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NEWS BRIEFS

Blue Hills NRZ Meets Tonight

The Blue Hills Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ) will meet Thursday May 2, at 6pm The location is Cull's Bookstore 677 Blue Hills Ave. Invited guests are Marilyn Laponte-Cruz, City of Hartford Department of Public Works and Katlyn Fitzpatrick City of the City of Hartford Planning Division. If you have any questions contact Donna Thompson-Daniel Chairwoman 860 922-8453. In addition, Blue Hills Friends of the Playgrounds and Fields will meet on Friday May 3th, 2013 at Cull's Bookstore 677 Blue Hills Avenue at 6pm. For more information, contact Donna Thompson-Daniel President @ 860 922-8453.

MARG Meets May 9

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, May 9, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Hartford Police Officers will give an update on public safety in the neighborhood. Kevin Burnham, City of Hartford Director of Public Works, will also speak at the meeting and answer questions, as will representatives from the City's Planning and Zoning Department. The public is invited. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie, MARG Chair, at 860-296-5543.

Benefit Party for Hands on Hartford May 9

Panera Bread will host a Preview Party for its newest location at State House Square in Downtown Hartford benefitting Hands On Hartford on Thursday, May 9, from 7:30-9:30 am. For a \$10 donation to Hands On Hartford you'll receive a breakfast sandwich, bakery item and beverage. To register and attend, RSVP at www.hohatpanera.eventbrite.com.

Rawson Fashion Show Scheduled for June 8

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Sarah J. Rawson School will presents its 2nd annual "Spring Into Summer Fashion Show Fundraiser" on Saturday, June 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show itself will start at 7 pm. The show will be held in the Rawson School Auditorium, 260 Holcomb Street, Hartford. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Rawson School students. Clothing outlets who will be represented in the show include HipStop, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Children's Place, Old Navy, David's Bridal, Virginia's Fashion, Walk Worthy Brands, J.T. Ghamo, Jayden Nicole and Kolise's Fashions. For more information, contact Maxien at 860-479-2166 or Email: rawsonsppto@gmail.com.

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Hartford Cleans Up!

Hartford's annual Spring Clean Up Campaign is now in full swing. Volunteers are needed at clean ups all over the city this week and next.

This Week

- Saturday, May 4, 9 am - 1 pm: Blue Hills Civic Association will clean Keney Park (Greenfield Street Entrance/ Parking Lot Area/ Playground).
- Saturday, May 4, starting at 10 am: The Village's Teen Outreach Program will clean Colt Park's playground and pool area.
- Saturday, May 4, starting at 9 am: The Clay Arsenal NRZ and My Sister Place will clean up the Pliny Street area.
- Saturday, May 4, 9 am - 12 noon: The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will clean the area around Barry Square (Maple Avenue, and Bushnell, Clifford and Board Streets). Meet in lot across from Dunkin Donuts, 754 Maple Avenue. A cook-out for volunteers will follow. Students seeking community service credit are welcome.

Next Week

- Saturday, May 11, 8:30 am - 3 pm: The Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA), CICD-Greater Hartford Puerto Rican Parade and Luna Productions will hold a clean-up of Park Street, starting at 95 Park Street.
- Saturday, May 11, 8 am - 12 noon: The Ridgefield Street Block Club will clean Keney Park (Ridgefield Street area).



Volunteers were cleaning and beautifying Hartford all over town last Saturday. Top photo: Grace Academy students and volunteers plant flowers on Main Street, including Janel Simpson, Leslie Davila, Marisol Vazquez, Marilyn Vazquez, Gabriela Simpson, Alexis Simpson and Britt Marie Cole Johnson. Lower photo: CRT cleaned the area around its Grand Homes complex and Clark School. Shown are CRT Youth Build Volunteers Wayne Collins, Patricia Bellamy, Tiffany Russell, Kizzy Weeks and Quentin Elkey. (Hart photo)

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This photo shows construction workers building the Prospect Street Bridge over the Park River in the early part of the 20th century. The view is looking north; City Hall can be seen at upper left. Prospect Street is one of Hartford's oldest streets. Hartford founder Thomas Hooker lived on the east side of the street, which was then just a pathway, on the banks of the Park River. In 1687, when Joseph Wadsworth grabbed the royal charter at a meeting held near where the Travelers Tower stands today, and hid it in the Charter Oak Tree, he probably ran down Prospect Street. A monument to the Charter Oak stands at the corner of Prospect Street and Charter Oak Avenue. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)

Samba Fest This Saturday at Riverfront

The 7th annual Hartford Samba Fest, a daylong celebration of music and dance from Brazil, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico, will be held this Saturday, May 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, 300 Columbus Boulevard. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by Trinity College in association with Riverfront Recapture.

Samba Fest Schedule of Events

- 11:00am - 12:00pm Trinity Steel, Drum Making Workshop
- 12:00 - 12:30 Parade and Welcome Speeches by President Jones and Ambassador César Amaral, Brazilian Consulate of Hartford
- 12:00 - 4:00 Activity Booths open, sponsored by Trinity Student and Community Organizations

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