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Democrats catch big 'Blue Wave' turnout

By Bill Doak

State Representatives Jason Rojas and Patrick Biggins will have a new Democratic colleague at the legislature as Town Councilwoman Angie Parkinson won the 10th Assembly District, besting Republican Chris Tierinni and independent Democratic Rebecca Connors, 4,374 to 1,427 and 193.

Rep. Rojas collected 5,897 voted in East Hartford and Manchester to retain his 9th District seat for a 10th term; Rep. Biggins had 3,894 votes in the 11th Assembly District seat in East Hartford and South Windsor to 1,227 for Republican Salema Davis. State Senator Saud Anwar won 21,745 votes on both the Working Families and the Democratic party line over Republican Eliott Hughes' 10,684.

East Hartford Judge of Probate Rich Gentile, who was unopposed, garnered the most East Hartford votes, 10,220. This is his last term as judge as he will be 70 during his next 4-year term, the mandatory retirement age for probate judges.



ELECTION DAY 2026 - A victorious team of East Hartford Democrats gathered at Charlie's after the polls closed Tuesday. From left, 10th Assembly District representative-elect Angie Parkinson, State Senator Dr. Saud Anwar, Judge of Probate Rich Gentile, 11th District State Representative Patrick Biggins, and 9th Assembly District State Representative Jason Rojas who is also the House Majority Leader. Below right, 10th District State Representative Henry Genga passes the stuffed "rat" that he was given by former state representative Melody Curry to Parkinson, a warning to beware of legislation "rats" which could sneak their way into a bill.

As results came in Tuesday, the Democratic tide across the country was astounding – and deflating for Republicans who hoped that their message of change and fiscal reform would resonate with the electorate sick of high grocery and gas prices and upset by double-digit utility rate increases. At the state level incumbent Ned Lamont won a third term against a Republican Ryan Fazio, who is half his age and hoping to duplicate Luke Bronin's primary victory against incumbent 28-year Congressman John Larson. Bronin easily defeated Dr. Amy Chai with 9,656 votes in East Hartford to 2,841. Chai won some of the 27-town district, such as Torrington, but not living in the First Congressional District was a challenge that proved impossible to overcome.

State Rep. Henry Genga congratulated his successor to the 10th district, handing Parkinson a large stuffed brown rat. "This was given to Melody Currey

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EAST HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS Marianna Torres, Kayden Selander, Joshua Otero and Hayden Wood helped orient voters coming into Town Hall about the election process on Tuesday.



AROUND TOWN

Manufactuers meet Tuesday

The town is hosting its Second Annual "East Hartford Manufacturers Connect" breakfast Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 7:15 to 10 a.m. at Goodwin University, Room 103 (3 Pent Road).

"Manufacturing is an essential part of East Hartford's identity and economic vitality, and this forum helps connect local manufacturers with valuable resources and stakeholders to support innovation, creation of well-paying jobs and strengthening our existing manufacturing ecosystem" said Mayor Connor S. Martin. The event aims at strengthening East Hartford's manufacturing ecosystem by connecting local manufacturers with state and local partners.

This event is co-hosted by the CT Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT), Goodwin University schools and Manufacturing Partnership.

"CCAT is proud to call East Hartford home and to partner again with Mayor Martin to support our local manufacturing community," said Ron Angelo, President and CEO of CCAT.

"Goodwin University Magnet Schools and Goodwin University are pleased to welcome the Manufacturing Forum," said Superintendent Salvatore Menzo, Ed.D. "We strive to create flexible pathways tailored to our students' needs."

Maple Street repaving work

East Hartford will conduct a mill and pave of a portion of Maple Street on Monday, November 8 through Tuesday, November 10, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., weather dependent.

Roadwork will span an area from the intersection of Main Street and to the intersection of Washington Avenue and Lafayette Avenue.

Throughout this construction, Maple Street will operate a one-way alternating traffic pattern.

Due to the complexity of the project, motorists are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes through Handel Road to Oxford Drive and Sutton Avenue.

Side streets will not be impacted and will remain fully accessible.

NEW DRIVEWAY AT BREWER HOUSE



ALL SET FOR VISITING, the Brewer House and Hockanun School new parking lot and sidewalks are all set for the Historical Society of East Hartford to open to the public. Tours will resume at the Brewer House Saturdays from 11 to 2 starting November 7. Free tours of the Brewer House take place every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. During Holiday Fest the house will be open Saturday December 5 and Sunday December 6 and will be decorated in Victorian style. Stop by and take a step back in time by visiting this historic jewel.

Veteran's Day wreath ceremony planned

The East Hartford Veterans Commission invites you to a wreath-laying ceremony at the World War I Memorial on the front lawn of the Raymond Library in East Hartford on Veterans Day, November 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM. This ceremony commemorates the veterans of East Hartford from that conflict as well as all veterans, living and deceased.

The East Hartford Rochambeau Elms VFW Post 2083, the Historical Society of East Hartford, the East Hartford Veterans Commission, and the East Hartford Public Library will be present. A wreath will be laid at the foot of the monument. The program will include the tolling of the bell at First Congregational Church in remembrance of the veterans listed on the monument.

All are welcome to this eere mony, held, rain or shine, on the front lawn of the Raymond Library, 840 Main St., at the statue near the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. The program begins at 11 a.m. Town offices are closed on this day.





DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Llego el tiempo de las hojas

Hay algo bien peculiar de esta temporada. Uno pasa semanas esperando que los árboles cambien de color, que llegue ese frío que todavía no se siente tan frío y que las calles se llenen de esas hojas amarillas, anaranjadas y rojizas que parecen sacadas de una postal. Todo bien hermoso, hasta que las hojas comienzan a caer y nos acordamos de ese pequeño y bello detalle: ¿a quién le toca recogerlas?

Porque una cosa es sentarse a admirar lo hermoso que se ve todo, con café en mano, y otra muy distinta es salir al patio, mirar el revolú de hojas y preguntarse: ¿por dónde vamos a comenzar? Y ni hablar de cuando finalmente terminamos de recogerlas, nos damos una palmadita en la espalda por el trabajo bien hecho y, al otro día, aparece otro montón. Como si no hubiéramos hecho absolutamente nada.

Pero no se preocupen, que antes de que les dé con declararles la guerra a los árboles del vecindario y contratar una compañía para tumbarlos, les tengo buenas noticias. El municipio de East Hartford ya comenzó su programa anual de recogida de hojas, así que por lo menos tenemos una ayudita para lidiar con esta parte no tan encantadora del otoño. El programa comenzó el 2 de nov., y continuará hasta el 12 de dic., siempre y cuando las condiciones del tiempo lo permitan. Durante este periodo, los equipos municipales estarán recogiendo las hojas acumuladas a lo largo de las calles de lunes a sábado.

Para aprovechar este servicio, los residentes deberán colocar las hojas en montones sobre la franja de terreno entre la acera y la calle. Es importante evitar que las hojas bloqueen los desagües, ya que esto puede provocar inundaciones cuando llueve.

La recogida comenzó cerca de Pitkin Street y continuará hacia las zonas de Burnham y Goodwin Street, siguiendo una ruta alrededor del municipio. Ahora bien, hay que tener un poquito de paciencia. Aunque existe una ruta de recogida, las fechas pueden cambiar dependiendo de la lluvia, la nieve y la cantidad de hojas acumuladas.

Para mantenernos informados, el Departamento de Obras Públicas cuenta con un mapa interactivo, conocido como Weekly Advisory Map, donde los residentes pueden ingresar su dirección y verificar cuándo se anticipa la recogida en su vecindario. También podrán consultar qué calles ya fueron atendidas. Este mapa se actualizará los lunes, miércoles y viernes, y la información también estará disponible en la página de Facebook del municipio. El municipio también estará recogiendo hojas colocadas en bolsas de papel marrón biodegradables. Estas pueden dejarse junto a la acera desde dos días antes del día regular de recogida de basura y reciclaje. Eso sí, las bolsas deben contener únicamente hojas. Nada de ramas, recortes de grama ni otros desperdicios. Tampoco se aceptarán bolsas plásticas.

El municipio espera recoger estas bolsas dentro de un periodo de dos semanas, aunque los residentes pueden solicitar el servicio a través de la plataforma My East Hartford para intentar agilizar la recogida. Otra opción es llevar las hojas directamente a la estación de transferencia municipal, ubicada en el 1 Ecology Drive, donde los residentes pueden depositarlas gratuitamente.

La estación está abierta los lunes, martes y viernes de 7:15am. a 2:35pm. Es importante recordar que no habrá recogida de hojas el 11 de nov., Día de los Veteranos, ni el 26 de nov., Día de Acción de Gracias. Así que, si todavía no han sacado el rastrillo, este es el momento. Y aunque recoger hojas no sea precisamente nuestra actividad favorita del otoño, mantener nuestros patios y calles limpios también es una manera de cuidar nuestra comunidad. Para más información, pueden comunicarse con el Departamento de Obras Públicas al (860) 291-7374.

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder: Participa del 5th Annual Christmas Wish List Program. La Comisión de Envejecientes de East Hartford invita a la comunidad a donar regalos para los adultos mayores de Riverside HealthCare. Se solicitan artículos como medias, pijamas y otros obsequios.

Conecta conmigo: cmaldonado8816@gmail.com

Leaf pick-up proceeds clockwise

Curbside leaf collection got underway Monday and town crews are vacuuming them up Monday through Saturday through December 12.

Place leaves in piles on the tree belt, not omn the roadway. Leaves will be vacuumed along each street, weather permitting. The leaf collection program will commence on roads in the northwest corner of town in the area of Pitkin Street and then proceed north and east through the Burnham and Goodwin Street areas. Collection will proceed in a clockwise direction around town.

There will be no leaf collection on Veterans Day, November 11 and Thanksgiving Day, November 26.

The schedule is posted on the town's Facebook page with a map showing completed areas as well as where leaf collection will take place the following week.

Progress is weather-dependent. Snow may cause suspension or cancellation of leaf collection.

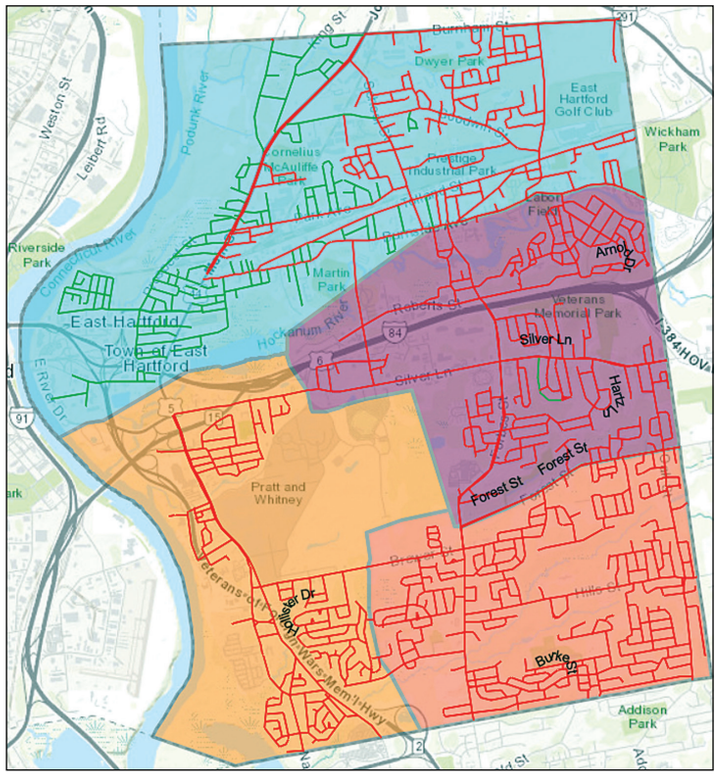
Look to the map for updates.

Leaf collection lawn signs will be posted to notify residents curbside leaf pickup is coming to encourage raking to the tree belt and paper leaf bag collection.

Please do not block storm drains and catch basins with leaves to prevent flooding issues.

Town crews will pick up leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags beginning November 2, 2026 through December 12, 2026 on your regular waste collection day, weather-permitting.

Please place your bagged leaves at the curb two (2) days before your regular trash and recycling pickup day. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags only. No grass clippings, branches or other waste items can be placed in the paper bags nor will the Town collect leaves in plastic bags. We will aim for leaf bags to be collected within two weeks of you placing them on the curb. If you bring them back inside, you may be at risk of missing the collection.



LEAF COLLECTION ROUTE: Week 1 - 11/2, Blue; Week 2 - 11/9, purple; Week 3 - 11/16 orange; , Week 4 - 11/23, yellow.

Once your leaves are bagged and ready, you can submit a ticket through My East Hartford platform. We will aim for leaf bags to be collected within the week, after the request is received.

OPTION 2: Transport to the Transfer Station - Residents may bring their leaves to the Transfer Station at 1 Ecology Drive during regularly scheduled transfer station hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 7:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. (closed for lunch between 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) First and third Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Additionally, the transfer station will be open for LEAF DROP-OFF ONLY on the following Saturdays: November 14, 28, December 12. Leaves in plastic bags will not be accepted.

For more info call Public Works at 860-291-7374.

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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

'Congratulations to Angie Parkinson'

To the Editor:

Today, I publicly concede this race and wish Angie the best as she represents the people of East Hartford.

There are powers and circumstances in any election beyond our control. But one thing remains clear to me: East Hartford needs change, and I will continue to stand by everything I campaigned on.

This campaign was never just about winning an election. It was about the people of East Hartford and the community I have called home my entire life.

I will continue to fight for our community—whether that means volunteering with farm to school programs, working for change through the Board of Education, serving through the Zoning Commission, or simply showing up wherever our neighbors need a helping hand.



CHRIS TIERINNI

I'm not going anywhere.

I grew up in East Hartford. I'm raising my family in East Hartford. This is my home, and I will continue to be the person I have always been—someone who supports and stands with the people of this community regardless of political affiliation or politics.

To everyone who supported me, voted for me, volunteered, put up a sign, shared our message, or simply took the time to talk with me: thank you. Your support means more to me and my family than I can put into words.

The election may be over, but my commitment to East Hartford is not.

It's about people, not politics.

One Community. One East Hartford.

Chris Tierinni
East Hartford

'Thanks to all for support'

To the Editor:

I explored the vulnerability of being a candidate, reading this portion of an e-mail we candidates recently received from House Dems: "Running for office is one of the most vulnerable things a person can do. You put your name on a sign and face on a mailer. Then you walk up to a starangers door and ask for their trust, knowing some will say no and a few will slam the door. You did it anyway, week after week, in the heat of July and in late October. That takes a kind of courage most people never have to find."

Yes, candidates are vulnerable. And I was hung up on and had a door slammed in my face.

But you know who's really vulnerable? SENIORS on a fixed income trying to make ends meet. VETERANS who need affordable housing and healthcare, and the respect they deserve. OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS who are afraid to go to work or school because they might be kidnapped and deported. SINGLE MOMS who have to think twice before bringing their kid to the doctor because of a huge deductible, if they have insurance at all. UNHOUSED PEOPLE who are wondering what they're going to do when the weather finally turns. THEY are the reason we sacrificed nine months of our lives, braved the elements and exhaustion and stress and "no soliciting" signs and being hung up on, and had doors slammed in our face, put out yard signs, picked up yard signs...all of it.

This was a trust fall, and y'all caught me. Thank you.

But my job isn't done and neither is yours. I can only represent you if you continue to communicate with me. It's a two-way street.

Almost 20 years ago I was looking for a place to buy my first home, and I chose East Hartford. And now, thank you for choosing me to represent you, especially during these critical and fragile times. I can't think of a greater honor.



ANGIE PARKINSON

Finally a note for my colleagues: If there is a 'blue wave' in this country and in this state, it is not a mandate for more of the status quo, or even incremental change. People are sick of that. They are hurting NOW and they want us to do something NOW. Big stuff, good stuff. Radical stuff like actually fully funding our schools. Like a public option for healthcare.

I know it's not that simple, and I know I'm about to walk into the equivalent of a giant meat grinder. But that's why you bring in new blood every few years.

And I think an equitable tax code where the wealthy pay their fair share would be an excellent way to get it jump started.

There's more on my list, but will get that started tomorrow. For tonight, thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Angie Parkinson
East Hartford

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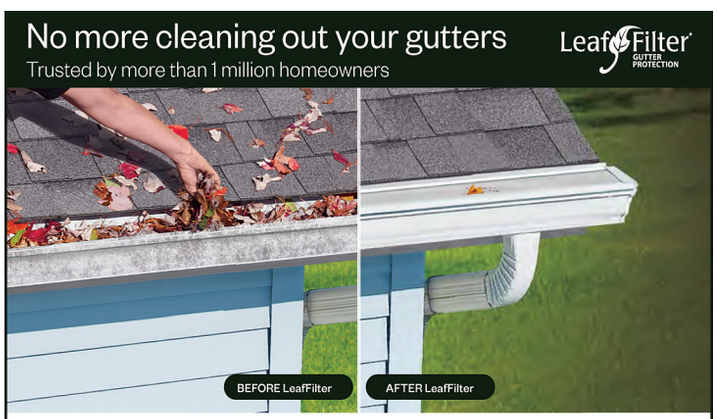
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East Hartford glider heaven for Hiram Maxim

DID YOU KNOW?
Looking back on our East Hartford
By Robert Kanehl

Did you know world famous inventor Hiram Maxim spent many days in town, as well as the sky above it. Maxim was famous for reducing sound from cars, guns and airplanes, his major inventions were weapon silencers and the automobile muffler.

Pratt and Whitney asked him to work on reducing airplane engine noise. But it was not this work that first drew him to the town. It was the excellent updrafts he found at the meadows.

Maxim, it turns out, was an avid glider designer and pilot. He found the area around the Connecticut River perfect to test his glider designs.

A March 1910 Gazette article explains that a glider craze hit the state shortly after the Wright Brothers' 1903 flight. A mechanical genius, Maxim, often confused with his father, also Hiram, inventor of the machine gun, worked for Pope Company in Hartford, experimenting with deflecting sound. He also invented; electrical devises, a silent trolley, early automobiles, and a steam driven airplane.

Maxim kept his glider a "Whitteman flying machine" in J. C. Boardman's East Hartford Jencks Street building. With friends George Lucas and Richard Parker, he made several flights over the East Hartford meadows, just north of Governor Street.

Tethered to a car, the machine became airborne when towed. It, however, often crashed on landing. After a day of flying in March 1910, the article reports, the group decided the meadows was too "flat for successful flights." They sought hillier ground.

In April, however, Maxim was back, and became seriously injured when he fell about 30 feet from the glider because the tow car suddenly veered.

The group also explored motor flight in the Hartford's South Meadows forming the Aero Club of Hartford with Maxim as president until 1926.

In the 1930s, Hiram began his work with Pratt & Whitney after neighbors complained of the airplane engine noise. But not just Hiram was requested to visit East Hartford. His wife was a constant guest speaker for East Hartford Woman's Club meetings.

The spell of glider flight for town residents did not stop with Maxim. In the 1930s the Hartford Glider Club, sponsored by the YMCA, provided opportunities. Among the active East Hartford members was Benjamin Anderson of Burnside, owner of East Hartford's Anderson Woodworking Company. While serving as the club president he constructed a glider at his company. It was almost 18 feet long with a wing span of 33 feet.

This vehicle soared into the sky at Brainard Field on September 19, 1930 reaching over 300 feet in height and traveling 2,000 feet. Another East Hartford man, T. R. Warner, served as the club's vice president in the 1930s.

Finally East Hartford can boast of one of the bravest of the brave, a combat glider pilot. The late Leo J. Cordier was ranked as the "Top Glider Pilot" by the United States Army according to an August 1945 Gazette article. It outlines that the local soldier had piloted gliders in several European airlifts, including Holland and Germany drops. In fact Leo flew five glider missions into France on D-Day, defying the odds which saw a fifty percent casualty rate for glider pilots who basically crash-landed their lightweight, engineless planes loaded with gear, vehicles and equipment into hedgerows and other obstacles in order to supply the paratroopers that day.

Other Connecticut towns also served as arsenals of democracy in that effort with glider planes being manufactured in Deep River and silk parachutes made at the Cheney Mills in Manchester to name just two prominent examples.

TO THE EDITOR

Help us support veterans

To the editor and our East Hartford community:

Each year on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

The Student Leadership Team at O'Connell Elementary School has proudly participated in the Wreaths Across America initiative for the past 10 years. Each year, fifth grade students at O'Connell have raised over $5,000 to purchase the wreaths to honor over 590+ veterans laid to rest at Silver Lane Cemetery in East Hartford.

The entire O'Connell School community is deeply committed to continuing their support and participation of Wreaths Across America 2025 scheduled for Saturday December 19, 2026

The students and faculty are kindly asking the East Hartford community to help us continue our participation in Wreaths Across America, 2026. Our goal is to raise $6,000 in order purchase wreaths for all the veterans currently laid to rest at Silver Lane Cemetery.

We are reaching out to ask for your support of Wreaths Across America, 2026.

Please consider donating, any amount, to support this important VETERANS project.

You can send your donations to: O'Connell School PTO, 301 May Road, East Hartford, CT 06118.

We are truly thankful to be a part of an amazing community!

Respectfully,
Greg Fox
Principal
O'Connell Elementary





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ARTS & EVENTS

BWV: HARTFORD CHORALE SINGS BACH, this Saturday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Theater of the Performing Arts, at the Learning Corridor, 359 Washington St., Hartford.

Jack Anthony Pott and Caroline Kimrey Talbert, conductors for this special concert.

For more information or to buy tickets visit https://hartfordchorale.org/bwv-hartford-chorale-sings-bach/

Holiday Crafts at First Church

On Nov. 21 visit the annual Holiday Fair at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Come visit for gift ideas, handmade wreaths, Christmas decor, special cookie booth, sweet candy booth, and home-baked goods. Why not sit a spell and have lunch while you visit? Sample your choice of chili, soup and more. Lots of wonderful crafts, thoughtful gift baskets for a perfect present, evergreen boxes plus the jewelery booth. Explore Grandma's Attic for a one of a kind treasure, and duck into the Children's Corner for memorable gift items. See you there!

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ARCHAEOLOGIST TOMB TALK



STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST EMERITUS Doctor Nicholas Bellantoni (right) and Hisorical Society Member Ruth Brown share their experience opening the Pitkin Vault ten years ago. The two talked to a packed house at the Raymond Library this week, recalling the excavation and the discovery that what was thought a vacant vault turned out to have numerous skeletal remains of the Pitkin family from burials between 1790 to 1880.

Sensory-friendly performance

To make live theatre accessible to all, Goodspeed Musicals will be offering a special Sensory-Friendly Performance for the 50th Anniversary production of Annie on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. The Tony-winning musical made its pre-Broadway premiere at The Goodspeed in 1976 and now makes its triumphant return to The Goodspeed in East Haddam. This family-friendly performance is designed and intended for people affected by sensory-processing sensitivities. The theatre environment will be altered, providing a safe, friendly, comfortable and inclusive zone that is welcoming for all. This dazzling new production bursts with joy and timeless songs like "Tomorrow," "It's the Hard Knock Life," and "Maybe." You can bet your bottom dollar—it's the can't-miss event of the season!

Discounted tickets for this performance are being sold only to people affected by sensory-processing challenges and their families. To purchase tickets or ask questions about this special performance, please contact Morgan Dumark-McNamee at 860.615.0318.

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Tree Wish List at Riverside

The East Hartford Commission on Aging is once again hosting their annual Christmas Tree Wish List program to support residents of Riverside Health. Donations are accepted through November 22. You can find additional details on the Town website here www.easthartfordct.gov/commission-on-aging/news/5th-annual-christmas-wish-list-program.

ROTARY CLUB SERVES THOSE WHO SERVED



In Honor of Veterans Day members of the Rotary Club of East Hartford served lunch of hamburgers, potato salad and baked beans to veterans and seniors at the East Hartford Senior Center Wednesday, November 5.

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SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



I lost two old friends last week. Both were iconic figures in the Connecticut sports world. Though time and distance created years since I last saw either of them it doesn't diminish my sense of loss.

I first met Andre Lacroix when he joined the New England Whalers in the final season of the World Hockey Association. He was a sweetheart of a guy and a scoring machine like no other player in the history of that long defunct league. He started his professional hockey career as an original member of the NHL Philadelphia Flyers in 1967. He led the Flyers in scoring in the 1968-69 and 1969-70 seasons. In 1972 He signed with the fledgling NHL rival WHA, where he starred for all seven of the league's seasons, twice leading the league in scoring and finishing as the all-time WHA leader in scoring, assists and games played.

As a member of the San Diego Mariners in January of 1975 Andre played in the first hockey game ever at the Hartford Civic Center, an overtime loss to the Whalers. That season he led the WHA with a remarkable 106 assists. Coincidentally, he finished his career with the Whalers, in 1978-79 in the WHA and 1979-80 in the NHL.

I always treasured my relationship with Andre. He was so easy to like. Our friendship grew considerably during his years as Chuck Kaiton's color commentator on Whalers broadcasts. I always believed the only reason he wasn't voted into the Hockey Hall of Fame was the voters didn't want to acknowledge his WHA accomplishments.

If ever anyone deserved to be honored by his sport it's Andre Lecroix, may he rest in peace.

I first met Susan Saint James when Gordie Howe and I appeared on a telethon she hosted for her favorite cause, The Special Olympics. She was genuine in her devotion to the "special athletes" and worked diligently on their behalf. I'd go on to join her at other events in support of the Special Olympics.

In 1991 I had the privilege of presenting her with the highest honor bestowed by the Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance, the Gold Key. I poured my soul into the presentation speech, incorporating the characters from her three successful television shows, "Name of the Game", "McMillan and Wife" and "Kate and Allie".

She was moved to tears and in the next week called me at the station several times and sent me a photo of the two of us she'd had made into a plaque. Her husband, then NBC Sports President Dick Ebersol, called to tell me it was "one of the five best pieces of writing" he'd ever heard and how much it moved her.

I went on to emcee some events for her and I learned that, while the world knew her as "Peggy Maxwell", "Sally McMillan" and "Kate McCardle", in reality she was just "Susie", who treated everyone she met with respect and carried through both fame and tragedy with the utmost grace. I knew Susan Saint James. I can say first hand, to know her was to love her.

Olympian to return to MRR

Sally Kipyego, an Olympic silver medalist and two-time Manchester Road Race champion, has registered to compete in this year's Thanksgiving Day run.

Kipyego, 40, scored back-to-back victories here in 2010 (24:06) and 2011 (24:22). She served as the race's honorary chairperson in 2023 but did not compete that year.

Kipyego won three consecutive NCAA cross country championships while competing for Texas Tech, where she also earned a degree in nursing. Then competing for Kenya, she won silver medals in the 10,000 meters at the 2012 London Olympic Games and 2011 World Championships.

Kipyego holds a personal best time of 30:26 for 10,000 meters. After becoming a U.S. citizen in 2017, she competed in the marathon as a member of the United States Olympic Team at the 2021 Tokyo Games, finishing 17th.

Kipyego is married to runner Kevin Chelimo and the couple have three children. She is returning to race in Manchester after suspending her athletic career for the past several years to care for their children.

MRR officials also announced today that Annie Rodenfels, who placed second in the race in 2023 and 2024, has entered. Rodenfels was timed in 23:59 here two years ago, and is one of six female competitors who have run the course in a time under 24 minutes.



Olympic Silver Medalist Sally Kipyego

The 90th Manchester Road Race presented by Hartford HealthCare will be held on Thanksgiving Day (November 26,2026) at 10 a.m. The 4.737-mile race is run on a loop course that starts and finishes on Main Street in Manchester, in front of St. James Church. Online registration and more details about the road race are available at www.manchesterroadrace.com.

Runners invited to MRR Expo

The Manchester Road Race Committee will welcome runners and fans at two special "Road Race Saturday" events on the weekend before the starter's gun sounds at its world-famous Thanksgiving Day run.

Organizers of the Manchester Road Race presented by Hartford HealthCare will hold their Health & Fitness Expo and "Little Manchester Road Race" on Saturday, November 21, 2026. Both events will take place at Manchester High School, which is located at 134 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester.

The Health &Fitness Expo will feature exhibits and displays related to a wide range of topics of interest to runners, including training, athletic gear, and sports medicine. Manchester Road Race shirts and apparel will also be on sale. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the M.H.S. cafeteria. In-person registration and bib pickup for the road race will also be available that day in the high school cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Little Manchester Road Race will be held on the Manchester High School track at 10 a.m. It will feature fun runs of various distances for children ages 12 and younger, plus a display of emergency vehicles, a skydiving exhibition, face painting, music and costumed characters. All runners will receive a medal and a knit cap.

The LMRR is limited to the first 1000 participants who register online at www.manchesterroadrace.com starting November 1st. Children who have registered for the race should sign in at the Health & Fitness Expo in the high school cafeteria starting at 8:30 a.m.

There is no entry fee, but children are requested to bring two non-perishable food items for donation to the MACC Charities emergency food pantry.

The road race will be held at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, a 4.737-mile loop course that starts and finishes in front of St. James Church.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Shempp, Sr., 92


Eugene Schempp, Sr.

Eugene Schempp, Sr., 92, beloved husband of the late Jacqueline B Schempp, of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2026. Gene, as he was known to everyone, was born in Chicago on August 28, 1934. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. After his military service, he turned his passion and self-taught abilities into fixing cars and trucks. Fixing cars and spending time with family was his life. He was always willing to help anyone in need and will fondly be remembered as gracious and kind. Gene is survived by his daughter, Christine Hancock and her husband David of Waterbury Center, VT; his grandchildren Amanda Moreau, her fiancé Dan Cudo, and their two dogs Maizy and Luna, Jacob Moreau and his wife Sabreena, Dylan Hancock, and Cameron Hancock; and his great-grandson Landon Moreau. He also leaves behind his niece Cindy Bjerkle and her husband Dave. Alongside his beloved wife, Jacqueline, Eugene was predeceased by his children Marlene Schempp, Eugene Schempp, Jr., and Dorene Moreau and his brother and sister-in-law Edward and Joanne Schempp.

Friends and relatives are invited to call on the Schempp family from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Gene's life will be held the same morning at 11 a.m. in St. Christopher Church of North American Martyr's Parish, 538 Brewer St.

Burial will will follow in Silver Lane Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gene's name to the Covenant House New York, at ny.covenanthouse.org or by mail to 460 W 41st St, New York, NY 10036. To leave a condolence, or to share a memory with the family, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

Thomas 'Tom' Michael Jarish, 62


Thomas Jarish

Thomas "Tom" Michael Jarish, 62, of East Hartford, loving and devoted husband of 37 years to Sandra J. (Daversa) Jarish, entered eternal life with his beloved family by his side on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. Born in Manchester on December 26, 1963, a son of the late Thomas Howard and Mary Joyce (Tischofer) Jarish, he had been a life-long resident of East Hartford. Tom was a graduate of East Catholic High School in Manchester, Class of 1981 where he was a member the boys' soccer team. He would then continue his education at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.

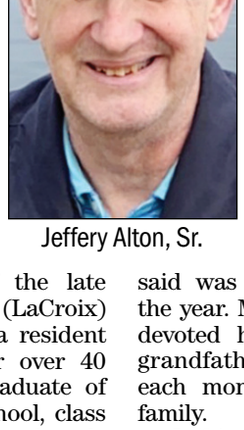
Tom started his career as a young boy at his grandfather's service station "Charlie's" on Burnside Avenue, then as general manager of United Road Towing, office manager of Central Sealing & Paving, then owned the Country Snack Bar Restaurant in Coventry where he enjoyed working side by side with his two sons until he retired in 2024. A devout Catholic, Tom belonged to St. Isaac Jogues, St. Christopher and St. Francis of Assisi. He was a long-time member of Hose Co. #3 where he was known for his dinners. Tom was a member of the Manchester Elks Lodge #1893 and a former member of the B.P.O.E. Lodge #2063 and East Hartford Rotary Club.

Tom enjoyed giving back to the community by volunteering his time as a head coach, manager, and director for both of his sons youth sports leagues such as East Hartford National Little League, East Hartford Babe Ruth League, East Hartford Youth Soccer League, St. Christopher's School boys' basketball and the school's soccer team. He felt great joy in being a coach and role model for all who played for him.

A passionate sports fan, especially of Boston sports teams. He had a deep love of music, attending many concerts and live band shows with friends and his family. He greatly enjoyed his weekend trips up to Saratoga Racetrack with his family. Tom was an avid golfer at Manchester Country Club, Countryside Country Club in Naples, FL, and was a longtime member of the Men's League at East Hartford Golf Club. He enjoyed-boating, skiing and winter months in Naples, FL Most of all, Tom was a true gentleman who deeply loved his family.

In addition to his caring wife, Tom is survived by his two wonderful sons, Ryan Thomas Jarish and his girlfriend Kylie Boudreau of South Windsor, Shawn Alexander Jarish and his wife Olivia of Boston, MA; three younger brothers, Timothy Jarish and his wife Karen of South Windsor, Robert Jarish and his wife Marina of Coventry, Michael Jarish of Coventry; a brother-in-law John Daversa and his wife Cynthia Blakely of Liberty Hill, TX; two sisters-in-law, Alyssa Russo and her husband Anthony Russo of Niskayuna, NY, Margaret Coppola Dagostino and her husband Dominic Dagostino of Rotterdam, NY; and his adored grand-dog, Finnegan. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces, special nephews, great nephews and longtime, dear friends. Funeral services took place Nov. 3 with Mass of Christian Burial at the Cathedral of St. Joseph and entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury. Visit www.desopoeh.com

Jeffery 'Jeff' Alton, Sr., 69


Jeffery Alton, Sr.

Jeffrey R. "Jeff" Alton, Sr., 69, of East Hartford, loving husband of over 36 years of the late Nenita (Casaol) Alton, went to join his wife and parents in heaven on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford with his beloved family by his side. Born in Hartford on March 26, 1957, a son of the late Robert T. and Joan (LaCroix) Alton, he had been a resident of East Hartford for over 40 years. Jeff was a graduate of Glastonbury High School, class of 1975. Jeff was a hard-working gentleman who last worked at R.R. Donnelley & Sons in Manchester, a commercial printing company.

Jeff was a faithful Catholic and was a communicant of the former Blessed Sacrament Church in East Hartford. Jeff was a "home body" who truly enjoyed his home with his two German shepherd dogs, Kenai and Kyro. He liked golfing, fishing, crabbing, and going to the area casinos.

He also was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox, New York Giants, and the UConn Men's and Women's basketball teams.

Jeff loved "March Madness" which he said was his favorite time of the year. Most of all, Jeff was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished each moment spent with his family.

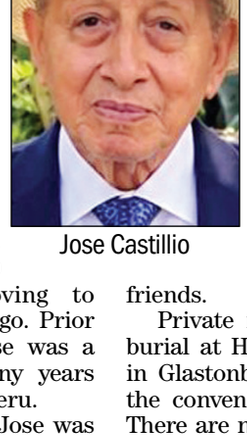
Jeff is survived by his three children, Michelle Quiles and her husband Francisco of East Hartford, Jeffrey "Sonny" R. Alton, Jr. of Vernon, and Christina "Tina" Alton and her husband Milthon "Junior" Giron Morales of Bloomfield.

He was the "Apa" to six special grandchildren, Malena Quiles of Manchester, Angelina "Nana" Quiles of East Hartford, Xavier Quiles of East Hartford, Jada Quiles of East Hartford, Isaac "Boo" Quiles of East Hartford, Luan Giron Alton of Bloomfield, and one adored great granddaughter, Ahlani Morales of Manchester. He also leaves two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Alton of East Hartford and Thomas Alton of Glastonbury; two sisters, Pamela Van Soest of Glastonbury, Judy Alton Wilkens and her husband John of Bushnell, FL; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

In addition to his beloved wife and parents, Jeff was predeceased by a brother-in-law, Jeff Van Soest of Glastonbury.

Jeff's family received relatives and friends Wednesday, Nov. 4 at D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel followed by prayer service with burial will be at Silver Lane Cemetery next to his late wife Nenita. Online visit www.desopoeh.com

Jose E. Castillio, 93


Jose Castillio

Jose E. Castillo, 93, of Colchester, beloved husband of 61 years of Corina (Samanez) Castillo, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at his home with his caring family by his side. Born in Cajamarca, Peru on February 22, 1933, a son of the late Manuel and Francisca (Cieza) Castillo, he had been a resident of East Hartford for over 30 years prior to moving to Colchester six years ago. Prior to his retirement, Jose was a police officer for many years for the city of Lima, Peru.

A devout Catholic, Jose was a former faithful communicant of St. Christopher Church. He liked playing cards with his family and friends and he loved all dogs. Most of all, Jose was a hard-working gentleman who enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Jose is survived by his five children; one brother; two sisters; nine cherished grandchildren; ten adored great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Private funeral service and burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. On-line please visit www.desopoeh.com

Democrats ride 'Blue Wave'

From Page One

who gave it to me and not I'm passing it to you," he said. "It is a reminder to watch out for 'rats', which is what they call special interest legislation that sometimes sneaks its way into a bill."

Parkinson, who changed her shoes to high red heels before addressing her supporters, said "I could not have done this without the support of my friend, Henry, and the support of so many of you." She noted that it is vulnerable to be a candidate for office, and not every door she knocked on was welcoming. In fact, on Sunday one was slammed in her face, she noted.

"Yes, candidates are vulnerable. But you know who's really vulnerable? Seniors on a fixed income trying to make ends meet. Veterans who need affordable housing and healthcare, and the respect they deserve. Our immigrant neighbors who are afraid to go to work or school because they might be kidnapped and deported. Single moms who have to think twice before bringing their kid to the doctor because of a huge deductible, if they have insurance at all. Unhoused people wondering what they're going to do when the weather finally turns. They are the reason we sacrificed 9 months of our lives, braved the elements and exhaustion and stress.

"Twenty years ago I chose East Hartford. Thank you for choosing me," she added.

"Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you again," said Sen. Anwar. "Every vote carries a person's hopes, concerns and expectations. I understand the responsibility you have placed in my hands, and I will work every day to honor that trust. To everyone who opened a door, shared a concern, volunteered their time or encouraged us along the way, thank you. To my family, whose love and sacrifices make this work possible, I am deeply grateful. And to every resident of our district, however you voted, I am here to serve you."

Anwar said the next term must focus on the pressures residents face every day: health care costs, housing, utility bills and uncertainty about the future.

"When a parent cannot afford a child's medicine, when an older adult worries about losing health coverage, or when a family struggles to keep a roof over their heads, those concerns deserve more than sympathy. They deserve action," Anwar said. "Those are the people I carry with me into every hearing, every negotiation and every vote."

As Senate Chair of the Public Health Committee, Anwar has advocated for stronger protections for patients and health care workers, greater support for children's mental health and accountability in hospital ownership and operations. He has also pressed to protect medical judgment from financial interference.



PARTY VOLUNTEERS Brittney Cavaliere and Awet Tsegai monitor election night numbers being called into Charlie's.

Tuesday night at Dunkin' Park, the controversial over-budget and delayed minor league ballpark he helped oversee when he was mayor of the city, Luke Bronin accepted the mantle he wrested from John Larson in a primary August 11 for the First Congressional District seat.

This time he soundly defeated Republican Amy Chai who does not even reside in one of the 27 towns comprising the 1st.

"It's early, but it's pretty clear that the American people – all across the country – have sent a powerful message that they are done with cruelty, chaos, corruption, and incompetence," said Bronin. "The American people are done with a President who's selling pardons to the highest bidder, pocketing billions for himself and his family, and starting wars he doesn't even understand. Donald Trump's presidency has been a con. And tonight, we can say that the American people have stopped falling for it."

"When we win the House, and even if we win the Senate, we need to recognize that's not mission accomplished," continued Bronin. "But it is an opportunity. We need to use that opportunity to win the trust of the American people by being clear and courageous about what we're fighting for and who we're fighting for. We need to build a political movement strong enough to turn the tide, and lay the groundwork for 2028."

Bronin also paid tribute to Congressman Larson's decades of service to Connecticut. He said, "For nearly three decades, John Larson has been this district's voice in Washington. He's been a champion for Social Security, a fighter for working families, and he's never forgotten where he came from. He's given his life to public service, and I'm humbled by the chance to follow him."

Bronin thanked his family, his campaign team, volunteers, and supporters in labor, and made a commitment to serve every resident of the district.

"To everyone in this district – whether you voted for me or not, whether you live in Hartford or Hartland – here's my promise: I'm going to wake up every morning thinking about you," Bronin said. "I'll show up. I'll tell you the truth. I'll listen. I'll work my heart out to make your life and our country better."

Bronin won the Democratic nomination on August 11, defeating Larson, a 14-term incumbent, in a four-way primary by 21 points. He had won the Connecticut Democratic Party's endorsement at the state convention in May in an upset.

Because they run for office every two years, state legislators are accustomed to big swings in presidential election years, and smaller results in non-presidential election years.

But even though this was a non-presidential year the voters were motivated and eager to turn out for the opportunity to push back on the economy, an ongoing war and a host of disruptive actions by the White House which had them unsettled, a milder view of the emotions echoing across the debate from Maine to California.

For example, in 2022, 10,222 voted in East Hartford. Then in a presidential year 2024 some 18,456 turned out. This year 13,223 votes were cast, not the presidential election result but a 40.29 percent turnout, more than a typical state and federal election.

Absentee votes and early votes again continued to be dominated by Democratic turnout.

Registrar of Voters Veronica Rosario, a Democrat, posted 9,399 votes while Republican Mary J. Mourey posted 3,101 votes, nearly as many as the top of the Republican gubernatorial ticket Fazio and Matt Corey.

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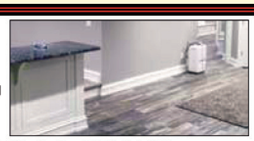
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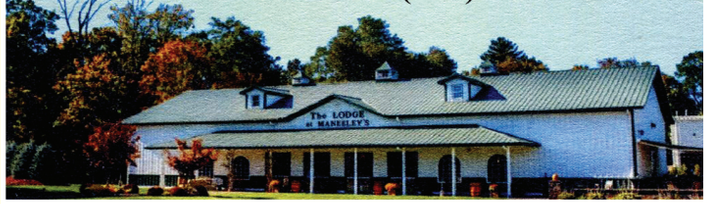
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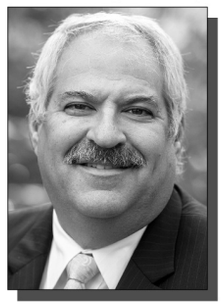
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NOV 7: HOW TO STOP OVERTHINKING: A MEDITATION WORKSHOP, Sat, Nov 7, 11am at Odiyana Center, Glastonbury. In this practical and uplifting class, discover how meditation can help you quiet mental chatter, let go of worry, and create space for clarity and peace. **LUNCHTIME MEDITATION** at Odiyana 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, **Nov. 7: World War II Reunion Luncheon**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations, $25.Veterans Day Sunday, November 8th: Museum closed due to participation in Enfield Parade. Wednesday, **Nov. 11th**: Museum open 2 - 6 pm. Marine Birthday/Veterans Day. Veterans Luminaries are available for purchase. Visit and explore the displays. Admission $5. FMI call Gary, 860-810-8736.

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NOV. 7 - AMERICA AND APPLE PIE PANCAKES - What could be better in autumn? Celebrate the month of elections, veterans and Thanksgiving and fall back with a big stack of apple pancakes at Hillstown Grange #87, 617 Hills St., starting at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast included sausage, coffee, tea and juice, $6; $3 for those 14 and under. Plain and chocolate chip pancakes also available. In memory of Frank Forrest, the Grange welcomes any items to send to soldiers overseas thru SOS Connecticut, which will hold a packing event Nov. 8 at the Grange hall. Wanted are Halloween candy, drawings of fall leaves and hand-made Thanksgiving themed creations. Packaged snacks, dental or hygiene products also welcome. Have you visted the upstairs room at the Grange Hall? Check out the book sale in the library, read a book, play a game, or sit and just visit. The historic 1889 "Hillstown Grange Hall" is free to visit. FMI call Michelle at 860-558-4688 or e-mail kma.dedominicis@gmail.com.

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NOV 7: AUTUMN TEA hosted by the Historical Society of East Hartford has been ***cancelled*** due to ongoing repair work underway at the Selden Brewer House. The tea will be rescheduled at a later date.

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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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NOV 8: THE HORSZOWSKI TRIO performs Sunday at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Crossings Retirement Community, 900 Hemlock Ave, South Windsor. The free chamber music concert is by an up-and-coming American trio which tours extensively. Reception with the artists follows.

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NOV. 14: "SOULFIRE" PRESENTED BY CITYSINGERS OF HARTFORD at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., 5 p.m. Billed as a "choral celebration of wellness of the mind" this unique sonic experience is for "mental centering and wellness" and is a continuous performance with electronic and acoustical accompaniment. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. citysingers.org.

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NOV. 17: WANGUNK TRIBE - UNEARTHING THEIR HISTORY. Thursday, Nov. 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Long before Dutch or English settlers arrived, the Wangunk, "people at the bend in the river," thrived along the Connecticut River corridor from Hartford to Middletown. Though central to early Connecticut history and the founding of Hartford, their story is too often untold.Discover the Wangunk past and present with three expert perspectives: Sarah Sportman (CT State Archaeologist) on recent excavation findings, Gary Red Oak O'Neil (Wangunk Elder) on oral tradition and art, and Tom Wickman (Environmental Historian) on early village dynamics. The panel will conclude by discussing contemporary Wangunk cultural preservation and modern sovereignty. President's College Lifelong Learning at U of Hartford. Hartford.edu/pc. Questions? Email pcollege@hartford.edu or call 860-768-4495.

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NOV 18: MEETING OF THE P&W AND UTRC RETIREES Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the P&W Club, 200 Clement Road. Conversation, coffee and doughnuts at 9:30, Jeff Wieselberg, piano. 860-565-6236 for more info.

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NOV. 18: SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE. Wednesdays, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 & 9, 2-3:30 p.m. Are we alone? The 1995 discovery of exoplanets radically accelerated our search for life beyond Earth. Join University of Hartford Professor Michael Robinson for a fascinating exploration into modern scientific search techniques, from SETI radio signals to exoplanetary biosignatures. Discover how our understanding of ET has evolved over time, along with the captivating new questions modern science raises. Sponsored by President's College Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Hartford.edu/pc. Questions? Email pcollege@hartford.edu or call 860-768-4495.

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NOV. 21 - HOLIDAY FAIR at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come visit for gift ideas, handmade wreaths, Christmas decor, special cookie booth, sweet candy booth, and homebaked goods. Why not sit a spell and have lunch while you visit? Sample your choice of chili, soup and more. Lots of wonderful crafts, thoughtful gift baskets for a perfect present, evergreen boxes plus the jewelery booth. Explore Grandma's Attic for a one of a kind treasure, and duck into the Children's Corner for a memorable gift. See you there!

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DEC 3: WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Thursday, December 3 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Little Theatre of Manchester at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road, Manchester. Hosted by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Sharonda Carlos, Commissioner of the CT Dept. of Correction, will deliver the keynote address. "Giving back" is the theme of the event. Guests are encouraged to bring women's personal-care and toiletry items to support women in need preparing for a new chapter in their lives. Tickets are $75, and the event will feature restaurant tastings, wine and specialty beverages, networking, vendors. To register - https://business.manchesterchamber.com/ap/Events/Register/xRFRgbkSMCYC7

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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. Donate hand-made quilts or afghans. Blankets need not be fancy, just colorful and washable, any size. To donate call 860-649-5513.