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Digital Weekly Gazette online

by Erin Shapland
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project (CDNP) has just put the Weekly Gazette and the East Hartford Gazette on Chroniching America.

Although this newspaper has been published since October, 1885, East Hartford readers can now access The Weekly Gazette from January 1925 up through 1963, around when the Gazette began enthusiastically covering technological developments in telephones, automobiles, and televisions, alongside the usual local news coverage and farming tips. In 1929, Frederick Rentschler, head of the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company in Hartford, moved his operation into a plant on an enormous 1,100 acre lot in East Hartford, complete with a small adjacent air field for testing their aircraft. In 1943, to meet wartime demand for aircraft engines, Pratt and Whitney expanded from its 3,000 employees to 40,000 employees. Pratt and Whitney remains the largest employer in East Hartford, and one of the largest

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EAST HARTFORD'S PATRICK AGYEMANG



EAST HARTFORD'S PATRICK AGYEMANG, 24, scored in his U.S. debut Saturday in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In his first appearance for the national program at any level, Agyemang started and scored the second U.S. goal Saturday during a 3-1 victory over Venezuela.

From Parks & Rec to the USMNT

By Steven Goff
THE WASHINGTON POST

Patrick Agyemang was 9 when he found his seat at Rentschler Field in East Hartford to watch the U.S. men's national soccer team play one of its final tune-ups for the 2010 World Cup.

He lived a few minutes from the stadium in a working-class home the family called "the Headquarters" — the place where he and his two brothers,

parents and friends enjoyed most of their time together.

With his participation and passion in the sport swelling, Patrick couldn't wait for kickoff against the Czech Republic. He stared out and saw Clint Dempsey, Landon Donovan and other stars pass through the players' tunnel and in that moment tried seeing himself someday making that walk in U.S. colors.

"It's funny, because I still kind of remember how I felt," he said Tuesday. "It was a sense

of excitement, and I was like: "This is where I want to be. I don't know how, but I would love to be on that field, to play for the country and be able to know that my parents [someday] could come to this game and watch me."

Almost 15 years have passed, and Agyemang is in a U.S. uniform — not preparing for a World Cup but making gains with the national team after climbing the ladder as a relative unknown from NCAA Division

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Hangar Museum to host Chamber

Michelle Nicholson of The Flour Girl Bakery & Cafe will be honored as the CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce's Businessperson of the Year Tuesday during the annual Business Meeting January 28.

The Flour Girl Bakery is a woman-owned and operated business in Hebron which has been recognized by experts for its tasty breads and baking quality. The Chamber award Tuesday will be one of many presented to local businesses and professionals here in East Hartford at the historic P&W Hangar Museum, 423 Airport Avenue, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are going fast. To reserve e-mail jessica@crvchamber.org

This highly anticipated evening is particularly special, as Pratt & Whitney Aircraft is celebrating its remarkable 100th anniversary adding historical significance to the night. The Aircraft began in Hartford on Capitol Avenue before crossing the river with its toolmaking machines on trolley cars to its state-of-the art plant here in East Hartford in 1929.

At the Chamber meeting you can connect with fellow professionals and community leaders in a dynamic and engaging en-

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The East Hartford Delegation invites you to attend our Legislative Town Hall at Wickham Library, located at 656 Burnside Ave., on February 13th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

This is an excellent opportunity to engage with your elected officials and discuss the issues that matter most to you and our

community. Town hall events provide a platform for you to ask questions, share your thoughts, and hear from others in the community.

Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you. We hope you'll join us for a productive and engaging evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

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-

cials will be on hand to help celebrate at the IAM Local Lodge #1746, 357 Main St., East Hartford. Please enter in the rear at the bar.

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.

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 International Baccalaureate Academy, Synergy, the CT River Academy at Goodwin, Pathways, East

Catholic, Cheney Tech and Great Path Academy at CT State, Manchester. Scholarships go to town residents in their final year of high school who plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university or an occupational or trade school.

CARABETTA MANAGEMENT CO.

Open Affordable Housing Waiting List For VETERANS TERRACE Apartments Phases I, II & III

Carabetta Management Co. will be opening the waiting list for 1, 2, 3 and 4-bedroom apartments at Veterans Terrace located at 70 Columbus Circle, East Hartford, CT.

OPEN AND CLOSING DATES: The Waiting List will be open, and applications will be accepted, from November 22, 2024 until 4:30 pm on February 22, 2025.

APPLICATIONS: Applications may be obtained at Carabetta's Hartford Leasing office located 1630 Main Street, Hartford, CT or by calling 860-246-3382 or by request submitted to VT.leasing@carabetta.com

UNIT TYPES: This Waiting List is open for 1, 2, 3 and 4-bedroom sized apartments in addition to several ADA-compliant, handicap accessible units.



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

BEACON JOINS FORCE



Beacon has joined the East Hartford Police as a comfort dog handled by Officer Marc Caruso, a 22-year veteran of the department.

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

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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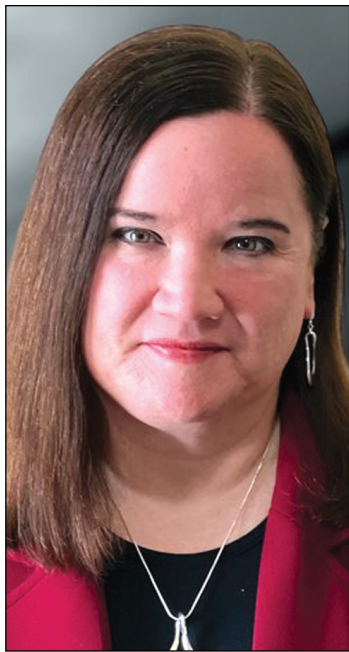
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Delgado named assistant superintendent

East Hartford Schools named Ellen Delgado Assistant Superintendent to oversee teaching and learning. Delgado began her new role January 21 moving from serving as the Supervisor of PreK/Elementary Curriculum and Instruction.

EHPS Superintendent Thomas Anderson said, "Ellen Delgado, a longtime leader in our district, was selected after a wide search and interviewing several highly qualified candidates. We are confident she will continue to positively impact our students, teachers, staff and schools as she transitions into this new role."

Delgado's career with East Hartford Public Schools spans more than two decades. As the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction since 2021, Delgado worked with district departments, leaders and educators PreK-12 to plan and implement systems to address student improvement initiatives through aligned curriculum, assessment and instruction. She conducted data and program analysis, developed and lead professional development, and planned and paced all elementary instructional units and assessments. Her work to implement high-



Ellen Delgado

leverage literacy and school improvement action steps helped lead to 5 out of 8 East Hartford elementary schools achieving CT State Dept. of Education School of Distinction status over the last two years.

Prior to serving in the Supervisor role, Delgado served as an Elementary Literacy Content Specialist for five years cre-

ating and revising literacy instructional units, assessment plans and intervention supports. She also served as an Elementary Literacy Coach and Instructional Coach for five years, and an elementary teacher for nine years.

Delgado received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and her Elementary Teacher Certification from University of Saint Joseph. She received Master's degrees in Reading and Writing Instruction and in Special Education from Walden University. She earned her 1-12 Remedial Reading/Literacy Specialist Endorsement from Albertus Magnus College and her Educational Leadership/092 certification (6th Year) from Central CT State University.

Delgado said, "I am inspired and honored to have this new opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff within our East Hartford schools and community. I am committed to continuing to bring the best resources, materials and educational components within teaching and learning for our students in all settings and grades PreK-12. I look forward to partnering with our incredible staff to continue our work."

Cold weather warning extended

Due to an updated weather forecast showing that the current stretch of brutally frigid conditions will continue for at least another day longer than anticipated, the governor extended the severe cold weather protocol until noon Saturday, January 25. The protocol went into effect on Sunday, January 19, and had originally been set to expire on the afternoon of Friday, January 24.

While activated, the protocol initiates a series of actions to ensure that the most vulnerable

populations receive protection from the severe cold, which could be life threatening if exposed to the elements for extended periods of time.

Shelters and warming centers are open throughout Connecticut. Anyone in need of a place to stay warm can be directed to nearby locations by calling 2-1-1 or viewing the list of available options that has been published online at 211ct.org. Transportation can be provided to a shelter or warming center if needed.

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EDITORIAL, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Everyone is lining up for a piece of the pie

By Chris Murphy
U.S. SENATOR

I'm sure it was driving Mark Zuckerberg nuts to watch Elon Musk quickly position himself by President-elect Trump's side at Mar-a-Lago in the weeks after the election, effectively cementing himself as Trump's billionaire co-president.

Of course, Musk had many reasons to get into bed with the Trump regime. He's a billionaire because of government policy - the government contracts for his engines, the government subsidies for his cars, the government's trade policy that allows him to make half his cars in China without penalty. And he knows that Trump's administration will give him more billions if he's nice.

Zuckerberg's Meta has only slightly fewer reasons to care about being in Trump's favor. A FTC case is pending in federal

court to punish Facebook for many of its anti-competitive practices. Trump could make that suit vanish. And its future ability to lead on artificial intelligence is dependent on whether government regulation favors one player over another.

So Zuckerberg paraded down to Mar-a-Lago over Thanksgiving to work out a deal with Trump. He arrived back at Meta headquarters with an urgent do-out: his team was to take down Facebook fact-checking processes as soon as possible. Normally changing a major Facebook policy involves a careful internal vetting process, but as a New York Times expose explained, "Mr. Zuckerberg turned this latest effort into a closely held six-week sprint, blindsiding even employees on his policy and integrity teams." Why? Because Trump had given his orders and Zuckerberg, trying to keep up with Musk's dizzying sycophancy, had to act fast.

Trump even admitted that Zuckerberg's actions were "probably" an attempt to curry favor after previous threats Trump had made against Zuckerberg's perceived anti-Trump bias.

This isn't how our government is supposed to work. Until now. What you are watching is the construction of an oligarchy, where a handful of crazy rich, self-interested billionaires work with an elected leader to grab power so that the government works to enrich the small cabal of wealthy insiders and no one else. And what makes this particular oligarchy so worrying is that the companies that are folding into the Trump Administration are the tech and media companies - the very institutions that control the flow of information. They decide what news gets spread and who sees it. If they're in Trump's pocket, they'll make sure nothing that contradicts his narrative sees

the light of day.

This is made possible by a confluence of factors. First, the entire American economy, and in particular the American information economy, has become dangerously consolidated. Twitter, Meta, Google, and TikTok own a controlling share of the U.S. news and information ecosystem. Changes they make in what news is covered and what news is boosted can move the minds of tens of millions of citizens. Trump knows that if he can influence the decisions of these four companies - and get them to either parrot his message or suppress criticism of his administration - he can bury his political opposition.

But these companies would not, under normal circumstances, be so willing to change their practices to please an American president. Normally, the rule of law and some semblance of merit determine how a particular company is treated.

But not in Trump world. Trump unapologetically trades favors with the private sector, responds to praise not merit, and uses his control over his massive following to crush companies that refuse to bend the knee. Every policy is a transaction.

With the online media market so consolidated, and companies motivated by money and profit instead of truth or the common good, no player can afford to fall behind. Thus, Musk's fawning obedience to Trump demanded that Zuckerberg and other would-be oligarchs, like Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Google's Sundar Pichai, Apple's Tim Cook, and others line up to get their piece of the pie. Especially when Bezos' BlueOrigin is competing with SpaceX for government contracts, Google is awaiting a decision in the DOJ's case over their monopoly on search, and Apple is hoping to avoid new tariffs on iPhones.

Zip-a-dee doo da Scotland Post Office confusion started here in East Hartford

by Robert Kanehl

Did you know that Scotland's confusing U. S. Postal issues started here in East Hartford? Just this past month Connecticut Representative Joe Courtney, shepherded a bipartisan bill through the United States Congress eliminating the six zip codes associated with Scotland, Connecticut.

Though this measure was unanimously passed in the House in December 2024, an original confusion over Scotland's postal service was addressed by East Hartford over 160 years ago.

Like East Hartford, Scotland was originally part of a larger settlement. In its case Windham. As the people moved into the area in the 1700s, it separated from Windham and was

incorporated in 1857. East Hartford originally was part of Hartford. Settled in the mid-1600s, it was incorporated in 1783.

Under Courtney's sponsored new law, the U. S. Post Office was ordered to consolidate the various postal delivery codes for Scotland under one number eliminating issues concerning mail-in ballots, student school services and misplaced packages.

Scotland is located by car, just a few minutes east of Willimantic - Windham. It has a population of about 1,600. It seems that over the years the Connecticut town not only had its own post office and zip code, but was also serviced by different post offices representing surrounding towns.

Though you actually lived in

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

Scotland, postal numbers showed your residency in such diverse towns as Canterbury, Hampton or North Windham. Representative Corney felt that it was a priority, to eliminate this confusion and establish one post office servicing the small community. His bill addressed not only Scotland but 45 communities across the nation with zip code issues.

History shows, however, that Scotland was in the middle of

another issue concerning postal delivery confusion in 1862. In that year, a section of East Hartford obtained a post office, and was officially renamed to prevent any confusion with the newly incorporated eastern Connecticut town. That's correct, there once was a Scotland associated with East Hartford.

According to Joseph Goodwin's 1879 history of town, the eastern section of town along the Hohanum River to the Manchester border was called Scotland. The name came about because of the Scottish accessory of the Forbes family who settled in the area.

A footnote in the East Hartford history states: "The name of Scotland was changed to Burnside in 1862, when it was made a post station, as there

was already one Scotland in the State."

The new name was chosen continues the footnote, "because of its Scotch derivation, signifying a burn's side, and was the suggestion of Miss Susan Goodwin." Throughout his book, however, Burnside is called Scotland, showing old habits die hard.

We can hope that the new legislation will help the people of Scotland receive their mail in a timely manner, just as we here in the Hartford region obtain the same service.

I often reflect on the fact that a letter mailed from Manchester to town, regularly makes the trip across the river to be canceled in Hartford, then returns across the bridge to appear in a local mailbox.

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

¡Seguimos Aquí!

Estamos viviendo tiempos bien interesantes. Por eso pensé en dedicar esta edición para ponerte al día con lo que pasó esta semana. Bueno, no todo porque si no, aquí nos amanece y te escribo una novela.

Esta semana, Trump volvió a la escena como presidente electo de los Estados Unidos por segunda vez, y no perdió tiempo. Una de las órdenes ejecutivas que firmó eliminó la ciudadanía automática para los niños nacidos en Estados Unidos de padres inmigrantes indocumentados o con estatus legal temporal. Esta movida ya fue catalogada como inconstitucional en varios estados y tiene un par de pleitos legales.

Además, cancelaron el programa que permitía la entrada legal y temporal de inmigrantes de países como Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua y Haití, dejando a más de medio millón de personas en el limbo. Como si fuera poco, también cerraron la aplicación CBP One, que era utilizada para pedir citas en los puntos fronterizos.

Por otro lado, suspendieron por 90 días la admisión de refugiados bajo varios programas migratorios. Esto dejó a miles de personas, incluyendo a exiliados nicaragüenses, con los sueños rotos de poder reasentarse en los Estados Unidos.

Esto no es todo lo que el ha firmado o a pasado, pero son ordenes ejecutivas que comunidad hispana/latina nos afectan directamente. No importa cuál sea tu lado político, lo importante es que nos mantengamos unidos como comunidad. Esto nos afecta a todos.

Lo Próximo:

El frío esta horrible y East Hartford tiene par de localizaciones que es bueno que estes al tanto de ellas por si las necesitas:

Senior Center (15 Milbrook Dr) Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes. 8:30am a 4:30pm Martes. & Jueves hasta las 7:30pm Sabado hasta las 12:00pm

Public Safety Complex (31 School st) abierto las 24h del día los 7 días de la semana.

Community Cultural Center (50 Chapman Place) Lunes y Miércoles 8:30am - 4:30pm/ Jueves hasta las 6:30pm y Viernes hasta las 11:30am

Town Hall (740 main st) Lunes, Miércoles 8:30am a 4:30pm Jueves hasta las 6:30pm y Viernes hasta las 11:30am

Raymond Library (840 Main st) Lunes y Viernes 9:00am a 5:00pm Martes y Jueves hasta las 8:00pm Sábados 10:00am a 2:00pm y Domingo 1:00pm a 5:00pm

Mientras te guardas del frío en estos lugares, maybe te entretienes con par de eventos.

Take Your Child to the Library Day es en Feb. 1 en el Raymond Library. Ven y disfruta con tus hijos junto a Bluey de 10:00am a 2:00pm. Para mas información accede a www.easthartfordct.gov/library

Todavía estas a tiempo de llenar para sacar tu plan médico ya sea privado o con el estado. Esto es bien importante. No lo dejes para lo último, nunca sabes cuando lo vas a necesitar. Puedes acceder aquí healthcare.gov o buscar uno privado por tu cuenta.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking in vain for some leadership

To the Editor:

Who will now be a voice for African Americans in the United States of America?

As the pendulum of change continues to swing across this great nation of ours, we now see that the African American community in America is not the unified group of voters that has helped this country pick great politicians and Presidents who were a voice for the working-class men and women in America, as in past years.

The new groups of people now taking over the reins of leadership in the black community are far different from the earlier freedom fighters. These past leaders were developed solely in this country's Churches and schools of higher education. The outstanding leadership of people like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and

other godly men and women who fought boldly for social injustice, helping the poor, and positive moral change in past generations are now all gone.

This last election showed that many Americans are now deserting the Democratic party in America.

The reason for many leaving the Democrats is the poor leadership qualities of many Democratic politicians and the very bad messaging in the last election. The Democrats had tremendous legislative successes during the Biden presidency but were poorly communicated.

We sometimes forget that it takes true humility in a leader to know when a leader is not the person going forward in the future, and it is time to relinquish his leadership role to another person. In this last

election, Joe Biden should have known that it was his time to quit. The problem was not that Kamala Harris would have done any better, even with more time, because she lost in the worst defeat in recent history, losing both the popular vote and the Electoral College.

Kamala Harris ran a terrible campaign thinking that the likes of Oprah, Cardi B, Beyonce, sports stars, and Barack Obama would be an automatic ticket to the White House.

These entertainers, sports athletes, and our ex-president did more to make Kamala Harris lose than help her because they galvanized the other group of voters, and they came out to the polls.

Barack Obama did not deliver a convincing message on why black men should vote for Kamala Harris, and the entertainers Oprah, Cardi B, Beyonce, and many other entertainers were not good role models but only wanted to project their own brand in the media by campaigning and many voters saw through their foolish act.

The Black Community must now demand committed, moral, intellectual, and spiritual leaders like in the past and stop relying on these deceitful entertainers and athletes who just want to be on social media. If not, the Democratic Party will be in very big trouble in future elections.

Peace,

Carmen Wooster
Hartford

Melvin Douglas Wilson
Manchester

Appreciates Larson support

To the Editor:

Congressman John Larson met with peace advocates from "Back from the Brink" last month. "Back from the Brink" brings communities together to abolish nuclear weapons and their threat to humanity.

As a result of the powerful testimony from the group, Congressman Larson co-sponsored what was known then as House Res. 77. This resolution calls on the US to embrace the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It promotes common

sense policies for preventing nuclear war.

The challenge now is for the other four Connecticut U.S. representatives in Washington, D.C. to endorse the resolution.

We must use our persuasive powers through letters and phone calls to make this happen.

Thank you Congressman Larson for your discernment and courage to secure our path to a peaceful future.

Peace,

Carmen Wooster
Hartford

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Light Through Darkness' at gallery

By Robert Kanehl

The first of four art shows to be held this year at The Gallery at InterCommunity Health Center opened Thursday, January 16 at 267 Main St. Now on display in the gallery spaces are 15 pieces of evocative art from 15 local artists through March 28.

At the opening reception guest curator and Board Member of the Gallery, Alex Ranniello, explained how numerous pieces of art were received, and were selected by a group of Intercommunity representatives.

The show, "Light Through Darkness", had judges ask how each artist captured light in their pieces, some as it related to the diminished light during the winter season, others how they depicted increasing light of the coming year in a wide range of mediums used to express the theme.

InterCommunity Health

started The Gallery last year in an effort to allow patients and the community to see museum-quality artwork for free. Tucked behind the waiting room of doctor's offices, and between Route 2 and a Wendy's parking lot, the gallery is an unexpected location for an art encounter, and does indeed lift the spirits.



Below, "Lavender of Peace" by Joseph R. Gorneault, Jr.

The original art space has tripled since it first opened, according to InterCommunity Executive Vice-President and Chief Operational Officer Tyler Booth. Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Visitors stop at the front desk and ask to enter the gallery rooms, which are secured.

Booth explained that InterCommunity believes art helps heal.

"Hundreds of studies show making and even viewing art decreases depression and anxiety," he stated. "Art improves health, both mentally and physically as well as promote a sense of community." That goal ties in with InterCommunity's mission in the community: Inspiring hope and promoting the health of the whole person.



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EAST HARTFORD ON THE CAMPUS

East Hartford the students on the 2024 fall semester Dean's List at Eastern CT State University in Willimantic include: Kelvin Carranza-Martinez, a senior who majors in Environmental Earth Science; Cheyenne Crumpler, a junior who majors in Social Work; Josiah DeJesus-Guevara, a senior who majors in New Media Studies; Elena Edwin, a senior who majors in Criminology; Viveca Garcia, a junior who majors in Art; Kendra Ghansah, a sophomore who majors in Biology; Rasheen Grant, a sophomore who majors in Finance; Arianna Jackson, a first-year student who majors in Psychology; Emma Kopycinski, a senior who majors in Criminology; Anne Le, a senior who majors in Biology; Rachel Maher, a senior who majors in Business Administration; Jillian Marzella, a senior who majors in Art; Tatiana Mendoza, a senior who majors in Social Work; Darick Ouk, a senior who majors in Computer Science; Ananya Patel, a junior who majors in Criminology and Sociology; Nayelli Rodriguez, a senior who majors in Theatre; Mackenzie Sheldon, a senior who majors in Communication; Jared Tofil, a senior who majors in Communication; Shiana Viellot, a sophomore who majors in Psychology; Matthew Walton, a senior who majors in Computer Science; Victoria Werth, a senior who majors in Elementary Education and Liberal Studies; Laila Wilson, a senior who majors in English; and Elayna Zaikarite, a sophomore who majors in Psychology.

East Hartford's Myia Chappell and Sherisa Smith have been named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

Sixty six students from East Hartford were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. They are: Kaitlyn Abbott, Celia Acosta-Fuentes, Nadia Addo, Billgate Agyekum Asante, Amaya Albright, Daniel Alvarado Salas, Kwasi Annoh, Yasmine Apoudjak, Nathaniel Balderrama, Daniela Balderama-Roman, Gianna Betz, George Calero, Lindsey Calpa,

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To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3; 5 or higher in the semester; Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits.

InterCommunity offers path to addiction recovery

For individuals battling opioid addiction, especially those impacted by fentanyl, hope can feel out of reach. InterCommunity Inc. is changing that. As the only provider in the region offering Low-Dose Buprenorphine Induction (LDBI), InterCommunity is leading the way with a safe, more compassionate approach to recovery.

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"We know that starting treatment is often the hardest step,"



NURSES AT INTERCOMMUNITY'S WITHDRAWAL CENTER where LDBI is administered. From left to right are CNA's Shanice Allen, Melanie Doris and Supervisor Ariel Rodriguez.

said Tyler V.R. Booth, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at InterCommunity. "With LDBI, we're removing fear and barriers for people who desperately need care. It's about treating patients with respect and meeting them where they are on their journey to recovery."

"I've seen people on the street take Suboxone and get really sick, so I wasn't sure if it was something I wanted to do, but I'm glad I did," said a patient, who wishes to remain

anonymous and has recently completed the treatment. "I'm not using anymore. This medicine has helped me be more active in detox, going to more groups and talking with other people. I normally stay in my room because I'm so sick, but I don't feel that way this time."

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

College football joins the madness

Two weeks later than last year the college football season ended with Ohio State's 34-23 win over Notre Dame in the BCS College Football Playoffs national championship game in Atlanta.

Now we enter another era of college football.

As the NCAA basketball tournament March Madness spilled over to, eventually, 68 teams in the football bowl expansion era, the College Football Playoffs will continue to grow - to at least 14 teams next season. And the CFP committee will have to devise new ways of filling the brackets, and more ways to incorporate existing bowl games in the process.

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



After falling short of inclusion in this season's 12-team tournament, Alabama - with its rich football tradition - will spearhead the move to expand, making it difficult not to.

More importantly to the forward-march of the football playoffs is the new contract signed with ESPN, worth nearly \$8 billion. This is set to kick in in 2026. January is about to become as hot for big time college football as March now is for college basketball.

Twenty years ago I predicted college football would cap its season with a full-blown tournament. The bottom line of that prediction? The college football playoffs and championship game in January, with a buildup to the Monday night extravaganza similar to that of college basketball, threatens the status of the NFL playoffs and the Super Bowl as the NCAA basketball tournament has become a bigger event than the NBA playoffs and championship series. In college athletics, as in pro sports, football is clearly 'driving the bus'. It didn't take an established genius to understand the new reality of college athletics that has come to be over the last two decades.

But there are now established geniuses among them.

"Ivy League to join FCS playoffs for first time in history." It's ironic that that headline was written last week on the web-site Business of College Sports. That is, after all what college sports have become, a business, driven by NILs, corporate sponsorships and post season revenues. And football drives the bus. That hasn't been lost on the Ivy League. For over a century the Ivy League barred football programs from participating in post-season competition. In 2025 the Ivies will be on board at the Football Championship level, an indication of just how big this enterprise is about to become.

There will be some logistical challenges, but there's no question the FCS sees enough positives to take them on. The long, distinguished history of Ivy League football will greatly enhance the profile of the FCS and its tournament. With no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow the Ivy League had no reason to worry about tie breakers. With Harvard, Columbia and Dartmouth tying for first place in 2024 the league will have to devise a tie-breaking system to determine the automatic berth its champion will earn to the FCS playoffs.

As the Business of College sports web site opined "This decision aligns with a growing interest in showcasing collegiate sports without restrictions."

My 20-year-old prediction continues to come true.

Patrick Agyemang: From EH Parks & Rec teams to USMNT

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III to Division I, to MLS's developmental league, then to MLS with Charlotte FC, where last year he made the league minimum (\$71,401).

In his first appearance for the national program at any level, Agyemang started and scored the second U.S. goal Saturday during a 3-1 victory over Venezuela in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Agyemang (pronounced Aaw-jee-mawn) earned his place this month after scoring a team-best 10 goals in MLS last year. On Saturday, the 24-year-old forward was among eight players to make their U.S. debut.

"There was a level of uncertainty, just because I've never been in an environment like this," Agyemang said of his first camp. "I just wanted to come in being myself, completely myself, and showing it on and off the field. I think I was able to do that, but the guys and the coaching staff made it way more easy than I expected and just made it an experience I won't forget."

Patrick Agyemang had never

been invited to a U.S. camp at any level until this month.

Agile and 6-foot-4, Agyemang displayed qualities in the open field and on set pieces Saturday. He drew a penalty kick less than two minutes into the match - Matko Miljevic failed to convert - and proved dangerous on the counterattack.

"I think he can be very, very, very useful," Pochettino said. "He's still young, still has room to improve. ... I am so happy with him. His performance was really good. He's capable to add [something] different to the team that sometimes we were missing a little bit. It's a very good alternative."

Over the years, the U.S. program has employed tall center backs and goalkeepers but few towering forwards. Agyemang sprouted five inches before his junior year in high school and kept growing.

"He's apparently 6-4, but I think he's like 6-6," said U.S. left back DeJuan Jones, who has played against Agyemang in MLS. "He's got the height - tough to mark on corners, for sure - and then he's very quick and agile, and his holdup play

is nice as well. It's nice to be on his team for once. One to watch out for."

Agyemang's parents emigrated from Ghana and juggled multiple jobs while raising three children. Soccer was central to their upbringing with neighborhood games, school teams and youth leagues.

During World Cups, family and friends gathered to watch the Black Stars, Ghana's national team. In 2006, 2010 and 2014, the United States and Ghana faced each other at the World Cup, with the Black Stars winning the first two.

"I remember 2010 I was actually at one of my teammates' house," Agyemang said. "We were having a pool party. All the parents were in the living room. Whoever scores, they'll scream, then the other group will scream. It was a lot because it was a diverse place. I think I was rooting for both."

Despite excelling for his high school and club, he did not receive any offers from NCAA Division I or II programs. He landed at Eastern Connecticut State. Agyemang was the league's rookie of the year.



Patrick Agyemang center, smiles with his teammates in the East Hartford Parks and Recreation Soccer program. Patrick went on to play at East Hartford High, Eastern Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island.

OBITUARIES

Robert M. McGinnis, 79

Robert M. McGinnis, 79, of Windsor Locks passed away Sunday, January 19, 2025. Born in Hartford December 20, 1945 to Erle and Geraldine (Donovan) McGinnis, Jr., Robert grew up in East Hartford and was a graduate of East Hartford High School, Class of 1963.



Robert McGinnis

He graduated from The Hartford Institute of Accounting and became an accountant for Travelers Insurance, retiring after 30 years. He married JoAnn Ahern Sept. 3, 1966 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1968 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. An avid runner, he enjoyed golfing, boating, time at the beach and vacations; his lifelong group of buddies including Michael Fitzgibbons and Bill Martineau. Bob spent countless hours working on projects often soliciting the help of his great friend, Al Fiocchetta. He also found great joy in spending time with his four grandchild-

ren as well as his many nieces and nephews.

He is survived by JoAnn McGinnis, his wife of 58 years; sons Kevin McGinnis and wife Tracy of Enfield, and Jason McGinnis and wife Kacie of Windsor Locks. He leaves his four grandchildren: Madison, Cody, Maeve and Caroline and his sister, Gay Breslin of East Hartford, and nieces and nephews Ann, Johnny, Michael, and Kendra.

Family and friends are invited for visitation TODAY, Thursday, January 23, from 4 - 6 p.m. at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St., Windsor Locks. A Mass of Christian Burial takes place Friday, January 24 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 42 Spring St., Windsor Locks with burial with Military Honors following at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Online visit www.windsorlocksfuneral-home.com Gifts may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America, www.hdsa.org

Raphael Comarotti, Jr., 70

Raphael Michael Comarotti, Jr., 70, died on December 22, 2024 following a brief illness. A lifelong resident of East Hartford, Ray was an engineer at Pratt & Whitney for many years, a role he enjoyed and found great purpose in. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed big fish, tall tales, and UConn basketball. Most importantly, Ray was a kind person often remembered for his warmth and love of a good story.

He is survived by his wife, Marta I. Renta, his stepdaughter Lara Dotson-Renta (Adam Dotson), and grandchildren Catalina, Clara, and Benjamin.

He is also survived by his sisters, Rosalie Rheame and Frances Lazlo, as well as his brothers Patrick, Philip, John and Joseph Comarotti and their respective partners. He will also be missed by numerous nieces and nephews, and his dear friend Paul Karpiej. He

was predeceased by his parents Susan (Pappa) Comarotti and Raphael Comarotti.

His family will arrange services to celebrate his life and offer a requiem mass in January of 2025. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the CT River Conservancy, which protects the waterways that he loved.

Marion Kilty Gleason, RN

Marion Kilty Gleason, 85, of Arlington, Mass. and formerly of Medford, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on December 25, 2024 surrounded by her three children. Born on the Kilty family farm in East Hartford on January 12, 1939, Marion's life was a testament to her love, faith, and compassion. Marion graduated from Mount St.

Joseph Academy and Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing with an associate's degree in nursing. Marion was a strong woman who valued family, education, community service, faith and the selfless care of others. She lovingly raised three children and was motivated in her forties to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Carmencita 'Cita' Mills-Wilson, 71

Carmencita "Cita" Mills-Wilson, 71, of East Hartford, beloved wife and best friend of the late Richard Wilson, went Home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Cita was born and raised in Hartford, daughter of the late Arthur and Hannah (Thomas) Mills, and at a young age, took on the role of mother to her siblings when her mom passed. She graduated from Hartford High School and attended Manchester Community College before starting a long and successful career for 27 years with Aetna as a Legal Administrative Assistant. After Aetna, Cita took a position with the State of Connecticut in the Air Bureau, Department of Environmental Protection, and retired after 17 years, when her health started to fail. Her strong work ethic and drive inspired her family and friends to be the best they could be every day. Cita loved the Lord with all her heart and was a dedicated and faithful member of Crossroads Church in East Hartford for over 20 years.

Cita and Richard were childhood sweethearts, who met in middle school, when he was trying to get her attention by pulling her braids on the school bus, and she got in trouble for slapping him. From that moment on, they were inseparable and had a love story that stood the test of time and lasted until his death in 1999.

Cita was an amazing mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and dear friend. She will be lovingly remembered as

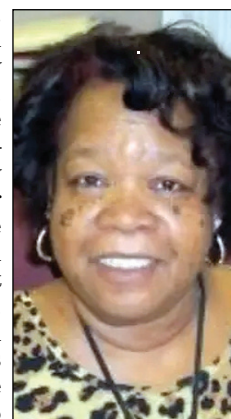
a strong, gentle, kind, and caring woman who loved her family more than anything. She was truly the matriarch of her family, and her happy place was being in her home with everyone to celebrate special occasions or just share a meal together. Cita was also known to everyone as "Mamacita" because she was a mother to everyone, her door was always open, everyone was welcome in her home, and she would tell everyone, "I left the light on for ya."

She was generous to a fault and gave selflessly of her time and talents, never expecting anything in return; and she loved unconditionally.

Her world revolved around Brandy, Jazzlyn, and Passion, and she had a special and unique relationship with her grandchildren, Khalyl and Khaliah. She taught them the value of faith, family, love, strength, independence, self-confidence, and how to be a strong woman. She was a smart and savvy woman and believed that education was the key to success, and to always think before you speak because perception was everything.

Cita had a wonderful sense of humor and a smile that would light up a room. She loved to shop and was quite "the fashionista," always making sure that she was color coordinated with matching accessories.

She loved Motown and R&B,



Cita Mills-Wilson

and enjoyed going to Narragansett with Brandy to go to the beach to feel the sun on her face and the sand on her toes.

Cita leaves to celebrate her life, her daughter, Brandy R. Wilson of Enfield; her grandchildren, who she endlessly doted on, Khalyl D. Michaels and Khaliah S. Michaels; and a great grandson, who is on the way; and

her siblings, Elkanah Mills and Marina Mills.

Cita also leaves to cherish her memory, her nieces, who she raised since birth and loved them as her own daughters, Jazzlyn Mills and her partner Paul H. Walters, and Marina "Passion" Johnson; her great-nieces and nephews, who were like her own grandchildren, Daysheana Walters, Kymoni Walters, Sasha Walters, Tyshawn Riley, Obama Riley, Miracle Jessamy, Royalty Jessamy; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son-in-law, Antoine Crummell; and her sisters, Antonia "Tanya" Mills, Keturah Mills, and Aloha Mills.

Her family will receive friends on Friday, January 31, 10-11 a.m., with a Celebration of Life, 11 a.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor.

Burial will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

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Old Gazettes

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aerospace employers in Connecticut. *The Gazette* has covered details of the company's development over its long history in East Hartford.

The Weekly Gazette became the East Hartford Gazette in 1942. World War II years included letters by soldiers from East Hartford, news from the war, and community support for the families of people in the military including fundraisers and childcare for working women. Coverage available on Chronicling America includes the East Hartford Gazette through 1963, the cutoff year for content on the database. The Gazette remained a beloved local newspaper, and still reports on East Hartford today.

Also available online are some of the early Connecticut papers we are digitizing this cycle, including the *The Religious Herald*/*New-England Religious Herald* family of papers (1845-1856), the *New-England Weekly Review* family of papers (1828-1843), and the *Daily Herald*, currently 1833-1841, with additional years to come in future batches.

The Weekly Gazette: <https://www.loc.gov/item/sn91066932/>
The East Hartford Gazette <https://www.loc.gov/item/sn85009852/>

As East Hartford grew from an agricultural town centered on tobacco production into a bustling suburb of Hartford, the Weekly Gazette grew from a broad agricultural advisor into a distinct collage of community voices. By his own account, Henry Bidwell Hale founded the Gazette in 1885 after being fired from the now long-defunct Hartford Telegram. The paper cost \$1.50 per year from its founding

Chamber meets Tuesday

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environment. A video recap of 2024: Reflect on the Chamber's accomplishments over the past year and get a look ahead to 2025.

Get a sneak peek at upcoming initiatives and plans that will shape the future of our business community.

The Chamber invites all members and supporters to be part of this memorable evening. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the successes of 2024

The Weekly Gazette.

No. 31 Fifty-fourth Year East Hartford, Conn., Friday, December 9, 1935. \$1.00 Per Year

CHAMBER DISCUSSES SNOW REMOVAL ON CONNECTICUT BLVD.

Special Committee Endorsing in Secure Action to Eliminate Congestion.

REPORT MONDAY

One of the important steps to be taken by the members of the Chamber of Commerce and the report of a special committee investigating the problem of snow removal on Connecticut Blvd. will be presented at the next meeting of the Chamber on Monday.

BUILDING CONTINUES AT A HIGH LEVEL

November Operations Ended Total for November of 1935.

Little Theatre Project

East Hartford's first step toward the creation of a new community program was the Little Theatre Project.

BURKE URGES PUBLIC TO BUY XMAS SEALS

Statement Issued by Council President Says Work Done by Seal Selling.

Erping that the East Hartford Chamber of Commerce has been successful in its efforts to secure the purchase of Christmas seals, Council President Burke urged the public to buy more.

Christmas Seal Artist



The artist who has been selected to design the Christmas seals for the year 1936 is Mr. J. H. ...

COLONIAL DESIGN FOR POST OFFICE

New Building to be of Brick-Two to Open Back in January.

Plans for the new post office building in East Hartford have been completed and the building will be of brick.

Purchase of Land For Dike Location To Start

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

The purchase of land for the dike to be built in East Hartford is now under way.

Silverware Complete

Work on the silverware for the new building is now complete.

The silverware for the new building is now complete and will be ready for use in January.

East Hartford Flood Control Commission is Supplied with Detailed Plans by Army Engineers

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

The East Hartford Flood Control Commission has received detailed plans from the Army Engineers.

START WORK MARCH 1

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

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SENIORS TO WEAR CAPS AND GOWNS

White Commencement, Blue for Boys at High School Graduation.

Seniors at the high school will wear white caps and gowns at their commencement.

100 TO SING XMAS CAROLS TO SHIT-INS

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

A group of 100 people will sing Christmas carols to the 'shit-ins'.

Woodland PTA Holds Christmas Party

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

The Woodland PTA held a Christmas party for the children.

CHAMBER TO MEET MONDAY EVENING

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet on Monday evening.

NEW TYPE ASSEMBLY AT KILLS WEDNESDAY

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

A new type assembly will be held at the Kills on Wednesday.

LOCAL CCU Youth In The Spotlight

Work on the dike to be started in the near future.

The local CCU youth are in the spotlight.

St. Matthew Herkovich Made State PTA Officer

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St. Matthew Herkovich has been made a state PTA officer.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN
In The Matter of The Estate of
WILLIAM B. WHITEMAN DECEASED (ST-2024-PB-00127)
Petition for Ancillary Probate
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Ancillary Administration has been filed on behalf of the Estate of William B. Whiteman, deceased, and all persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, by affidavit, and all person indebted to the Estate to make payment promptly to the undersigned.

Sally J. Whiteman
Petitioner

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TOWN ORDINANCE CHANGES

This is to certify that the East Hartford Town Council, in session on January 21, 2025, voted that:

Sections 2-3 and 2-3b of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Salaries of Elected Officials
Sec. 2-3. Mayor's Salary

Beginning November 14, 2007, the Mayor's salary shall be \$78,723, which is a zero increase and beginning on November 14, 2008, the Mayor's salary shall be \$81,400, which is an increase of 3.4%, representing the increase in the consumer price index for 2005. Beginning November 11, 2014 and annually thereafter, the Mayor's salary shall increase by fifty percent of the increase in the consumer price index-all urban consumers for the preceding calendar year, provided that the Mayor's salary for November 11, 2013 shall be increased by fifty percent of the consumer price index-all urban consumers for the calendar years 2006 through 2012 inclusive. Effective November 2015, the Mayor's salary will be \$90,067 which is based on the increase in the 2013 consumer price index. Effective November 2016, the Mayor's salary will be \$91,688 which is based on the increase in the 2014 consumer price index. Effective November 13, 2017, the Mayor's salary shall be \$93,522 which is an increase of 2% and effective November 1, 2018, the Mayor's salary shall be \$95,392 which is an increase of 2%. Effective November 11, 2019, the Mayor's salary shall be \$97,777 which is an increase of 2.5% based on the increase in the 2017 Consumer Price Index. Beginning November 1, 2020, the Mayor's salary shall be \$100,221, which is an increase of 2.5% based on the Consumer Price Index for 2018. Effective November 8, 2021, the Mayor's salary shall be \$102,000, which is based on the 1.7% increase in the Consumer Price Index for 2019. Effective November 1, 2022, the Mayor's salary shall be \$103,000, which is based on the 1% increase in the Consumer Price Index for 2020. Effective November 7, 2023, the Mayor's salary shall be \$104,000 which is based on the Consumer Price Index for 2021. Effective November 1, 2024, the Mayor's salary shall be \$107,000 which is based on the Consumer Price Index for 2022. Effective November 5, 2025, the Mayor's salary shall be \$109,000 which based on the 4.5% increase in private sector wages and salary in the federal employment cost index for the year ending September, 2023. Effective November 1, 2026, the Mayor's salary shall be \$112,000 which is based on the 3.8 increase in private sector wages and salary in the federal employment cost index for the year ending September, 2024.

Sec. 2-3b. Salaries of Registrars And Deputy Registrars Of Voters

Beginning January 1, [2023] 2025, the salary for each registrar of voters shall be [\$30,000] \$34,000 and the salary for each deputy registrar of voters shall be [\$11,000] \$13,000 and beginning January 1, [2024] 2026, the salary for each registrar of voters shall be [\$32,000] \$36,000 and the salary for each deputy registrar of voters shall be [\$12,000] \$14,000 provided (1) the registrar of voters shall work no less than twenty-four hours per week; (2) the registrar of voters and deputy registrar of voters shall conduct no less than four voter outreach session in locations outside of town hall annually; (3) the registrars of voters and deputy registrars of voters shall take state mandated training for such offices; (4) the registrar of voters and the deputy registrar of voters shall comply with all state election law requirements; and (5) the registrars of voters shall provide an annual written report to the mayor and town council within two months after each election which shall consist of an overview of the office's activities for the year, an appraisal of the conduct of voting process for the previous election including any primary or special elections and recommendations for improving the election process. The Town Council may reduce the salary of a registrar of voters or a deputy registrar of voters if it determines that such person violated any provision of this section.

Voted 01-21-25
Attest
Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk
Published: 01-23-25
Effective: 02-12-25
Attest
Connor S. Martin, Mayor
Date _____

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE: TOWN ORDINANCE CHANGES COMBINED PLANNING AND ZONING AND INLAND WETLANDS/ENVIRONMENT COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE

This is to certify that the East Hartford Town Council, in session on January 21, 2025, voted that:

Section 1. Section 2-16 of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 2-16. Planning and Zoning Commission Establishment, Powers and Duties

(a) There is established a Planning and Zoning Commission which shall consist of seven voting members. The Commission shall also consist of three alternate members. Regular and alternate members shall be appointed to a five year term. No regular or alternate member of the Commission shall be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals nor an employee of the town. The chair shall designate an alternate from the panel to act in the place of any absent member. The chair shall choose alternates in rotation so that they shall each act an equal number of times insofar as possible. If any alternate is not available in accordance with such rotation, such fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, upon the effective date of this ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Commission regular and alternate members shall consist of the existing regular and alternate members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands/Environment Commission until the mayor, subject to approval by the Town Council, appoints the full and alternate members of the combined commission. No vacancy of a regular or alternate member after the effective date of this ordinance shall be filled until the number of regular members is seven and the number of alternate members is three, respectively. Appointments of regular and alternate members to the combined commission shall be for five year terms except that initially the terms shall be staggered such that no more than two regular members and one alternate member shall be appointed in any one year.

(c) The Commission shall exercise the authority of planning and zoning commissions and inland wetlands agency under state law. Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands/Environment Commission regulations in effect on the effective date of this ordinance shall be the regulations of the Planning and Zoning Commission established pursuant to this section.

(d) All meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chair and at such other times as the Commission may determine, and all hearings shall be open to the public. The chair, or in the chair's absence or inability to act, the acting chair, as designated by the regular commission members, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. The Commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact; and shall keep records of its hearings, examinations and other official acts. Each rule or regulation, and each amendment or repeal thereof, and each decision or official act of the Commission shall immediately be filed in the office of the Commission, and shall be public record.

Section 2. Section 2-17 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 2-17 Planning and Zoning Commission, Additional Authority

In addition to the powers and duties of the Commission referenced in section 2-16, the Commission may:

(1) conduct research into the utilization and possible utilization of land areas of the Town, may coordinate the activities of the unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise,

prepare and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets as necessary for its purpose;

(2) keep an index of all open areas publicly and privately owned including wetlands and watercourses for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of such areas; may from time to time recommend to the Mayor, the Council, or the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, plans and programs for the development and use of such areas, which may include the acquisition of conservation easements. It may exchange information with the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and may request the Commissioner, with prior approval of the Town Council, to assign technical personnel to it for assistance in planning its overall program and for coordinating State and local conservation activities;

(3) investigate pollution problems within the Town including alleged violations of clean air and clean water, standards as established by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and recommend to the Council procedures, ordinances, rules and inter local agreements to abate and prevent such problems;

(4) conduct such surveys as may be required determine the source and nature of pollution hazards, review State, local and metropolitan district air and water effluent records, and conduct public hearings for the purpose of obtaining information leading to the abatement of pollution. The Commission shall keep records of such surveys, inspections or hearings.

(5) recommend to the Council the acquisition of land and easements in the name of the Town. The Commission may receive gifts of funds and land in the name of the Town, provided such acquisition receives prior approval of the Council. All funds received by the Commission from any source shall be turned over to the town Treasurer and become part of the General Fund of the Town; provided that, with the specific approval of the Council, the Commission may agree to accept from any source funds, earmarked by the donor for a particular purpose, not inconsistent with the general duties and powers of the Commission.

Section 3. Section 2-18 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 2-18 Fines for Zoning and Inland Wetlands Violations

(a) The Director of Development or designee, is hereby authorized to issue citations for violations of the Zoning and Inland Wetlands Regulations of the Town of East Hartford to the extent and in the manner provided in this Section.

(b) The Director of Development or designee may impose a civil fine of not more than one hundred and fifty dollars per violation for each day a violation of the zoning regulations continues.

(c) The Director of Development or designee may impose a civil fine of not more than one thousand dollars per violation for each day a violation of the inland wetlands regulations continues.

Section 4. Section 2-19 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 2-19 Citation and Appeal Process

(a) Any citation issued pursuant to section 7-31 shall be (1) personally served on the person named in the citation; (2) served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person named in such citation or; (3) served on the property where the violation has occurred. The Director of Development or designee shall maintain an original or certified copy of the citation.

(b) Such citation shall include the following provisions: (1) that the person may pay the fine specified in the citation to the Tax Collector within fifteen days of receipt of such citation or service on the property where the violation occurred; (2) a description of the violation or violations and the amount of the fines; (3) that the person may contest liability before a Hearing Officer appointed by the

Mayor, by delivering, in person or by mail, within ten days of the date of the notice, a written demand for a hearing; (4) that if the person cited does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment will be entered against him; and (5) such judgment will issue without further notice.

(c) If the person who is served such citation wishes to admit liability for any alleged violation, he may, without requesting a hearing, remit the full amount of the civil fine, either in person or by mail, payable to the Town of East Hartford - Tax Collector. Such payment shall be inadmissible in any proceeding, civil or criminal, to establish the conduct of such person or other person making the payment. Any person who fails to pay such fine or demand a hearing shall be deemed to have admitted liability, and the Development Director or designee shall certify such failure to the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer shall thereupon assess the civil fines provided for in the citation.

(d) Any person who requests a hearing shall be given written notice of the date, time and place for the hearing. Such hearing shall be held not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of the mailing of such notice, provided the Hearing Officer may grant upon good cause shown any reasonable request by such person for a postponement. The presence of either the Development Director or designee or the person who issued the citation shall be required at the hearing if so requested by the person named in the citation. Such request must be included with the appeal. A person wishing to contest liability shall appear at the hearing and may present evidence, and may be represented by an agent or attorney. The Development Director or designee may present evidence on behalf of the Town. If the person who received the citation fails to appear, the Hearing Officer may enter an assessment by default against him upon a finding of proper notice and liability under the applicable provisions of the Zoning or Inland Wetlands Regulations. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of evidence as established in Connecticut General Statutes section 4-178. The Hearing Officer shall render a decision within ten days of the hearing. If the Hearing Officer determines that the person who received the citation is not liable, the Hearing Officer shall dismiss the matter and enter that determination in writing accordingly. If the Hearing Officer determines that the person who received the citation is liable for the violation, the Hearing Officer shall assess the fines against such person as provided in the citation.

(e) If the assessment by the Hearing Officer is not paid to the Tax Collector within ten days of the decision of the Hearing Officer, the procedures set out in Connecticut General Statutes section 7-152c(f) shall apply. Any unpaid fine under this section shall constitute a lien pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 7-148aa.

(f) The Mayor shall appoint one or more citation Hearing Officers to conduct the hearings provided in subsection (f) of this Section. No member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Building Inspector nor any employee of the Town who exercises zoning or inland wetlands authority may be appointed as a Hearing Officer.

Section 5. The following sections of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances are repealed: sections 2-20 through 2-23, inclusive; sections 2-36 through 2-43, inclusive; and section 7-30.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

Voted 01-21-2025

Attest

Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk

Published: 01-23-2025

Effective: 07-01-25

Attest

Connor S. Martin, Mayor

Date: _____

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

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 for details. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list. *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.

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. The venue at the Pratt & Whitney Hangar Museum comes in the 100th year anniversary of the aircraft engine manufacturer.

JANUARY 30: WRITING WOMEN'S LIVES - THEN AND NOW. Carolyn Heilbrun's 1988 book, *Writing a Woman's Life*, built an eloquent argument demonstrating that writers conform all too often to society's expectations of what women should be like - at the expense of the truth of the female experience. This mini-course will look at this premise in light of recent women's memoirs such as that of former Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust and former Brown University President Ruth Simmons. We'll compare and contrast: the roads and roles of talented women vs. men; black women vs. white; and the significance of memoirs as primary sources and guiding beacons. Sessions on Thursdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, 27; 10-11:30 a.m. This is just one of the many winter/spring courses & lectures for adults at the Presidents' College Lifelong Learning Program at the University of Hartford. hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

FEB 1: HILLSTOWN GRANGE CABIN FEVER PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Treat your isolation with a hearty batch of pancakes, and socialize with your sweet 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.

BLOOD DRIVES - 2/6/2025: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St. Christopher Church, 538 Brewer St., and **2/20/2025:** 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Crossroads Community Cathedral, 1492 Silver Lane. The American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood or platelets now to help protect the blood supply. All who come to give Jan. 27-Feb. 28, 2025, will get a

\$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Flurry - or RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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.

FEB 9: CHILI COOKOFF at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Taste the entries - or enter your own winning recipe - and cast your vote for the winner. Try multiple chili dishes at a nominal cost during this tasty fundraiser, with serving sizes ranging from \$1 to \$5. Additional chili chefs are welcome to enter. So, if you have a treasured family recipe, or have been hankering to experiment with a new one, this is your chance! Try to claim the

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FEBRUARY 13 - TALK TO YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS - East Hartford's delegation at the state capitol invites you to attend a Legislative Town Hall at the Wickham Library, 656 Burnside Ave., from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Listen to the issues of the day in Hartford, and tell them about issues that matter to you!

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.

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. Free. Arrive early and enjoy the vibe.

FEBRUARY 11: HARTFORD MAYOR AND UHART PRESIDENT CONVERSATION. Join us for a conversation between Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam and University of Hartford President Lawrence Ward. They'll chat about their goals and challenges - and possible solutions. Find out what happens when City ("town") and University ("gown") get together. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 11:30-1 p.m. on the University campus. There is no charge for this event, but you do need to register for the Town & Gown Converse program at hartford.edu/pc.

FEB 20-23 - 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 at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford Feb. 20, Feb. 21, Feb. 22 and Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discounted tickets on sale now at www.CTFlowerShow.com

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 Fahrjije, 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.

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

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

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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