most well-attended stops on the PGA tour. In 2017, close to 300,000 people attended the event at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) at River Highlands, about 10 mile south of Hartford.



This year's Travelers Championship will be played from Monday, June 18, through Sunday, June 24. 156 players, led by defending champion Jordan Spieth are expected to compete for a share of the \$7 million purse, with the winner taking home \$1.26 million.

The Travelers Championship was founded in 1952 as the Insurance City Open. The event was originally held at Wethersfield Country Club. In 1984, the PGA bought Edgewood Country Club in Cromwell, primarily for the tournament. In 1991, the course was completely redesigned and renamed the TPC at River Highlands. For more information, please go to travelerschampionship.com.

MAXI GOLF

Greater Hartford has kept pace with golf's surging popularity by opening new courses and renovating existing ones

Golf, once the quintessential pastime of the upper classes, is now a sport for everyone. The foursome playing ahead of you today could just as well be made up of teachers and car mechanics as doctors and lawyers. The Greater Hartford regions has always had numerous private courses, but in recent years the number of public golfing facilities has risen dramatically. In Hartford itself, the city's two municipal courses, Keney and Goodwin, were extensively renovated and modernized, and are now among the best in the region.

Keney Park's 18-hole golf course, located on the Hartford-Windsor town line, was designed by Devereux Emmet, who also designed some of Connecticut's top private courses. It was completely renovated in 2014 and now includes new tee boxes, fairways, greens and bunkers, as well as an updated clubhouse including The Tavern at Keney restaurant. **(171 Windsor Avenue, Windsor, 860-757-0658, www.keneyparkgolfcourse.com)**

Goodwin Park Golf Course in Hartford's South End straddles the Hartford-Wethersfield town line. In addition to an 18-hole championship golf course, Goodwin also has a nine hole, par-35 north course, a practice range and a practice putting and chipping green. Its clubhouse is home to The Hanger Restaurant, open seven days for breakfast, lunch and dinner. **(1130 Maple Avenue, Hartford, 860-543-8518, www.goodwinparkgolfcourse.com)**

Hartford to host annual PGA meeting in 2020

Hartford will play host to the 104th PGA Annual Meeting at the Connecticut Convention Center in 2020. More than 750 to 800 officers, board members, delegates and others are expected to attend the annual meeting to discuss the state of the PGA and ways to grow the game. Delegates will also gather to conduct a scheduled election for the offices of PGA president, vice president, secretary and honorary president. PGA vice president and Connecticut PGA section member Suzy Whaley, of Cromwell, is scheduled to preside over the meeting, from Oct. 25-30, 2020.



Public Golf Courses in Greater Hartford

Bloomfield

Gillette Ridge Golf Club
18 Holes
1360 Hall Blvd. (Route 218)
860-726-1430
gilletteridgegolf.com

Wintonbury Hills Golf Course

18 Holes
206 Terry Plains Road
860-242-1401
wintonburyhillsgolf.com

East Hartford

East Hartford Golf Club
18 Holes
103 Long Hill St.
860-616-6649
easthartfordgc.com

Farmington

Tunxis Country Club
45 Holes
87 Town Farm Road
860-677-1367
tunxisgolf.com

Westwoods Golf Course

18 Holes
7 Westwoods Drive
860-675-2548
golf.farmington-ct.org

West Hartford

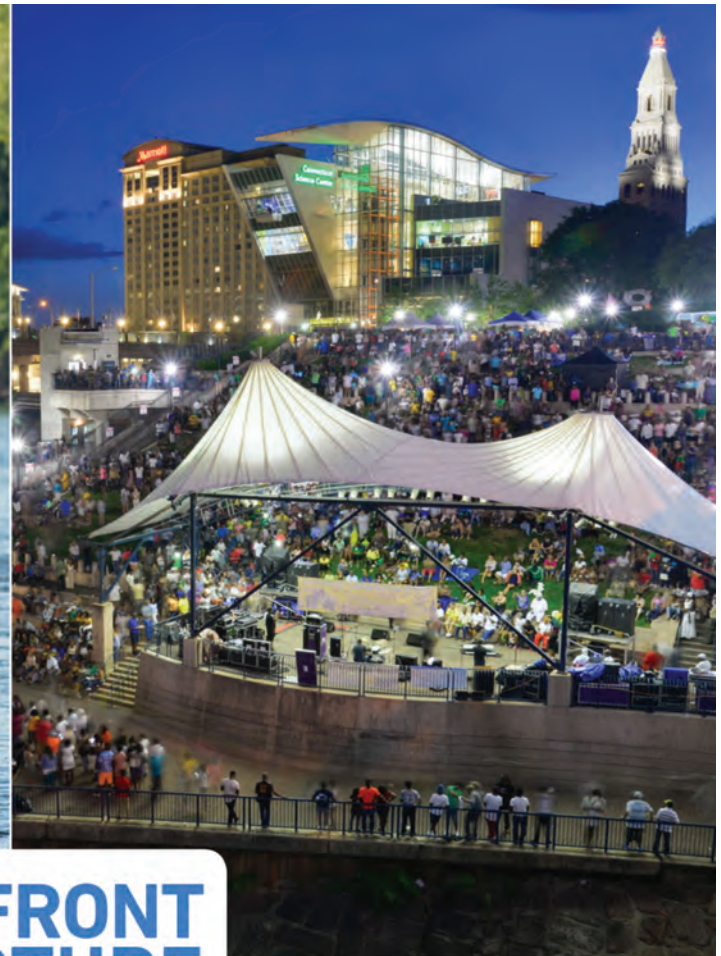
Buena Vista Golf Course
9 Holes
37 Buena Vista Road
860-521-7359
golfbuenavistawh.com

Rockledge Golf Club

18 Holes
289 South Main St.
860-521-3156
golfrockledge.com

(Main photo) Golfers head to the 9th green at the extensively renovated Keney Park Golf Course. (Inset photo) The last rays of the setting sun illuminate golfers at the Goodwin Park Golf Course, located on the Hartford Wethersfield line.





RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE CONNECTICUT RIVER



Learn about our parks, programs and events at riverfront.org

Riverfront Recapture Takes You to the River!

What began as a dream back in 1981 has become a major force in the Greater Hartford region. Today, Riverfront Recapture manages four parks on the banks of the Connecticut River, an interconnecting trail system and dozens of programs ranging from yoga classes and happy hours to outdoor movies and major cultural festivals.

Riverfront Events

Discover events ranging from free yoga and fireworks to dance performances and Dragon Boat racing. Bring the family down for a festival or stop by after work for Riverfront's weekly happy hour or fitness programs. Interested in hosting your own event in our parks? The Riverfront Boathouse is available for private gatherings, May through December, and Riverfront's parks are available for picnics, reunions, 5Ks and more. Major upcoming events include: **Visit of Historic Ship Onrust**, June 21-24, Riverfront Plaza; **Riverfront Food Truck Festival**, July 12 - 14, Riverfront Plaza; **Riverfront Fireworks**, July 14, Riverfront Plaza and Great River Park; **Taste of the Caribbean & Jerk Festival**, August 4, Riverfront Plaza; and the **Dragon Boat & Asian Festival**, August 18, Riverfront Plaza.

Riverfront Parks & Trails

Riverside Park (1), Mortensen Riverfront Plaza (2) and Charter Oak Landing (3) in Hartford, and Great River Park (4) in East Hartford give millions of people access to the state's most beautiful natural resource, the Connecticut River. Riverfront Recapture's four parks and Riverwalk trail system cover 148 acres along 3.5 miles along the Connecticut River. They feature trails for walking, running and biking, picnic areas, playgrounds, football and softball fields, a cricket pitch, volleyball courts, boat launches, prime spots for fishing and bird-watching, sculptures, murals, the Lincoln Sculpture Walk, and so much more.

Riverfront Rowing

Our rowing program is one of the largest and most successful community rowing programs in New England. Recreational and competitive classes, adaptive rowing and veterans' rowing, are offered to everyone from pre-teens to retirees. The rowing program is more than 25 years old and operates out of our boathouse in historic Riverside Park.

Riverfront Adventure

Riverfront Adventure is a hands-on training program appropriate for all ages, used to teach leadership, communication, problem-solving, goal-setting, conflict resolution, and more. The adventure course includes high and low ropes course elements, a climbing tower, dragon boats, and other group activities that challenge both body and mind.



HARTFORD PARKS

Find Your Own Urban Oasis!



Soccer practice as seen from Elizabeth Park's famous Rose Garden in Hartford's West 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.

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.



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 renovated.
- **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

- **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.



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

The Amistad Center for Art and Culture at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art (600 Main St.) 7,000 objects including paintings, sculpture, historical documents, photos, memorabilia and rare books that document the African American experience. Open Wed.-Sun. 860-838-4133, www.AmistadArtandCulture.org

Ancient Burying Ground (Gold St. & Main St.) Hartford's oldest historic site, final resting place of many Founders. Gravestone art and history from mid-1600s to early 1800s. Mon.-Sat. weather permitting. 860-742-5234, www.theancientburyingground.org

The Artists Collective (1200 Albany Ave.) Cultural arts center emphasizing arts and culture of African Diaspora. Founded by saxophonist Jackie McLean and his wife, Dollie. Year-round professional training and performances in dance, music, drama, visual and martial arts. 860-527-3205, www.artistscollective.org

Austin Arts Center (300 Summit St.) Trinity College's top venue for performing and visual arts presents over 40 public events annually. Many are free and feature guest artists as well as Trinity faculty and students. 860-297-2199, www.AustinArts.org

The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts (166 Capitol Ave.) Connecticut's premier performing arts center presents Broadway tours, symphony orchestras, family presentations, children's theater, off-Broadway jazz, blues, cabaret, comedy. Tours available. 860-987-6000 • www.bushnell.org

Bushnell Park Carousel (1 Jewell St. at the Memorial Arch) Antique 102-year-old wooden Stein & Goldstein carousel, open year-round in new enclosed pavilion. Rentals available. 860-585-5411; www.thecarouselmuseum.org

Butler-McCook House & Garden and Amos Bull House (396 Main St.) 1782 home chronicles Hartford's transformation to a modern urban city. Apr. 1-Dec. 31. Group tours available. 860-522-1806, www.ctlandmarks.org

Calder's Stegosaurus (Burr Mall between 550 and 600 Main St.) Alexander Calder's massive, yet whimsical, steel sculpture towers above Burr Mall, a small park located between the Wadsworth Atheneum and Hartford City Hall.

Cedar Hill Cemetery (453 Fairfield Ave.) Encompassing 270-acres, Cedar Hill welcomes visitors to experience its art, culture, history and beauty. Self-guided tour materials. 860-956-3311, www.cedarhillfoundation.org

Center Church (60 Gold St.) Hartford's founding institution. View Tiffany stained-glass windows and learn about Hartford's history. Call for hours or to schedule a visit. 860-249-5631, www.centerchurchhartford.org

Charter Oak Cultural Center (21 Charter Oak Ave.) Multicultural arts center devoted to exploring world cultures through visual and performing arts. Housed in the state's first synagogue building, built in 1876. 860-249-1207, www.charteroakcenter.org

Connecticut Convention Center (100 Columbus Blvd.) Full-service facility accommodates meetings, conventions, banquets, trade shows, receptions and weddings. Located Downtown in the exciting riverfront district, Adriaen's Landing. 860-249-6000, www.ctconventions.com

Connecticut Historical Society (1 Elizabeth St.) A museum, library, research and education center focused on Connecticut's history. Tue.-Fri. 12pm-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm. 860-236-5621, www.chs.org

Connecticut Science Center (250 Columbus Blvd.) Hands-on fun for all ages, 165+ interactive exhibits, thrilling 3D movies, live science, gift shop and Subway. Convenient onsite parking. 860-SCIENCE, www.CTScienceCenter.org

Connecticut State Capitol (210 Capitol Ave.) Gold-domed High Victorian Gothic building completed in 1878. State executive offices and legislative chambers, historic displays. Free tours Mon. thru Fri. start in adjacent Legislative Office Building (300 Capitol Ave.). Closed weekends, state & federal holidays. Group reservations necessary. 860-240-0222, www.cga.ct.gov/capitol-tours

Connecticut State Library & Museum (231 Capitol Ave.) Principal library for State government. State Archives. Conn. history and ge-



Connecticut State Capitol, Hartford

nealogy. Federal/State document depository. State's largest collection of Conn. newspapers. Call for hours. 860-757-6500, www.cslib.org

Connecticut State Veterans Memorial (360 Broad St. in Minuteman Park) State's new memorial honors all Connecticut veterans – past, present and future. Outdoors, year-round, free. 860-616-3603, www.cthonorsvets.org

Connecticut's Old State House (800 Main St.) Interactive exhibit, Curiosity Museum, restored historic chambers, guided and self-guided tours and family fun! Hours/admission on website. Gift shop of Connecticut items. 860-522-6766, www.ctoldstatehouse.org

Front Street District (39 Front St.) Dining and entertainment complex located in Adriaen's Landing, across from the Connecticut Convention Center. Features Spotlight Theatres, Infinity Music Hall Hartford, and a growing number of restaurants. 860-527-0100, www.frontstreetdistrict.com

Gallery at Constitution Plaza (One Constitution Plaza, 2nd floor) Changing exhibitions dedicated to promoting cultural enrichment and visual understanding of art, film and historic preservation in Connecticut. Free. Open Mon.-Fri. 9am-4pm. 860-256-2800, www.ctvisit.com/museums-and-galleries

Gallery of American Art (233 Pearl St.) At TheaterWorks/City Arts on Pearl. Free. Open Mon.-

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Fri. 9am-3pm, and 90-minutes before curtain at TheaterWorks. 860-527-7838, www.theater-workshartford.org

Governor's Residence (990 Prospect Ave.) Gracious Georgian Revival structure, built in 1909, home to Connecticut's First Families since 1945. Group tours by appt. on Tuesdays. Holiday Open House in Dec. Not open July or Aug. 860-524-7355

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center (77 Forest St.) A 21st-century museum, the Center uses the author's story to inspire social justice and positive change. Stowe wrote the best-selling anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Stowe House tours, plus discounted tours with Mark Twain House & Museum. 860-522-9258 ext.317, www.harrietbeecherstowe.org

HartBeat Ensemble (360 Farmington Ave.) Theatrical performances that are accessible beyond the barriers of class, race, geography and gender. 860-548-9144 • www.hartfordbeat-ensemble.org

Hartford Blooms Step-on Guides For tour by bus or car. 860-296-6128, mikem1944@aol.com

Hartford Public Library (500 Main St.) A place like no other to enjoy arts, culture, musical performances, history and multi-media resources. 860-695-6300, www.hplct.org

Hartford Stage (50 Church St.) Renowned for productions of American classics, masterpieces of world theater, premieres of new plays by today's finest playwrights. Tony Award-winning professional company presents plays year-round. Group tours by appt., call 860-525-5601. Tickets 860-527-5151, www.hartfordstage.org

Hartford Symphony Orchestra Connecticut's premier musical organization presents 100+ concerts annually including Masterworks series, POPS!, Sunday Serenades, Jazz and Strings, and the Talcott Mountain Music Festival. 860-244-2999, www.hartfordsymphony.org

Hartford Walking Tours Unique 90-minute Downtown walk of sites with stories of people that shaped the city's history. 860-655-6897, www.hartfordwalkingtours.com

Hartford Yard Goats (Dunkin' Donuts Park, 1214 Main St.) New AA baseball affiliate of the

Colorado Rockies (former New Britain Rock Cats). New stadium, many special events. 860-246-GOAT, www.yardgoatsbaseball.com

Infinity Music Hall & Bistro Hartford (32 Front St.) City's newest musical venue offers intimate concerts and creative cuisine. Up to 500 seats with a wide variety of performances from all genres. Dine in the bistro or in premier mezzanine seats during shows. Toll-free 866-666-6306, www.infinityhall.com

International Cricket Hall of Fame (3000 Main St.) Large collection of cricket sporting memorabilia. Gift shop with autographed items. 860-246-5400, www.crickethalloffame.org

Isham-Terry House (211 High St.) Built in 1854, example of Italianate style popular before Civil War. Remodeled in 1880's, gas lighting fixtures, stained glass windows, painted walls/ceilings in many design styles. By appt. only. 860-247-8996, ext. 11, www.ctlandmarks.org

Keney Clock Tower (Main & Ely Sts.) A landmark for those entering Hartford's downtown area from the north. Built in 1898 by Henry Keney in memory of his mother at the site of the family homestead and business. 860-722-6505

Lady Katharine Cruises (Charter Oak Landing) Elegant riverboat featuring dinner, lunch, Sunday brunch, entertainment cruises. Public cruises, private charters. 1-866-86RIVER, www.ladykatecruises.com

Launch Trampoline Park (91 Brainard Rd.) Multiple adjoined trampolines make a giant bouncing surface, bouncing dodgeball courts, viewing deck, café, more. 860-246-JUMP, www.launchct.com

Mark Twain House & Museum (351 Farmington Ave.) Victorian mansion where author lived from 1874 to 1891 when he created Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Museum Center features galleries, film, store and café. Year-round. 860-247-0998, www.marktwainhouse.org

Museum of Connecticut History (231 Capitol Ave. in State Library/Supreme Court Building) Highlights Connecticut's military, industrial and political history. Colt Firearms collection. Free admission. 860-757-6535, www.museumofct-history.org



Mark Twain House, Hartford

Promenade Gallery in The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts (166 Capitol Ave.) 860-987-6000, www.bushnell.org

Real Art Ways (56 Arbor St.) Connecticut's foremost center for contemporary arts and culture. First-run films, visual art exhibitions, concerts, theater, and spoken word. Open seven nights weekly. 860-232-1006, www.realart-ways.org

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Arch (Bushnell Park) 116-ft.-tall brownstone memorial designed by architect George Keller. Erected in 1886, dedicated to 4,000 Hartford citizens who served in Civil War. Free tours Thursdays, May-Oct. from 12pm-1:30pm. 860-232-6710, www.bushnellpark.org

Spotlight Theatre & Front Street Bistro (39 Front St.) Revolutionary cinema experience combining latest feature films and old favorites with stylish dining experience. 860-422-7712, www.spotlighttheatres.com

TheaterWorks (233 Pearl St.) Professional regional theater performing contemporary American plays. Performances Tue.-Sun. Box Office open Mon.-Fri. 10am-5pm. 860-527-7838, www.theaterworkshartford.org

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Travelers Tower (One Tower Sq.)

Tours to the tower's 25th Floor observation deck. Incredible 180 degree view of the entire region. By appt. only, seasonal. 860-277-4208

Trinity College (300 Summit St.)

Founded in 1823, Trinity's 100-acre campus has some of nation's finest collegiate gothic architecture. Chapel interior with stone and wood carvings. Free summer carillon concerts. Campus tours. 860-297-2001, www.trincoll.edu

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art (600 Main St.)

Newly renovated European and Contemporary art galleries. America's oldest continuously operating public art museum. Café, Museum Shop, Theater.. Open Wednesday - Sunday. 860-278-2670, www.thewadsworth.org

The Webster Theatre (31 Webster St.)

Live music from national acts in all genres, from rock to reggae, samba to soul. Located in restored Art Deco movie theater in the Barry Square neighborhood. 860-525-5553, www.webstertheater.com

Xfinity Theatre (61 Savitt Way)

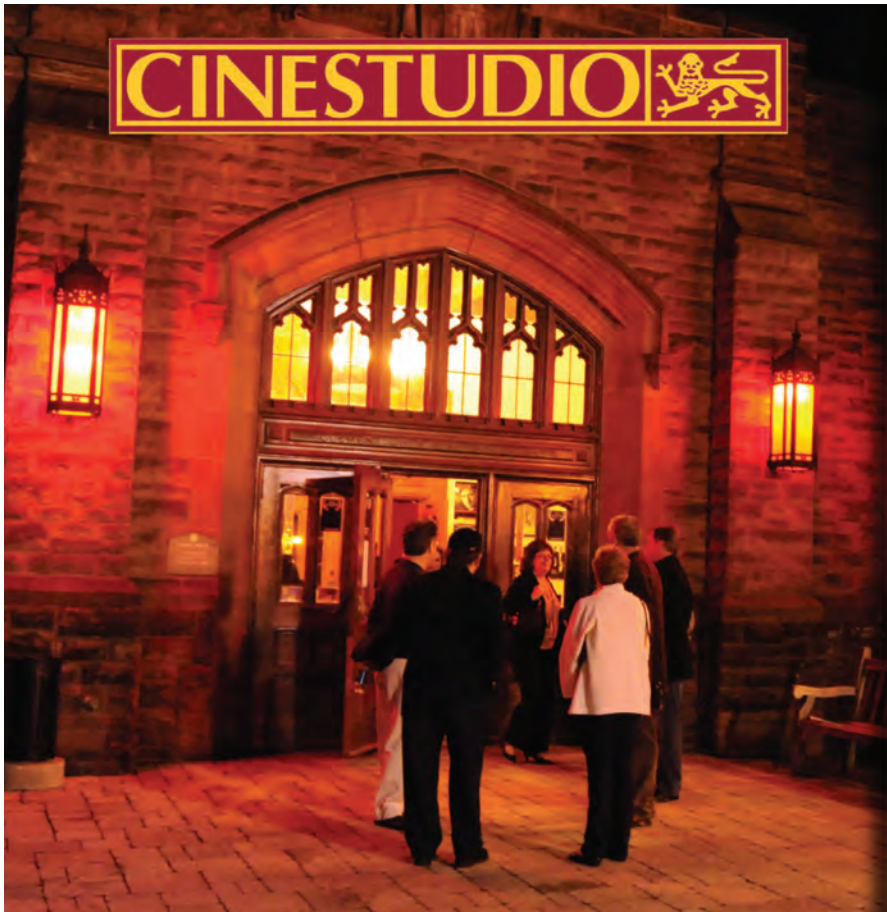
Indoor/outdoor concert and event amphitheatre with a capacity of 30,000. 860-548-7370, www.ticketmaster.com

XL Center (formerly Hartford Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza)

State's largest indoor premier sports and entertainment facility, Veterans Coliseum and Exhibition Center. Box Office weekdays 12pm-5pm. For event info, please call 860-249-6333. Ticketmaster 800-745-3000, www.xl-center.com



Carved knight against stained-glass window, Trinity College Chapel.



Cinestudio is a not-for-profit independent film theater, a classic old-style movie house located on the campus of Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

For showtimes, please visit www.cinestudio.org.

Trinity College
HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

www.trincoll.edu



In addition to several restaurants, two entertainment venues and several restaurants, Front Street is located within easy walking distance of many of Hartford's most popular destinations, including the Wadsworth Atheneum, City Hall, Hartford Public Library, the Connecticut Science Center, Riverfront Plaza the Connecticut Convention Center and the Old State House.

East Side Story

How Hartford's new Front Street Development is Bringing New Life to an Old Neighborhood

In the first half of the 20th century, Hartford's East Side was a thriving neighborhood dominated by Italian immigrants. The neighborhood stretched from the Connecticut River west to Prospect Street. Its main thoroughfare, Front Street, was lined with pushcarts and often the site of religious processions.

But in the late 1950s and early 1960s the area was completely changed. The tenements and shops, some of which had started to deteriorate, were torn down. In their place various "urban renewal" projects, most notably Constitution Plaza, went up. But the new developments didn't thrive and, by the 1980s, the area was dominated by surface parking lots and inward-looking office buildings.

Then came Riverfront Recapture, 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 center, a convention center, a large

parking facility, and an intriguing array of dining 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). Live entertainment 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 at several garages, including the Convention Center and Front Street, a gated lot off Sheldon Street and on-street spots.

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 Hartford Branch, the whole area bustles with students, faculty and visitors mixing with conventioners and area employees. Stop in at any happy hour and you might rub elbows with insurance workers from around the globe, construction workers, college students or maybe even the mayor of Hartford.



COLTSVILLE

A National Park in Progress

The area surrounding the former Colt Factory is in the process of becoming a National Park.



1. **Samuel Colt Memorial:** The memorial depicts two Samuel Colts - the young boy and the successful businessman.



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.



Aerial view of Coltsville, now in the process of becoming a National Park.



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.

TODAY'S Colt Gateway

Samuel and Elizabeth Colt would be pleased with the modern uses of Coltsville.

Colt Gateway Tenants

- Insurity - Insurance Software Company
- Foley Carrier Services - Trucking Compliance Service
- JCJ Architecture - Architectural Services
- CREC - Greater Hartford Academy of Arts
- Office of Senator Christopher Murphy
- 129 Residential apartments
- Hooker Brewery at Colt (some food available)
- Eats to Go - Cafe
- CG Management Company

For apartment and commercial space inquiries, contact: **Larry Dooley, 140 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, 860-522-5000 ext 13, 860-539-7877, ldooley@coltgateway.com**

YOUR WORLD JUST GOT **BIGGER.**

All aboard June 16.



Hey, Connecticut! Arriving June 16 there's a new way for you to connect to what matters most. The Hartford Line is a reliable and affordable regional passenger rail service that expands travel options between New Haven and Springfield, MA. Featuring 17 round trips between New Haven and Hartford, with 12 of those trips continuing north to Springfield, the Hartford Line is quickly changing how we travel for work, school and for fun.

Learn more about the service at HartfordLine.com

Getting Around Greater Hartford

COMING SOON!

Hartford Line (CTrail) www.hartfordline.com

New service adding trains between New Haven, Hartford and Springfield starts June 16.

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

- 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

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.



**Bradley
Flyer
by CTtransit**

www.cttransit.com/services/bradley-flyer or call 860-525-9181

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.



**CTfastrak
by CTtransit**

www.cttransit.com/services/ctfastrak

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.



**Car
Services**

- 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



**Hartford Parking
Authority**
11 Asylum St., Hartford
hartfordparking.com

- MAT Garage, 20 Church Street, Hartford
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Bradley International Airport's Plan for the Future

Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks is currently seeking approval from the Federal Aviation Administration for a \$1.4 billion renovation plan.

The plan, prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc., is designed to handle the enormous growth in the number of passengers at the airport in the next 20 years. According to planners, 4.6 million people will fly out of Bradley in 2037, an increase of approximately 45 percent over 2017, during which 3.2 million boarded flights at the airport.

The plan calls for a variety of improvements for motorists arriving to and leaving from Bradley. Among the proposed improvements are replacing traffic lights with roundabouts at three major intersections



within the airport and connecting Terminal A with Route 20 via a two-lane flyover ramp.

The plan also includes the construction of a ground transportation center in order to move car rental companies within the airport itself. This new center for car rental companies would also provide more parking, another major goal of the plan. Bradley currently has 7,175 parking spaces; the plan seeks to increase that number by 2,000 to 4,000 parking spots.

Finally, the plan calls for the reorganization of Terminal A to ease and speed the flow of arriving and departing passengers. In addition to these changes, a new facility (Terminal B) would be built. The plan includes two options for the location of Terminal B. The first calls for a separate Terminal B, the second for Terminal B adjoining Terminal A.

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New Passenger Service

Hartford's historic airfield, dating from the turn of the century, is making history again as a partner in the growth of the city and region.

Pegasus Air Charter, LLC has announced FAA approved Part 135 Passenger Air Service out of Hartford-Brainard Airport to most of the general aviation airports in the northeast region in a Piper Chieftain, PA-31-350. It's been a long time since a twin-engine air carrier service has been offered at Brainard. Air Pegasus' Piper Chieftain is hangered with Hartford Jet Center and is available immediately upon request. During the winter holidays, and especially in the spring, flights to Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod, Block Island, Nantucket and Saratoga Springs, are all a common place. Projections are to service between 200 to 300 people weekly once the word gets out. Hartford Jet Center, now running the airport, has the connections to potential customers - or it would not have attempted this historic move - and expects to create Hartford as a hub for such service. Many jobs will be created at the airport and with the training available now - and extended in the future - this high paying field will be open to Hartford and Greater Hartford residents. The many uses of the field (see below) will be encouraged and expanded as the Hartford Jet Center extends its reach and reputation.

Hartford Jet Center

Hartford Jet Center is located at the Hartford-Brainard Airport that is centrally located in Connecticut and is great alternative to Bradley International Airport. The airport dates back to 1921 and is said to be the first municipal airfield in the United States. Charles Lindbergh landed the 'Spirit of St. Louis' here after making his world famous transatlantic flight in 1927. HJC is a short drive from Downtown Hartford and many great hotels, restaurants, entertainment along with prominent business and educational centers of Connecticut. HJC is a full service FBO offering exceptional services at affordable prices. Whenever you fly 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 teammates eager to assist you. Whatever your aviation needs, you'll find



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Brainard Airport Serves the Region

Several government organizations use office or hangar space at the airport.

1. CT Aero Tech School, Connecticut Technical High School System. One of two such schools in the state to offer post-secondary instruction for aviation maintenance technicians, it annually graduates an average of 36 students. The school moved from the Danielson Airport into a new building at Hartford-Brainard in 2009.
2. Aviation Unit, Division of State Police, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP). The unit has two helicopters and three airplanes (some shown at left) used for search and rescue, patrol, and special missions. It is entirely based at Hartford-Brainard.
3. Central District Headquarters, Division of State Police, DESPP. The whole unit, including its major crimes squad and mass transit security team, recently moved from Middletown to the airport.
4. Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). The division uses hangar and parking space for vehicles and equipment storage related to Urban Search and Rescue and disaster relief functions. It also occupies some office space.
5. Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Department of Public Health. The department uses hangar and parking space for vehicles as well as equipment storage related to its Mobile Field Hospital.
6. Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol. This all-volunteer auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force keeps two of its seven Connecticut aircraft at the airport and holds meetings as well as trainings there. The volunteers assist with Long Island Sound patrol, counter-drug missions, missing person searches, and defense preparedness.
7. Connecticut Airport Authority. The airport authority has a small staff on-site for administrative management purposes.
8. Finally, two condominium associations, Hartford T-Hangars and CT Hangar Association, own hangars and lease the underlying land directly from CAA. The associations collect rent from members but are not-for-profit, with no paid staff.

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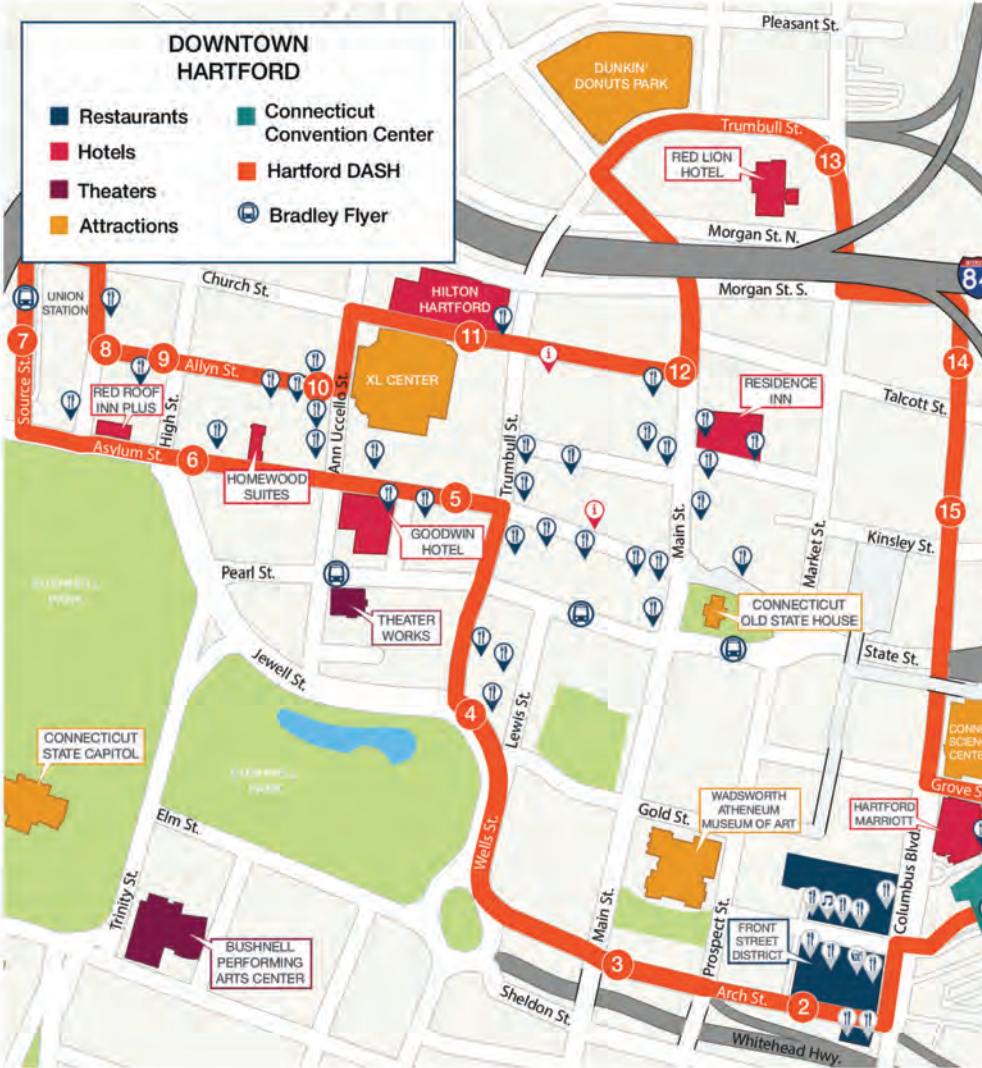


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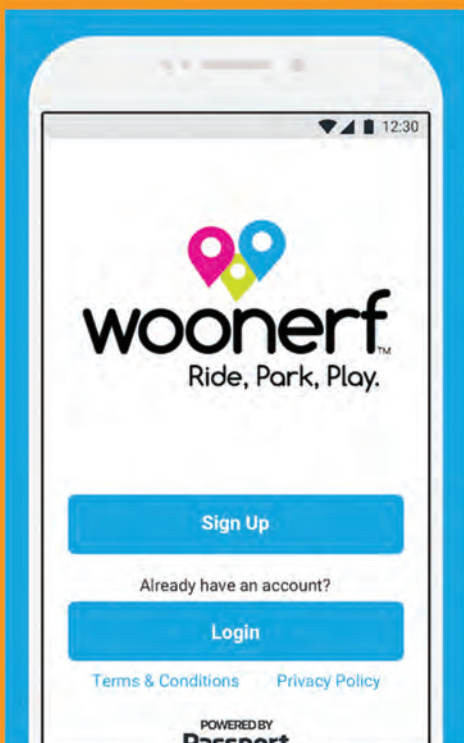
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Starting with the large, ornate and well situated single-family homes in Hartford's West End, West Hartford and sections of other suburbs, those who have the desire (and maybe large families as well) can find homes that rank with the finest in the nation. And, right now, prices have moderated to a point where families with two moderate incomes can enjoy a large home, usually with plenty of outdoor space.

There are also many housing options in the Greater Hartford area for those who may have the financial resources to buy a large home but may not want to worry about the time and money involved in its upkeep. Brand new luxury apartments are now in vogue in Downtown Hartford and an increasing number of suburbs. These apartments – Blue Back Square in West Hartford Center is a good example – are generally located within walking distance of entertainment venues, restaurants and shops. The option of forgoing a second car,



Hartford's neighborhoods offer numerous housing options.

or even not having a car at all and relying on Uber, Lyft and public transportation for long trips and simply walking short ones, frees up cash and allows even those of modest means to fully enjoy a modern urban lifestyle. Some of these new apartment complexes even have affordable units for those quick enough to snap them up and who meet any income level requirements they may entail.

Another housing option is condominium living. The Greater Hartford area had a rush of condo conversions back in the 1980s. Since then, the condo market has gone through a few cycles of boom and

bust, so some units are still very affordable. Savvy buyers look for foreclosures, seniors moving south or those in the throes of re-locating. With diligence and a little luck, quality condos in good neighborhoods can be found at bargain prices. However, always check the health of the condo association and recent sale prices.

For new residents with modest incomes, many options are available. Six-family homes, a Hartford specialty, offer large apartments with modest rents. Investors have bought these solidly built but aging apartment houses, brought them up to date and are now looking for stable tenant. Again, a little research on the neighborhood and on the landlord's ability to maintain the property will pay dividends in the long run.

For those with low or moderate incomes, many city and state programs are available for both renting and purchasing a home. These programs usually have numerous income and other requirements.

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- Pool in a "Woodland" setting
- Indoor and outdoor parking (secure).
- All utilities, including cable are included in one modest condo fee
- Great neighbors ie...nook farm (Mark Twain & Harriet Beecher Stowe Houses) the Town & County Club, headquarters of the State University System, other condos and senior apartments

But most residents will discuss other features like the community room, the workout room, the library, the pool table, the sauna and the attentive staff. For those who like privacy, nobody bothers anybody.

With 240 units, something is usually available to buy. From studios to units with one, two or even three bedrooms, most can find something within their budget. A good number of owners have lived here for decades, some walking to work and many retired. If you are looking for a friendly, safe and affordable place to live, check out the Woodland House, 31 Woodland Street in Hartford.

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New Investments, Large and Small

All over the city of Hartford, new investments are evident. From refurbished church steeples to convenience stores, from new apartments to incoming businesses, every neighborhood seems to be on the bandwagon.

The Capitol Region Development Authority (CRDA), has been one of the driving forces for the last 15 years. Direct investments in new living space, Front Street attractions and restaurants, management of XL Center, the Convention Center, and Dunkin Donuts Stadium certainly gives it a full plate and now we are seeing additional units around town and in Wethersfield, along with an updated soccer facility at Dillon Stadium! It does seem that this now regional operation has paid off.

However, not all of the interest and growth in the city is of a mega-nature. Often modest (in size and cost) day to day improvements bring jobs, goods and services and tax revenue to the city and state. Two examples are the Spotlight Theater at 37 Front Street and Freshii convenience store/fresh food outlet on Main.

Spotlight Theater



The Spotlight Theater has become, after five years, a real part of the Hartford scene. It has just finished a renovation of its dining facility, the Front Street Bistro, with a sharp, modern look. Before and after the movies, during the 3 pm - 7 pm Happy Hour or for a quick lunch, local employees, visitors and area families are finding a welcoming home away from home in the middle of bustling Front Street.

With a 7 day Happy Hour (3 - 7 pm), Monday Night Football (great prices), free kids movie mornings in the summer, \$6 movies on Tuesdays, plus corporate and



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community events, The Spotlight has taken its place in Hartford's entertainment life!

Freshii



Freshii just opened at 890 Main Street in Downtown Hartford, right next to Dish Restaurant and just up the street from the Old State House in the heart of Downtown Hartford. The shop is a welcome addition to Downtown, with convenience items and a great menu of breakfast and lunch favorites: salads and wraps, bowls, burritos, soups, juices, smoothies, sweet treats and breakfast standards and special items.

Freshii is a Sam's Food outlet franchise, which has about 200 other locations. It is a Connecticut-based business employing over 1,000 people. Freshii is open from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday - Friday 10:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Stop in for fast, friendly service.

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CRT is the Community Renewal Team. They are the community action agency for people living in the Greater Hartford area, but their services are delivered to individuals and families in need throughout all of central Connecticut.

"With nearly 550 employees, CRT is the largest non-profit provider of human services statewide," said CRT's President and CEO Lena Rodriguez. "Believe it or not, CRT has been doing its work in the community for the past 55 years!"

In 2017, CRT helped create opportunities for more than 86,000 individuals and over 35,000 families living in Connecticut.

What services does CRT provide?

CRT's mission is "Preparing Our Community to Meet Life's Challenges." The organization, a registered 501(c)(3) charity recognized by GuideStar, strives to meet the goals of that mission each and every day by helping people and families become self-sufficient while making sure that their basic needs are being met, too.

CRT offers a broad range of services for individuals and families – from young to old, and everyone in between. This includes Head Start and early childhood programs for little ones (starting from infants through preschool), job training for teens and young adults, services for veterans, shelters for the homeless, providing Meals on Wheels to home-bound seniors as well as communal meals at local senior centers. In Hartford, CRT manages The Retreat, which is a unique assisted living facility for income-eligible seniors.

CRT also offers behavioral health services for people facing addiction issues, working with them to make



changes for the better. Their community services team helps people with housing counseling, foreclosure prevention, annual – and free – tax preparation services, as well as an annual course in financial literacy to help people better understand their finances. They offer both an energy assistance program to help people pay fuel costs in the winter, and a statewide weatherization program that can help people to make their homes more energy efficient throughout the year.

How can people support CRT?

There are many ways that people can support the work of CRT. Individuals can donate their time helping one of their many programs; or they can donate goods (like new socks, toiletries, and bedding) that will be given to people living in either the McKinney Shelter or East Hartford Family Shelter; and of course, the agency is always grateful for financial support from individuals and businesses that want to lend a hand.

More information about CRT's various programs and services can be found on CRT's website (www.crtct.org), or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/crtct/>

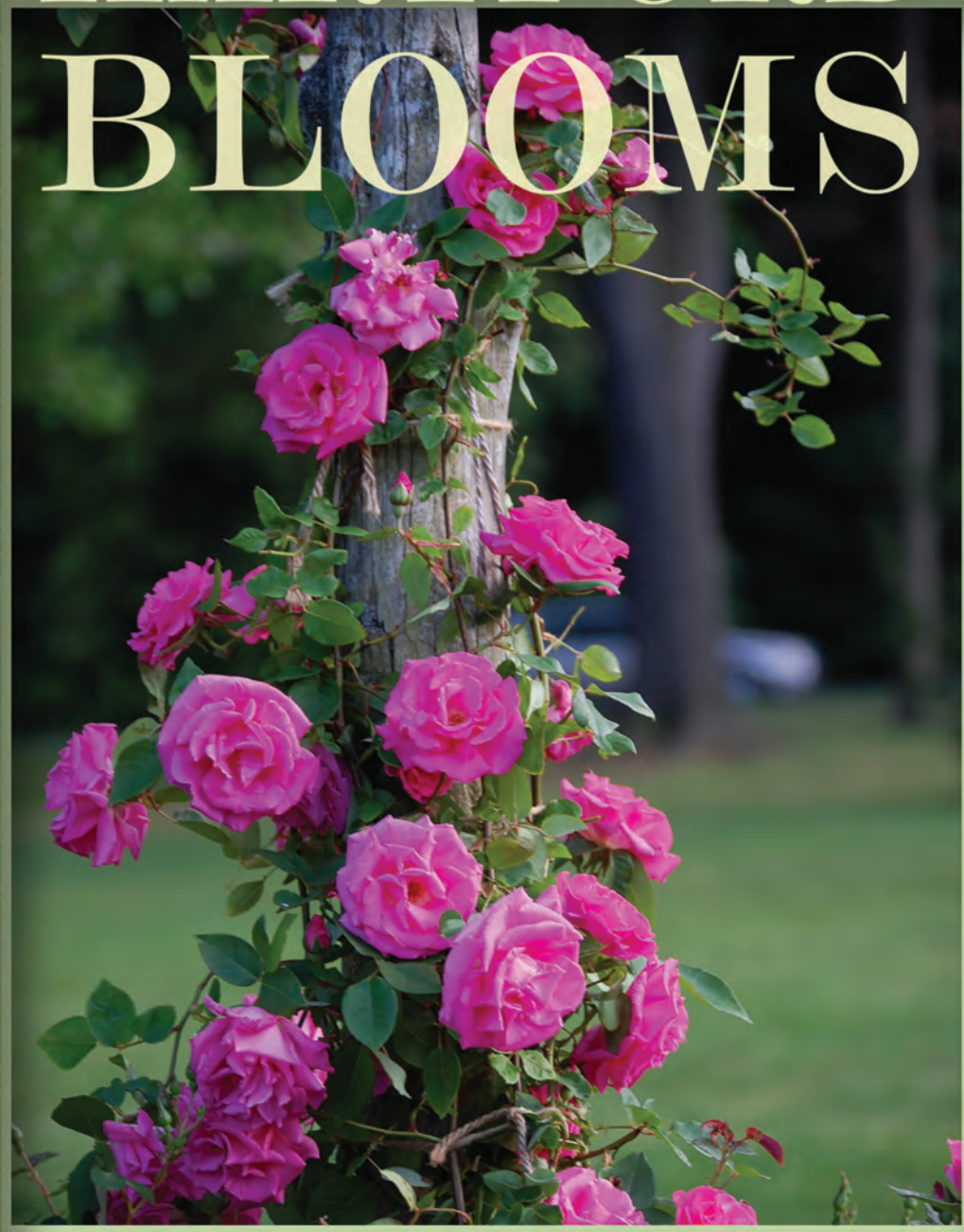
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Grand Army of the Republic

Thursday, June 14, 6:30 pm; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Learn about the U.S.'s first organization of war veterans through the stories of Cedar Hill's Civil War veterans – from its founding in 1868 to the death of its last Hartford member in 1938. Join Hartford Civil War researcher Mary Falvey on this informative walking tour.

Butterfly Hunt

Saturday, June 16, 10:00 am; Free for All. Hunt for butterflies with Roy Zartarian and the Connecticut Butterfly Association. With nearly 20 species known to visit Cedar Hill, volunteers will help find and net butterflies for viewing. Appropriate hiking shoes, long pants and bug repellent are recommended.

Discover Cedar Hill Tour

Wednesday, June 20, 10:00 am; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Bob Chudy leads this introductory tour about Cedar Hill's most prominent residents. Hear about the discoverer of anesthesia and his tragic life, the woman behind the management of Colt Manufacturing, and the man who saved the country from bankruptcy twice. **This tour will also be held July 18, same time and place.**

College Ties – Hartford's Trinity College

Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Founded in 1823, Trinity was the second college established in Connecticut. Starting at the final resting place of principal founder and first president Bishop Thomas Church Brownell, Debbie Alter will introduce you to Trinity alumni, faculty, and benefactors who now reside at Cedar Hill.

Barnstormers & Aviators

Tuesday, June 26, 10:00 am; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Learn about Connecticut's role in aviation history through the stories of noted stunt flyers, aviation innovators and early supporters of winged flight. Tales of daring pioneers, from Charles K. Hamilton to Edson Gallaudet and Mary Jenson, will delight and amaze on this walking tour of Cedar Hill.

What a Way to Go!

Saturday, May 19, 10:00 am; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Mayhem, murder and the hazards of everyday life in times gone by are the subjects of this tour led by Evelyn Bollert. Transportation with a mind of its own, constricting corsets, exploding boilers, odorless gases, melancholia,

mysticism, mysteries and more – Cedar Hill's denizens tell us tales of the dangers of daily living in the late-19th and early-20th centuries.

Mark Twain's Companions & Cohorts

Saturday, July 7, 10:00 am; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill & Mark Twain Museum Members Free. While Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain, is laid to rest in Elmira, New York, many of his Hartford companions and cohorts are interred at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Learn about Twain's life and his many Nook Farm friends, neighbors and colleagues during this walking tour led by Steve Courtney.

Stories in Stone

Thursday, July 12, 6:30 pm; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Learn about monument styles often found in 19th-century cemeteries such as Hartford's historic Cedar Hill. From the sarcophagus to the obelisk, Celtic cross, pyramid and more, Foundation Director Beverly Lucas will discuss the artistic and architectural design of the cemetery's illustrious memorials.

All the President's Men

Saturday, July 21, 10:00 am; Admission: \$5.00; Cedar Hill Members Free. Learn about Cedar Hill residents who once held positions of national importance from Secretaries of the Navy to Commissioner of Education and Ministers to Russia. Mary Falvey leads this tour focused on men who served the U. S. government, many at the request of the sitting president.

For a full list of events, go to: cedarhillfoundation.org/visit-cedar-hill/tours-and-events/



WELCOME to HARTFORD BLOOMS 2018!

Now in its 4th year, Hartford Blooms is a true showcase for the Capital City. This year's event consists of nine days (June 9 -17) of tours, talks, live music and more. In this special section, you'll find out the places we'll tour, where to park and what to do. Of course, many of the stops on the tours – such as Cedar Hill Cemetery and Keney Golf Course – may be visited any time, all year-round. For more information on Hartford Blooms, please go to the website hartfordblooms.gdn or call 860-296-6128. You can also friend us on Facebook! Thanks to Eversource Energy for their generous support of this year's Hartford Blooms tours.

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The iconic dome atop the old Colt Armory has been restored to its former glory and makes for a fitting start to Hartford Blooms 2018. The Colt Armory was once the largest privately owned factory in the world. The Coltsville area is in the process of becoming a National Park, but there's lots more to see and do in Hartford's South End.

Time: 12 noon to 4 pm (tours); 4 pm lecture at the Church of the Good Shepherd

Park: Coltsville lots on Huyshope Avenue

Tours: Please gather on the patio of Thomas Hooker Brewery, 140 Huyshope Avenue. Tours of the Colt complex, including a chance to go up in the famous dome, will be run from 12 noon - 4 pm. There will also be hourly bus tours of Hartford's South End, with stops at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Goodwin Park and Charter Oak Place. You can order lunch at the brewery and, from 12:30 - 1 pm, there will be live jazz. After the tours there will be a lecture at Good Shepherd Church on Wyllys Street. The Church was founded by Colt's widow, Elizabeth Jarvis Colt, in memory of her husband.



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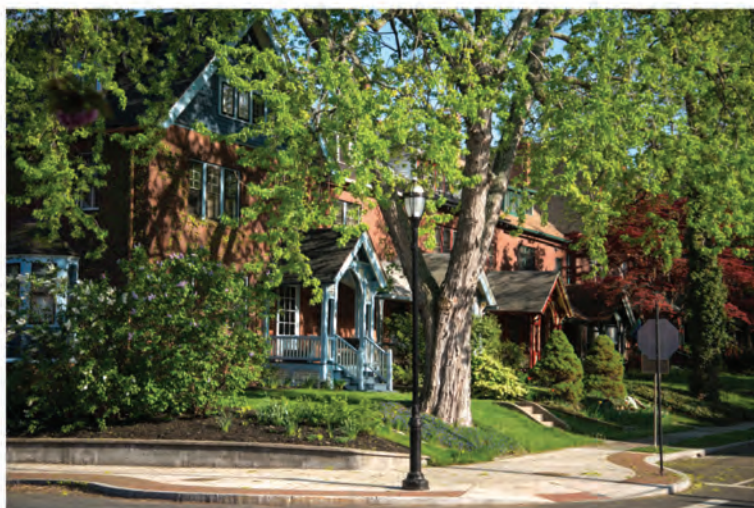
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CAPITOL AREA



Famed architect George Keller took the row house concept to its highest level with his design for the homes on Columbia Street (left). The street is one of the many hidden - and not so hidden - treasures in the area surrounding the State Capitol Building, an architectural marvel in its own right.

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Park/Gather: Cathedral of Saint Joseph parking lot on Asylum Ave (rear of the Cathedral)

Tour: The bus will leave the parking lot at 10 am and return around 2 pm. Late? Catch up with the bus at any stop (call or text 860-256-7869). The first stop Columbia Street (right off Capitol Avenue going west) then to Billings Forge, a restored 19th century factory on Broad Street which has been put to many new uses. The next stop will be the Connecticut State Museum and Library. Located directly across the street from the State Capitol, the museum is home to the fabulous Colt Collection of firearms as well as numerous items pertaining to the history of Connecticut. We'll have lunch at the Legislative Office Building and finish up with a tour of the State Capitol itself.

A major highlight of a tour of the State Capitol is the Hall of Flags. Battle flags carried by Connecticut soldiers from the Civil War to the present day are displayed in glass cases. The majority of the flags date from the Civil War and show damage suffered in battle.



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DOWNTOWN



Mortensen Riverfront Plaza (foreground) is the centerpiece of Riverfront Recapture's effort to reconnect the Greater Hartford community with the Connecticut River. The Plaza hosts some of the region's most popular events, including the Riverfront Fireworks in July and the Dragon Boat Races in August (see pages 20-21)

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Park/Gather: Cathedral of Saint Joseph Lot on Asylum Avenue (rear of Cathedral)

Tour: The bus will leave at 10 am and return around 2 pm. Late? Park in the Front Street area. Call 860-256-7869 to join the tour. Our first stop will be the Front Street area, where we will be guided by an official from the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA). We'll then pass by the Connecticut Convention Center and tour Constitution Plaza and Mortensen Riverfront Plaza. Next we'll hop back on the bus for a short ride to Dunkin' Donuts Stadium, home of the Hartford Yard Goats and considered one of the best minor league ball-parks in America. An optional Jazz Lunch will be available at V's Trattoria on Church Street (3 blocks from the stadium).

While you're Downtown, take a walk down Pratt Street with its eclectic mix of restaurants, shops and even a painting studio! The street is easy to recognize, look for its brick sidewalks and ornate street lamps.

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ASYLUM HILL



Asylum Hill was THE place to be in the late 19th century, just ask its most famous resident, Mark Twain. The Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance is now working to restore the neighborhood to its former glory. It has renovated and sold several magnificent Victorian Era homes on "The Hill" over the past several years. One of its latest projects was building this brand new Victorian-style home on Huntington Street.

Times: 10 am - 2 pm. The bus will leave at approximately 10:30 am following a tour of the Cathedral and its grounds. To join the tour at any stop, call or text 860-256-7869.

Park: Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parking lot on Asylum Ave (rear of the Cathedral)

Tour: First we'll tour Saint Joseph Cathedral Church and grounds. The Cathedral, completed in 1962, is one of the largest and most impressive buildings in the region. Then we'll get on the bus to see NINA's new Victorian House on Huntington Street and the "Huntington Heights" Garden. Next we'll take a walking tour of the Victorian homes on Ashley Street and finish up at Veeder Place with a tour of the Fresh Start factory and a Jazz Concert and lunch (around 1:15).

Wallace Stevens was a Pulitzer Prize winning poet who lived in Hartford's West End. Every day, he'd walk from his home to his job at The Hartford Insurance Group. His route is marked today by the Wallace Stevens Walk. Each stop features a passage from his famous poem, "13 Ways To Look At A Blackbird."

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NORTH END



After years of neglect, Keney Golf Course has been completely renovated and is now considered one of the top public golf courses in the region. Its clubhouse was also completely redone and is home to The Tavern at Keney Restaurant (see pages 18-19).

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Park: at the Keney Golf Course. Enter the park off 171 Windsor Avenue, just north of the Windsor-Hartford town line (look for the sign and entrance). Follow to the roadway to the course clubhouse. Late? Meet at any stop, call or text 860-256-7869.

Tour: We'll start with a brief look at the golf course and then hop on the bus at approximately 10:30 am. We'll be stopping at Soldiers' Field in Northwoods Cemetery, the Circus Fire Memorial, Herb Virgo's Family Day experimental garden and the top of the former Hartford landfill with 40 mile views in almost any direction. We'll then head back to the golf course for lunch and a jazz concert.

168 people died in the Hartford Circus Fire on July 6, 1944. The Circus Fire Memorial is located behind Wish School on Barbour Street, on the exact spot where the main circus tent stood on that tragic day.

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JUNE 15

PARKVILLE



The former Hartford Rubber Works on Bartholomew Avenue is now home to the many businesses that are part of the Hartford Design Source as well as several upscale loft-style apartments. It is one of several former factory buildings in the Parkville neighborhood that have been renovated and repurposed.

Time: 10 am through the evening (shuttle bus will run from 10 am - 2 pm).

Park: at lots or streets on Bartholomew Ave. or the lot behind 30 Arbor St.

Tour: A shuttle bus will run back and forth between Arbor Street and Bartholomew Avenue. In either area you are welcome to tour the many new businesses that have opened up in Parkville's numerous renovated factory buildings. Special points of interest include Hartford Flavor, 30 Arbor Street (rear); Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor Street (also home to many artist's studios); The Design Source CT (special tour at 12:30 pm), 1429 Park Street; Hog River Brewery, 1429 Park Street (rear); Hartford Denim Company, 236 Hamilton Street; Hands on Hartford, 55 Bartholomew Avenue; ReSet, 429 Park Street; and the Dirt Salon, 50 Bartholomew Avenue. There will be a jazz concert at 12:30 pm at Hands On Hartford, where you can also order lunch, and music at Hartford Flavor at 1 pm.

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JUNE 16 & 17 WEST END



Now in its 114th year, Elizabeth Park's world famous Rose Garden is the oldest and third largest in the United States. The 2.5 acre garden's 475 beds contains 15,000 rose bushes in 800 different varieties. Its central gazebo was built in 1904 and reconstructed in 2005 based on its original plan.

Times: 10 am to 2 pm (Saturday, June 16), Open (Sunday, June 17)

Park: On Saturday, June 16, park at Tangier's, 550 Farmington Ave (behind Fedex) Late? Meet the bus at Elizabeth Park about 10:15 or call 860-256-7869. On Sunday, parking is available at Elizabeth Park and surrounding streets.

Tours: On Saturday, June 16, the first stop will be Elizabeth Park's famous Rose Garden. Then we'll hop back on the bus and visit the Asylum Avenue Mansion and grounds and Scarborough Farms, a private residence with 5 acres of landscaped grounds running down to the Park River. We'll also stop by 200 Scarborough with its beautiful garden and whimsical statuary and then head back to Tangier's for lunch and a jazz concert. On Sunday, June 17, there will be no formal tours so you can enjoy Rose Sunday at Elizabeth Park on your own. Stop at the Hartford Blooms booth in the Vendor Tent.

Elizabeth Park was designed by Hartford Parks Superintendent Theodore Wirth and opened in 1897. The land for the park was donated by Hartford banker Charles Pond. The park is named after his wife, Elizabeth.

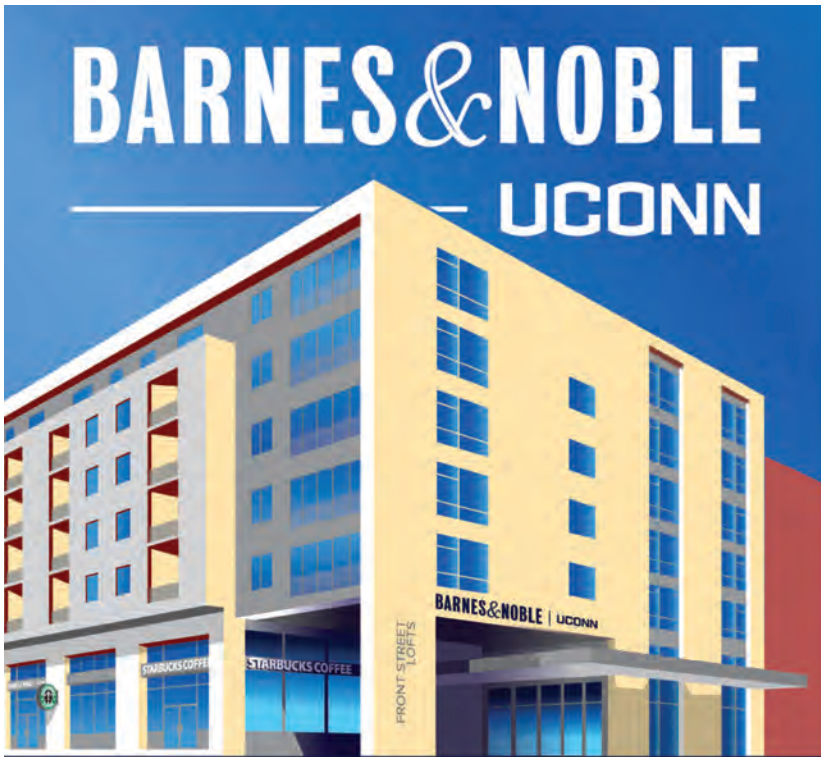


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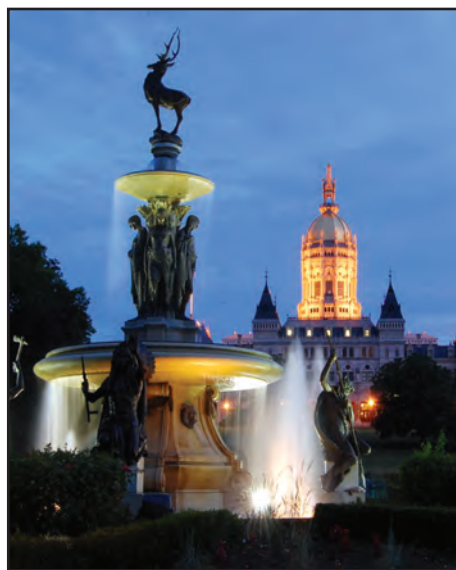




Hartford is the capital of Connecticut and is often called "The Insurance Capital of the World," since it is home to many major insurance corporations, such as Aetna, Travelers and The Hartford Insurance group. Although its population has decreased since reaching a peak of approximately 164,000 in the 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 one of the world's largest stone arch bridges. The city's prominence as a

publishing 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.

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.

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

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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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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.westhartford-art.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

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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

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,



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

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

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-homesteadadarr.org

Vintage Radio & Communications Museum of CT (115 Pierson Ln.) Dedicated to preservation and history of old-time communications equipment: radios, TVs, telephones, more. 860-683-2903, vrcmct.org

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-



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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Candlewood Inn 370 Market St. 860-724-1074, ihg.com/candlewoodhotels/us/en/hartford	81	•			•	Ind.	30	•	
Goodwin Hotel 1 Haynes St., 860-246-1881, goodwinhartford.com	124		•	•	•		80		•
Hilton Hartford Hotel 315 Trumbull St., 860-728-5151, www.hartford.hilton.com	393	•	•	•	•	In	600		
Homewood Suites (Hartford Downtown) 338 Asylum St., 860-524-0223 hartforddowntown.homewoodsuites.com	116				•		50		•
Marriott HartfordDowntown 200 Columbus Blvd., 860-249-8000, www.hartfordmarriott.com	409		•	•	•	In	900		
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Super 8 Motel 57 West Service Rd., 860-246-8888, 800-800-8000, www.super8.com	104						20	•	•
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1341 Silas Deane Hwy., 860-563-5900, 800-466-8356, www.motel6.com

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185 Broad St, 860-571-8733, www.silaswrobbins.com

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Hilton Garden Inn Hartford North/Bradley Intl. Airport

555 Corporate Dr., 860-688-6400, www.windsor.hgi.com

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