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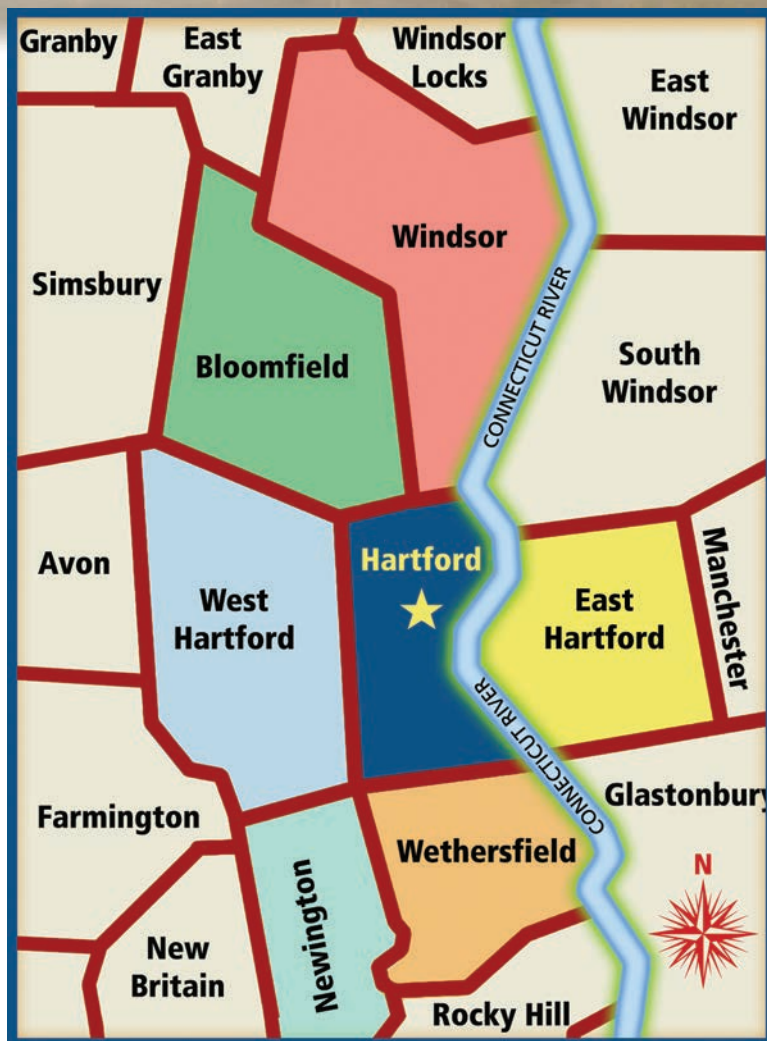
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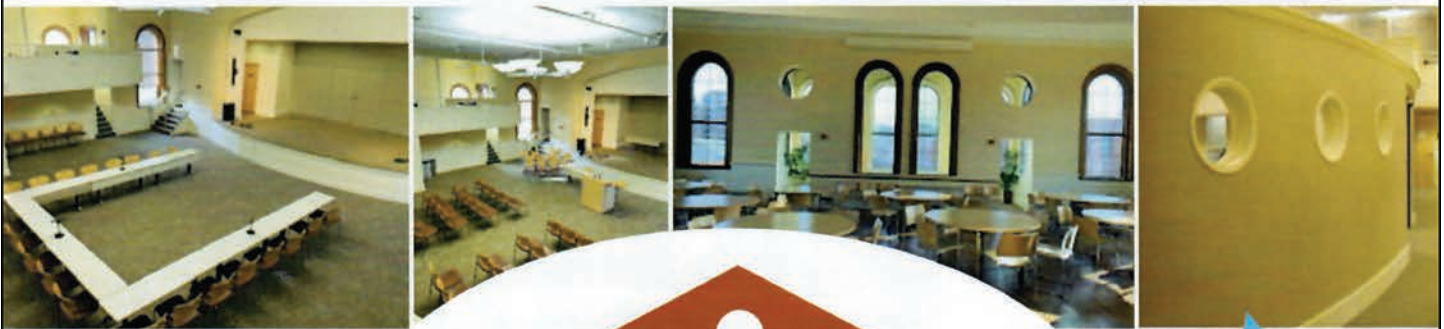
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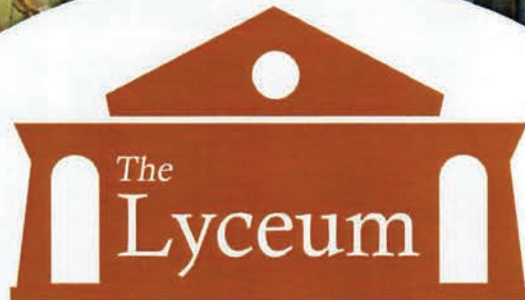
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HANDY SOURCES OF INFORMATION

(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. Call 1-800-406-1527

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

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

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

Hartford Public Library: 860-695-6300

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.

Greater Hartford is Exciting!

Since colonial times, the Greater Hartford region has had a leading role in manufacturing technology, the evolution of finance and politics. Samuel Colt took assembly lines to new levels, and the insurance industry got its start right here. Political figures such as John Bailey and Peter Kelly have loomed large on the national stage. Today, we see new developments in Hartford and surrounding towns. This guide highlights some of the new and exciting initiatives happening throughout the Greater Hartford area.

From the totally renovated "Feng" downtown to the bustle of West Hartford Center, there seems to be electricity in the air throughout Greater Hartford.

New apartments in Wethersfield, other suburbs and downtown provide housing for the new wave of high-tech and bio-tech professionals, while hot spots such as the Parkville and Front Street Districts provide an array of diverse events, ethnic cuisine and live concerts.

We have professional sports teams such as Yard Goats Baseball, Wolf Pack Hockey and Hartford Athletics Soccer. Trinity College, the University of Hartford, the University of St. Joseph and UConn-Hartford all offer competitive athletic programs as do the local high schools.

If not a big sports fan, cinemas throughout the city not only offer the latest releases, but also hold film festivals featuring old classics and foreign genres.

Now is the time to explore opportunities in entertainment, careers and volunteerism. Whatever your lifestyle, the Hartford Guide is a source for your new adventures in Greater Hartford.



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Yankee Ingenuity is Alive in Connecticut



As far back as the mid-1800s, Connecticut's capital city was known as a hub of ingenuity. The proliferation of sewing machines, tools, revolvers, bicycles, electric cars, typewriters, pay phones, answering machines – were all a result of Hartford native, Samuel Colt. His perfection of the precision manufacturing process enabled mass production by adapting these techniques to a multitude of industries. Hartford was at the center of the technology revolution. At the same time, there was the rise of the insurance trade with firms such as Aetna, Travelers and The Hartford establishing headquarters in the city, earning the nickname of the “insurance capital of the world”. Although much of the manufacturing is gone, it has been replaced by 21st century innovation and those entities that cultivate entrepreneurial growth.

Leveraging Assets, Investments and Partnerships: Building on a Solid Foundation

New Britain-based Stanley Black & Decker expanded its formidable footprint in Connecticut with the ribbon-cutting on a 23,000 square-foot Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence called “Manufactory 4.0”. Located downtown, the new state-of-the-art facility serves as an adaptation nucleus for

the local region and the company's Industry 4.0 “smart factory” initiative. STANLEY+Techstar is bringing field experts together and startups to the city, with the objective of accelerating the company's advance manufacturing technologies and developing programs to prepare its workforce for the imminent digital manufacturing landscape. Work centers on the areas of Connected Factory, Flexible Automation and Advanced Analytics as well as “upskilling and “reskilling” the current and prospective workforce drawn from some the best schools in the country. This new venture builds on the state's strong manufacturing legacy and the one started by Fredrick T. Stanley over 175 years ago as co-founder of Bolt Manufactory in 1843.

Creative solutions that cultivate new ideas and technologies for market retention and growth are an essential component of the strategy to augment the substantial insurance, medical and aerospace roots of the city and region. The quasi-public state agency, Connecticut Innovations, its subsidiary, CT Next and local educational institutions serve as financial and resource investors in a unique networking ecosystem. Models such as the InsurTech Hub utilizes a two-pronged approach where a corporate “accelerator” partners with technology-focused startups to develop information systems that improve data mining while innovation entities collaborate to pilot new industry product con-



cepts. The affiliation results in the emergence of ancillary businesses that support the larger corporate sectors in design research, product creation, talent development and market development and expansion.

Trinity College's Constitution Plaza space is home to and co-founder of Startupbootcamp's MedTech Accelerator in partnership with the University of Connecticut School of Business. The initiative receives financial support from Hartford Healthcare, Trinity and CT Next. Next Generation Technology & Talent in Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing is a CT Next program designed to increase access to industry research and development resources while strengthening the talent pipeline. Focus is on the use of technology to improve efficiencies and accuracy, decrease costs and retain a competitive position, increase



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Yankee Ingenuity

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market share and raise awareness of career opportunities available in the local aerospace supply chain for local high school students. Global companies such as Infosys, also with a downtown Hartford headquarters, are partners in the effort to train talent in the digital infrastructure.

Besides these industry-specific accelerators, other entities have seen the potential in the city as a place for new ideas and business opportunities. Upward Hartford has been helping the ventures of aspiring entrepreneurs take flight by providing a collaborative environment to develop and fine tune new business concepts. This unique enterprise incubator provides

members with access to mentors, investors, libraries, technical resources and other essential amenities to help individuals get their project ready to deploy. It's ideally located amid the apartments, financial institutions, legal and accounting firms, insurance headquarters and educational strongholds that make up Hartford's downtown core.

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Trinity College:

www.trincoll.edu/news/trinity-college-is-a-foudning-partner-of-startupbootcamps-medtec-accelerator-in-hartford

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The Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) is a partnership between Connecticut's Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College. SINA works to improve economic vitality, public safety and quality of life for people who live and work in South Central Hartford. One of the chief ways SINA accomplishes this is by building beautiful, energy-efficient houses and offering programs to help people buy them.

Several SINA homes will be available soon, including some older buildings that were updated while retaining the charming architecture of past centuries. Other houses are new construction consistent in design and scale with the neighborhood. All SINA homes offer modern con-




veniences like energy-efficient windows and updated kitchens.

The complicated process of rehabbing buildings that are on the National Register of Historic Places is managed by Dean Iaiennaro, SINA's Director of Real Estate Development. He deals with challenges like adding insulation and removing lead, while retaining plaster, trim and details that make these homes special.

Delene Falcon is a veteran with a degree in psychology. When she was expecting her first child, she bought a Wolcott Street home built by SINA. Delene loves the quality of her home, saying "no expense was spared, no detail left out, in creating a beautiful home for a family to make a beautiful life."

The three SINA partner institutions offer a Homeownership Incentive Program to provide financial assistance for their employees who want to buy in the neighborhood. SINA also helps first time home owners, who are referred to classes on repairing personal credit, creating budgets and applying for a mortgage.

SINA's institutional partners, their employees and other neighbors value the convenience of walking to jobs, buses, stores and restaurants from beautiful new homes. SINA is currently building homes on Bond, Catherine, Jefferson, and Madison Streets with six new homes built on Wolcott Street and Brownell Avenue. For information about available houses, contact SINA at 860-493-1618.



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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

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XL CENTER: In addition to major sport-

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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 line-up of plays, concerts and other events. **1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, 860-232-4571, usj.edu/arts**

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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**

Movie Theaters

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

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.realart-ways

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

Wadsworth Atheneum Aetna Theater: 600 Main Street, Hartford, 860-278-2670, thewadsworth.org

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



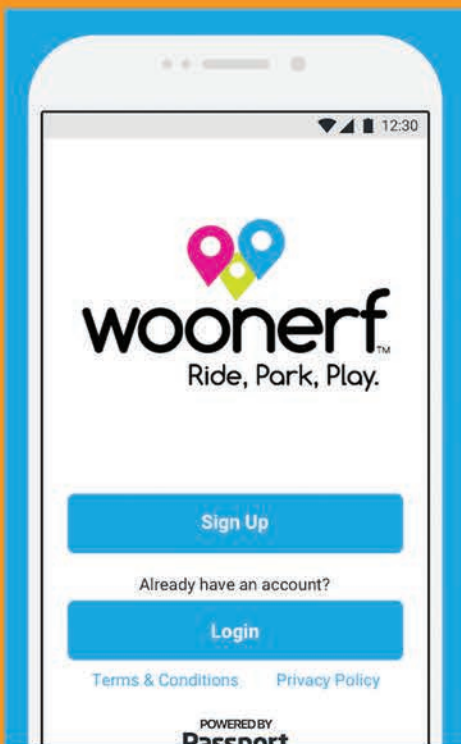
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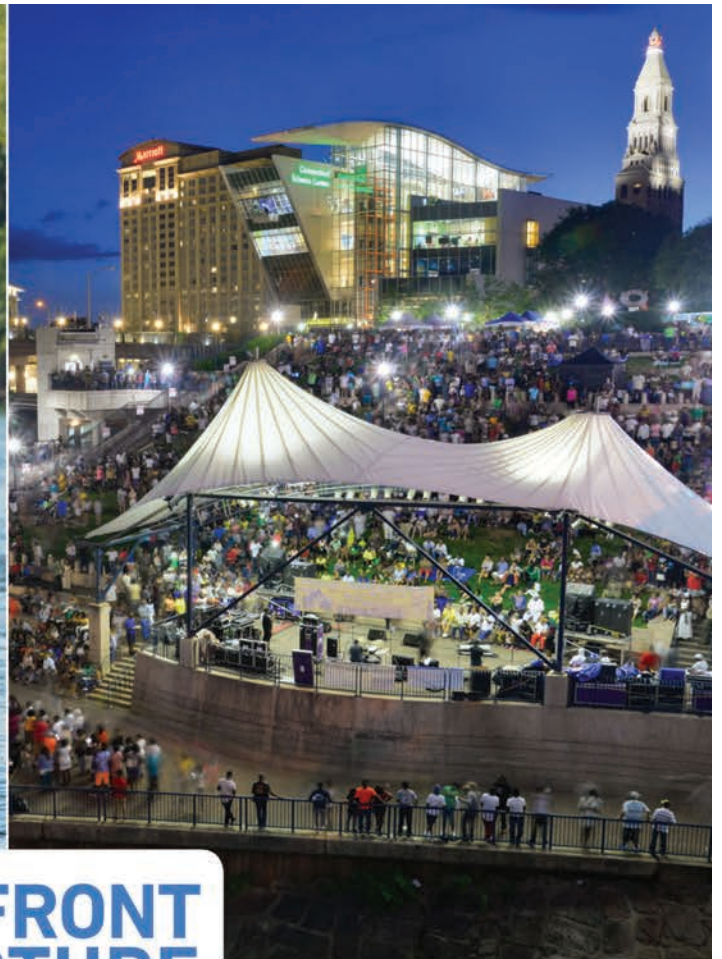
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Riverfront Parks & Trails

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.

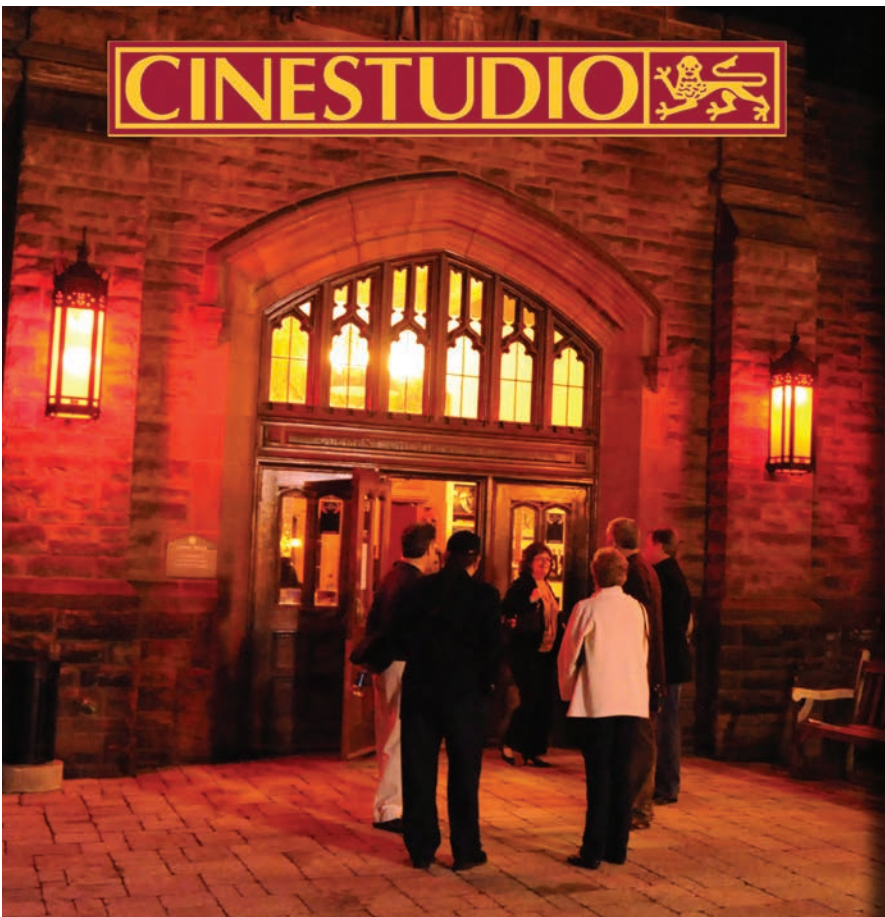
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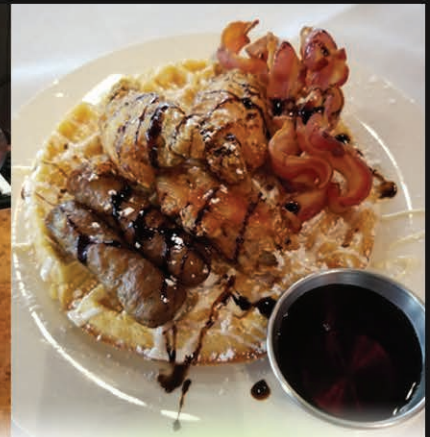


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Today, with many cities such as Hartford bereft of the manufacturing base that once fueled an economy that benefited many, we see the rise of Coltsville as a new major player in the city that has spurred "A Steady Revival," according to the *Hartford Courant*.

A \$120 million redevelopment has brought the Colt factory back to life as a new hub of education, commerce, and residence, under the leadership of Larry Dooley of CG Management. Of course, it has taken a lot of financial support from the project's major investors: Chevron, United Bank, and CRDA.

Manufacturing is back; offices are back; an architectural firm has moved in; and schools occupy significant space. All 129 apartments are occupied, 48 additional units will come online in 2020 and a National Park is in the process of being created.

With the development of the last major piece of the Colt Complex, the North Armory with its iconic blue onion dome, now underway, the old factory's transformation will be complete. Coltsville serves as a source of pride for not only the city of Hartford but the state of Connecticut as well.



Full moon rising over the Colt Dome.

COLTSMVILLE

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.

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Discover Greater Hartford's World of Culinary Opportunities

Hartford's long and continuing role as a mecca of diversity has given the city an international flavor.

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 specializes in 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 Sothern Kitchen & Bar and El Pollo Guapo, the world is waiting for you. Go Irish at Vaughan's Public House, Italian at Peppercorns, Polish at the Polish National Home, Southeast Asian at Fengs Chophouse, or Middle Eastern at Aladdin Halal Restaurant.

Downtown also has numerous restaurants on the cutting edge of culinary innovation, such as Max Downtown, Trumbull Kitchen and Salute.

As Puerto Ricans and West Indians comprise a major part of Hartford's population, it is no surprise that the city contains restaurants, clubs and bakeries reflecting a Caribbean flare. Jerk chicken, curried 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 favorite. 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 with some of the state's top dining spots: Max's Oyster Bar, Luna Pizza, Restaurant Bricco, 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 restaurants 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, named after prominent members of the community.

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Notable walks:

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



A

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



B

Bushnell Park (C)

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



C

the first student of Thomas Gallaudet, founder of the American School for the Deaf. The school, the first of its kind in the nation, is now located in West Hartford.



D

- A few blocks to the west is Farmington Avenue and the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Starting at Union Station, go up the hill past "Turn Around Park" for a great view of the State Capitol. The Cathedral is open daily from 7 am to 3 pm, across the street from Aetna.

Hartford's many parks also offer a wide variety of pleasurable walks. See page 27.

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Hartford has 35 parks and approximately 1,513 acres of open space within the city limits and an additional 717 acres in the Greater Hartford area. Hartford's facilities range from large parks such as the Bushnell, Pope, Keney, Colt and Goodwin to small neighborhood parks and open spaces such as 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 first municipal rose garden in Elizabeth Park.

Major Hartford Parks

- **Keney Park (1896)** is one of the largest public parks in New England with 693-acres. The park's natural look was designed as a series of typical regional landscapes, including meadows and forests. The 18-hole Keney Park Golf Course was designed by Devereux Emmet and recently 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 by industrialist Colonel Albert Pope for his employees and city residents to enjoy games, walking and out-door activities. It was designed by the Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects in 1898. The Park has athletic fields, a recreation center, pond, among other features.
- **Elizabeth Park (1897)** lies on both sides of the Hartford-West Hartford town line. In addition to its world-famous Rose Garden, it also contains sports fields, greenhouses, a large pond and a lawn-bowling pitch.



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

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





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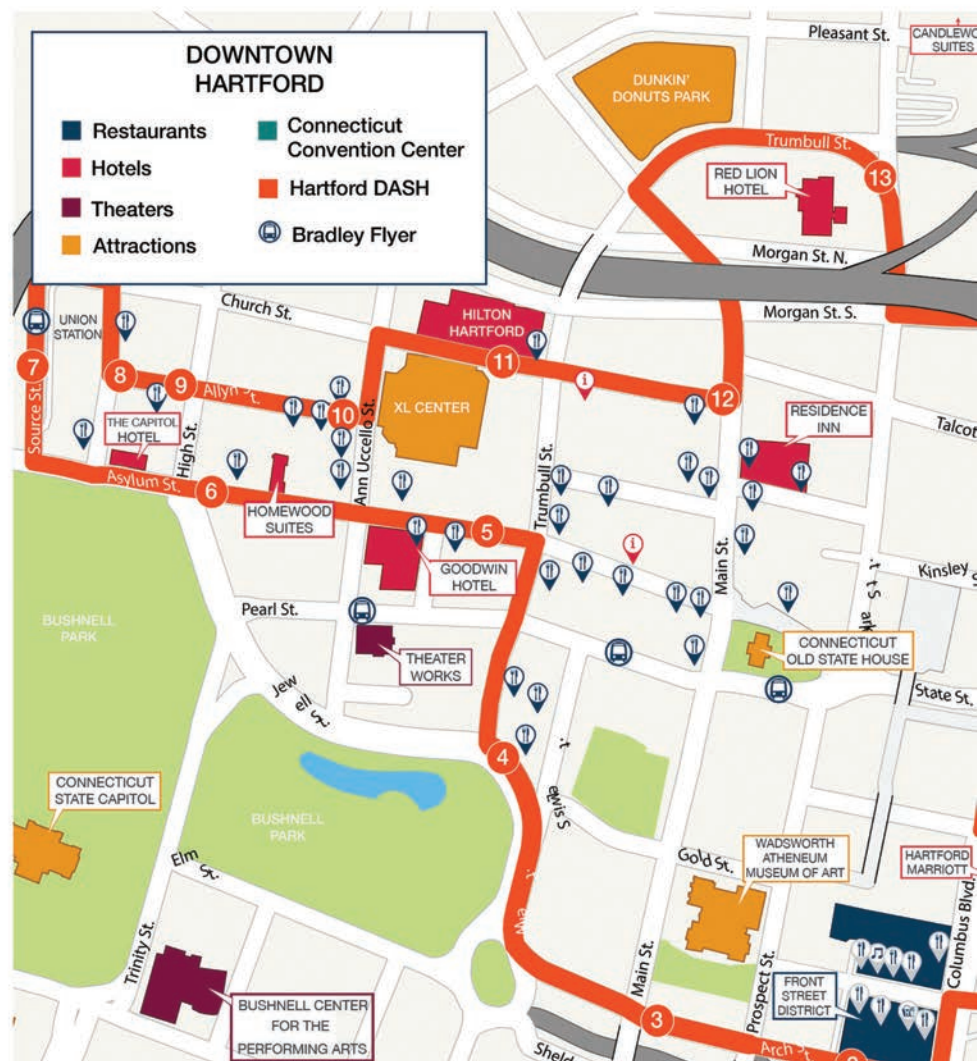
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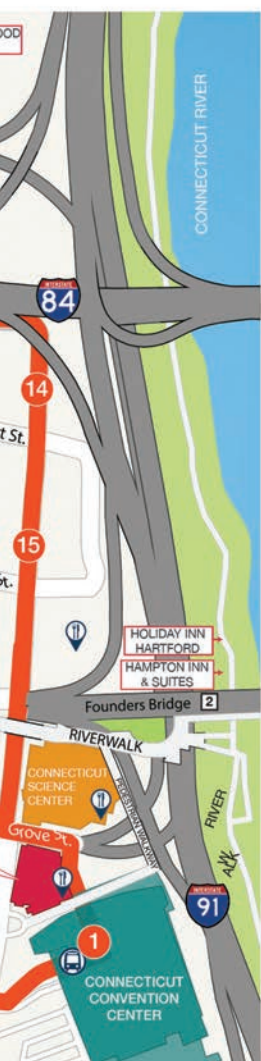


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Convention Center, 2019 NCAA Men's D1 Basketball First & Second Rounds at the XL Center and NCAA D1 Men's Lacrosse Quarter Finals at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, and this summer's PGA of America's Junior Championships in Keney Park all shined a national spotlight on our region.

Scholastic fan favorites include University of Connecticut football and ice hockey, and an array of NCAA athletic competitions at Trinity College, the University of Hartford, and the University of Saint Joseph.



New and recently renovated sports facilities and professional teams help the city stand out from other destinations it competes against for sports business. The 2017 opening of Dunkin' Donuts Park, home of baseball's Hartford Yard Goats, has been a grand slam for Greater Hartford. At the newly-constructed Fastpitch Nation Park in Windsor – the largest fastpitch softball complex in the Northeast, spending by those competing or attending events is projected to result in approximately \$8 million for the region and over \$500,000 for the State in taxes in its first year alone. Hartford's newly-renovated Dillon Stadium hosted the dynamic new Hartford Athletic pro soccer team.

High-profile events such as the Eversource Hartford Marathon, Travelers Championship, 2019 First to the Finish New England Winterfest Volleyball Tournament at the Connecticut



Regional partnerships are another key to securing events. Greater Hartford's hospitality industry – hotels, restaurants, attractions, retail and area businesses – work together to ensure that the experience is a positive one for teams, officials, and fans.

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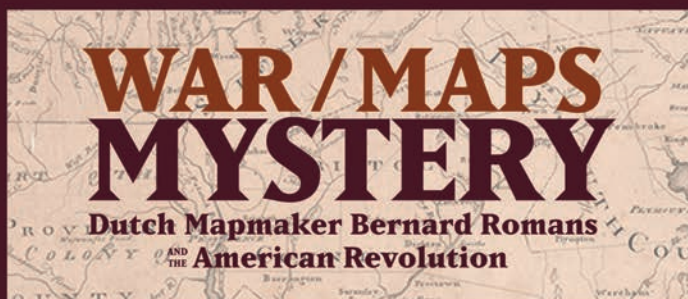
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MMA Makes Itself at Home at the Connecticut Convention Center

Known as one of the premier facilities in the Northeast for hosting tradeshows, conventions, and corporate meetings, the convention center entered a new era, by hosting the first state-sanctioned mixed martial arts match held by the Classic Entertainment and Sports, CES MMA 55. The contest featured renowned local fan-favorites alongside some of the region's rising stars. Hartford native and UFC flyweight contender Matt Bessette, along with New Britain's Parker Porter, and Manchester native William Knight, brought local flavor to an already exciting March event.

CES MMA, based in Providence, Rhode Island, has worked with the convention center on boxing promotions in the past and is now the first MMA company licensed by the State of Connecticut. "I swear it's a miracle", says CES president, Jimmy Burchfield, Sr. of the MMA bout held in Hartford. "It's a miracle that we were able to pull it off and put a great card together and have these Connecticut fighters fight in their home state." With a successful first competition attracting 1,700 spectators, CES MMA 56 featuring both men's and women's cards and an undefeated John Gotti, III, took place on May 31 in front of a crowd of 1,860.

The Connecticut Convention Center is no stranger to sporting events having presented boxing matches in the past as well as serving as the home the home of the Northeast Regional Volleyball Association Winterfest for ten consecutive years and through 2024 and prep volleyball players from across New England. "The tournaments and games demonstrate the versa-



tility of the facility", says Michele Hughes, director of sales for the convention center. "On one level we are catering a gala for 1,500 and just below we have 27 courts set up and ready for competitive play."

The state-owned building, managed by Waterford Venue Services, has 540,000 square feet of customizable space, including a 140,000 square feet of Exhibit Hall,

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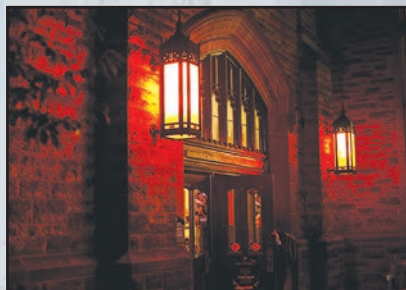
A visit to Trinity College is not just for high school students on the admissions tour circuit. Community insiders know the campus, nestled in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood, is filled with Instagram-worthy scenes, treasured history, and sensational public events (often free). For details on lectures, performances, exhibitions, readings and athletic events, visit bit.ly/TrinEvents. Adults from the community at large also can check out the minicourse offerings of Trinity's Academy of Lifelong Learning, bit.ly/TrinAll. In the meantime, below are just a few of the notable spots to visit at Trinity.



The Long Walk: Designed by English architect William Burges and Hartford based architect Francis Hatch Kimball in 1874, the Long Walk offers a step back in time to the 19th century. Begin by strolling from Summit Street through the Fuller Arch at Northam Towers into the center of campus. Once inside, you have

a prominent view of the High Victorian Collegiate Gothic architecture and bold, brownstone buildings overlook the Main Quad.

DON'T MISS: On the main quad, with Hartford's city skyline as backdrop, stop to admire the two 1859 Civil War cannons that were used on the battleship the USS Hartford.



Cinestudio: Founded in 1970 by Trinity students, Cinestudio is a recreation of a 1930's film house. The aesthetics take you back in time to a classic movie palace complete with a golden curtain. Cinephiles will find everything from blockbuster hits to foreign films. When to visit: In May, the Trinity Film Festival brings undergraduate college students from around the U.S. to Cinestudio to screen their original films.

The Trinity College Chapel: Built in 1930s by architect Philip H. Frohman, also designer of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. - the Chapel features



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CAPTURE THIS: Visitors often photograph the Chapel tower, which features a 49-bell carillon, but a hidden gem is the cloister, south of the Chapel. Embedded in its masonry are stones of historic value, including one from the Great Wall of China.



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How We Got the Greeks

BY JOE C. CUTULI

Just about everyone you ask will say college was the best time of their life. College grads are always longing to go back to their prime years. We all know there is no way to actually go back to the whimsical, care-free time period that shaped our adult life, but there is a way to reconnect with those who made the experience so remarkable. College after college; and I am not talking about grad school. College after college – convention style.



The Connecticut Convention Center welcomes many people and many different groups from all places. Included among them are fraternities and sororities, a highlight of university life.

First, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority (AKA) of the Atlantic region held their conference in 2007, as did the Delta Sigma Theta sorority (Deltas). The AKAs returned in 2016 and the Deltas came back in 2018, along with the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity (Alpha Phi Alpha). The AKAs will return to the convention center in 2020 while Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and Atlantic Region of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will be coming for the first time.

These fraternities and sororities come from large cities such as Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; and Carmel, IN. So, what keeps them coming back to Hartford? After all, Connecticut is not the first place you think of when seeking a wild time. It should be though. Not only is it a thrilling place to host conventions, it underscores its strengths by reassuring visitants that they are at the right spot with exceptional hospitality and unbeatable convenience. On top of the many tourist attractions the city has to offer, the visitors remember how they felt during their stay. It is safe to say that few other groups appreciate a sense of community,



unity, and exhilaration more so than fraternities and sororities. These are values promoted by the Connecticut Convention Center. The employees pride themselves on making everyone feel welcomed and comfortable. You don't have to just take our word for it, though. Each of the associations have expressed how positive the atmosphere of the convention center is one way or another.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority credited their successful stay in Hartford to the convention center's "attention to detail" and "quick response" to numerous emails and requests. This affinity for hospitality helped make the 2,200 women from all over the country especially glad they visited.

The Alpha Phi Alpha's reminisced about their time at the convention center as a "world-class experience" when they gathered for their 86th Anniversary Eastern Region Convention. John Norfleet, their director of conventions, stated, "The Connecticut Convention Center provided stellar service and delicious meals for our events. Every detail exceeded my expectations." Clearly, when these young crowds come to this part of the U.S., they feel like the residents of Hartford truly care about making their experience memorable.

Another key feature of Hartford is its accessibility. Fraternities and sororities specifically include the types of people who embrace an eagerness for excitement. These special alumni are bound to travel somewhere, so they may as well pick an interesting place that is easy to get to. Well,

luckily, Hartford fits right into that category. Located right in the middle of New York and Boston, this tier-two city is within a two-hour drive for 23 million civilians. It is also easy to get around for tourists on vacation. There is a DASH (Downtown Area SHuttle) bus that loops around Hartford to all of the main attractions, even though most are within walking distance. This free (yes, free) bus service offers quick and easy transportation to the eight main hotels in Hartford. The convention center is partnered with over 40 restaurants in the area, and after dinner one could even walk over to Dunkin' Donuts stadium to catch a Yard Goats game. I know you get the idea by now, but just in case, I'll reiterate. Everything. Is. Close.

Here, take it from our friends in Alpha Kappa Alpha, "The Connecticut Convention Center and Front Street have proven over the years to be the crown jewels of Hartford by boasting excellent meeting facilities, a diverse cross-section of restaurants, entertainment venues and relaxing nightlife.

When the Greeks are not at the convention center, they are enjoying free time at casinos, shops, movies, and concerts. I know it's not quite the same as a frat party or a tailgate, but the sororities and fraternities never run out of activities to do and places to see during their stay in Hartford. Whether it is the entertainment, the uplifting attitudes, or the convenience of it all, these energetic Greek organizations really adore coming to the Connecticut Convention Center.

Capital Community College Retains Top 25 National Ranking For Adult Learners

Capital Community College (CCC) has retained its national ranking for two-year colleges that serve adult learners well, according to the Washington Monthly's 2019 College Rankings in the September/October edition.

CCC ranked #21 in the latest survey and is among five community colleges in New England to make the top 25 for effectiveness in serving older students (25 and older).

"This year's list of best-ranked colleges for adult learners taps national data to identify schools that make it easier for students to transfer, offer flexibility in their scheduling, provide services outside of banking hours, and make it possible for part-time students to succeed after they graduate," writes Rebecca Klein-Collins, an associate vice president of research and policy development at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.

The Washington Monthly, a nonprofit bimonthly published in the nation's capital, assessed 978 two-year colleges using federal education data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and other measures. Eight metrics were used in the rankings. "Across the board," notes Klein-Collins, "these schools (community colleges) make it easy for any-



one to enroll, but the best ones for adults offer flexible scheduling and a range of career-focused options."

Also ranked in the top 25 in New England are North Shore Community College (13), Mount Wachusett Community College (16), Massachusetts Bay Community College (19) in Massachusetts and Naugatuck Valley Community College (25) in Connecticut.

CCC offers 36 associate degree and 24 certificate programs on site and online through six academic departments: Business and Technology; Health Careers

and Public Safety; Humanities; Nursing; Science and Mathematics; and Social and Behavioral Sciences. While the largest programs are in Business and Health Careers, each program is closely aligned with the demands of the workforce. As a result, CCC has recently added new programs in Biotechnology and Cybersecurity in response to the development of the regional economy. The College has an expansive articulation network with longstanding agreements with private and public institutions in the region's higher education consortium. Eighty percent of students attend part-time (2018) and the average age of students is 29.

Like other publications Washington Monthly also ranks four year national universities and liberal arts colleges. It is the only national publication that ranks institutional effectiveness of two-year schools where so many working adults enroll. "Traditional college rankings are not very helpful for these students," according to the Washington Monthly's report. "Working adults generally don't care about average ACT scores or donation rates of alumni. They need information about what a college or university will do to make it easy for them to enroll, succeed and finish their degrees."

Top Five Reasons to Meet In Hartford

1 The Connecticut Convention Center

For more than 10 years this stunning facility has been shaped into the perfect space for thousands of events. Its central location in downtown Hartford virtually guarantees attendance, if not increases it significantly.

The following are just a few of the many groups who have seen increases in attendance when hosting in Hartford:

- Microscopy Society of America increased from 3,600 to 7,000
- Tree Care Industry Association increased from 4,000 to 7,200
- Alpha Kappa Alpha increased from 3,000 to 10,200
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association increased from 4,800 to 5,618

2 On Route to Hartford

Located mid-way between New York City & Boston getting to Hartford couldn't be easier whether you're driving, flying or taking the train.

3 Checking In?

Hartford offers a variety of full-service hotel brands, including the connected Hartford Marriott Downtown. The Hilton Hartford, the Red Lion, Capitol Hotel and more are also within walking distance of the Center

4 A Night on the Town

All work and no play? Not in Hartford! Enjoy tantalizing bites at over 40 local restaurants, see a show at one of the nation's leading resident theatres, catch a minor league baseball game at Dunkin Donuts Park, or do some shopping at one of five premier shopping centers nearby. Or better yet, do it all!

5 Walkable, Compact Downtown

Restaurants, entertainment and world-class attractions are easily accessible for attendees and guests with the free DASH Shuttle and the Front Street District, directly across the street from the Convention Center. Explore downtown on foot with the city's above-street pedestrian walkway.



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The Hartford Consortium for Higher Education (HCHE) Mission and Vision statements:

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Vision: Collaboration among HCHE member institutions will result in the Greater Hartford region being known for its vibrant college culture and recognized as a destination for college students.

Greater Hartford Colleges & Universities

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: This Downtown Hartford college offers a wide variety of courses and programs. It is Connecticut's exclusive source for the federally-approved workforce development curriculum in Health Information Technology. **950 Main Street, Hartford, 860-906-5000, capitalcc.edu**

GOODWIN COLLEGE: Specializing in career-focused education, Goodwin College attracts students from a broad range of backgrounds. Many graduates find successful employment in their fields of choice with the help of the College's counseling and career services staff. **1 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, 800-889-3282, www.goodwin.edu**

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focus on training future religious leaders from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish traditions, Hartford Seminary's dynamic programs and interfaith setting prepare peacemakers and promote vital faith communities. **77 Sherman Street, Hartford, 860-509-9500, www.hartsem.edu**

TRINITY COLLEGE: Earn a Master's degree at Trinity College, now offering a new graduate program in Health Care Policy, focusing on the public policy, economic and ethical aspects of the delivery and administration of health care. The college will open a Downtown Campus on Constitution Plaza in December 2018. **200 Summit Street, Hartford, 860-297-2000, trincoll.edu**

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, HARTFORD BRANCH: The University of Connecticut is one of the nation's leading public research universities. UConn's new branch in Downtown Hartford opened in the Fall of 2017 and offers a wide variety of programs in an urban setting. **10 Prospect Street, Hartford, (860) 486-2000, uconn.edu**

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT LAW SCHOOL: Founded in 1921, the University of Connecticut School of Law is one of the leading public law schools in the country. Its campus, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is probably the most beautiful of any law school in the United States. The recently completed law library is perhaps the finest facility of its kind in the world. Two miles from the center of Hartford, the Law School is located in a neighborhood of large Victorian homes, where many students, staff, and faculty live. **55 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, 860-570-5000, law.uconn.edu**

CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE: Public liberal arts college offering master's programs, bachelor's and associate degree



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programs, and certificate programs for adults. The college offers degree completion programs in a number of high-demand fields. **55 Paul Manafort Senior Drive, New Britain, 860-515-3800, charteroak.edu**

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE: One of the largest of the 12 Connecticut community colleges, MCC provides comprehensive, innovative, and affordable learning opportunities to diverse populations. **60 Bidwell Street, Manchester, 860-512-3000, manchestercc.edu**

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD: Located on the Hartford-West Hartford town line, "U of H" offers an array of academic programs available at few universities of its size. With 7,000 students, 4,600 of whom are full-time undergraduates, the campus is large enough to achieve the goals of a university while maintaining the feel of a smaller residential college. Seven schools and colleges provide career preparation in 84 undergraduate majors and 38 graduate-degree programs. University lectures, performances, galleries and athletic events are open to the community. **200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, 869-768-4100, hartford.edu**

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH is a comprehensive institution with career-focused undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs. Enhanced by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the values of its founding Sisters of Mercy, the University allows students to thrive in a culture of achievement and collaboration. It offers solid professional training grounded in the liberal arts and is consistently cited on the national level for the quality of its academic programs. The University recently opened its School of Pharmacy in Downtown Hartford on Trumbull Street. **1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, 860-232-4571, sjc.edu**

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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 distinctive landmarks. 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." 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



State Capitol, Downtown Hartford

terms of culture.

The Wadsworth Atheneum is the country's oldest public art museum; Bushnell Park is the country's first publicly-funded 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 39-42). 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.

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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 or 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/capitoltours

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Ted Hershey Dance Marathon, Charter Oak Cultural Center

Capitol Ave.) Principal library for State government. State Archives. Conn. history and genealogy. 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

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

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

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Hartford Public Library (500 Main St.) Award-winning library system is the place to go for arts, culture, musical performances, history, multi-media resources and lots of books, as well as free internet access, classes and much more. Includes Central Library plus seven neighborhood libraries. 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-

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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

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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.museumofcthistory.org

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.realartways.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

Dillon Stadium (250 Huyshope Avenue) Home of the Hartford Athletic professional soccer team. For information on tickets go to hartfordathletic.com/tickets or contact us at: Phone: 860-216-0816; Email: tickets@hartfordathletic.com

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

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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-



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

7656, www.wethhist.org

Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum (211 Main St.) The quintessential New England experience. Encounter the charm, hardship and political intrigue of the 18th-19th centuries. 860-529-0612, www.webb-deane-stevens.org

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

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Cove Warehouse Maritime Museum
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Wethersfield Town Hall is located at the corner of the Silas Deane Highway and Church Street in a public service complex which also houses the town's public library and police department.

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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., 12-4, Sat. 10-4pm. Free. 860-285-1888, tobaccohistosoc.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, ellsworthhomestead.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



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

River Trail located on a 43-acre site on the Farmington 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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Bloomfield

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

Attractions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

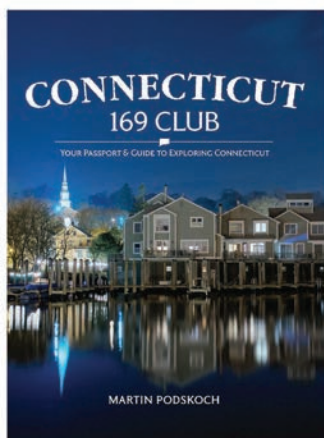


Bloomfield's Old Farm School (built 1796).

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

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

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The Connecticut 169 Club

A new travel club, The Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut, was organized and edited by author Marty Podskoch of East Hampton to encourage travelers to visit all of the towns and villages of our beautiful and unique state. The 169 Club will be in the same format as Marty's popular Adirondack 102 Club and Vermont's 251 Club.

Podskoch got someone from each town to write a short description highlighting their town's location, history, and interesting places to visit. He included space for travelers to journal about their experiences and a place to get the book stamped or signed by a resident or business. Members will get to know the locals and perhaps learn of a good place to eat or an interesting local attraction. In this way they got to know the real Connecticut.

There is no membership fee, just a desire to experience all of Connecticut. Adults and children of all ages can be members. What a great adventure for families, friends, grandparents, and their grandchildren, or by oneself. Most members will travel by car while others might use a bike, motorcycle, or maybe a canoe!

Once a member has visited all 169 towns, they will receive the "Leatherman Award" after the vagabond who lived outside and traveled a route regularly from the Connecticut River to the Hudson River during the late 1800s. These awards will be presented at an annual dinner at a different town each year. For information, call 860-267-2442.

West Hartford

With a population of approximately 63,000, West Hartford is one of the largest cities in Connecticut. It has a nationally-known public school system and a wide variety of residential neighborhoods. Several areas of West Hartford are also regional destinations for dining and shopping, including Elmwood Center, Bishops Corner, Westfarms Mall, West Hartford Center and Park Road. Incorporated May, 1854; taken from Hartford. Total area: 22.4 sq. miles. Population: 63,362. Town Hall, 50 So. Main St., Rm. 313, 06107; Tel., Hartford, (860) 561-7430; FAX, (860) 561-7438. Website: www.westhartford.org.

Attractions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Attractions

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

East Hartford Cultural Center (50 Chapman Pl.) Host to numerous cultural and community events, providing concerts by diverse and

talented artists. 860-282-8241, www.ehccc.com

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

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

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

Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk at Riverfront (On the banks of the Connecticut River) Award-winning sculptures reflecting the life and values of Abraham Lincoln. Free.



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East Hartford Golf Club & One Wood Pub Restaurant, (130 Long Hill St.) 18-hole course. Reasonable rates. 860.616.6649, www.theonewoodpub.com

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

Newington

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

Attractions

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

Callahan's Bowl-O-Rama (2143 Berlin Tpke.) Great family fun, birthday parties, get together, leagues. 860-666-5411, www.bowloramact.com

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

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

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

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

Newington Children's Theatre Company (743 North Mountain Rd.) Performing arts, cultural and educational experiences for



Iwo Jima Memorial in Newington

young people. Theatrical performances for public. 860-666-NCTC, www.nctcarts.org

Newington Ice Arena (300 Alumni Rd.) Year-round, full-service, twin ice skating rink facility. Figure-skating and hockey public programs for entire family. 860-665-7825, www.newingtonarena.com

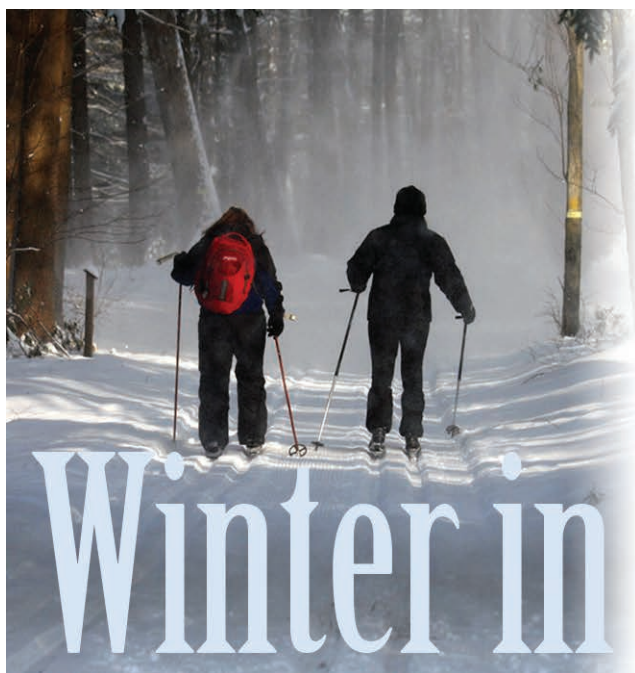
The background of the poster is a photograph of the Hartford State Capitol building at night. The building's central dome is illuminated with a warm, golden light. The facade is white with classical architectural details like columns and arches. Several windows are lit up. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of street lamps. The sky is dark, and it is filled with numerous red fireworks exploding in various patterns, including large circular bursts and trailing streaks. The overall mood is festive and celebratory.

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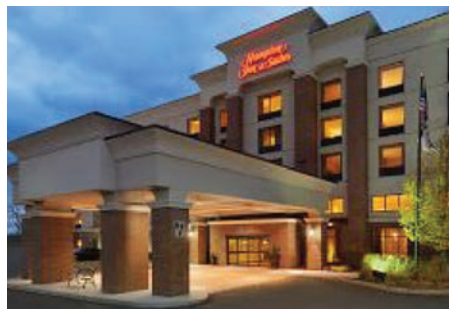
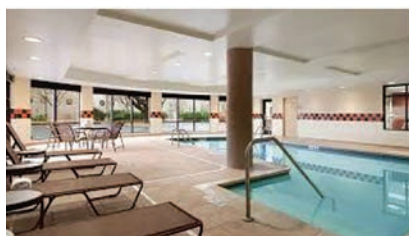
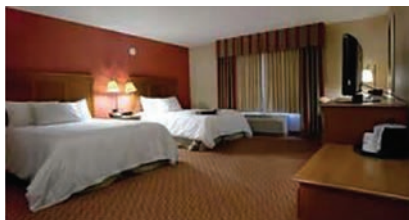
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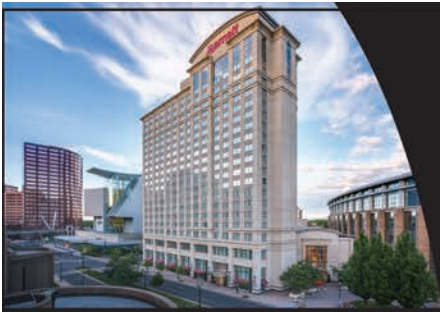
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- HBRA HOME SHOW (FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 1, 2020)
- CT GOLF SHOW (MARCH 20-22, 2020)
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