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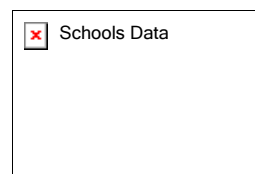
New Community Programs on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Mayoral Candidates Forum**
Tuesday, October 23, 2007
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- **City Council Candidates Forum**
Monday, October 29, 2007
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New Data on HartfordInfo.org:

Vital Statistics Data - Birth Data: This interactive data retrieval system provides access to information about births in Hartford by neighborhood for the years 1995 to 2005. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and select Vital Statistics Data from the blue Hartford Data Sets box near the center of the home page.



Schools Data: Data for the Hartford Public Schools have been updated. We have added several new categories of data. You may now find data on Disciplinary Action, Dropouts, CMT and CAPT scores for the academic year from September 2003 to June 2004. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and select Schools Data from the blue Hartford Data Sets box near the center of the home page.

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New Reports on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Journey Home: Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in the Capitol Region, Implementation Plan** - Mayor Eddie A. Perez has led the region in developing a 10-year plan to end homelessness. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "Journey" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford Connecticut, Urban Land Institute Advisory Series Presentation, September 2007** - A Powerpoint presentation summarizing the findings of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), in conjunction with MetroHartford Alliance and the City of Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "urban land" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Improving and Expanding Hartford's Project Choice Program** - The Project Choice program provides integrated school opportunities for Hartford schoolchildren throughout the region. Project Choice has lagged in its growth – leaving the state well short of its desegregation goals. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "project choice" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **American Community Survey 2006 Data Profiles** - 2006 Data Profiles provide data on demographic, social, economic, and housing topics for the city of Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "acs 2006" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **CSS/CON NRZ Strategic Plan** - This plan will serve as the blueprint for improvements in the Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood Revitalization Zone over the next 5—10 years. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "CSS CON" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Connecticut Supportive Housing** - Information on supportive housing from the campaign to end long-term homelessness in Connecticut. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "supportive" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Immigration in Connecticut: A Growing Opportunity** - Connecticut's immigrant population has increased from one in nine at the time of the 2000 census and from one in eleven at the time of the 1990 census to about one in eight at the time of the 2006 American Community Survey. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "opportunity" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **City of Hartford Historic Districts and Individual Historic Properties Map** - A map of the local, state, and national historic districts and properties as of March, 2007. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "historic map" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **North Hartford Plans and Projects** - Proposed future plans for construction and revitalization projects of schools, housing, economic development, parks, libraries and more in North Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "north" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Coordination of Adult Literacy Programs: Final Report** - The State Legislature voted in April 2006 to conduct a study of the coordination of adult literacy programs. This document is the Final Report of that study. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "coordination" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Connecticut Mastery Test, Spring 2007 Results, Hartford Public Schools** - The 2007 preliminary results for the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) given to 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th graders in the Hartford Public Schools are presented in this .pdf version of a Powerpoint presentation. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "cmt 2007" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **State of the Workforce in North Central Connecticut, September 2007** - This document offers a snapshot of the state of the workforce in North Central Connecticut in 2007, and solutions to increase workforce participation rates, transition lower-skilled workers to higher skills, and match future workforce talent to employers' needs. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "workforce state" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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New Articles on HartfordInfo.org:

Through agreements with the *Hartford Courant*, the *Hartford Business Journal*, the *Hartford News*, and the *Hartford Advocate*, HartfordInfo.org continues to offer selected articles as permanent additions to the web site. Some recent additions include:

- **The Changing Face of Hartford** - Hartford's population is becoming more diverse every year. Approximately 2,500 new immigrants from 93 countries have enrolled in city schools in the past three years. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "changing" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **A Mosque Grows on Franklin Avenue** - Most immigrant groups that have come to Hartford have followed a familiar path, be they Italian, Dominican or Jamaican. First come the people, then a few shops and restaurants, then a house of worship that also functions as a center of the community. That well-worn path is now being followed by Hartford's Bosnian community. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "mosque" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Unevent-Full Month** - July was a quiet month at the Hartford Civic Center. In fact, it was dead silent. Among its peers, it's unusual for a venue like the Civic Center not to host some kind of mid-summer event. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "Unevent!" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Mixed Signals - City WiFi Battles Bumps, Budget Overruns** - Although it targeted just two Hartford neighborhoods, the city's wireless test program has already encountered snags and slipped over its planned budget. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "wifi" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Parklife: A Garden Blooms in Colt Park** - A master plan to build a botanical garden in Colt Park along Wethersfield Avenue is nearing completion. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "colt garden" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **City Tax Plan Resolves Nothing** - The City Council recently passed a resolution forming a task force to study Hartford's property tax mess and fix it. Small business leaders have already rejected the plan. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "city tax" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Talking Trash** - City Council member Bob Painter is nearly alone in his embrace of a new technology to get rid of garbage, but he remains convinced the plasma arc is the future of trash disposal. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "talking trash" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Returning to Life** - Governor Jodi Rell's ban on parole for violent offenders could make streets more dangerous according to ex-offender advocates. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "returning" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Architectural Gems: Where To See Hartford's Memorable Buildings, Graveyards Or Neighborhoods** - The Hartford Preservation Alliance has been contracted by the state Commission on Culture and Tourism to update a historic buildings survey from 1997. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "gems" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Learning A New Career** - Ebbie Parsons III was recently selected by the Los Angeles-based Broad Foundation to be part of a program that trains business executives to work in the nation's neediest urban public school districts. He is serving a two-year residency in Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "new career" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **River Life: Peace, Pain** - From February to August, 2007, The Courant visited a couple of friends living outdoors along the Connecticut River twenty-five times to hear their stories. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "river life" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Music On The Move** - New England Music at 470 Prospect Ave. is one of thousands of small businesses that call Hartford home. But in October, New England Music plans to move to West Hartford. One reason for the move: A new landlord has raised the store's rent twice in 18 months, said David Henry, the owner of New England Music. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "music" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Don't Replace Civic Center, Says Panel** - A new sports and entertainment arena replacing the Civic Center would be difficult to finance and not be in Hartford's best interest, a 10-member visiting panel of experts in urban development said recently. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "replace" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Little Airport That Could** - The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association - the world's largest pilots group - originally planned to hold its 2007 convention in Atlantic City. Hartford's shiny new convention center made it a contender. But it was the state-owned Brainard Airport that helped seal the deal. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "airport" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Museum Plans Slipped Away** - The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art's plans for a \$15 million expansion into the former Hartford Times building appear to be all but dead, the victim of financial and institutional pressures. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "museum plans" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Learning Gaps Sully Our State** - Stan Simpson comments on Connecticut's distinction as the state with the widest academic achievement gap in the country. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "gaps" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Comment Raises Eyebrows** - Hartford Superintendent of Schools Steven Adamowski told state officials recently that "there is no research to suggest that minority students will do better by sitting next to a white student." The comment prompted a sharp response from desegregation advocates. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "comment" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Crossing The Border: Merchants Find Common Ground Over Line Between City, Town** - Merchants and restaurateurs along Park Street in Hartford and Park Road in West Hartford have joined forces to help market what the thoroughfare has to offer on both sides of the border. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "crossing" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford's Hive of Busy Workers** - In 2005, the metropolitan areas of San Antonio, Austin and Hartford had roughly the same economic output. But in terms of productivity per person, the Hartford metropolitan area, with 1.2 million people beat the other two. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org

and type "hive" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **The Home Of An Era In Hartford** - The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art plans a four-month exhibit focusing on Chick Austin's legendary Scarborough Street house, as well as his cultural significance in Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "era" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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