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SEASON FOR LEAVES & FOOTBALL



JOSEPH A. ZEBZDA PHOTO

EAST HARTFORD JV FOOTBALL topped South Windsor, 32-24 Thursday, perfect weather for a game.

Mobile home owners protest changes

By Bill Doak

Residents of the Rivermead mobile housing neighborhoods are set to appear again before the town's Fair Rent Commission October 26 to address concerns they are experiencing with RHP Properties.

But they are also concerned about the rules of the East Hartford Fair Rent Commission as a large group of resident homeowners, who lease the land beneath their homes, was not allowed to bring up a multitude of issues and the commission limited their input at an August meeting.

The litany of concerns may be outside the purview of the Fair Rent Commission, which is a relatively new local governmental body. August complaints were over the following:

Annual rent increases, maintenance, such as a number of instances where water was shut off as repairs and construction are underway without warning; the larger sizes of new units apparently being squeezed onto small lots; charges for incidentals, including for small dogs; charges and increases that were apparently justified for being "riverfront property" and in close proximity to the Odessa

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Goodwin, Hartford Healthcare team up

Hartford HealthCare and the Goodwin University school system will partner to create new school to career pathways.

The CEO of Hartford Hospital and president of Goodwin University held a press conference Monday to tout the formal collabortation between the health care institution and the growing magnet and charter school network, saying it will help address workforce needs.

According to the pact, the Goodwin-Hartford Healthcare partnership "will connect learners at different stages of their education and careers with educational opportunities, career exploration, clinical experiences, workforce training, and direct pathways into healthcare professions."

Goodwin University, its Magnet School System and the University of Bridgeport, representing elementary school through college undergraduate and graduate programs will be poised to take advantage of the partnership with the state's largest and most expansive health care network. A "lifecycle of learning" model will be established to guide learners from career exploration to education, training and long-term professional growth.

"At Hartford HealthCare, our mission is to make world-class care more accessible to the communities we serve. This partnership represents an important investment in the future of healthcare by creating new pathways for students and working adults to enter and advance in healthcare careers," said Peter Yoo, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Hartford HealthCare. "By developing the next generation of healthcare professionals, we are strengthening access to high-quality care, building a workforce prepared for the future, and ensuring patients across Connecticut continue to receive the exceptional care they deserve close to home."

"Access is at the heart of opportunity," explained Mark Scheinberg, President of Goodwin University. He continued, "With this one-of-a-kind partnership, we're able to leverage decades of success in healthcare education at Goodwin to significantly expand access for students in the region. That means a direct pipeline into healthcare careers for those just graduating high school, and greater opportunities for adults working to improve their economic situation and for healthcare professionals looking to advance in their fields."

Mayor pulls plug on project

By Bill Doak

After years of delays, a proposed 420-unit apartment project along I-84 off Silver Lane known as Concourse Park has finally run its course. Friday was the final deadline for the developers who were given several extensions and forgiven contractual penalties for failing to begin the project, said Mayor Connor S. Martin. The final straw was a request that the town front $3 million for the cost of a performance bond demanded by the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) which is managing the town's interest in the proposed $161 million project.

The town has already sold the 16 acre site which was once Showcase Cinemas for $1, a transfer that the New Britain-based developers Avner Krohn and Brian Zelman said they needed in order to secure construction loans.

In the few public hearings on Concourse Park, the developer claimed spending of over $2 million for designs and plans. The town engaged with the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) to manage the project as CRDA funding was used to buy and demolish the former Showcase Cinemas building, and needed infrastructure such as MDC

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AROUND TOWN

Drug 'Take Back' day Oct. 24

East Hartford Police and the East Hartford Health & Human Services Departments announce the Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Day, scheduled for October 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex (31 School Street).

According to the CDC's State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS), data shows a decrease in overdose deaths statewide from an estimated 1,337 deaths in 2023 to 986 deaths in 2024. This decline demonstrates the effectiveness of initiatives like Drug Take Back Day, which are successfully reducing the number of overdoses both nationwide and in Connecticut.

The public can drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, 31 School Street, East Hartford. Officials will collect pills, tablets, capsules, and other solid forms of prescription drugs.

Liquids (including intravenous solutions), gels, ointments, patches, syringes and other sharps and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

Staff from the East Hartford Health & Human Services Department will be at the Public Safety Complex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share information about naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, a life-saving medication used in the event of an opioid overdose.

The Health & Human Services Department will also distribute Deterra, medication disposal kits, at no cost. These resources will be available while supplies last. Learn more at www.DEATakeBack.com or easthartfordct.gov/police-department.

REVOLUTIONARY TUNES



GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF 76, singers Dawn Indermuehle (left) and Rick Spencer entertain a gathering of historic minded attendees at the Wickham Library Friday night. The show, sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford, was part of the town's 250th anniversary celebration events. The performers sang Colonial to Revolutionary War period songs related to the effort to separate from England.

Early voting starts on Monday

Early voting in East Hartford and voting districts statewide begins Monday, October 19.

'No excuse' absentee ballots are also available at Town Hall or on the Secretary of State's website link. Voters can also get an application in person at the Town Clerk's Office, 740 Main St. See the East Hartford Town Clerk's webpage for options.

The link connects you to the Secretary of State's office where you may complete the form that directs you to state the town where you are registered to vote, and ask for your Connecticut driver's license or state ID card. A recent state law updated the absentee ballot envelope process. Voters using this method are advised to pay close attention to the new instructions before returning your ballot. If questions visit the Registrar's office at Town Hall.

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Masons man marathon water station

by Arnie Grot

Don Wills arranged in 2023 with HMF to place Water Station #12 near the 14-mile in front of his house on King Street in East Hartford. He recruited Masons to staff it. Brothers from Sixth District Masonic Lodges (Columbia #25, Washington #70, Hartford Evergreen #88, and Friendship Tuscan #145), family and friends again volunteered to work at Water Station for the Eversource Hartford Marathon on the morning of October 10, 2026.



EAST HARTFORD MARATHONERS



PHOTO BY MICHAEL KEHAYIAS

MARATHON MASONS - At left, the Brothers line up in front of the Edge Gel, UCAN Electrolyte Sports drink and water tables prior to arrival of the first runner. Above, Mason brothers offer water to marathon runners.

EAST HARTFORD IS THE COMMUNITY I SERVE.

Committed to East Hartford. Ready to serve its people.

My commitment to East Hartford didn't begin with this campaign. I've spent years serving our schools, supporting local families, working with community organizations, and helping make our town stronger.

As your State Representative, I'll bring that same commitment to Hartford—listening first, working with others, and putting East Hartford before politics.

A MORE AFFORDABLE EAST HARTFORD

I'll work to reduce costly state mandates, ease property taxes, eliminate property taxes for seniors, and fight to lower electric bills.

QUALITY EDUCATION

I'll fight to ensure East Hartford receives the funding it needs for special education, bring the trades back into our schools, and prepare students for good-paying careers.

SAFE, THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

I'll work to strengthen public safety, revitalize our neighborhoods, and build pride throughout East Hartford.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

I'll support local businesses, champion entrepreneurship, and work to keep jobs and economic opportunity rooted in East Hartford.



VOTE CHRIS TIERINNI

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 10—SERVING EAST HARTFORD

EARLY VOTING: Oct 19 - Nov 1 | ELECTION DAY: Nov 3

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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

'Proud to support Angie Parkinson for state representative'

To the Editor:

East Hartford is my hometown. It's where I grew up, where my roots remain, and where I've seen what happens when people who care deeply about their community step forward to serve.

That's why I'm proud to support Angie Parkinson for State Representative in the 10th House District.

During my years in public office, I've served alongside hundreds of legislators and learned what makes them effective: listening, being accessible, building trust across differences, and having the courage and persistence to tackle difficult problems.

I've watched Angie develop these qualities through her own public service.

Angie understands the challenges facing East Hartford's families, seniors, young people, and small businesses. She recognizes the need for more affordable housing, strong public schools, accessible childcare and healthcare, and economic development that revitalizes underused properties and strengthens our tax base.

More importantly, Angie knows East Hartford firsthand. As a town councilor she has spent years responding to the needs of residents across our entire town.

Over the past six months she has committed countless hours connecting directly with voters in the 10th District to hear their concerns and share her vision for East Hartford.

A vision informed by navigating years of difficult budget decisions. A vision informed by bringing people together to solve problems. She knows our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and the families who give this town its character.

She also brings the perspective of a teacher.

As a Social Studies educator, Angie has spent years helping students understand government and the importance of civic participation.

Her commitment to young people isn't just a policy position; it's work she does every day.

State Representaative Henry Genga served this district with dedication, and East Hartford is better for it. Angie brings her own energy, ideas, and deep commitment to carrying that service forward.

Good representation means showing up, building relationships, and fighting for the resources and opportunities our community deserves.

I look forward to serving alongside Angie as we work to strengthen the town we're proud to call home.

I encourage you to vote for Angie Parkinson on November 3.

Jason Rojas
State Representative
9th District
Majority Leader
East Hartford

The state of our schools is strong - and on the rise

WHAT'S WELL FROM WELLS HALL

Dear Friends,

The academic year is in full swing, and our schools are filled with energy, curiosity, and opportunity. Students and staff are being intentional about the work, engaging in meaningful learning, and building the knowledge and skills that will serve them well into the future. Beyond the classroom, our students are also exploring their interests and talents through after-school activities, music, athletics, and the many opportunities that make our schools excellent places to learn and grow. It truly takes the full community, and we are grateful to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and community partners who help make these experiences possible.

This month, we welcomed leaders from community organizations, elected officials, town leaders, business partners, and representatives from our college and university partners to our second annual EHPS State of the Schools presentation. This gathering provided a meaningful opportunity to highlight our progress, share areas for growth, discuss district goals, and consider how we can continue working together to support East Hartford Public Schools' students.

We shared evidence of academic progress, expanded student opportunities, strengthened systems, community partnerships, and investments in our schools. Just as importantly, we were transparent about our priority areas that require our continued attention and collective effort to make improvements. We are especially encouraged by the strong engagement and thoughtful feedback we received regarding our EHPS Strategic Goals. The questions, perspectives, and ideas shared will help strengthen our work and support continued progress. We sincerely appreciate the time our colleagues dedicated to this important conversation.



Thomas Anderson
Superintendent of Schools



Tyron Harris
Chair, EH Board of Education

As we build on this progress, we are also looking ahead to new opportunities for our students. One important initiative is the continued development of the East Hartford Science and Technology Academy (EHSTA), an innovative program we introduced last spring for students who live in East Hartford. Planned as a selective-enrollment program for students in Grades 5–8, the Academy will be housed on the East Hartford Middle School campus and provide an earlier pathway into fields that are shaping our future. Through project-based learning, students will have opportunities to explore engineering, robotics, coding, and artificial intelligence while building strong foundations in mathematics and science. Partnerships with organizations including the University of Hartford and the Connecticut Science Center will help connect classroom instruction to real-world challenges and career possibilities.

We are excited to offer these new experiences in district for East Hartford students. Please stay tuned. Later this month and in November we will host family information sessions and open the application process for the Academy's inaugural cohort, with students entering Grades 5 and 6 beginning next fall.

Progress takes focus, collaboration, and a shared belief in what our students can achieve. We encourage our entire community to stay engaged, celebrate our successes, and continue partnering with us as we work toward an even stronger future for East Hartford Public Schools.

If we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Anderson's office at 860-622-5107 or superintendent@easthartford.org or Mr. Harris at 860-622-5017 or harris.tv@easthartford.org.

With East Hartford Pride!

Tyron V. Harris
Board of Education Chairman
Thomas Anderson
Superintendent
East Hartford Public Schools

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Hablando de Supersticiones

Los otros días salí con una amiga y, hablando de todo un poco, terminamos conversando sobre las supersticiones con las que crecimos. Y es curioso porque, a estas alturas de la vida, aunque quizás ya no creemos del todo en ellas, ese famoso "por si acaso" todavía no nos deja soltarlas.

Y es que la realidad es que desde chiquitos nos inculcaron tantas de estas creencias que ahora es bien difícil sacárnoslas de la mente. Porque les confieso que todavía me emociono cuando me pica la mano. Al menos a mí me enseñaron que eso significa que viene dinero en camino. Y aunque todavía estoy esperando que llegue la fortuna, cada vez que me pica la pienso: "Bueno, a lo mejor esta vez sí".

Ahora que estamos en octubre, el mes de Halloween, donde abundan las historias de fantasmas, brujas y cosas misteriosas, me puse a pensar en todas esas supersticiones que formaron parte de nuestra infancia.

¿A quién no le dijeron alguna vez que no podía barrer los pies de otra persona porque se quedaría sin casar? Y uno, sin tener edad ni interés en casarse, levantaba los pies rapidito. No fuera a ser que por culpa de una escoba se nos dañara el futuro amoroso. Un futuro que uno ni sabia si deseaba.

También estaba aquello de no abrir una sombrilla dentro de la casa porque traía mala suerte. O romper un espejo y ganarse siete años de desgracia. Siete años, imagínense. Como si romper el espejo y tener que recoger los pedazos no fuera suficiente castigo.

Y ni hablar de pasar por debajo de una escalera, cruzarse con un pobre gato negro o poner la cartera en el piso. Esta última era particularmente seria, porque según nos decían, si dejábamos la cartera en el suelo, el dinero se nos iba. Y con lo caras que están las cosas hoy día, mejor no tentar a la suerte.

Pero las supersticiones no siempre tenían que ver con la mala suerte. También estaban las que nos daban un poquito de esperanza, como encontrar dinero en la calle, pedir un deseo al ver una estrella fugaz o soplar las velas de cumpleaños sin contarle a nadie lo que habíamos pedido para que se cumpliera.

Lo curioso es que muchas de estas creencias pasaron de generación en generación. Las escuchábamos de nuestros abuelos, padres o tíos y rara vez cuestionábamos su origen. Porque si abuela lo decía con tanta seguridad, tenía que ser cierto.

Y aunque cada familia tenía su propia versión, muchas de estas supersticiones forman parte de nuestras tradiciones latinoamericanas. Algunas nos daban miedo, otras nos hacían reír y muchas todavía las repetimos, aunque sea por costumbre.

Quizás hoy ya no nos preocupa tanto abrir una sombrilla dentro de la casa, pero les aseguro que por debajo de una escalera no paso y mi cartera no toca el piso. Porque, aunque ya no creamos tanto en estas cosas, uno nunca sabe... ¡por si acaso!

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder:

Recuerden que Voto por adelantado presencial, comienza el 19 de Oct. de 2026 en East Hartford. Para más información en como registrarse y para votar accede a MyVote.CT.gov

No te pierdas Trick or Treat Trail para niños hasta 13 años de edad. Este evento se llevará acabo el 24 de oct. de 1:00pm a 3:00pm en 1047 Main Street East Hartford.

Otro evento que no te debes perder es el Access Walk & 5k Run: Community Health & Wellness Day. Este se llevará acabo el 31 de oct. de 2026. En East Hartford High School 869 Forbes st, comenzando desde las 9:00am hasta las 2:00pm

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Williams' 'Genuine Yankee Shaving Soap'

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

By Robert Kanehl

Did you know Reverend Eliphalet Williams had another world-famous connection – one that is related to our everyday morning routine? The second minister to serve at East Hartford's Congregational Church was the brother of a Declaration of Independence signer – William Williams. Well, he was also related to a Glastonbury Institution.

Several readers felt we should look into the relationship the minister might have with other famous Williams in the area.

It appears that another brother of the minster, Thomas Williams, born in Lebanon, Connecticut, had a son Solomon. While Thomas' brothers went into the ministry and politics, Thomas appears to have been the farmer of the family. His son Solomon moved to the Manchester section of East Hartford. Here his son, James, (1818 – 1907) was raised and entered the retail business.

James worked at the Woodbridge General Store and post office at the Green in Manchester. Eventually, James, commonly called J. B., bought the establishment. During the daytime he handled retail operations. At night he ventured into one of the small barns located on the site to perfect his shaving soap.

The general store building is still standing – it is a pizza restaurant now, unfortunately the small barn has disappeared. You can visit the old Woodbridge farm located alongside of the restaurant and see where the creation of shaving soap happened.

Williams started selling his soap as Genuine Yankee Shaving Soap. It became a success. When he needed a larger workshop, he moved his operations to Glastonbury producing under the J. B. Williams & Company logo.

His family ran the Glastonbury based business into the mid-1900s. Older residents can recall that the train tracks on Main Street, East Hartford were not only used by P&W to moved engines to the railroad station, but also J. B. Williams soap for shipment around the world. A four-mile track south of P&W, linked Williams' factory with the Burnside depot. Despite periodic efforts to closed it the Connecticut Company operated this route into the1960s.

Among the various products perfected by the Williams Soap Company is shaving cream use daily in many homes. A Gazette ad from 1943 notes that Williams Shaving Cream sold for 39 cents. Williams also produced shaving soap called Barber's Bar brand.

But what few people remember is that Williams created Aqua Velva, the blue after shave which appeared under many a grandfather's Christmas tree throughout the years. Aqua Velva was invented in 1917, and became standard military equipment for men during the Second World War.

The company was purchased by Pharmaceuticals Inc. of New Jersey in 1957 and then Nabisco in 1971. The Glastonbury facility closed in 1977.

Reverend Williams was J. B. Williams great uncle. The Reverend served East Hartford for nearly 50 years, while his great nephew provided employment in the area for over 100 years.

I'm torn as I look at the Congregational Church on Main Street while smelling that Aqua Velva on my cheeks as to which Williams was more instrumental in East Hartford history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democratic Women's Club endorses Angie

To the Editor:

Every East Hartford resident's voice and vote matter. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, and early voting runs from October 19 through November 1, 2026.

The Democratic Women's Club of East Hartford (DWCEH) is proud to endorse Angie Parkinson for State Representative, 10th District.

Angie is a proud DWCEH member, an East Hartford Town Council Member, and a passionate educator. Her political journey began in 2016, after extensive volunteer work with the Bernie Sanders campaign. She helped run his Connecticut campaign office and served as a Connecticut delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Angie will focus on moving East Hartford and the state forward. Here are some of her priorities:

- Make housing affordable and stable. She will work to enact just-cause eviction protections for all tenants, cap excessive rent increases, support tenant unions, and give renters the first chance to buy their homes. She will also support expanding housing options, increasing subsidies, and tackling zoning barriers that drive up costs.

- Lower the cost of homeownership. She will support the investment in repair and improvement programs, prioritize housing for veterans, and empower municipalities to expand access and affordability.

- Make childcare affordable. She will work to establish universal childcare with income-based caps, expand free access for lower-income families, and fully fund Care4Kids to eliminate waitlists.

- Take on energy costs. She will back the break up of utility monopolies, and support the creation of a public power option, and allow towns to build or buy their own systems.

DWCEH is proud of Angie's agenda and looks forward to watching her turn it into results. On November 3, East Hartford voters have a choice. DWCEH's choice is Angie Parkinson.

The Democratic Women's Club of East Hartford

Note: A majority of DWCEH members voted to endorse Angie Parkinson. Democratic Registrar of Voters, Veronica Rosario, abstained from the vote due to her position.

SEND YOUR LETTER TO: *editor@ehgazette.com*

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

LUNCHTIME MEDITATION at Odiyana Center, Glastonbury. Tues/Thurs, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Guided meditation. Info at meditationinconnecticut.org

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EVENTS AT THE WORLD WAR II LEGACY FOUNDATION MUSEUM, 102 Pitkin St., Saturday, **Saturday & Sunday, October 17th & 18th:** The museum will be open for visitors 2 - 6:00 pm. Veterans Day Luminaries will be available for purchase. Come for a visit and explore the displays. Admission $5. FMI call Gary, 860-810-8736.

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OCT 15: EAST HARTFORD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL TONIGHT, Thursday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. on the front lawn of Town Hall, 740 Main St. Join to shine a light on the shadows of domestic violence and honor the memories of those lost, celebrate survivors, and stand with those seeking safety. Wear purple and bring a poster or sign honoring a loved one, survivor, or with a message of hope. Presented in partnership with Jessica Jurado and Interval House, Mujer, LEAD and RiseUp.

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OCT 21: PRATT & WHITNEY AND UTRC RETIREES meet at the PWA Club Inc., 200 Clement Road. Join us for conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 a.m. Our program begins at 10 with Luke Bronin, candidate for 1st Congressional District.

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OCT. 21 - FREE LIVE CONCERT at the EH Senior Center, Wednesday at 1 p.m. "Hit Songs of Halloween" Costume, Lights, Color as 11 All-Star Singers present all the classics like Monster Mash, Ghostbusters, Werewolves of London, Thriller, Lil Red Riding Hood, Phantom and many more. Free 10 Popeye's Diners raffle. Free candy. Come to the show-don't be a scaredy cat! 15 Millbrook Dr. Remember all senior health & exercise programs are free to residents over 55. Sign-up at the front desk.

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OCT 23: UConn Football vs UMass Amherst, 7 p.m. Friday night at Rentschler Field.

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OCTOBER 24: BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE, 8 to 11 a.m. in the rear parking lot of First Congregational Church, 837 Main St. Scouts will be standing by to unload your deposit bottles and cans. Funds generated will go directly to Troop One to offset the cost of camping trips and troop activities. Bring your deposit bottles down to Church Corners and provide a camping experience for youth in our community.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 24 - CHURCH TAG SALE, South Congregational, 1301 Forbes St. starting at 10 a.m. Over the years, South Church has accumulated items we no longer use. It's time to declutter and pass some of these treasures along to others! All items will be new or gently used; new items will have a minimum bid, others may be picked up with a donation. We anticipate a variety of different items to be available. The Tag Sale will take place indoors in the church's Carrier Hall, and all proceeds will go to the church. Any items not sold will be donated to a local organization. Come and browse! For more information, please call the church office at 860-568-5150.

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OCT 24: TRICK OR TREAT TRAILon the Town Green, 1-3 p.m. Free treats for young ghouls and gobblins.

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OCT 24: TEDDY BEAR DRIVE. Saturday, 0 a.m. - noon at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. wsith North American Martyrs Parish to benefit kids connected with the CT Dept. of Children and Families in recognition of National Adoption Month. Bring a new teddy bear, at least 8 inches in size, to add. Bears of all colors, shapes and styles are welcome. The goal is 75 new teddy bears. Give a bear to help reach the goal. FMI call 860-568-5150.

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THE HORSZOWSKI TRIO will perform Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Crossings Retirement Community, 900 Hemlock Ave, South Windsor. Free chamber music concert by up-and-coming American trio.

OCT 24: FALL COOKOUT - THE EAST HARTFORD ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Committee will co-host a fall cookout fundraiser Oct. 24 at the JB Williams Park Pavilion in Glastonbury from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are $20 which includes food and bottled water. Live music by Gerry Feeney and raffle prizes. Co-hosted by the Glastonbury Parade Committee. For more info, contact Oksana Hart by e-mail: hart.oksanam@gmail.com.

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OCT 26: THE EAST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB invites the public to join them in a presentation by Donna Kaffenberger on Microgreens Oct. 26 at All Saints church, 444 Hills St. at 6 p.m. Learn about nutritional benefits, and make a pot of microgreens to take home. Attendees will also receive step-by-step instructions and helpful resources to continue growing microgreens with confidence. Fee for non-members is $5.

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OCT 30 - HARVEST FESTIVAL, Friday, 6 until 8:30 p.m. 1492 Silver Lane.

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OCT 31: TOGETHER WE RUN FOR EDUCATION 5K ROAD RACE AND 1.5-MILE WALK, hosted by the East Hartford Alumni Association & Education Foundation. NEW DATE caused by postponement from the Sept. 26 NorEaster. Registration opens at 9 a.m. with 5K and walk beginning at 10. Wellness events continue until 2 p.m. 5K around East Hartford High School or 1.5-mile walk on track. Register in advance at www.dtcares.org/events/together-we-walk-run-for-education

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NOV 7: AN AUTUMN TEA hosted by the Historical Society of East Hartford at the Selden Brewer House, 165 Main St. at 12:30 p.m.. Come enjoy various teas, sandwiches and savory sweets in an historically-appropriate charm and elegant setting. $30 donation to keep history alive. Call for reservation to 860-568-8342 by October 31. Limited seating.

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NOV 8: SUNDAY THE SOS SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS will be holding a packing for our soldiers deployed overseas. Thanksgiving/Fall is the theme for this event. Donations of Halloween candy, drawings and homemade cards of fall leaves and Thanksgiving and other goodies are needed. Donations can be dropped off from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event to sort items and pack boxes. For more info call Michelle at 860-558-4688 or Jen Marinko at 860-558-5897

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GET A FREE CHECKUP - Malta's Mobile Clinic is open from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, by appointment. Call 860-725-0171 to register. Van parked in the lot on Maplewood Avenue off Main Street.

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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 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

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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.

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Society

Kids: Sign up for Manchester Race

Five days before the adults compete in the big race on Thanksgiving morning, local boys and girls will have the opportunity to run in their own "Little Manchester Road Race."

The Manchester Road Race Committee will again sponsor the children's event on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the Manchester High School track. Manchester High School is located at 134 East Middle Turnpike in Manchester.

The popular event features several fun runs of varying distances for children ages 12 and under. There will also be entertainment including a skydiving exhibition, music, face painting, costumed characters and an emergency vehicle display. All entrants will receive a medal and a knit cap. There is no entry fee, but participants are requested to bring an item of non-perishable food to the high school for donation to the MACC Charities Emergency Food Pantry. Participants are requested to check the expiration dates of the canned food in order to ensure freshness.

Block Grant report available for review

East Hartford's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is now available for review.

The report summarizes the CDBG program for the year. The report will be submitted to HUD. Copies of the draft report are available at the Grants Administration Office and the Town Clerk's Office, 740 Main St., and the Raymond Library, 840 Main St., until Oct. 29.

On Monday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Town Hall, in the Welling Conference room, public hearings will take place.

East Hartford's CAPER will be submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by Nov. 13.

The conference number for the 11 a.m. meeting is 1 (929) 235-8441, and the access code is 9798675#. The conference call number for the 6 p.m. meeting is 1 (929) 235-8441, and the access code is 736046592#.

During this time, comments are welcome about East Hartford's 51st year CAPER. State your view on housing and community development needs as the next CDBG Action Plan is prepared.

Si necesita un interprete, llame a la Oficina de Grants al telefono (860) 291-7210 o por correo electronico grantsadmin@easthartfordct.gov tres dias de negocios antes de una audiencia publica.

If questions mail them to Sara Langenfeld, Housing Planning Analyst, Grants Administration Office, 740 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108, or call 860-291-7210 or visit Town Hall during normal business hours.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Celebrating a tie? Only the Giants



SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray

I read some interesting comments in the New York media last week previewing Sunday's New York Giants at Washington Commanders NFL game. Now I don't feel so bad.

I'm the guy who wrote in this space that this was a new Giants team. I was convinced after watching their season opening win over the Cowboys. Seven plays into game two quarterback Jaxson Dart went down with a knee injury that required major surgery and a season on the sidelines. With him went reasons number one, two and three why I believed the era of Giant heartbreaks was over. But maybe they just hadn't become the astute students of winning football I presumed them to be. If so, I wasn't alone. One sub-headline in a New York paper last week blared "At long last Giants find ways to close out wins".

Monday morning I could physically feel the pain of the guy who wrote that. The Giants, the team on the field in the nation's capital on Sunday that is, demonstrated they haven't even figured out how to lose, try as they might. "Fixing Fumblitis Worth the Weight for G-Men" read another headline above a story about the Giants skill position players working with weighted footballs in practice to gain a better feel for securing the ball. The captioned photo boy of the piece was running back Cam Skattebo, who has created flashes of brilliance darting out of the Giants backfield. Sunday it became like a bad premonition, like he'd been reading his own press clippings without learning anything from them.

With just under two minutes left in a 27-27 overtime tie and the Giants a chip shot field goal away they opted for one more play, a harmless short gainer to improve their position. Give the ball to Skattebo. He won't drop it. It's not a weighted ball after all. Skattebo fumbled, the Commanders recovered and started a drive about forty yards from field goal range. Giants fans were all too familiar with the ensuing script. The clock runs out as the ball sails through the uprights, Commanders by three.

The Commanders, however, had been reading the same script. Looking at a 42-yard field goal attempt with eight seconds left quarterback Jayden Daniels, cornered in the backfield, failed to throw the ball away. He was tackled for no gain, clock running. The Commanders were out of timeouts and in total disarray. Before they got back to scrimmage to snap the ball time had run out.

That ending could only be written by two teams that can't get out of their own ways.

At least I can honestly say I wasn't the only one who didn't see this coming. My thanks to my equally duped colleagues in the New York press corp.

UConn 34, Temple 20: The Huskies with 505 total yards, 257 from quarterback Kaleib Osborne through the air. This a week after drawing 38,000 for an overtime thriller with Syracuse. After this week's bye, UMass is coming to town Friday night. The Huskies are back to .500 and ready to break out.

SOCCER QUALIFIES FOR STATE TOURNEY



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Above, the EHHS Boys Socccer qualified for the state tournament Varsity vs Enfield at home and JV vs RHAM at RHAM. Varsity are now 7-5-1. Below, in photos by Joseph A. Zebzda taken Thursday, October 8. the Girls Volleyball team was in action. The final score was East Hartford 0, East Catholic 3.

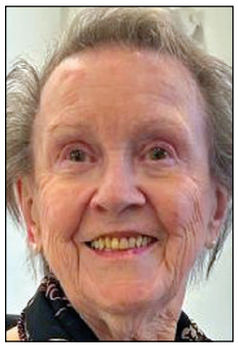






OBITUARIES

Lorraine C. (Robillard) DuQuette, 99


Lorraine DuQuette

Lorraine C. (Robillard) DuQuette, 99, of East Hartford, loving wife for 50 years of the late Charles F. DuQuette, died peacefully in her sleep at her home on Sunday, October 4, 2026. Born in North Grosvenordale, CT on August 31, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Eugene Alfred Robillard and Merilda (Hamel) Robillard. Lorraine attended Hartford Public High School before going to work at Connecticut Mutual. She would later earn her GED and attended Manchester Community College. Jo lived life with curiosity and a remarkable interest and awareness of the world around her. She went out of her way to get to know others, forming friendships wherever she went. Jo especially loved to dance. Her mother claimed she danced before she walked and her husband always said that she danced her way into his heart. She loved tap, square, ballroom and swing dancing, and won second place in a statewide ballroom dance competition. Other beloved pursuits included hiking, yoga, walking, and cross-country skiing. She enjoyed playing setback and cribbage and was a devoted UConn Women's Basketball fan, never missing a game and always writing down the final score. The EH Senior Center became her home away from home with her many friends.

A loving mother and grandmother, Lorraine will be forever missed by her three children, Dr. Mary W. DuQuette and her husband Thomas F. Sapien of San Diego, CA, and Joan A. DuQuette and her partner Arlene Tessman of Middletown, John N. DuQuette of Union City, NJ; and her five adored grandchildren, Rachael Aresco and her partner Benjamin Rathjen of Escondido, CA, Teresa Sapien of New York City, NY, Hilary Aresco and her husband Kazuma Saita of Maui, HI, Francis Sapien and his fiancée Samantha Foppe of Indianapolis, IN and Theo DuQuette of Hoboken, NJ. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. In addition to her husband and parents, Lorraine was sadly predeceased by her beloved son, Charles H. DuQuette; three brothers, Robert Robillard, Laurent Robillard and Eugene Robillard, and three sisters, Solange LeDuc, Gertrude D'Arcy and Theresa Robillard.

Calling hours are Monday, Oct. 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. followed by burial at Hillside Cemetery. Gifts in Lorraine's name may be made to Intercommunity Health Care, 281 Main Street, EH, CT 06118 or online at https://www.intercommunityct.org/ Please visit www.desopoeh.com

Mary Ellen Wallace, 95


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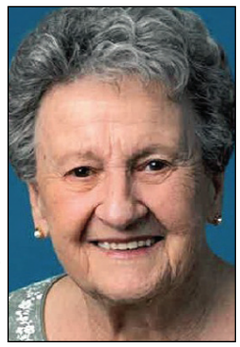
Mary Ellen (Robertson) Wallace, 95, formerly of East Hartford, died Friday, October 9, 2026, at Touchpoints of Manchester. Born January 25, 1931, in Conway, New Hampshire, she was the daughter of the late Wilbur and Hilma (Davis) Robertson. For many years Mary Ellen was a waitress at The Red Coach Grill in Wethersfield, where her smile and laugh were contagious. She loved a good meal out and enjoyed exploring towns and sights close to home. She adored her grandchildren and greeted them every time with her familiar "Who loves you?" She always kept their favorite treats on hand for visits, cheered them on, and treasured weekly dinners together. She looked forward to family reunions, Labor Day gatherings, and Christmas Eve celebrations. She loved to sing, especially while her father played the guitar.

She is survived by her sons, Stephen Vivier of Meriden and Gary Wallace of Glastonbury; her stepchildren, Judith Wallace and William Wallace; her grandchildren, Sean Vivier, Michelle Vivier and Stephanie Vivier-Hinks; five great-grandchildren; her step-grandchildren; her brother, Harold Robertson, and his wife, Pat; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, William F. Wallace, and by her siblings Herbert Robertson, Stanley Robertson and Sandra Amand.

The family extends special thanks to Bruce Richardson and Paula Mulligan for their gracious help and friendship to Mary Ellen over the years.

A private graveside service and burial will be held for the family at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill, where Mary Ellen will be laid to rest beside her husband, William. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Mary Ellen's memory may be made to Gilmore Manor, 1381 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT 06033-3105. Online go to www.desopoeh.com

Audrey (Drumm) Jezouit, 86


Audrey Jezouit

Audrey Ann (Drumm) Jezouit, 86, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Vernon Health Care Center.

Audrey was born in Glastonbury on June 12, 1940, and was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Kiebus) Drumm. She graduated from Glastonbury High School with the Class of 1958 and later moved to South Windsor to raise her family.

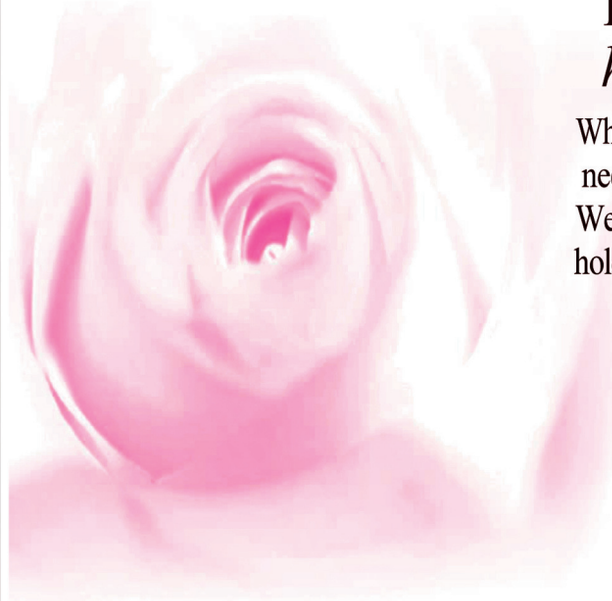
Before her retirement, Audrey worked for the Town of East Hartford in the Inspections and Permits Department. In her free time, she enjoyed reading and baking, and she was especially known for her delicious pies. She enjoyed lunch outings with her friends. She also loved to travel and treasured family beach vacations in Old Lyme. Above all, Audrey cherished spending time with her family. Being there for her grandchildren, who lovingly called her "Ninny," brought her some of her greatest joy.

Audrey is survived by her daughter, Jean Milbrandt, and her husband, Matthew, of East Hartford; her four grandchildren, Matthew and Jason Milbrandt, both of East Hartford, and Lauren and Thomas Jezouit III, both of Manchester; her brother, Albert "Sonny" Drumm and his wife Sonia, of South Windsor; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Thomas Richard Jezouit Jr., of South Windsor, and her two sisters, Sylvia Kotulak and Dolores Bemer.

A memorial service celebrating Audrey's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. with burial following at Silver Lane Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel Friday, Oct. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.desopoeh.com

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Rivermead

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Terry public pool.

In general the park residents lamented the way their concerns are met.

"At one time we felt as though they were part of the Brewer family and were treated by local folks who knew us as neighbors," said one resident. "Now that the park is corporate-owned the loss of that family feeling is apparent.

Joel Brown, President/COO, RHP Properties responded to the Gazette that his company will not address specific issues that residents have.

"We are currently engaged in mediation and can not comment on the specifics at this time. Our intent is to work collaboratively toward a mutually agreeable solution."

Along the streets of the mobile home community a great deal of construction is taking place. Older units have been purchased and the residents relocated, and those were being demolished. Vacant sites await the installation of long units, and the wider lots have double-wide homes where single homes stood. For many who have been living there for years and for those on fixed income or who settled in Rivermead as their retirement home, the change may be inevitable, but it is disconcerting.

In speaking to homeowners, their other concern is that they feel they are now being "marketed to" as opposed to being respected for autonomy and individual resident's independence.



Owners of existing mobile homes are feeling crowded in by new units.

All still appreciate the feeling of being a close-knit neighborhood, and the concerns have brought people together as never before, says Rebecca Connors who has become the association's leader.

"This has brought us closer together so that we now check on each other, and we share information."

As the cost of heating is now a bigger concern that ever before, the residents added that their homes, which are not as well insulated, will be unaffordable in the winter.

"This was affordable when many chose to live here. Now their Social Security won't cover the monthly rent, the utilities and allow them to afford food and medicine," said Connors who is also running for state representative for the 10th Assembly District. But although she is a candidate she says the issues and concerns of her struggling neighbors gives her reason for seeking office, not the politics.

"They want to be treated with dignity and respect, not just as tenants. This used to feel like we were family, where people watch out for one another. That warm, shared feeling just seems to have vanished with the new owners," she stated.

That is a precious thing, and perhaps it is expecting too much to ask a corporation to restore.

Although the tenants plan to continue to appear before the East Hartford Fair Rent Commission, the parameters of what disputes they oversee include HOAs and condominiums but not specifically the category of a mobile home park. However resident/owners pay rent for the land upon which they live, which can range from $535 per month and up. And owners also pay taxes for their homes, in fact, the town has had difficulty collecting taxes.

Concourse Park deal dead

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drains and utilities were unforeseen complications with the project. However there has been no evidence of any construction or work on the site since the theaters were demolished in 2021. A 27-year tax fixing agreement was part of the project, agreed to in 2022 by the Town Council. The Council has grown increasingly frustrated by the lack of progress, and the developer's delays and excuses for why nothing has been built in six years.

East Hartford committed over $10 million in CRDA-approved public funding from state bonds toward the project. But the additional $3 million for the performance bond was a bridge too far for the town, and was unlikely to win Town Council approval. Mayor Martin was still waiting to hear back from the developers on Friday and was hopeful of reaching some compromise for building some type of housing on the site. Complicating matters is the fact that the town no longer controls the site, and has already extended a contract with its legal firm for the year ahead for $70,000 at Tuesday night's Town Council meeting.

Former Mayor Mike Walsh had projected the development would generate approximately $30 million in property taxes over the life of the project, compared with about $3.4 million if the property remained undeveloped. A later estimate put the projected tax revenue at approximately $34 million. Concourse Park was a lynchpin of the former mayor's "Control Tower" plan, some 40 projects that he had hoped to begin work on. The development also has been a highlight of every annual report produced by the mayor's office for the last few years.

State funding allocated to East Hartford was used to purchase the former Showcase Cinemas property in 2016, and the town spent approximately $6 million to buy it and remediate asbestos to Ohio. In 2021, East Hartford selected Krohn and Zelman to transform the property into a high-end residential community which would attract DINKS – Double-Income, No Kids – to the lagging Silver Lane commercial corridor. The plans were spearheaded by former Development Director Eileen Buckheit under the direction of former mayors and consultants hired by the town.

The project was segmented and was proposed to be constructed in stages as they were occupied. Concourse Park went from 309 apartments to 420 apartments, mostly in an enclave of three-story buildings. Amenities would include a clubhouse, golf simulator, and dog-washing station.

After several extensions and revisions to the development agreement, Krohn and Zelman acquired the property from the town for $1 in June 2025 to prove to lenders they had the collateral to secure a loan.

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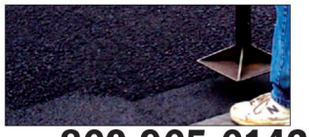
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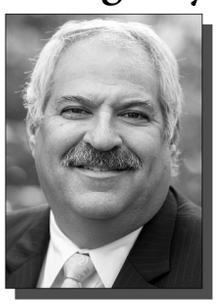
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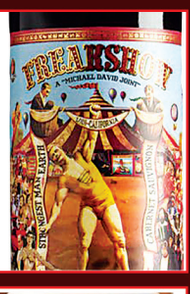
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Shipyard Pumpkinhead 12 Packs
12 oz. Bottles
$17.99 plus dep.



Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Cabernet or Merlot
750 ml
$12.99



Matua or Matua Lighter Low Calorie Sauvignon Blanc
750 ml
$11.99



Belle Glos Clark & Telephone Pinot Noir
750 ml
$39.99



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