

What's New on HartfordInfo.org

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What's New on HartfordInfo.org is a periodic update announcing recent additions to HartfordInfo.org. Please feel free to forward this message to others. To be added to the distribution list send an email message through our [feedback page](#).

HartfordInfo.org, a program of the Hartford Public Library, is a gateway to information and data on issues important to those who live and work in Hartford and the region.

New Developments on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Hartford 2010:** HartfordInfo.org now includes the web site for *Hartford 2010*, the new strategic framework being developed by the City of Hartford, the MetroHartford Alliance, and other partners. *Hartford 2010* will build on the accomplishments of the past five years in revitalizing Hartford. Urban Planner Ken Greenberg is leading a Consultant team that is assisting the City and the Alliance in this effort. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and click on the *Hartford 2010* box for more information and to watch a video of the July 11, 2006, public meeting that took place at the Hartford Public Library.
- **Agreement with Hartford Advocate and Hartford Guardian:** We have recently reached agreements with two additional city newspapers, the *Hartford Advocate* and the *Hartford Guardian*, to include selected articles on HartfordInfo.org. You'll soon start seeing these articles appear on the web site in addition to articles from the *Hartford Courant* and the *Hartford News*.

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New Data on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Hartford Public Schools Data:** Demographic and Special Education data from the Hartford Public Schools has been added to HartfordInfo.org, in addition to the Attendance data made available earlier this year. To access the data go to www.hartfordinfo.org and select "Hartford Schools Data" from the blue "Hartford Data Sets" box near the center of the home page. Additional data will be added in the coming months.

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New Reports on HartfordInfo.org:

- **MDC 21st Century Clean Water Program:** The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) is planning the 21st Century Clean Water Program which will separate rainwater discharge from the sewer system to prevent overflows and pollution. This is a March, 2006, presentation made by MDC to the Hartford City Council. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "clean water" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Inside Hartford: A Guide to City Government:** A guide to the government of the city of Hartford, covering elected officials, departments, and services. Includes a list of frequently asked questions, and maps of city neighborhoods and NRZs. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "inside hartford" in the

Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Report on the Death of Jashon Bryant and the Wounding of Brandon Henry:** A report from the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice on the May, 2005 death of Jashon Bryant and the wounding of Brandon Henry. The report recommends that a Hartford Police Officer be charged with manslaughter in the case. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "bryant" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford 2010 Presentation:** Power Point presentation by Urban Planner Ken Greenberg at a *Hartford 2010* public meeting on July 11, 2006. (Also see the first bulleted item at the top of this email). *Hartford 2010* is a new strategic framework being developed by the City of Hartford, the MetroHartford Alliance, and other partners. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "2010 presentation" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Downtown Hartford Economic and Urban Design Action Strategy:** With the May, 2006 launch of *Hartford 2010* (see previous item and the first bulleted item at the top of this email), there is renewed interest in this 1998 report by Urban Planner Ken Greenberg. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "greenberg report" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **City of Hartford Tax Exempt Property Map:** A map of the city of Hartford showing tax exempt property based on Assessor's records as of October 2005. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "tax map" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Pulling Apart in Connecticut: Trends in Family Income, 1981-2002:** This report shows that the income gap between the richest and poorest families in Connecticut has continued to grow. The growth in the gap in income between the top 20% of Connecticut families and the bottom 20% is greater than in any state except Tennessee. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "pulling apart" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Parkville Streetscape Project:** A document and map describing plans for the Park Street Streetscape project in Parkville. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "parkville streetscape" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **CCM Analysis of Adopted State Budget for FY 06-07:** An analysis of the State of Connecticut fiscal year 06-07 Budget by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), focusing on the impact on municipalities, summary of general government aid, summary of education aid, and bonding. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "ccm analysis" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Disparity by Design: How Drug-free Zone Laws Impact Racial Disparity - and Fail to Protect Youth:** This study of drug free zones in urban areas suggests that due to several factors, whole communities become prohibited zones. The report concludes that this impacts minority residents in disparate ways and has no measurable deterrent effect. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "disparity by design" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **2006 Kids Count Data Book: Family, Friend and Neighbor Care - Strengthening a Critical Resource to Help Young Children Succeed:** The 2006 Kids Count Data Book highlights data and policy information related to child care provided by friends, family and neighbors. It features ten key measures used to track the well-being of children since 1990. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "kids count 2006" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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New Articles on HartfordInfo.org:

Through agreements with several local newspapers, HartfordInfo.org continues to offer selected articles as permanent additions to the web site. Some recent additions include:

- **School's First Graduates Set Bar High:** The five graduates of Capital Preparatory Magnet School's Class of 2006 took up only one row of chairs at their commencement ceremony recently at Capital Community College. But for Councilwoman Elizabeth Horton Sheff, the first class to graduate from the Hartford school represented much more. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "set bar" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Making His Own Good Fortune:** Armando Chavez is a legal resident, a homeowner, the founder of a growing business with three employees and in the process of opening a retail store. He is a symbol of the powerful impact that immigrants can have on local labor markets - not by taking jobs Americans don't want but by fulfilling a demand that wouldn't otherwise exist. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "good fortune" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **A Center of Attention:** A year after the ribbon was cut, the Connecticut Convention Center has begun to do what it promised -- put feet on Hartford's streets, lay heads on Hartford's hotel beds and inject the city's downtown with new life. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "attention" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Giving Up On City Is No Solution:** *Hartford Courant* Columnist Helen Ubiñas writes that abandoning Hartford because of the recent violent incidents is not a solution. In the end, it is the community that will determine the city's fate. And the community does not stop at the city line. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "no solution" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Doc Tells It Like It Should Be:** A profile of Walter "Doc" Hurley, former vice principal at Weaver High School, and mentor to generations of Hartford youth. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "doc tells" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Pathways' Course Still Uncertain:** The City's plan to build the new Pathways to Technology School on a triangular piece of land at the southeast corner of the intersection of Broad Street and Farmington Avenue has been controversial. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "pathways course" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Relief for Grandparents Raising Grandkids:** An increasing number of Hartford grandparents have assumed the role of parent for their grandchildren. A court-administered program provides small grants for children in the care of their grandparents. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "grandkids" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Investor Never Lost Faith in Hartford:** Lawrence R. Gottesdiener is the most significant real estate developer in Hartford, with a half-billion dollars' worth of holdings in the city. Somewhere along the way, his passion for undervalued real estate turned into a passion for what he thinks is an undervalued city. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "investor faith" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **A Tale of Two Hartfords: The Wide Gap Between Luxury Condos and Subsidized Housing:** The story of housing in Hartford today is a tale of two cities. In one case, the state invests over \$35 million to spur private development of a new, residential downtown. The tale of the other Hartford takes place in the surrounding neighborhoods. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "tale of two" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Troopers Set for Role on City's Streets:** The Hartford Police Department announced recently that Operation True North, a program in which state police will help city officers quell a wave of violence in the city's North End, is getting underway. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "troopers" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- ***Taking the Road Out of Town:*** *Hartford Courant* Columnist Tom Condon writes about a movement to remove highways as a way to improve the livability of cities. He suggests that city and state officials should all be looking at I-84 as land-use plans for the city are developed. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "taking road" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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