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## CESAR ZAPATA: Keeping town's trash clean

by Cathy Maldonado

Have you ever paused and asked yourself, Is this recyclable?

It's that time of the week again—garbage and recycling day. You glance at your recycling bin, noticing how empty it looks compared to your overflowing trash. For a moment, you wonder if you should fish a few items out of the garbage to make your recycling efforts seem more substantial.

After all, you saw a TikTok video claiming that recycling isn't always handled properly and sometimes ends up in the same landfill as trash. So, does it even matter to recycle?

I found myself asking the same question, so I decided to go straight to the experts to get some answers—so you don't have to.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is placing recyclables in plastic bags. While technically recyclable, plastic

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East Hartford Recycling Program Annual Report FY 24

EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC WORKS' CESAR ZAPATA surrounded by what he loves to see - bundles of clean plastics, ready to be recycled.

## First all-Boards & Commissions meeting a success

By Bill Doak

The first town wide Boards and Commissions meeting Wednesday at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center revealed how the work and dedication of a small group of residents has an oversize impact on how town government functions.

Put all the town's dedicated people in one place, and soon everyone was nearly shouting as the auditorium of the Cultural Center filled with conver-

sation.

Mayor Connor Martin said he wanted to bring everyone together, with the help of the Hartford YWCA who backed the town with its 50/50 initiative looking to expand and diversify public involvement in local government, to try to fill the many vacancies on town boards and commissions as well as because involvement is one pathway into political leadership - a pathway that he followed.

"I would not be mayor today if I did not get involved on the

## School Board drafts \$21M list of projects

By Robert Kanehl

At its regular meeting the East Hartford Board of Education approved a five-year plan of possible capital improvement projects. The plan carries a \$21 million pricetag, but by policy, the Board was required to establish this list in case state or federal grants materialize to help fund the improvements.

Director of Facilities James Rovezzi explained to the Board Monday that the list serves as a "blueprint to help guide possible funding for repairs, maintenance and prevention." Rovezzi cautioned that large projects like new school buildings or major renovations are not on this list because they would need bonding approval. His list is for school projects that need to be addressed in the Board's operating budget.

Once approved, the District

would be able to pull up a listed project if a grant opens up addressing the needed repair, and then be ready to go out to bid. If there was not an approved list, additional steps would be required before grant funding could be obtained.

The five-year plan addresses repairs and equipment replacement throughout the District, such as: School parking lots and driveways, lighting, HVAC replacement as well as cost of replacing computers and musical instruments. Over 90 projects are detailed costing an estimated \$21 million. The recommended list will be posted on the District's website for public review.

In other business, the Board approved the Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant. This \$74,780 grant supports the East Hartford schools

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Zoning Board of Appeals 8 years ago," said Martin. "For me, it started with joining a board, and that way I began to understand how our town government works. It taught me who the players were."

At the time national politics captured his attention, the mayor said. But he noted that, as residents "you don't pay your taxes to whoever happens to be President in Washington, D.C. - you pay them to me as your mayor." Members of a town boards have to take their posi-

tion seriously, and show up for meetings. If they don't, progress and development can stall if a commission falls short of having a quorum. Participating in a board or commission can also be a worthwhile and rewarding experience. "As a member of the ZBA you have the power to say 'yes' or 'no' to someone who comes before you looking to add a room to care for a sick family member. You literally could be changing someone's life."

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## AROUND TOWN

**MLK commemoration Monday**

East Hartford, in partnership with the East Hartford Black Caucus and the Connecticut Center for Non-Violence, will host a special Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration Event on Main Street in front of Town Hall on Monday, January 20 from noon until 1 p.m.

The commemoration is an

opportunity to honor and reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his vision for equality, justice, and non-violence. All are welcome to attend. The commemoration begins with an opening prayer/reflection, a recitation, guest speaker, and a proclamation from Mayor Connor Martin.

**VFW seeking 'All American' label**

Local VFW Post 2083 is on track to be named an "All American Post" by achieving several goals. To note and celebrate this recognition, VFW Post 2083 invites all veterans to a pizza party at the Post's February 5 meeting.

Celebration of the award begins at 6 p.m. followed by the Post meeting at 7.

State and district VFW offi-

**Jan. 29 legislators meeting cancelled**

The East Hartford Delegation has cancelled its planned Legislative Town Hall January 29th at Town Hall as it was scheduled at the same time and place

as the public hearing on the new East Hartford 10-Year Plan of Development which has been in development for 14 months.

This is a free event and open to all veterans, members of the VFW or not.

For more info contact Commander Frank Forrest, sosconnecticut@aol.com, or call 860-690-2845.

It will be rescheduled.

**EHWC Scholarship applications**

Applications for the East Hartford Woman's Club scholarship are now available in the guidance offices of East Hartford High School, CT Interna-

tional Baccalaureate Academy, Synergy, the CT River Academy at Goodwin, Pathways, East Catholic, Cheney Tech and Great Path Academy.

**Mayor Martin's 'State of Town' is January 30**

Mayor Connor Martin will conduct his second annual "State of the Town Address" Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m. in Town Council Chambers, second floor, 740 Main St.

The mayor is expected to provide updates on East Hartford projects, report on town achievements and talk about future plans for the town. Attend in person to hear about progress and the town's vision for the year ahead.

In addition to the mayor, town department directors will attend. A Q&A session will follow the meeting providing an opportunity to ask questions.

The State of the Town Address will also be delivered online. To tune in via Microsoft Teams use Meeting ID: 297 508 827 495 and Passcode: tk7aE6Z3

**Town's new 10-year Plan of Development to be revealed**

The town Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a hybrid (in-person and virtual) public hearing for adoption of the Town's 10-Year Plan of Conservation and Development on Wednesday, January 29th at

**SESSION GETS UNDERWAY**

**EAST HARTFORD ANAD MANCHESTER 9TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT** State Representative and House Majority Leader Jason Rojas confers with his colleagues as the state legislature begins its January session in Hartford.

7:00 PM in the Town Hall Council Chambers located on the second floor of Town Hall, 740 Main St. Residents can share comments, give feedback, or ask questions about the Plan. Public Comments may also be submit-

ted in writing in advance of the meeting to shnatuk@easthartfordct.gov Details for the remote meeting option will be posted on the Planning and Zoning Meeting Agenda available at [www.easthartfordct.gov](http://www.easthartfordct.gov)

To view the draft document and learn more about what a Plan of Conservation and Development is - visit the town 2024 POCD update webpage.

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All persons liable to pay taxes in the Town of East Hartford are hereby notified the Town of East Hartford has a bill and warrant to collect a town tax of 44.00 mills on a dollar for Real Estate and Personal Property and 32.46 mills on the dollar for Motor Vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2023.

**REAL ESTATE, MOTOR VEHICLE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS**  
2<sup>nd</sup> INSTALLMENTS DUE JANUARY 1, 2025

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**SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS - ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JANUARY 1, 2025**

The last day to pay taxes is February 3, 2025, thereafter is subject to an interest charge of 1½% per month from the DUE DATE of January 1, 2025. Minimum interest is \$2.00 (*Section 12-146, Connecticut General Statutes*).

**Failure to receive a tax bill shall not invalidate the tax or penalties added (Sec. 12-130, CGS).**

Payments mailed must be US Post Marked on or before February 3, 2025 to be considered on time.

If a receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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The hours of the East Hartford Tax Collector's Office reflect revised pilot hours:

Monday-Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Town Hall is closed December 25, 2024, and January 1 & 20, 2025

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# DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

## Honrando La Vida De Martin Luther King

Este lunes 20 de enero East Hartford estará celebrando la vida de Martin Luther King Jr. En colaboración con el East Hartford Black Caucus y el Connecticut Center for Non-Violence, llevará a cabo un evento especial de 12:00 a 1 p.m. La actividad tendrá lugar frente al Ayuntamiento de East Hartford, ubicado en el 740 de Main Street.

Esta reunión anual brinda a la comunidad la oportunidad de unir-se para honrar el legado de Martin Luther King Jr. Su visión de igualdad, justicia y cambio social no violento sigue siendo tan relevante hoy como siempre.

La idea de este evento es reflexionar en la vida y todo lo que Dr. King logro, al igual que tomarlo por ejemplo y renovar el compromiso de construir una sociedad más inclusiva y justa.

El evento contará con varios momentos especiales, incluyendo una oración y reflexión.

El alcalde de East Hartford, Connor Martin, presentará una proclamación que reconocerá la importancia de las contribuciones del Dr. King y la necesidad de continuar su misión.

Este evento es gratis y para toda la comunidad.

### Próximo:

Festival Anual de Películas Extranjeras continua. Este evento se estará llevando a cabo en el Centro de Cultura para la Comunidad en 50 Chapman Place.

¡Es gratis! Así que no te lo pierdas.

Prepárate para traer todas tus preguntas, dudas y preocupaciones el 30 de enero a las 6 p.m. en Council Chambers, 740 Main St. at the Town Hall. Alcalde Connor Martin estará dando su segundo informe anual del estado de East Hartford.

El frío sigue y hay gente que necesita si quieres donar a un hogar, aquí te dejo la dirección para que verifiques qué artículos son los más necesarios: <https://www.ertct.org/contact/>

Conecta conmigo:

cmaldonado8816@gmail.com

## Don't miss Chamber's January 28 meeting

Support the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce and gain valuable visibility for your business by becoming an event sponsor of the annual Business Meeting Tuesday, January 28.

The annual awards and Businessperson of the Year presentation will take place in East Hartford at the historic P&W Hangar Museum, 423 Airport Avenue, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets, and to RSVP, contact [jessica@crvchamber.org](mailto:jessica@crvchamber.org)

This highly anticipated evening is particularly special, as Pratt & Whitney celebrates its remarkable 100th anniversary, adding historical significance to the night.

Connect with fellow professionals and community leaders in a dynamic and engaging environment. See a video recap of 2024: Reflect on the Chamber's accomplishments over the past year and get a look ahead to 2025.

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## EDITORIAL, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Do more to alert home buyers about radon danger

January is National Radon Action Month, and state officials are urging residents to, once again, test for radon gas in their home basement areas.

Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer. Smokers exposed to radon do have a much higher risk for developing lung cancer.

Radon gas seeps into the soil from the natural decay of uranium. It is particularly found in the eastern, rocky ridges of Connecticut. East Hartford has a relatively low level of radon, however in Hartford county, ridges and elevated residential and woodland areas of Glastonbury and Manchester have significant levels of radon.

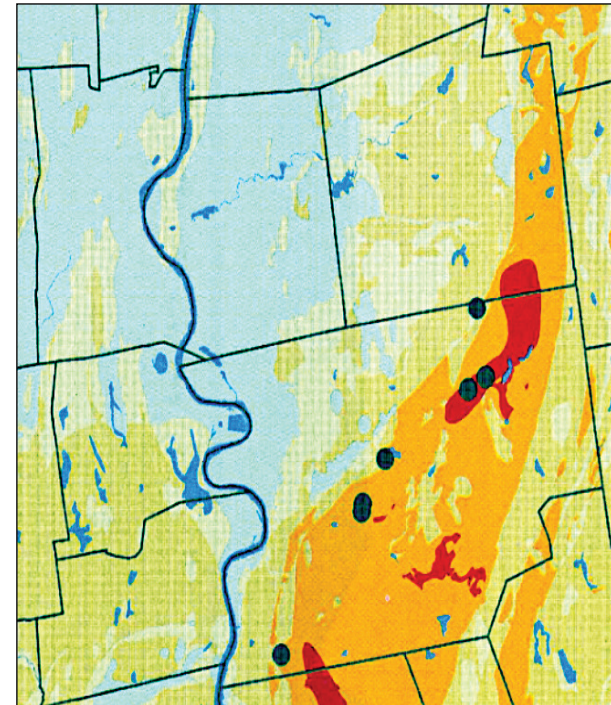
The state has a radon map produced in 1997 indicating areas of the highest radon content. At right is a section of the map. Here is a link to the map - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/deep/geology/radon/radonpotentialpdf.pdf?rev=5bd27e2294404231b0c302dee38dc6d4&hash=054B6A57EED9E90D62CB82670FD625A2>

"Radon is a silent killer. It is tasteless, odorless, and cannot be seen, leaving people unaware that it could be in their homes. Testing indoor air for radon and reducing elevated levels is important and could save your life or the lives of your loved ones," said DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD.

The state health dept. recommends residents test the air in their homes for radon during the winter months every two years. The state radon map ought to be shown to every potential home buyer and resident in those high radon zones.

DPH provided approximately 2,780 free radon test kits to 36 local health departments, including the Town of East Hartford. However the surrounding towns of Manchester, Glastonbury and South Windsor - where incidents of radon is far higher - were not provided with the free test kits.

Test kits can also be purchased from local home improvement or hardware stores, or online from the American Lung Association by visiting their Radon Test Kit Store.



### 2025 starts off with advancement, opportunity and dreams for better future

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We are excited about the possibilities before us in 2025.

We started the new year hosting our Board of Education meeting at the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) at Hockanum School. Principal Renee Byers welcomed the community and highlighted the programs and supports available to the PreK students enrolled at ECLC. We will host two additional meetings at schools this year on March 10 at Sunset Ridge MS and on May 5 at East Hartford MS. Please visit [www.easthartford.org](http://www.easthartford.org) to see our calendar and agendas under Board of Education. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!

We are excited to welcome Ellen Delgado, our current Supervisor of PreK/Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, to the EHPS Executive Leadership Team as the Assistant Superintendent overseeing the teaching and learning areas. Mrs. Delgado has worked for East Hartford Public Schools for more than two decades as a leader and educator. We know she will continue to positively impact our district in this new role, which oversees content supervisors and other academic areas. With this new addition to the Executive Leadership Team, Dr. Elsie Torres will continue as Assistant Superintendent overseeing school administration and other key district areas.

We have high-quality and exciting offerings at our schools, and we seek opportunities to share this infor-

### WHAT'S WELL FROM WELLS HALL



Thomas Anderson  
Superintendent of Schools



Tyron Harris  
Chair, EH Board of Education

mation with families as they make important decisions about their children's education. We recently hosted the CT State Department of Education Deputy Commissioner and other department staff at Synergy High School. They visited to learn more about the alterna-

tive school programming, structures, and experiences offered at Synergy. We are also looking forward to our 5th grade information sessions this month for families to learn more about our offerings at East Hartford and Sunset Ridge middle schools. Both schools provide hands-on academic and extracurricular programming for students in grades 6-8. Attending these information sessions, engaging with our staff, and seeing our buildings first hand are the best ways to learn what our schools have to offer.

As we plan to celebrate the MLK holiday, let's think of Dr. King's words, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." Let's continue to connect and learn about one another.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding our district offerings or if we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Anderson's office at 860-622-5107 or [superintendent@easthartford.org](mailto:superintendent@easthartford.org) or Mr. Harris at 860-622-5017 or [harris.tv@easthartford.org](mailto:harris.tv@easthartford.org).

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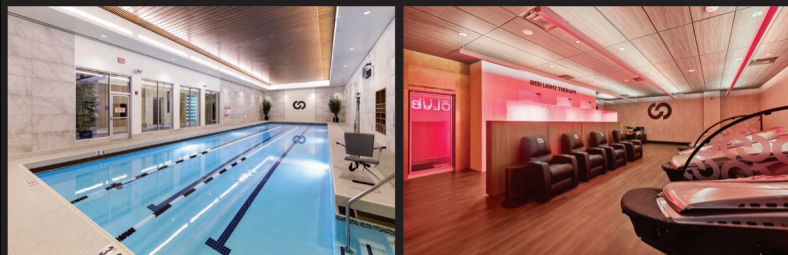


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Outlaws' 'Guitar Army' in Hartford

Florida's Guitar Army is invading Hartford February 11 as one of the iconic Southern Rock band, The Outlaws, will make an appearance at Infinity Hall.

Part of the group's 2025 U.S. headline tour following release of their album Dixie Highway, the music promises to deliver a love letter to the Southern Rock genre.

The band's concerts - vividly captured in their 2016 double album Legacy Live - are blazing 2+ hour tributes to the band's rich history and fiery rebirth. Classic tracks and fan favorites from the first three albums - as well as The Henry Paul Band's definitive 'Grey Ghost' - share the spotlight with songs from It's About Pride and 2020's acclaimed Dixie Highway that have been enthusiastically embraced by audiences. "I think our new material goes back to those first three classic albums, when the band was proud of its

influences from country, blues and jazz," says Paul. "Plus, Dale and Jeff have honored and maybe even stepped up the legacy of the 'guitar army'. Our goal is to unite the fans and bring the band back into the light. It's about finishing what we started." For Henry, Dave, Randy, Dale, Jaron and Jeff, it's also about a band of brothers who love playing their own brand of rock, and who 40+ years ago first got the chance to share it with the world.

"It's a metaphor for the journey as much it is the destination," says Outlaws co-founder Henry Paul. "It's certainly the reflection of a life on the road, especially in a Southern Rock band. Our fans want to know about our relationships with our contemporaries; how we interacted onstage, backstage and on the bus rides. This album absolutely speaks to the route we've traveled. And at the same

## HARTFORD GARDEN SHOW IN FEBRUARY



**CAN'T WAIT UNTIL SPRING?** The sights and scents of that season will be on full display at the "43rd Connecticut Flower & Garden Show" starting Thursday, February 20 through Sunday, February 23, 2025, at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford Feb. 20, Feb. 21, Feb. 22 and Feb. 23.

time, it stands on the edge of tomorrow."

It's About Pride was also the title of the band's acclaimed 2012 album, universally hailed as their victorious comeback. With the death of co-founding members Frank O'Keefe and Billy Jones in 1995, and songwriter/vocalist/lead guitarist Hughie Thomasson in 2007, it was feared that The Outlaws' trail had come to an end.

"Because The Outlaws had been out of the public eye for so long, it was almost like starting over," stated Paul. "Southern Rock will always matter."

### Monthly concerts on Tuesday nights

The town is offering a series of concerts to kick off the New Year. Dubbed "Tuesday Night Tunes" the free once a month concert series starts at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the East Hartford Community Cultural Center (EHCCC), 50 Chapman Place.

On February 11 the concert moves to the intimate second floor of the Wickham Libray, 656 Burnside Avenue as the popular Nat Reeves Trio lays down some hot licks on a cold winter's night. Then on March 11 things really heat up as Bomba Fusion fills the great acoustics of the EHCCC auditorium. Everyone will be doing the salsa in the asile.

On April 8 kick back and enjoy the Hosmer Mountain Boys in the cozy confines of the EHCCC auditorim as the sweet sounds of bluegrass rock the evening.

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## EAST HARTFORD ON THE CAMPUS

Hannah LaPenta, Gianna McKeone, Genia Clarke and Kayla Santiago made the Dean's List for their academic work during the Fall 2024 semester at the University of St. Joseph.

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Paola Benitez-Pineda of East Hartford has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester at Western New England University (WNE), Springfield, Mass. Benitez-Pineda is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

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Liam Mallory-Vanfossan and TreQuan Mitchell of East Hartford were named to the Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), Manchester, New Hampshire, and Meredith Desmarais, Stephanie Gagnon, Caitlin Dennehey, Ruth Chong, Don Smith, Darianelis Morales Velazquez, William Bradley, Emely DeJesus, Hannah Godwin, and Marcus Laureano have been named to the Presidents List at the school.

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East Hartford's Dylan Meyer, Chloe Scheer and Olivia Watkins attained Dean's list recognition for their academic prowess during the fall semester at Western CT State University, Danbury. Meyer is a Digital Interactive Media Arts major while Sheer and Olivia Watkins are studying Music Education.

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East Hartford's Bauer Cordeiro Larkin achieved Dean's List recognition at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas for the 2024 fall semester. To be eligible, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better GPA. Cordiero Larkin is majoring in Commercial Aviation.

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East Hartford's Minerva Carballo, Alyssa Cook, Nhi Dao, Justin Doughty, Sage Duval, Illy Hoang, Sabrina Khoxayo, Ama Kissi, Ethan Le, Kayla Le, Milishka Lefebre, Benjamin Lombard, Nghi Nguyen, East Hartford residents Angeline Nunez, Luke Pellerin, Ariana Rayas, Jadalynn Rivera, Casey Robella, Zoe Trzaskos, Jonathan Vann, Minh-Luan Vu, Jaanai Winn, and Adriana Ybarra were named to the Dean's List at the

University of Connecticut for the fall 2024 semester.

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Thirteen East Hartfordites are among students who concluded their first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University. They include: Nya Bell-Lovett, a first-year student who is majoring in Business Admin-

istration; Alyssa DeLeon, a first-year student who is majoring in Health Sciences; Gabriela Figueroa Del Valle, a first-year student who is majoring in Psychology; Kendra Ghansah, a first-year student who is majoring in Biology; Shiane Hughes, a first-year student who is majoring in Nursing; Arianna Jack-

son, a first-year student who is majoring in Psychology; Jaysa Johnson, a first-year student who is majoring in Exploratory Social Sciences; James Meza, a junior who is majoring in Exploratory Professional Studies; John Napoleon, a sophomore who is majoring in Health Sciences; Ananya Patel, a junior

who is majoring in Criminology and Sociology; Blessther Quist, a first-year student who is majoring in Health Sciences; Jelissa Vargas, a first-year student who is majoring in Communication, Film, & Theatre; and Victoria Venti, a first-year student who is majoring in Accounting.

## TREE OF LIGHTS 2024

THE EAST HARTFORD WOMAN'S CLUB wishes to thank those who donated to the 2024 Tree of Lights. Through your donations, the Club presented a check for \$1,810 to the East Hartford Outreach Partners for their Human Needs Fund.

Our tree honors the following Woman's Club members we lost during 2024 - Shirley Leonard, Ruth Sheehan and Past President Donna Stickles, who started this project in 1987.

**A LIGHT ON THE TREE WAS LIT IN MEMORY OF** Lucy Alleano, Santo Alleano Sr., Santo Alleano, Jr., Adrienne Alvigini, Julio Alvigini, Leslie Apostalon (2), Edward Batchelder, Josephine Batchelder, Michael, Batchelder, Marie Benson, Jane Bowen, Arthur Bradbury, Charlotte Bradbury (3), Irene Gorman Bray, Gregory A. Bray, William H. Bray, the Breton Family, Joan Brow, Mary O'Connell Cacchillo, Rocco Cacchillo, Thomas Cacchillo, Pauline Carletti, Ann Carter, Roger Carter, Carol Cartman, Frank Cartman, Joseph Chaves, Sandy Cianfaglione, Lois Coleman, Joe Connolly, Duke Decker, Virginia Demers, Peggy Desroucher, Albert Doak, Alex Doak, Alma Doak, Allan T. Driscoll, Barbara Emmith, Larry Frazier, Marty Freedman, Carl Fromer, Andrew Gingras, Helen Gingras, Ed Gorman, Nina Hall, Austin Harlow, Mary Hickey, William Hickey, John & Lena Hornyak, David Jones, John Jorgensen, Donna E. Kammitz, Mary Kasparian, Popkin Kasparian, Eric Keegan, Robert J. Keegan, Emil R. Kehlenbach, Bernard Kehoe (3), Christopher Kehoe, Viola Kehoe, Goldie Lee, Ronald Lefavour, John W. Leonard, John & Lillian Leonard, Sandra Leonard DeVino, Alvin Leone, Rosemary Leone, William Leone, Natalie Loiseau, Elvira Lopes, Inolofo Lopes, Vincent "Shocky" Mancini, Amadeau Marques, Grace Marques, the Massaro Family, Joseph Matthews, Sr., Joseph Matthews, Jr., Ruth Matthews, Richard McCarthy, John "Jack" McCarthy, Priscilla McKenzie, Robert McKenzie, Anne McMahan, Eleanor McMahan, William McMahan, Adrine Messikian, Harry Messikian, Helen Moriarty, Charles Mourey, Sybil Mourey, Anna Marie O'Connell, Eleanor Olenick, Jim Olenick, Mike Olenick, Beatrice Palmer, Ann Pelligrinelli, Jack Pelligrinelli, Rusty Pelligrinelli, Eunice Pemberton, Fred Pemberton, Lillian E. Peterson, Prentiss L. Peterson, Ann Marie Plaksa, Maria Raposo, Jeanne Reilly, Joyce Reilly, Mary Reilly, Nancy Richmond, Beverly Rinaldi, Tony Rinaldi, Amelia Rivers, Levi Rivers, Albert Rizzuto, Mary Rizzuto, Frank

W. Russo, Mary Elizabeth Ruth, Robert Carl Ruth, Robert Lee Ruth, James Ryan, the Santos Family, Irene Savoie, Ella Sawyer, Harold Schuetz, Ronald Schuetz, John Scollo, Ruth B. Scollo, Robin Seymour, Ruth Sheehan (4), Kelly Elizabeth Sirois, Louis Sogaro, Evelyn Sogaro, Jackson Spragg, Genievieve G. St. Amand, Martin St. Amand, Donna Stickles (63), Ethel Stickles, Homer Stickles, Jr., John J. Sullivan, Marion W. Sullivan, Robert T. Sullivan, Thomas R. Sullivan, James Tatro, the Tramonte Family, Rev. Al Turner, Kay Turner, Harold Wing, Vera Wing and Frank Zebedeo.

**A LIGHT ON THE TREE WAS LIT IN HONOR OF** Ginny Alleano, State Senator Saud Anwar, Hailey Basler, Matthew Basler, McKinzie Basler, Ashley Battle, Ana Clara Blesso, Gianna Calciano, Dominick Calciano, Lilliana Calciano, Erin Cattanach, Lauren Cattanach, Tracey Lynn Cattanach, Caden Chamberlain, David Chamberlain, Iza Chamberlain, Linda Chamberlain (2), Monica Chamberlain, Andrew Delaney, Kaitlyn Delaney, Ryan Delaney, Bill Doak, the East Hartford Fire Department, Darlene Fentner, Grayson French, Maddie French, Thomas French, Mary Gingras, Marty Gingras, Jennifer Gingras, Kristen Gingras, Sandra Gingras, Gary Harlow, Jan Harlow, Steve Harlow, the Harlow Grandchildren, the Harlow Great-Grandchildren, Louise Holmes, Craig Johnson, Maribel Jones, Aubrey Kehlenbach, Brian Kehlenbach, Pamala Kehoe Kehlenbach, Chris Kehoe, Dolores Kehoe (3), Donna Kehoe, Jeanne Kehoe, Richard Kehoe, Tim Kehoe, Marge Leonard, Lionel Lessard, Maria Malfa, Mayor Connor Martin, Rowan Marie McKenzie, Cynthia Messikian (2), Aaliyah Miller, Lynn Mourey, Joan Olenick (2), Rodney Powell, Sekai Powell, Truth Powell, the Roman Family, State Representative Jason Rojas, Veronica Rosario, Tanya Rozie, Dan Lyman Russell, Elizabeth Kilgariff Russell, Barbara Ryan, Bev Saunders, Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Mary Whaples, Rosamond White and All Volunteers.

# EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

## Not all hockey fights are on ice

Last week I had the unexpected pleasure of receiving a phone call from longtime friend Bill Casey. It had been several years since I heard from Bill. He was prompted by my column of two weeks ago remembering the chronology of the New England/Hartford Whalers.

Twenty-eight years ago last month Bill's son Danny passed away at age 20. His short life was rich and rewarding. For most of it he symbolized the fight against cancer in children as he spent many of the hours of his life at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Most of the other hours were spent just being Danny, a kid like any other, surrounded

### SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



by friends, playing pond hockey, going to school and parties. I became close to his family through WTIC's annual participation in the Red Sox Network's Jimmy Fund Radio-thon to raise money for the fundraising arm of the Farber Institute, the primary charity of the Red Sox.

Over the years he befriended many Red Sox players and legends, including Ted Williams, who admired his courage as he battled the disease they all fought to eradicate. Danny lost his battle in December of 1996. An overflow crowd, including several members of the Dana Farber, Red Sox and Whalers families filled the church, lining the interior walls, flowing out the door as Danny's casket was carried out to Elton John's "Daniel".

For many years we were the center of the battle against cancer in children. With East Hartford restaurateur Frank Bennetteiri and WTIC leading massive fundraising efforts for the Jimmy Fund, with Danny Casey as our standard bearer, and the UConn Children's Cancer Fund, pet charity of the Whalers, the battle made major strides. The standard bearer for the UConn Children's Cancer Fund was a little girl from Farmington, who lost her battle at age three. She was the granddaughter of former WTIC and WINF radio personality Jean Colbert. At the time of her death I was Jean's producer at WINF. Witnessing her anguish as her family fought for the life of the child who bore her name was heart-wrenching. With the help of the Whalers, Hill Colbert, Jean Marie Colbert's father, established the UConn Children's Cancer Fund, devoted to increasing the number of success stories in the battle against the disease.

Inspired by the story of Jean Marie, the Whalers wives put monumental efforts into growing the fund, whose logo is a child's hand holding the hockey-gloved hand of a Whalers player. The child's wrist bears a hospital I-D bracelet with the name "Jean Marie".

Bill and I spent an hour and a half on the phone, remembering those years when we were at the center of the battle against cancer in children. Frequently Bill talked of Danny, sometimes tearfully, sometimes triumphantly, "He had 20 great years, with great friends and great moments."

It's been said, "A child shall lead them."

So it is in the battle against cancer. It's to us to continue in the footsteps of Danny Casey and Jean Marie Colbert. The fight, and the need for donations, never ends.

## XL Center rocks for Whalers

The Hartford Wolf Pack celebrated 50 years of professional hockey in Hartford on Saturday night in front of 10,074 fans at the XL Center in downtown Hartford. Despite the great turnout and emotional night, the Wolf Pack fell 3-0 to the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

Neither side was able to light the lamp in the opening stanza, as both Parker Gahagen and Louis Domingue made eight saves.

Gahagen's best save came on an opportunity in front for Jake Leschyshyn. Domingue, meanwhile, made a few key saves of his own in the frame.

The Phantoms struck iron twice, nearly breaking the ice in the final moments when Samu Tuomaala rifled a shot off the goal post.

Garrett Wilson opened the scoring 14:07 into the second period, blasting home his eighth goal of the season. On the Wolf Pack's first power play of the night, the puck crept out into



Jake Leschyshyn

the neutral zone, where a defenseman blew a tire. That allowed Wilson to gain the offensive zone and fire a slapshot from between the hashmarks that beat Domingue.

The shorthanded tally was the fourth allowed by the Wolf Pack this season.

Emil Andrae extended the lead 8:19 into the third period, sniping his second goal of the season. Andrae gained the offensive zone and then waited out a defender, pulling off a toe-drag before beating Domingue for the insurance marker.

The goal was Andrae's second in three games.

Despite a late push from the Wolf Pack, Gahagen held the fort by making six saves in the

frame. Rhett Gardner then flung a puck from the neutral zone that hit the empty net at 18:01 to cement the victory.

The New York Rangers assigned forward Bo Groulx to the AHL's Hartford Wolf Pack.

Groulx, 24, has recorded 29 points (11 g, 18 a) in 32 games with the Wolf Pack this season. He currently is tied for the team lead in goals and sits second on the team in points. A season ago, Groulx appeared in 45 games with the NHL's Anaheim Ducks, scoring two assists.

The native of Rouen, FRA has scored 119 points (50 g, 69 a) in 177 career AHL games with the Wolf Pack and San Diego Gulls. He has appeared in 65 career NHL games with the Ducks, scoring five points (1 g, 4 a).

Groulx recorded two goals in the Wolf Pack's 5-1 victory over the Bridgeport Islanders on Jan. 5, his most recent game action.

He was selected in the second round, 54th overall, by the Ducks in the 2018 NHL Entry Draft. Groulx signed as a free agent with the Rangers on July 1.

Hartford Wolf Pack transactions during the 2024-25 season are powered by Verizon.

Full-season tickets, 20-game plans, 12-game plans, flex plans, and single game tickets for the 2024-25 season are <http://www.hartfordwolfpack.com> on sale now! Visit [www.hartfordwolfpack.com](http://www.hartfordwolfpack.com) or call 860-722-9425 for more details!

## Wrestling upends RHAM

No. 2 East Hartford 50, RHAM 28, at East Hartford High School January 15, 2025.

106 Caden Bell (RHAM) pin Xavier Alicea (EH); 113: Chris Montovani (EH) forfeit; 120: Brady Ciotola (RHAM) forfeit; 126 Avery Porter (EH) tech fall Liam Roy (RHAM), 17-0; 132 Landon Roy (RHAM) pin Angel Sanchez (EH); 138 Isaac Quiles (EH) pin Evan Brooks (RHAM); 144 Jaeckez Mendez (EH) pin Nathan Biggs (RHAM); 150 Riley Storozuk (EH) tech fall Harley Emmons (RHAM), 16-0; 157 Alexsandro Alfonso (EH) dec. Gabriel Goodwin (RHAM), 13-0; 165 Yaxier Rivera (EH) pin Seth Dunko (RHAM); 175 Drayvn Roberts (EH) pin Josh Renouf (RHAM); 190 Thiago Delacruz (RHAM) pin Jeremiah Santana (EH); 215 Brody Magnanini (RHAM) dec. Carmello Darling (EH), 10-2; 285 Christopher Brefo (EH) pin Cayden Caplette (RHAM).

## Fly-tying classes offered

Beginner fly tying classes are underway Thursdays at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St. Wethersfield, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. This is a beginner class and is also suitable for experienced fly tyers that want to refresh their skills. The fly tying class covers the myriad species of flies, how to tie specific patterns and the materials available to craft a fly by hand. All classes are taught one on one by experienced instructors.

Class 2: Jan. 16: Tie Streamer and Nymph Fly

Class 3: Jan. 23: Tie 2 Nymph Flies

Class 4: Jan. 30: Tie Emergers, Klinkhammer and Wet Flies

Class 5: Feb. 06: Dry Flies - 2 patterns

Class 6: Feb. 13. More Dry Flies and Spinners

Class 7: Feb. 20: Streamer Flies and Terrestrial Flies

Note: Fees Cover all materials, tools and vises

Adult non-member - \$50; Adult CFFA member - \$40

Youths 21 and under -\$30; Adults who attend with paid youth may take course at no cost. Contact: Pete Naples at [flyon054@outlook.com](mailto:flyon054@outlook.com)



## OBITUARIES

## Daniel J. Harrison

Daniel J. Harrison, 75, of Ellington, beloved husband of 22 years to Cheryl (Kinney) Harrison passed away suddenly at his home on January 10, 2025. He was born February 25, 1949 in Hartford to the late James Harrison and Margaret Francis.



Daniel Harrison

Dan grew up in East Hartford and was a graduate of East Hartford High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. Upon returning home, Dan was employed at the Glastonbury Post Office for over 30 years before his retirement in 2004.

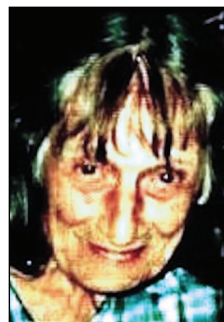
In addition to his wife,

Cheryl, he is survived by his daughter, Kim Michaels and her husband Scott of Felton, DE; his grandchildren, Dawn Michalski and her husband Brice of Dover, DE, and Steven Michaels and his wife Jessica of Bridgeville, DE; his great-grandchildren, Abigail, Blake and Paisley; his step children, Chris Spencer of Ellington, and Jen Hamann and her husband Jon of Greer, SC; as well as his step grandchildren, Alexis and Aiden. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, James Harrison.

At the request of his family, there will be no public services. Online go to [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

## Doris L. Della Rocca, 99

Doris L. Della Rocca, 99, of East Hartford passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at Hartford Hospital.



Doris Della Rocca

Doris was born on December 3, 1925 in Hartford to Rocco and Hazel (Tryon) Martino. She was the beloved wife of Joseph Della Rocca who predeceases her.

Doris is survived by her children, Jean Della Rocca of East Hartford, David Della Rocca of East Hartford, and Robert Della

Rocca and his wife Brenda of Manchester as well as her cats, Snickers and Billy.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held TODAY, Thursday, January 16, 2025 at

10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, East Hartford.

Burial will follow in Silver Lane Cemetery.

## Earl Barrett Elkins, 72; in Colorado

Earl Barrett Elkins, a man of great humor, unwavering dedication, and a love for life's simple joys, passed away on January 4, 2025 at the age of 72 after a brief battle with anaplastic thyroid cancer. Known for his quick wit, endless puns, and knack for a good dad joke, Earl brightened every room he entered.

Born on April 22, 1952 in Hartford, Earl lived a life filled with love, service, and adventure. For over 35 years, he served as a volunteer firefighter in Coventry, CT, rising to the rank of Deputy Chief. Earl was a steadfast presence in his community, always ready to lend a hand and make a difference.

In his professional life, Earl was a construction supervisor who took pride in "keeping everyone on the level." His hard work and integrity earned him respect from all who worked alongside him.

Earl's passions extended far beyond his work. He enjoyed photographing birds and amazing scenery, capturing the beauty of nature through his lens. Earl's greatest joy, however, was his family. He is survived by his children: son, Ken and daughter-in-law Steff, daughter, Sadie and daughter-in-law Lynn, and daughter, Isis; his grandchildren, Ayla, Zia, and Zaiden; brothers, Karl and sister-in-law Margie, and brother,

## Joseph Caruso, 92; Korean War veteran

Joseph John Caruso, 92, of South Windsor, beloved husband of the late Joan (Pozzato), passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family January 10, 2025.

Born and raised in East Hartford, Joe graduated from East Hartford High School, Class of 1952 where he was the point guard for the Hornets Varsity Basketball team. Joe served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War attaining the rank of Sergeant 1st Class and received the United Nations Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal.

Under the GI Bill, Joe continued his studies at the University of Connecticut graduating with a degree in Horticulture in 1957. As fate would have it on that UConn campus, Joe chivalrously offered a ride to a younger coed, Joan Pozzato. Legend be told, Joan-upon entering his



Joseph Caruso

car-swept his horticulture project of twigs and leaves off the seat. Despite this minor mishap, they still fell in love and married in 1958.

Joe followed his passion and created companies with Joan - J.C. Landscaping and J.C. Nursery. Joe became well known for the quality and knowledge of his landscaping and nursery capabilities. His signature landscaping style involved utilizing the natural resources of the land to enhance the beauty of any given project.

Joe was a lifetime member of the CT Nursery & Landscape Association and was the lead horticulturist on the Hockanum River Trails watershed project, maintained a working relationship with the UConn Agricultural Dept. and served as a mentor to other nursery professionals.

Joe was an avid boater, fisherman, hunter and sportsman

and ardent fan of UConn Women's basketball. His treasured family times on vacations in R.I. Joe is survived by daughters Donna Rose, Lee Anne Caruso and Karen Martocchio; grandsons Vincent and Anthony Martocchio and their father, Carmen Martocchio; granddaughter Elizabeth Rose.

His sister, Gloria Visgilio-Lupi and husband Peter Lupi and nieces and nephews Lisa, David, Theresa, Peter and Carol and many great nieces and nephews also survive him.

He is predeceased by a sister, Jeannie DeMonte, his son Thomas, and his parents, Anthony Caruso and Madeline (Botticello) Caruso.

Calling hours are Monday, January 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Rd. (Rte 83) in Vernon. Burial will be held privately in Wapping Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Vernon Trails Greenways foundation via <https://vernon-greenways.org/> Please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

## Donna Stickles; started Tree of Lights

Donna (McMahon) Stickles, 87, of Edgartown, MA, and formerly of East Hartford, beloved wife of the late Homer H. Stickles, Jr., died peacefully on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at Manchester Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Donna was born in Torrington, CT, daughter of the late William J. and Anne

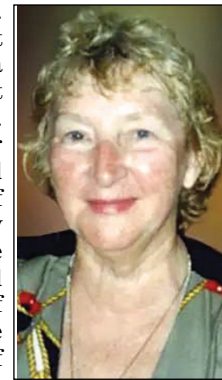
(Redmer) McMahon. She grew up in East Hartford and was a graduate of East Hartford High School.

She leaves her four sons: Scott and his wife Kellie of Newington, Jeffrey and his wife Margie of Coventry, Rob and his wife Laurie of Burlington, and Steve and his wife Nancy of Newington; her sister Judy Albano of South Windsor, her sister-in-law Jocelyn Stickles of Marion MA; and grandchildren Mitchell, Valerie, Olivia, Joe, Brittany, Julia, Brooke, Jimmy, Cam, Sophia, Danny, Ava and Marisa; and great grandsons Noah and John, and several nephews and a niece.

She was previously employed at CBT and AAA of Hartford.

She was a 61-year member of the East Hartford Woman's Club and served as their President from 1987-1988.

As President she started the Annual Tree of Lights event to benefit the East Hartford



Donna Stickles

Human Needs Fund which continues every December to this day.

She was actively involved with the club and attended a number of Woman's Club GFWC conventions in the New England area.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, East Hartford.

Donna enjoyed many summers with her husband and family at their Martha's Vineyard home.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held December 21, 2024 at the Wapping Community Church. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the fund for The Tree of Lights. Make checks payable to the East Hartford Woman's Club GFWC/CT (EHWC/GFWC/CT) and mail to Jeanne Kehoe, 271 Timber Trail, East Hartford, CT 06118.

Online, please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)

# Cesar Zapata

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bags can create a mess in the recyclable sorting machine.

“Plastic bags and films are the top offenders in recycling blue bins,” explained Cesar Zapata, East Hartford’s Solid Waste Official. “While technically recyclable, they are nevertheless a major problem for single-stream recycling. Either the bags or plastic film will wrap around the sorting equipment and shut them down or they pass through the sorting process and often wind up in the paper bales.”

Recyclables need to be disposed individually as they start their process.

Although not popular, Zapata explained that the best way to dispose of recyclables is by using paper bags.

“Clean and dry plastic bags... can be brought back to participating retailers like Stop & Shop, Big Y, Kohl’s among others.”

Sometimes it can be hard to figure out what items are recyclable and what items are not. But when it comes to deciding what goes inside the bin and what doesn’t always remember the golden rule, “when in doubt, throw it out.”

For a little extra help here is a little extra-detailed list of items that are recyclable and items that are not:

Recyclable items include glass bottles and jars of all colors, metal cans such as aluminum, steel, and empty aerosol cans, as well as plastic bottles and tubs like milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, and yogurt containers. Paper and cardboard, including newspapers, magazines, pizza boxes free of grease, and mixed paper, are also accepted, along with cartons like milk, juice, and soup containers.

However, certain items cannot be recycled, such as plastic bags, wraps, and films; Styrofoam; food or liquid waste; and electronics, appliances, or hazardous materials.

And better stop ‘wish-cycling’ those extra items. Remember, when in doubt, throw it out.

According to Zapata, ‘wish-cycling’ refers to the well-meaning but mistaken assumption that an item is recyclable when in reality that’s not the case.

“Many people put home appliances and electronic devices in the blue carts. Although they are recyclable, they are not al-

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS IN BLUE CARTS ARE YOU RECYCLING OR WISHCYCLING? REMEMBER: WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT IN YOUR TRASH BIN



lowed in single-stream recycling. These items must be taken to the transfer station where there are special containers for proper recycling,” Zapata explained.

In 2024, the town paid \$81,950 for contaminated loads. Over the past three years, there has been a noticeable decline in the contamination rate in blue carts, resulting in a decrease in associated costs.

In 2022, the contamination rate was 53 percent, leading to a payment of \$203,738 for contaminated tons. By 2023, the rate dropped to 33 percent, with costs decreasing to \$123,911. Finally, in 2024, the contamination rate fell further to 20 percent, reducing expenses to \$81,950. In total, the town has spent \$409,599 addressing contamination over this period.

“Since we launched the East Hartford Recycles Clean program after the pandemic, the town has spent over \$400,000 due to improper recycling,” Zapata explained. “The good news is that the educational campaign is succeeding, and contamination rates are going down. But there is still much work to be done. Our goal is to reduce the contamination rate below 5 percent.”

More educational efforts are being placed on the north side of town and neighborhoods with collection days such as Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday.

The neighborhoods surrounding Burnside Avenue, Tolland Street, Main Street, Silver Lane, Governor Street, Central Avenue, Elm Street, King Street, Ellington Road, Goodwin Street, Park Avenue, Woodlawn Circle, Great Hill, and Cannon Road are notable.

Additionally, the neighborhoods near Forbes Street, including Silver Lane, Forest Street, Hills Street, Oak Street, Brewer Street, and Maple Street, deserve special recognition for their excellent efforts. “However, we know that they can do it even better,” said Zapata

There are many ways to keep informed and do the right thing when it comes to recycling.

For more details and to better understand recycling guidelines in town, use the Recycle CT Wizard available on the town website. Recycle CT Wizard also offers a mobile app version for Android and iPhone as part of Connecticut’s “What’s IN, What’s OUT” program.

The app helps residents identify recyclable household items, provides tips for reusing certain materials, and offers guidance on proper disposal of non-recyclable items.

Additionally, residents can contact the Solid Waste Official, Cesar Zapata, at czapata@easthartfordct.gov for further assistance.

# B&C meeting

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Vanessa Jenkins said she suggested the idea of a town meeting of all boards and commissions after she heard it suggested at a table set up on the Town Green during a Farmer’s Market.

“They asked about all the commissions in this room, how to navigate Town Hall, how to file a complaint, how to go to meetings,” Jenkins, chair of the town’s Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities recalled. Her commission has been active, and recently formed a partnership with the

# Board of Education \$ list

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farm to school program. The program will begin in February and centers on teaching gardening skills and healthy meal planning. The grant funds a part-time Farm to School Coordinator, gardening supplies, kitchen equipment and student field trips.

Board member Vanessa Jenkins was elected Board Secretary replacing Patrick Biggins who stepped down last month after being elected to the state legislature.

Finally East Hartford High School student Drayvn Roberts was recognized for his achievements on the football field. He was named an All-State player for the past two years and one of the top three finalists for this year’s Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year. He was also the state high school coaches’ association Player of the Year for Football and has accepted a full scholar-

Makerspace at the Raymond Library. It now makes several devices on the 3D printers to make daily tasks easier for those who can’t hold a pen, open the gas cap on their car, or manipulate objects in the kitchen. The Commission now takes orders for the devices.

Dan O’Dea has been chair of the Inland Wetlands Commission since 2012, and a member since 2007 when his mother, Rosemarie O’Dea resigned so he could join. “We are the first step in development – gatekeepers in a sense. Our regulations are wetlands only. If the land’s wet, that’s us; if it’s not wet, that’s probably not us. I’m not a politician. I’m a scientist,” O’Dea explained.

ship to Central CT State.

The meeting was held at the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) as part of the Board’s plan to encourage more public participation.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
**ANNE RUTH THOMPSON,  
AKA ANNIE R. THOMPSON  
(24-00527)**

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **January 3, 2025**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Murphy C. Breary  
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Esquire; Rome Clifford Katz &  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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

### NOTICE TO SHANE ANDRAE JOHNSON,

whose last known address is unknown to the Court.

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge, a hearing will be held at Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court, 50 Chapman Place, Suite 109, East Hartford, CT 06108 on **January 27, 2025 at 2:30 PM** on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning a certain minor child born on January 27, 2013. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

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

By order of the court,

Joan Ortiz, Clerk

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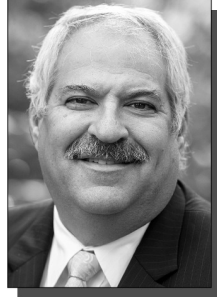
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **January 6, 2025**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Gino Calderone  
c/o Edward H. Smith,  
Esquire; Edward H. Smith, Jr.,  
40 High St., Bristol, CT 06010

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
FRANCES CAGE,  
AKA FRANCES M. CAGE  
(24-00551)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **December 2, 2024**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Keyia Cage, 108 Carey Avenue,  
Meriden, CT 06451

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
MARK F. ELLIOTT,  
AKA MARK FERRIS ELLIOTT  
(24-00596)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **January 8, 2025**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Bonnie Coffin  
c/o Lee W. Reiber, Esquire;  
Mahon Quinn & Mahon P.C.,  
636 Broad St., P.O. Box 2420,  
Meriden, CT 06450

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
ANNE P. CONTI,  
AKA ANTOINETTE CONTI  
(25-00002)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **January 6, 2025**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

James M. Conti, 155 Cipolla  
Drive, East Hartford, CT 06118

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
JAMES L. MCGUIRE  
(24-00478)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **January 8, 2025**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

James H. McGuire  
c/o Bailey M. Frankel,  
Esquire; Brown, Paindiris &  
Scott, LLP, 2252 Main St.,  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

# WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

**JAN 18: MLK CELEBRATION: THE POWER OF HOPE** - "The Power of Hope", a free family-friendly community celebration for all ages in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., takes place Saturday, January 18, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Smith Middle School Auditorium, 216 Addison Road, Glastonbury. Admission is free to the celebration which is hosted by the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative. This year's MLK celebration features poet and author Marilyn Nelson, Rev. Dr. John Selders, Jr. and Layavinyasa, an Indian dance troupe.

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**JANUARY 18: THE SILK CITY CHORUS** and **MOSAIC**, both parts of the Manchester, CT Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society's 2025 Annual Show. Titled "A PINT O BARBERSHOP" at Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium. Celebrate the joys of Barbershop Harmony and the rich traditions of Celtic Music. The Chapter will share the stage with **THE JOLLY BEGGARS**, a unique band who will bring us the spirit of Irish Music. Two world class guest groups will perform: **FIRST TAKE**, current silver medalists of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and from Dublin, **LADY BARBALADE**, a 2024 semi-finalist quartet who will fill our hearts with the spirit of Ireland. **DESTINATION**, the 2023 champions of the Northeast District of the Barbershop Harmony Society will also appear. Two shows Saturday January 18 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Unreserved general admission is \$25. Reserved seating close to the stage is \$35. Secondary Reserved Seating is \$30 Manchester High School is located at 134 Middle Turnpike East. Afterglow to follow (\$18, must be purchased in advance) at Urban Lodge Brewing, 47 Purnell Place, Manchester. For tickets, go to [www.manchesterchorus.com/annualshow](http://www.manchesterchorus.com/annualshow) or call 860-310-4900

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**JANUARY 20: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY COMMEMORATION** in front of Town Hall Monday from noon until 1 p.m. Come honor and reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his vision for equality, justice, and non-violence. All welcome. The commemoration begins with an opening prayer/reflection, a recitation, guest speaker, and a proclamation from Mayor Connor Martin.

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**JANUARY 23: THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW: MLK Tribute Concert** Thursday at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Avenue, Hartford. Free but reservations recommended at [hartfordsymphony.org](http://hartfordsymphony.org) Featuring Carolyn Kuan, conductor, Schauntice Marshall, soprano.

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**JANUARY 23: Eye Health Fair** Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (snow date Friday, Jan. 24) at the UR Community Tech Center, 153 Spruce Street, Manchester. ASL interpreters will be available for the blind/deaf community members. Option to join the fair via Zoom: Mobile +19292056099, Meeting ID: 897 4601 7830, Passcode: 552099

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Beat the winter doldrums with some intellectual stimulation? Check out these two mini-courses at Presidents' College Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Go to [hartford.edu/pc](http://hartford.edu/pc) for details. Email [pcollege@hartford.edu](mailto:pcollege@hartford.edu) to be added to the mailing list.

**Art & Science of Color:** What's the science behind our ability to recognize and designate very specific colors? What role does light play in our color perception? And how do artists combine and manipulate hues to make their art? This three-session mini-course will help you see beyond color's sheer beauty and decorative properties into the effects it produces. Thursdays, Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13; noon-1:30 p.m. **Immigration Stories in Film:** This mini-course, Monday Afternoon at the Movies, will focus on the portrayal of immigrants in three 21st-century films. Watch an assigned film on your own each week. Then University of Hartford Professor Michael Walsh will discuss these films: *Dirty Pretty Things*, *Head-On (Gegen die Wand)* and *Children of Men*. Mondays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10; 3-4:30 p.m.

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**FEBRUARY 8 - MOVIE NIGHT** - The East Hartford Commission on Culture & Fine Arts presents a free film, "Banel and Adama", at 7 p.m. in the Community Cultural Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place. East Hartford Summer Youth Festival will be selling concessions, including popcorn. Banel and Adama are fiercely in love. The young married couple lives in a remote village in northern Senegal. For them, nothing else exists except each other. NR.

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**FEB 15: BRUNCH BEGINNING AT 11 A.M.** honoring East Hartford's 2025 Town Marshal and Town Honoree in the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Irish American Home Society, 132 Commerce St., Glastonbury. Tickets are \$25. Honorees include former East Hartford mayor Mike Walsh, selected as the 2025 East Hartford Parade Marshal, and Britney Cavaliere, founder and leader of the East Hartford High School Alumni Association, chosen as 2025 East Hartford Town Honoree. All welcome! For tickets please contact Sana Hart at 860-558-6261. The 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m. in Hartford.

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**FEB 11: SECOND "TUESDAY NIGHT TUNES"** free concert takes place in the intimate second floor of the Wickham Library, 656 Burnside Avenue as the Nat Reeves Trio performs freewheeling jazz standards.

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**MARCH 8 - MOVIE NIGHT** - The East Hartford Commission on Culture & Fine Arts presents a free film, "Hive" at 7 p.m. in the Community Cultural Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place. East Hartford Summer Youth Festival will be selling concessions, including popcorn. Hive is a searing drama based on the true story of Fahrige, who has lived with fading hope and burgeoning grief since her husband went missing during the war in Kosovo. She pulls the other widows in her community together to launch a business selling a local food product. NR

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**CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE CLUB** has moved to 50 Oakland St. (off Park Avenue) and are looking for people interested in playing horseshoes indoors during the winter months. E-mail [debbiescully@comcast.net](mailto:debbiescully@comcast.net); 860-778-1057.

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**VETERANS COFFEE HOUR** at the Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Dr., 10 a.m. third Tuesday of the month.

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**MY SISTERS' PLACE:** Help My Sisters' Place provide affordable housing and services for families in need by sending a donation to: Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main St., 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. FMI call 860-808-2048.

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**INTERVAL HOUSE** helps victims of domestic violence, advocacy, legal rights. 860-527-0550.

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**JANUARY 28: CT RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** at the P&W Hangar Museum, 423 Airport Avenue, East Hartford from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The meeting features awards to Chamber members and businesses, including the 2025 Business Person of the Year. Tickets, sponsorships, or to RSVP, contact [jessica@crvchamber.org](mailto:jessica@crvchamber.org) The venue at the Pratt & Whitney Hangar Museum comes in the 100th year anniversary of the aircraft engine manufacturer.

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**FEB 1: HILLSTOWN GRANGE CABIN FEVER PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Saturday, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Treat your isolation with a hearty breakfast of pancakes, and socialize with your neighbors. This month's special: Valentine strawberry-favored pancakes. Regular and chocolate chip pancakes will also be served. Breakfast includes sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$6, \$3 for kids 14 and under. The historic Grange Hall is located at 617 Hills St.

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