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## Roundabout plans for Main revised after traffic concern

By Bill Doak

A neighbor's concerns about the growing problem of speeding cars in her neighborhood off Main Street has apparently prompted town officials to scale back plans to add four roundabouts to Main Street.

Jibrelle Wilson, who works at MacDougall-Walker correctional institution, had just returned to her home at 38 Carroll Road just after 4:30 and was changing her clothes when she heard a loud boom in front of her home.

"Not again," she said to herself. Her partner Tommy had parked outside, and decided to take a nap on the second floor of her house which is halfway down the small street which

runs between South Prospect and Main. It's a close-knit neighborhood where everyone seems to watch out for one another.

"They done his the door side of his car. It was totally gone. If he was standing there he would have been killed," Wilson related.

Wilson told her story to the Town Council June 19. In the 12 years she has lived on Carroll Road, the past three years the problem with cars cutting through to avoid the traffic at Connecticut Boulevard and Main Street has gotten worse, she says.

"They use our street as a short cut. By the time they get to my house they are flooring it. It has gotten to the point where none of us dare leave our cars

on the street."

Recently three vehicles of Carroll Road residents were struck. Her neighbors were watching the Knicks game when it happened again. This time a car crashed into a pickup truck so hard it broke the truck's axle. Alerted to the sound, neighbors took off after the dark car as it limped away, following it over the Bulkeley Bridge into Hartford where they caught up to the heavily damaged Cadillac Escalade. "Did I hit something?" he asked them. 'Dude, look at your car,' they told him," related Wilson.

"There are young families on this street, there, there and over there. It's not fair and it's dan-

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**VEHICLES SPEEDING** down Carroll Road have struck parked cars at least three times recently.

## DECLARATION READ



Brandon Picado and Sasha Cornejo, both from Costa Rica and enrolled in East Hartford Adult Education class, read part of the Declaration of Independence at a ceremony held at the Raymond Library Wednesday night. The community ceremony was part of a national event where everyone was invited to read the Declaration and Constitution and other foundational documents at the semisecular centennial of the United States.

## Valuing liberty for all

by Bill Doak

On July 2, 1776 in Philadelphia, 65 delegates from the 13 colonies convened the Second Continental Congress renamed the United Colonies of North America the United States, voting on that day to declare independence.

The delegates formally signed that Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776, then, four days later, July 8, 1776 the document was read aloud publicly for the first time in Independence Square in order that the gathering of citizens of

Philadelphia could hear for themselves that the American colonies had declared themselves free and independent from Great Britain.

At the Raymond Library Wednesday a crowd gathered again, 250 years later, to listen to the same words as well as others, such as the foundational documents and governance of the native Americans - the Illinois and Seneca pacts from which the delegates derived some inspiration for their courage.

East Hartford and many

See **250TH EVENT** pg. 10

# AROUND TOWN

## South collecting toys for DCF

South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., is sponsoring a Christmas in July Community Toy Challenge to support The Olive Branch, on Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. until noon in the church parking lot.

This is a drive-thru event; you will not need to get out of your car.

The Olive Branch is a community resource hosted through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in Glastonbury. The Olive Branch provides new toys and other items to children, teens and families connected to DCF, and families are invited to shop for birthdays, holidays, and other special events. The Olive Branch is open the entire year and is supported by volunteers,

organizations, community members, and other donors. Suggested donations include hula hoops, jump ropes, teen craft kits and sports equipment.

For a complete list of items from their "wish list", please visit the South Congregational Church website at southucc.org.

All donations must be new and unused items.

If you would like to participate but cannot make the event, donations may be dropped off at the church Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, or on Sunday mornings. Donations must be received by July 25th.

For additional information please call the office at South Church, 860-568-5150.

Help organizers and The volunteers at the Olive Branch help DCF families.

## FAVORS TERM LIMITS



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**TERM LIMITS ON CONGRESS PLEDGE**

**Chris Tierinni**  
Candidate for Connecticut State House - District 10

[termlimits.com/pledge](http://termlimits.com/pledge)

## Tierinni signs term limit pledge

U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the national, non-partisan movement to limit terms for elected officials, is gathering support from state lawmakers across the nation. Its mission is to get 34 states to apply for an amendment proposal convention specific to term limits on Congress. 2026 Connecticut state house candidate, Chris Tierinni (district 10), has committed support for term limits on Congress by signing the term limits convention pledge.

The U.S. Term Limits pledge is provided to candidates and members of state legislatures. It reads, "I pledge that, as a mem-

ber of the state legislature, I will cosponsor, vote for, and defend the resolution applying for an Article V convention for the sole purpose of enacting term limits on Congress."

In the 1995 case, Thornton v. U.S. Term Limits, the Supreme Court of the United States opined that only a Constitutional Amendment could limit the terms of U.S. Senators and House Representatives. According to Nick Tomboulides, Chief Executive Officer of USTL, the best chance of imposing term limits on Congress is through an Article V Proposal Convention of state legislatures.

## Town Green Farm Market; marriages by appointment

The first East Hartford Farmers' Market July 7 was moved indoors due to the hot weather. The Market opened from noon until 2:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the East Hartford Community Center, 50 Chapman Place. Tales and Tastings with East Hartford Farm to School and East Hartford Public Library will be rescheduled to next Tuesday's Farmers Market July 14 in front of the Green.

Are you looking to apply for a marriage license? The Town Clerk's Office has moved to an appointment-only process for marriage license applications.

Individuals seeking to obtain a marriage license are required to schedule an appointment in advance. Appointments will allow staff to provide timely, personalized service while minimizing wait times.

**WAYS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:** Fill out the appointment interest form - [www.easthartfordct.gov/marriage-license-appointment](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/marriage-license-appointment)

Email [ehtownclerk@easthartfordct.gov](mailto:ehtownclerk@easthartfordct.gov)

Call Town Clerk's Office at (860) 291-7230.

For additional details, as well as a step-by-step guide, visit - [www.easthartfordct.gov/marriage-license-process](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/marriage-license-process)

## Joke of the Week

Which game did Aladdin use to play with his pet monkey?  
Peek Abu.



## CLASSIFIEDS

**LANDSCAPING** - weekly mowings (\$45-\$55) spring cleanup, mulching, bush and hedge trimming, etc... call (860)985-6361 for a quote.

**LOST DOG? ITEM FOR SALE?** - A \$12 ad in the Gazette makes more sense than spending for markers, staplers, etc to place ugly signs on telephone poles.

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# DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

## El Calor y La Piscina

Este fin de semana nos fuimos de piscina porque el sol estaba en todo su apogeo. Y déjenme decirles algo: las piscinas de East Hartford están más que chéveres. Limpias, refrescantes y perfectas para pasar un buen rato en familia cuando el calor aprieta y uno siente que se está derritiendo hasta sentado.

Pero antes de hablar del calor, o de la calor, que ya mismo llegamos a eso, quiero hacer un pequeño llamado comunitario.

Por favor, sigamos las reglas.

Si los empleados dicen que es tiempo de salir de la piscina, pues es tiempo de salir. Vamos a actuar con cordura. ¿Para qué hacer un drama sin escenario? No queremos hacerles la vida más difícil a esos empleados que pasan horas trabajando bajo el sol, pendientes de nuestra seguridad y de la de nuestros niños.

Mire, todos sabemos que a nadie le gusta que le digan que se acabó la diversión. Uno está fresquecito en el agua y lo último que quiere escuchar es el silbato indicando que llegó la hora de salir. Pero las reglas están para la seguridad de todos. Así que recogemos la toalla, buscamos las chancletas, que misteriosamente nunca aparecen donde uno las dejó, y seguimos nuestro camino.

Ahora sí, hablemos de algo que siempre causa un debate innecesario: ¿se dice el calor o la calor?

La forma más común y vamos a ser claros, la forma correcta en el español es el calor. Sin embargo, la calor también se escucha en distintas regiones y comunidades hispanohablantes, especialmente en el habla popular, tradicional y coloquial. Así que, aunque alguien te corrija rápidamente, probablemente tu abuela, una tía o algún vecino todavía diga: "Esta calor está insoportable", mientras se abanica con cualquier papel que encuentre cerca.

Y usted diga el calor o la calor, la realidad es la misma: está haciendo un calor que no respeta a nadie.

Por eso, les recuerdo que, si vamos a pasar tiempo al aire libre, debemos usar protector solar, buscar sombra cuando sea posible y mantenernos hidratados. No espere a tener una sed terrible para tomar agua. También es buena idea usar ropa ligera y fresca, y prestar atención a cómo nos sentimos, especialmente cuando se trata de niños pequeños y adultos mayores.

Y aquí va otro recordatorio: el sol no solamente nos afecta cuando estamos en la piscina o en la playa. También estamos expuestos mientras caminamos, trabajamos en el patio, esperamos el autobús o asistimos a una actividad al aire libre. A veces pensamos que, porque no estamos "tomando el sol" intencionalmente, no tenemos que protegernos, pero el sol no necesita una invitación para hacer de las suyas.

Así que disfruten del verano, de las piscinas, de los parques y de todo lo bonito que nuestra comunidad tiene para ofrecer. Pónganse su protector solar, lleven su botellita de agua y, por favor, cuando suene el silbato de la piscina, no se pongan a discutir.

Que, con este calor, nadie tiene energía para tanto drama.

**Eventos próximos** que no te debes perder:

Para información sobre las piscinas, horarios y reglas accede aquí [www.ehparcs.org](http://www.ehparcs.org). Para que así te las disfrutes este verano.

No te pierdas el Farmers Market. Esto será todos los martes de 12:00pm a 2:30pm en el Town Green, ubicado en el 1047 de Main Street. Se aceptan los beneficios de SNAP, WIC y Senior FMNP. No habrá mercado el 4 de agosto.

No te pierdas el Sounds of Summer Concert el 16 de Julio comenzando a las 6:00pm en Great River Park. En caso de mal tiempo, el concierto se trasladará al auditorio del Community Center, ubicado en 50 Chapman Place.

Conecta conmigo: [cmaldonado8816@icloud.com](mailto:cmaldonado8816@icloud.com)

# Larson gets backing of SEIU 1199

John Larson announced a major union endorsement from Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1199 New England. As one of the most effective unions supporting and electing candidates, it brings additional organizing power, people, and resources to help re-elect a fighter for working people.

Larson has now won the support of the Working Families Party and three dozen unions, demonstrating the support he has from working people versus centrist Luke Bronin, the corporate lawyer with an anti-labor record whose campaign is funded by corporate billionaires.

In their announcement, SEIU 1199 cited, "Larson's longstanding commitment to labor rights and working families" as key factors in their decision, noting Larson's emphasis on "his support from organized labor, contrasting it with his opponent's record. From defending collective bargaining rights to creating good-paying union jobs."

"Rep. Larson is always a champion for the hardworking citizens of our state. He stands up for the needs of those who are the backbone of society. From supporting affordable healthcare to fighting for wages that workers deserve and advocating for retirement that supports everyone," said Stephan Bobb, a Mental Health Assistant II at Connecticut Valley Hospital.

"As a product of public housing, I will always stand up for working people in Congress,

whether it's against Donald Trump or the billionaire class working to elect my opponent. SEIU's support is the highest compliment I could imagine," said Congressman Larson. "We're excited to have them on our side, organizing and talking with their members to share our record of working together and delivering."

SEIU 1199 is the largest healthcare workers union in Connecticut, representing over

29,000 healthcare workers in Connecticut and Rhode Island. The union has a decades long history of advocating for healthcare providers and workers' rights. The endorsement highlights the glaring contrast in the race, declared Larson's campaign, drawing attention to "the billionaire dark-money network attempting to wipe out progressives and replace them with Corporate Democrats like Bronin."



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## SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

### America 250: Building next chapter together

by **Tyron V. Harris**  
CANDIDATE, 10TH ASSEMBLY DIST.

As our nation celebrates 250 years of independence, we have an opportunity to reflect not only on where America has been but also on where we are going. The American story has always been about people from different backgrounds coming together to build stronger communities. Here in East Hartford, that story is alive every day in our neighborhoods, schools, small businesses, houses of worship, and community organizations. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and our shared commitment to one another is what makes our town special. As a candidate for State



**TYRON HARRIS**  
*Candidate, 10th Assembly Dist.*

Representative, I believe the next chapter of East Hartford's story must focus on expanding

### Tyron Harris is a leader I have watched grow

**To the editor:**

I am speaking as an 80-year-old resident of the Greater Hartford Community, having mentored and championed generations of youth in the community. In every generation, there are young people whose lives reflect the promise of future leadership. Occasionally, we are privileged to witness that promise mature into a life of service, integrity, and purpose. Such has been my experience with Tyron Harris, who is currently seeking election as state representative for East Hartford in the General Assembly.

My support for Tyron Harris is not based on campaign rhetoric or political affiliation. It is rooted in more than two decades of first-hand observation and a relationship that began when he was just 14.

I first met Tyron after he became friends with my son while they were students at Cheney Technical High School. Shortly thereafter, he became involved

with Urban Hope Refuge Church through our youth initiative, ATOC (Abstinence: The Only Choice), an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program. Even as a teenager, Tyron displayed qualities that distinguished him from many of his peers. He was respectful, teachable, dependable, and genuinely committed to making positive choices.

As the years progressed, I had the privilege of watching him graduate from high school, become actively engaged in church, community, and civic life, and pursue higher education. While attending college, Tyron returned to serve as a youth mentor in Urban Hope Refuge Church's federally-funded teen pregnancy prevention initiative, sponsored through the Hartford Dept. of Health and Human Services.

In that role, he worked tirelessly with young men in our program, helping advance a federal initiative aimed at reducing

opportunity for everyone. That means supporting strong public schools, investing in workforce development, creating pathways to good-paying jobs, making housing more affordable, and ensuring every resident has a voice in shaping our future.

America 250 is more than a celebration of our past; it is a call to action for the future. The values that built this country, freedom, service, opportunity, and community, remain as important today as they were 250 years ago. Together, we can honor our history while building an East Hartford where every family has the opportunity to thrive, and every resident feels they belong.

Happy America 250, East Hartford.

teen pregnancy. His ability to connect with youth, encourage responsible decision-making, and model positive leadership made him an invaluable member of our team.

My late husband, Dr. William M. Johnson Jr., also recognized Tyron's remarkable leadership potential. As one of his mentors and pastor, he had the honor of accompanying Tyron when he first sought public office as a candidate for the East Hartford Board of Education. From that point forward, our families remained closely connected, allowing us to witness not only his professional growth but also the consistency of his character.

Throughout every season of his life, Tyron has demonstrated integrity, perseverance, humility, and consistent commitment to serving others. His Christian faith has remained a guiding influence, shaping his concern for families, young people, education, and the well-being of the broader

### Re-electing Larson is vital

**To the editor:**

Many thanks to Maura Fitzgerald for so succinctly making the case for Rep. John Larson's candidacy in the August 11th Democratic primary against his main opponent, former Hartford Mayor, Luke Bronin. She is on target in pointing to Larson's seniority as a major advantage against President Trump's unrelenting effort to dismantle democratic governance. This is particularly the case with the so called Save America Act, aimed to prevent the "godless communists" of the "Dumocrat" party from winning congressional election in either house in 2026, thereby, upholding the MAGA vision for decades to come. It is this objective—of promising Republicans that if they passed the Act they

community.

Leadership is ultimately measured not by promises made during a campaign, but by the character that has been demonstrated over time. I have had the unique privilege of observing Tyron Harris's life from adolescence into adulthood, and I can confidently say that he has consistently earned the trust and respect of those who know him best.

I believe the people of East Hartford - and Connecticut - would be well served by his leadership in the General Assembly. He is a man of faith, a champion for families, and a public servant whose life reflects a sincere commitment to improving the lives of others.

It is with great confidence that I offer my personal endorsement and support for Tyron Harris as State Representative.

**Dr. Celeste Ashe Johnson**  
Leading Lady Emerita  
Urban Hope Refuge Church

would win elections for the next 100 years—which is the rot at the center of this legislative proposal.

What makes Larson's reelection so vital is his seasoned experience in providing needed oversight, particularly in his passionate commitment to protect and expand social security benefits for millions of seniors and upcoming generations in his Social Security 2100 Act, which he has championed for decades. Through his role on the Ways and Means Committee, Larson has also had a formative influence in shaping economic policy and healthcare advocacy and has been a resolute supporter for manufacturing revitalization and strengthening the economy of this district. Bronin states that he supports the same initiatives that Larson has worked so tirelessly to procure, including safeguarding social security against the Republican juggernaut, especially, if—by crook—the GOP should win the majority in the House. Yet, it is Larson who has produced the goods, whose proven track record and congressional clout are things we can rely on in these perilous times. Throughout his career, Larson has remained true to his working-class heritage and his dedication to community, to which many of us who know him can personally attest. In Congress, these commitments have played out in his steadfast advocacy of an updated New Deal/Great Society agenda, which I have discussed in other letters. Suffice it to say that the priorities Larson has so passionately promoted have been vital to working and middle-class individuals and families as well as to the future of the United States.

**George Demetrios**  
East Hartford

# When the Blue Army competed with the Red Army at Church Corners



Did you know that East Hartford had a "Blue Army?" Being ignorant sometimes helps steer an investigation for a column. Sitting at the paper is a large photo from 1930 which features the faces of many - many East Hartford businessmen and professionals.

Seven rolls, over 300 participants, fills the entire front steps of the Congregational Church at Church Corner. They are sitting or standing dressed in their long coats with Hamburg style hats in their hands between the big columns in front of First Church prominently on Church Corners as the intersection of Main Street and Connecticut Boulevard is known in East Hartford.

The captions reads: "The Blue Army - winners of attendance contest 1929-1930 - Men's Community Bible Class, East Hartford."

Never having heard of the Blue Army before, interest was sparked for the history.

Turning first to March 28, 1930 *Gazette's* front page it reported the last "blue army" supper was held the previous week, with both Red and Blue Army members attending. Both "armies" had 750 total members.

But what were these Blue and Red armies?

Going back further to 1926 where a *Gazette* article - actually more of a community announcement from the Congregational Church - reported the creation of the two entities. This simple announcement clarified all the other newspaper accounts found.

"A membership drive has been launched with the slogan "500 in 5 months." and the members have been divided into two squads (Red and Blue)... who will scour the woods after men, to attend church events. The division securing the largest number of attending members will be entertained some way by the

losing team."

Over the coming years the membership drives were conducted annually, and the results were reported in the paper. Each year's winning team was announced along with the two team's officers.

Like baseball or football scores, reporting followed along these lines: Sunday attendance: Reds 134 - Blues - 187; Total 321. For the season October 5, 1929 - April 1930; Reds - 2,868, Blues - 3,176; total - 6041

The paper's Community sec-

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Looking back on our East Hartford*

**By Robert Kanehl**

tion noted in 1930: "Both armies are having a remarkable large attendance beating records of years past." The local organization suggested that members of the Bible class consider attending the 1930's National Foundation of Men's Bible Classes National Convention in Washington, D.C. that year. It was the seventh such convention.

The 1933 title was won by the Reds with a total attendance from both classes reaching over 8,700. But this was well below the 1932 attendance record of 10,074!

The paper jested then; "Many men are coming to this Community Bible Class just as regular as they are going to work. The meetings of this class are very informal. There is a warm social fellowship among the men and a spirited rivalry between the Red and Blue Armies."

So what happened?

In 1936 the church changed

the competing division names from Red and Blue to "Army" and "Navy". Shortly thereafter, the actual Army and Navy began drafting young men from town. The winds of war were ginning up, and the prospect of entering the conflict for Americans became closer and closer to inevitability. World War II soon encompassed the globe, and the local recruitment contest at First Church was not just pushed off the *Gazette's* front page - it faded from the pages of the paper altogether. The once-friendly Bible study competition between the Army and Navy at Church Corners was eclipsed by apocalyptic life and death battles being waged in Europe, Africa, and on archipelagoes and atolls in the Pacific.

The faithful congregation at Church Corners then had the sad duty to turn out in force as East Hartford men such as Marine Roger Olmsted who fell at Iwo Jima. He rests across the street in Center Cemetery.

## SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

### Angie 'Parky' Parkinson will never be silent about the things that matter

**To the editor:**

I met Angie when I was 14 years old. As a multiracial student navigating a predominantly white school district, I often felt out of place. But in her classroom, I belonged. I lovingly called her "Parky," and she went out of her way to encourage me to celebrate my culture and embrace my identity. That simple, intentional act of validation completely transformed how I saw myself and my potential.

In fact, the sense of belonging and confidence Angie helped me find is the exact reason I became an educator myself.

As a former Hartford and East Hartford teacher, I am now a professor of education at UConn. I simply would not have had the confidence to pursue this journey without her lifelong support.

I have now known Angie longer than I haven't. It is easy to speak about inclusivity dur-

ing a campaign cycle, but she has been doing the quiet, foundational work of building community for a lifetime. Her dedication to lifting up diverse voices is woven into who she is.

She didn't learn to value different perspectives because it was politically advantageous; she has lived it for decades as a 25-year public school teacher, a grassroots activist, and an experienced Town Councilor.

Today, we see that same commitment driving her cam-

campaign for State Representative. Angie's platform is built on a simple, powerful premise: putting people first.

She knows firsthand that education is our greatest tool for empowerment, but only if we actively fight for equity. Her vision ensures that every single student deserves the resources, safety, and encouragement to thrive. When she advocates for fair school funding, universal meals, and supporting our educators, she is talking about the

real lives of families.

The investment Angie made in me as a 14-year-old student changed the entire trajectory of my life, sparking a ripple effect that I carry into my own classrooms today.

East Hartford deserves a leader who has always walked the walk and who will never be silent about the things that matter to working families. That leader is Angie.

**Lauren Midgette**  
Wethersfield

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## THIS JUST IN: SpongeBob Musical docks at EHMS July 31-August 2

Parents, Kids, and Siblings Share the Stage in East Hartford's Family-Filled Production of "The SpongeBob Musical"

When East Hartford Summer Youth Festival (EHSYF) takes the stage this summer for The SpongeBob Musical, it won't just be a show, it'll be a family affair.

The 60-person cast, ranging in age from 8 to 70+, includes

several parent-and-children groups and numerous sibling sets performing side by side.

Among this summer's cast: the McGrath family of Manchester (dad and 3 kids), the Adams family of East Hartford (mom and 3 kids) as well as multiple sibling sets.

For many of these families, EHSYF has become a shared tradition and a rare chance for

parents and kids, or brothers and sisters, to rehearse, laugh and perform together.

"EHSYF has given me a chance to really make some core memories with my kids. How many other dads can say that they have tap danced on stage with his girls?" -Tim McGrath

The SpongeBob Musical brings the world of Bikini Bottom to life with an original score, vibrant costumes, and high-energy choreography. The EHSYF production leans into that same sense of togetherness both on stage and off, with cast families helping run everything from costuming to concessions to set construction.

Three performances are scheduled: July 31, August 1 and a Sunday matinee August 2 at East Hartford Middle School, 777 Burnside Avenue. Tickets are available now at [www.ehsyf.org](http://www.ehsyf.org).



Gazette Fishhead anchor desk updates about the SpongeBob Musical.

## MARC summer concerts

MARC, Inc. of Manchester 2026 Summer Concert Series, a free, family-friendly event filled with live music, local vendors, community spirit, and fun takes place on and around the Bill Carroll Memorial Stage starting at 6:30 p.m., 151 Sheldon Road, Manchester.

**The 2026 lineup:**  
**Tuesday, July 14** - Piano Man Meets Rocket Man (Elton

John & Billy Joel Tribute Show)  
Rain Date: Wednesday, July 15

**Tuesday, July 21** - Aquanett (80's Rock & Metal Tribute Band) Rain Date: Wednesday, July 22

**Tuesday, July 28** - Shaded Soul Band (R&B, Motown, Funk, Soul, & More!) Rain Date: Wednesday, July 29

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# Society

## NexGen scholars excelled at promoting financial literacy among their peers

East Hartford-based American Eagle Financial Credit Union - in partnership with ReadyCT and Pathways Academy, is proud to honor Andrea Owusu and Kayanna Serrano as recipients of the 2026 NextGen Leaders Scholarship.

Each received a \$5,000 scholarship in recognition of their outstanding leadership, creativity, and commitment to promoting financial literacy among their peers.

The second annual NextGen Leaders Scholarship Program challenged high school seniors to bring financial education to life through original social media content focused on financial well-being and community impact. Participants spent a week creating and sharing content designed to engage their peers in meaningful conversations about money management and financial empowerment.

During her campaign, Andrea, a first-generation Ghanaian American student, highlighted how financial education can empower young people. Her professionalism, creative storytelling, and commitment to helping others make informed financial decisions—along with her unique “Making Cents” series—distinguished her throughout the program. Andrea will attend the University of Connecticut this fall, where she plans to study Business Marketing.

Kayanna, a recent high school graduate and gifted gymnast, was recognized for creat-

ing fun, actionable content that resonated with her followers. A longtime member at American Eagle Financial Credit Union, Kayanna is passionate about helping others develop smart money-saving habits. Her “Tips on Budgeting” became the initiative’s top-performing student campaign, exemplifying the power of peer-to-peer education. Kayanna plans to attend Southern Connecticut State University to study computer science this fall.

“The NextGen Leaders Scholarship program perfectly reflects American Eagle’s belief that financial well-being should be accessible and relevant to every generation,” said Simeon Chapin, SVP, Chief Community Officer at American Eagle Financial Credit Union. “Andrea and Kayanna’s campaigns deftly demonstrated the role financial education plays in building confidence and community. We are proud to support Andrea and Kayanna as they continue their journeys and look forward to seeing the positive impact they continue to make in their schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods.”

The 2026 NextGen Leaders Scholarship campaign generated more than 56,000 views and reached over 14,000 unique accounts, widely connecting members of the younger generation with relatable financial resources. The initiative was led by American Eagle’s NextGen OneTeam Resource Group in collaboration with ReadyCT and Pathways Academy.



**NEXGEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED** - From left: Prince Varghese, Senior IT Business Analyst - American Eagle Financial Credit Union; Simeon Chapin, SVP & Chief Community Officer - American Eagle Financial Credit Union; Kayanna Serrano; Melissa Vieira, Career Pathway Program Manager - Pathways Academy; Andrea Owusu; Devon O’Nalty, VP of Inclusion & Diversity - American Eagle Financial Credit Union; and Nick Oliver, Member Solutions Specialist - American Eagle Financial Credit Union.

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# EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

## Red card or a red herring?

In the final scene of "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" Jimmy Stewart tries to convince reporters that John Wayne, not he, had actually killed Valance. On his way out of the room one cynical reporter turns to Stewart and says, "When the legend is better than the truth, print the legend."

History, however, has a way of getting to the facts.

Legend says President Donald Trump badgered FIFA head Gianni Infantino into abandoning a controversial red card suspension against U.S. star Folarin Balogun, allowing him to play in Monday's World Cup knockout game against Belgium.

## SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



History will take a harder look at the sequence of events and tell a broader tale. The review of the call against Balogun did not begin with an appeal from Trump. The way the call was handled in the game was in violation of FIFA rules that ban the use of slow motion replays in determining red card status because slo-mo makes any foul look worse than it is. For that reason FIFA began its own review immediately after the game.

A group of high powered attorneys representing U.S. Soccer reviewed the incident and FIFA rules and discovered that, contrary to public opinion, a review, and, potentially, a suspension of a red card ruling was not unprecedented. In this World Cup alone a suspension against Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo had been overturned, allowing him to play in Portugal's first two games. They further discovered FIFA rules do allow for a review of red card suspensions.

In this case, in real time, the referee did not see a red card violation. Only after the VAR referee called for a slo-mo review was the card issued, in violation of FIFA rules. Real time replays clearly show, while there was physical contact, Balogun's foot against Bosnia's Tarik Murharemovik's ankle, the foul was not intentional.

The U.S. attorneys informed FIFA they would appeal to the international Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), the global judiciary for athletic disputes. FIFA, based on its own review, knew in all probability the appeal would be upheld, exposing a flaw in their officiating system and, knowing that CAS legal "was ready to go", made the right decision.

In the end, and it was in the end, all President Trump did was advocate on behalf of his nation and his national team. He called FIFA and requested a review after a review was already underway and already expected to go America's way. There was no similar outcry a day later when British Prime Minister Keir Starmer advocated for his national team when a time change was dictated by the weather. He called FIFA and complained the new time favored Mexico over England and requested another time change.

The red card controversy was resolved on Monday night when the U.S. team, with all hands on deck, was dominated by Belgium and eliminated from the tournament.

In history books that's how the 'great red card controversy' of 2026 will play out. The legend's better.

President Donald Trump forced FIFA to overturn the suspension of a U.S. Soccer national team player.

## Girls Rec summer basketball offered

East Hartford has partnered with Inspire Girls Basketball, the Hartford Parks and Recreation and West Hartford to offer Summer Girls Recreation Basketball League. Girls entering grades 6-9 will learn new basketball skills, play games and enjoy time with their friends. Shirts included. Practices will be once a week at Hockanum Park. Practice times will be determined once players sign up. Game days will be Wednesdays through until August 12. Game sites will be decided. Time slots are 5, 6 and 7 p.m. and the fee will be \$25 which includes a shirt.

Call Parks and Rec for info or to register. Stop by the office at 50 Chapman St. in the lower level of the Community Building. Or online: <https://eh-parks.myrec.com/info/default.a>

## Paterson new softball coach at USJ

Kaitlin Paterson has been named the ninth head softball coach in University of Saint Joseph (USJ) history, Associate Vice President for Athletics and Recreation Amanda Devitt announced Wednesday.

A former standout student-athlete at nearby NCAA Division I Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), Paterson joins the Blue Jays after spending the past three seasons as an assistant coach at Trinity College.

"Throughout the interview process, Kaitlin stood out for her passion for developing successful student-athletes both on and off the field, as well as her eagerness to build upon the strong tradition of USJ softball," said Devitt. "We are thrilled to welcome her to our team."

"I am honored to be named the head softball coach at the University of Saint Joseph," said Paterson. "Thank you to Amanda Devitt, the search com-

## COACH COLLINS HONORED



LONGTIME COACH BRIAN COLLINS OF EAST HARTFORD has been named the 2026 National Coach of the Year for Girls Cross Country by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA). This prestigious honor recognizes Collins' 26-year career leading the Glastonbury High School Girls Cross-Country program. Selected from nine national finalists, this is the third time Collins has been a finalist for the award, underscoring his consistent excellence and dedication to student-athlete development. This national accolade follows his induction into the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame last year, further cementing his legacy as a leader in Connecticut scholastic athletics. Collins was honored for his achievement at the national convention held last week in Coralville, Iowa.

mittee and the USJ community for entrusting me with this opportunity to lead the Blue Jays softball program. The University of Saint Joseph has a tradition of excellence that I'm excited to further support with my experience and passion for the game. I look forward to building upon this well-respected program by helping our student-athletes grow, compete and excel in ways that will positively impact their lives beyond USJ."

Paterson joins the Blue Jays after spending the previous three seasons as an assistant coach at nearby Trinity College, where she helped guide the Bantams to a 55-53 overall record. During her tenure, Trinity enjoyed one of the most successful stretches in program history, posting a school-record 24 victories in 2024 while making its first appearance in the NESCAC Championship game in 17 years.

Working primarily with Trinity's hitters, infielders and outfielders, Paterson played an integral role in player development and recruiting while assisting with practice planning, scouting reports, game preparation, team travel, fundraising efforts, social media, equipment management and academic support. She also served as acting head coach during the summer of 2023.

Under Paterson's guidance, Trinity earned 10 All-NESCAC selections, four National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division III All-Region honors and five College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District selections.

Prior to Trinity, Paterson began her collegiate coaching career as the graduate assistant coach at Smith College and spent six seasons as an assistant coach with the Connecticut Eliminators travel softball organization.

## OBITUARIES

## Outama Thongsythavong

Outama Thongsythavong, 94, of East Hartford, beloved husband of the late Thongchine Thongsythavong, died Thursday, July 2, 2026. Born in Vientiane, Laos, son of Tha and Toni (Tou) Thongsythavong, he was raised in Laos. Outama retired as a Colonel in the Royal



Outama Thongsythavong

Laotian Air Force after a thirty-year career of service and sacrifice to both his native country and the United States as an Air Force Pilot and Commander and as a Prisoner of War for over 13 years.

He was trained as a pilot in the French Air Force in 1958 and attended Pilot Toulouse Franczal from 1958-1960 and Pilot Toulouse from 1960-1962. In 1961 he was recruited by the CIA into the US Special Forces in Laos assigned to the US Secret Army Special Guerrilla Unit. He commanded Air Force Bases in Laos until 1971 and received training at the US Air Force Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 1971 and Allied Command training at Lakeland AFB as well as numerous flight training courses. He flew over 300 combat missions, strike support, and supply drops at the front lines as well as commanding numerous Air Force Bases. Outama also served as the private pilot to the late King of Laos for several years. He was captured by Communist forces in Laos in 1975 and spent 13 years, two months, and two days in POW camps in North Vietnam and Laos until his release.

He received the following decorations: Vietnam War Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal with Ribbon. He also received a Citation for Vietnam War Service in Laos from the US Congress in 1999 for US Secret Army Vietnam War Service in Laos from 1961-1975. State of Connecticut War Time Service Medal and Ribbon and the United States /National Defense Corps medal, POW Medal and Ribbon, and the Million of Elephant a Litre Officer, Achievement Combat Operation Award.

He came to the United

States in June 1989 and settled in East Hartford where he was employed as a machinist in the Aerospace Industry. He was proud when he became a Naturalized Citizen, April 4, 1997. He raised his family in the United States where he had the ability to give them the opportunities, he

fought so hard for including the freedoms the United States provides to all its citizens.

Outama is survived by his two sons Manila (Ken) and his wife Tiffany of New Britain and Manola (Jack) and his wife Stephanie of Tolland; two daughters Samy Phone of Las Vegas, NV and Manivone Thongsythavong with whom he made his home in East Hartford; and four grandchildren Sombath, Monirak, Alex, and Maile.

Traditional Buddhist Funeral Services will be held Saturday, July 11, 2026, beginning at 3 PM in the Chapel of the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor. Military Honors and a Procession will follow to Mt Laurel Crematory on the Carmon Funeral Home property for Cremation. Inurnment will be in the Collumbarium at the CT Veterans Memorial Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to the SGU National Memorial Monument, 200 Walnut Grove Road, Middletown, CT 06457. Visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)

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## Donna DeGutis Steffen, RN

Donna DeGutis Steffen, 83, of Glastonbury and Hebron, formerly of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 6, 2026. Born in Hartford she was the beloved daughter of Phyllis Hamilton DeGutis and Stanley Benedict DeGutis.

Donna is survived by her sisters: Denise Jernigan of South Glastonbury and Dorothea DeGutis and her husband Lloyd of Brattleboro, Vermont.

She was predeceased by her brother, Stanley H. DeGutis, who passed away in 1949 at age three.

She leaves her daughter, Joanne Steffen Thomann, Joanne's fiancé Chad Henninger, and her cherished grandson Christian S. Thomann, all of Hebron. She is also survived by her nephew Matthew Graf and niece Katharine Graf of Brattleboro, VT.



Donna Steffen

Donna graduated from East Hartford High School in 1961 and the UConn School of Nursing in 1965.

She dedicated her life to caring for others, beginning her nursing career at Manchester Memorial Hospital (1965-1968), followed by UConn

Health Center-McCook Hospital (1968-1971).

She then served the City of Hartford Health Department, Family Planning Division for 27 years (1972-1999), and continued her work at Planned Parenthood of Connecticut until her retirement in 2010.

Donna was deeply committed to her patients and carried genuine love for the people she served throughout her career.

Outside of nursing, Donna embraced life with enthusiasm and curiosity. She was an avid reader, a passionate supporter

of greyhound adoption, and a lifelong hockey fan.

She proudly held season tickets for the Hartford Whalers, was a dedicated Booster Club member, and traveled across the United States and Canada to cheer them on. She also supported the Springfield Indians/Falcons, and followed the Chicago Blackhawks, Las Vegas Golden Knights, NASCAR, and UConn Basketball with equal devotion.

Funeral service celebrating Donna's life will be Friday, July 10, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. Burial will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, (Section M), Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield.

There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, Donna asked that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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# Declaration of Independence resonates

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other cities and towns on Wednesday held public readings of the Declaration to honor the July 4, 1776 adoption of the Declaration and the July 8, 1776 public reading. East Hartford's Mayor, Connor Martin, and Town Council vice chairman Don Bell read sections of the document.

Also taking part were students enrolled in the East Hartford Adult Education English as a Second Language courses where the history of the nation is very much part and parcel of the curriculum.

Sasha Cornejo and Brandon Picado read a section of the Declaration of Independence in Spanish. Afterward the two spoke about the meaning of the words and their plans for turning their education into a better life for themselves in a new country. Studying about the United States Constitution and traditions are part of their educational path, a path eventually leading to citizenship, which is a test of the history and rights ascribed to all citizens.

Cornejo said her country, Costa Rica, also marks its independence from a colonial power, in their case Spain in 1821. Independence day is September 15 in her country.

For Picado, the words proclaiming independence also resonate. He has a factory job now, but strives to pursue an education and is eager to study, said his teachers who helped translate the reporter's questions.

Having the students participate in the reading was an important part of their education, noted their teachers, and having to explain why also helped bring the lessons of the document home for them.

East Hartford had about 50



residents gather to honor the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776.

And as everyone celebrated with cake to honor America's 250th anniversary, the courage, sacrifice, and vision of those who declared that all people are created equal and endowed with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were all around in the public library.

"May we continue striving to fulfill these ideals for every generation."



# Roundabout scaleback

From Page One

gerous. We are really concerned for the safety for ourselves and for our neighbors," she told the Council.

Mayor Connor Martin said the concerns of neighborhood residents about traffic, and concerns that four proposed Main Street roundabouts might add to the traffic spilling over onto neighboring streets has prompted him to scale back the roundabout plans to just two: At Burnside and Main and at Pitkin and Main.

Originally proposed as a four-roundabout plan to slow traffic, reducing the travel lanes from four to two, the plans must be approved by the state DOT as Main Street is a state highway.

"I don't want to make the issue worse. It's a balancing

act." Martin said a public workshop is being planned to discuss the impact of changes along Main Street. "Look to social media and the town website for details," said the mayor.

"Most of us living here love it. It's a wonderful neighborhood, multicultural and diverse. We have each other's backs when we need to, and there's a lot of cameras on the homes." Police investigating the crashes used the cameras to identify the cars in the hit and run accidents.

"The same officer came back to investigate each one, and I told him they should open up a police substation here," said Wilson. After Wilson told her story to the Town Council, East Hartford police decided to station an officer for a day to monitor traffic.



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Pursuant to an order of the Court dated July 7, 2026, a hearing will be held on an application for Custody of Remains as in said application on file more fully appears, at the East Hartford Court of Probate, 740 Main Street, East Hartford on July 28, 2026 at 3:30 PM.

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# WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

**JULY 9: SOUNDS OF SUMMER** concert, 6 p.m., Great River Park. This week features salsa band **Socky Y la Nueva Creacion**. In case of inclement conditions the concerts move over to the auditorium of the Community Center at 50 Chapman Place.

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**JULY 11, 12: THE WORLD WAR II LEGACY FOUNDATION MUSEUM**, 102 Pitkin St., is open from 3 until 7 p.m. The museum will also be remembering World War II veterans born in the month of July by commemorating their Heavenly Birthdays. Stop by to share your photos and memories. Donations to the non-profit museum are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. FMI call Gary, 860-810-8736.

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**HISTORY TOURS:** The East Hartford Historical Society at Martin Park is open during July and August from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday afternoons for museum tours. The Park is located at 307 Burnside Avenue. The 1761 Makens Bemont House, also known as the Huguenot House, is restored to its original 18th century appearance with period furnishings. Also open is the 1821 Goodwin Schoolhouse and the 1850 Burnham Blacksmith Shop. Tours are free, donations are accepted. Call 860-528-0716 or visit [www.historicalsocietyofeasthartford.org](http://www.historicalsocietyofeasthartford.org)

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**JULY 14: FARMER'S MARKET, TUESDAYS**, 12-2:30 p.m. at the front of the Town Green, 1047 Main St. SNAP, WIC, Senior FMNP accepted. [www.easthartfordct.gov/farmers-market](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/farmers-market) for info.

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**JULY 15: "FABULOUS HIT SONGS OF THE 1980'S"** Free show at the East Hartford Senior Center, Wed 1-2:15 p.m. Color, costumes, lights as 11 All-Star Singers offer songs by Bon Jovi, Billy Joel, Dolly Parton, Bangles, Journey, Tina Turner, Kenny Rogers, & more. Free drawing for 10 Popeye's Chicken dinners! Stay Cool and Be Cool - Come to the show! 15 Milbrook Drive. And remember: EH Senior Center Health & Exercise programs also offered, free to all EH Seniors over 55 - Easy signup at front desk!

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**JULY 16: SOUNDS OF SUMMER** concert, 6 p.m., Great River Park. This week, the ever-popular group **Cover 2 Cover** performs. In case of inclement conditions the concerts move indoors to the auditorium of the Community Center at 50 Chapman Place. July 23's concert is **The Score** followed by the **Soul Sound Review** on July 30. Bring the family, meet friends, bring a picnic basket.

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**JULY 18- BUBBLE RUN HARTFORD** at Rentschler Field beginning at 7 a.m. with a pre-run party. 5K for fun in and around Rentschler Field. Register and for more info go to [bubblerrun.com/locations/bubble-run/hartford](http://bubblerrun.com/locations/bubble-run/hartford). Fees to take part and parking is \$20. Tee-shirts and swag for sale.

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**JULY 18: KITE FESTIVAL**, Rentschler Field, noon until 4. This event listed by the town but no information seems to be posted about it anywhere. Good luck!

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**JULY 18: SIMON BROGIE AND THE XLT'S** at South

Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. Traditional bluegrass band. \$20 at the door or in advance at [mosaicconcerts.com](http://mosaicconcerts.com).

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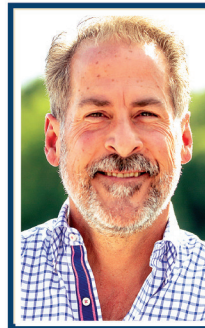
**JULY 25: CHIRSTMAS IN JULY** at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., a Community Toy Challenge to support The Olive Branch from 10 a.m. until noon in the church parking lot. Drive-thru event. The Olive Branch is a community resource hosted through the Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) in Glastonbury providing new toys and other items to children, teens and families connected to DCF. Families are invited to shop for birthdays, holi-

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days, and other special events at The Olive Branch outlet which is open year-round. Suggested donations: hula hoops, jump ropes, teen craft kits and sports equipment. Their "wish list" is on the church website - [southucc.org](http://southucc.org). All donations must be new. If you would like to participate but cannot make the event, drop off donations at the church Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, or Sunday mornings before July 25. FMI call 860-568-5150. Help us help DCF families shop with dignity.

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**JULY 24: HIKE THROUGH HISTORY** - Grab your walking shoes and go for a walk around one of Connecticut's historic locations. Sponsored by the Museum of Connecticut History within the State Library, museum curator Patrick Smith will lead a hike in Hartford July 24 to uncover the impact of the Revolution. This will include a visit to the museum exhibit commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Hiking Through History walks begin at 10 a.m. and last two hours. Free, but registration is required as space is limited. Upon registration, additional information will be shared about each hike. Most hikes are designed for a leisurely to moderate walking pace. Sign up at [Patrick.j.smith@ct.gov](mailto:Patrick.j.smith@ct.gov) or call 860-757-6534.

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**AUGUST 5: EAST HARTFORD BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY** Wednesday at a **new location** this year: **McAulliffe Park**. Mark your calendars for the **first day of the 2026-2027 school year, which will be Wednesday, August 26**. Register your child for

school if you have not already done so.

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**AUGUST 15:** The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) of Connecticut announces the **Hare Krishna Chariot Festival** is coming to Riverfront Park in Glastonbury on Saturday August 15 from 11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**AUG 16: BUTTERFLIES WITH LEPIDOPTERIST VICTOR DEMASI** Sunday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Bush Hill Preserve, 871 Hillstown Road, Manchester. Join Victor DeMasi of the Peabody Museum of Natural History and Land Heritage Coalition of Glastonbury on a walk through Manchester Land Conservation Trust's Bush Hill Preserve, to observe butterflies and learn about their ecology and conservation. Interested children are welcome! Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Tick repellent is recommend. The field walk will start promptly at 10 a.m.

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**THURSDAYS - SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL ARCH TOURS**, Bushnell Park. noon until 1:30 p.m. The Arch is open for FREE tours on Thursdays from 12-1:30 pm, May through October. Volunteer Arch Guides share the history behind the design and construction of the monument, along with the meaning behind its symbolic carvings and statuary. Tours last approximately 15-30 minutes, no pre-registration is required. Only have a few minutes? Climb the 96 steps to the top for the view.

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**GET A FREE CHECKUP** - The Malta House mobile health care van parks on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings at St. Mary's Church.

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**VISITING NURSE AND HOME HEALTH SERVICES** are looking for Hospice volunteers to provide companionship and support. If interested, please contact John Roush at [jroush@ech.org](mailto:jroush@ech.org) or 860-682-3405.

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**MY SISTERS' PLACE:** Help provide affordable housing and services for families. Mail donations to Community Housing Advocates, 221 Main St., 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. FMI call 860-808-2048.

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**FOSTER FAMILIES** needed for children in DCF care in every town. FMI or to register for a meeting, contact Annie C Courtney Foundation, 475-235-2184. Annie C works with the Dept. of Children and Families to find foster parents for over 3,000 children. FMI see [www.anniec.org](http://www.anniec.org)

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

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**PROJECT LINUS** delivers blankets to local hospitals. We are always looking for people to donate handmade quilts or afghans. Blankets need not be fancy, just colorful and washable, any size. To donate call 860-649-5513.

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**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at Riverside Health & Rehab Center meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 745 Main St. Facilitated by Scott Ginter. RSVP: 860-289-2791.