

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 City Council Previews and Reviews:** Previews and Reviews of each Hartford City Council meeting are now available by going to www.hartfordinfo.org and clicking on the *Hartford City Council Meeting Previews & Reviews* box on the right side of the home page.
- **Streaming Video and Audio of Community Programs:** Watch or listen to recordings of programs held at the Hartford Public Library on important community issues such as the drug war, property taxes, funding for public education, the Hartford 2010 project, tenant/landlord relations, and others. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and click on the *View Community Programs* box on the right side of the home page.

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New Data on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Crime Data:** Data from the Hartford Police Department on arrests and calls for service in 2005 broken down by Hartford neighborhood are now available. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and select *Crime Data* from the blue *Hartford Data Sets* box near the center of the home page. Additional crime data will be added in the coming months.
- **Data about Children and Families:** Data from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families from 2000 to 2005 about foster care placements and incidents of substantiated cases of child abuse, broken down by zip code, are now available. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and select *Children and Families 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:

- **Mayor's Healthy Community Initiative:** Executive Summary of the Mayor's Health Community Initiative, a new Hartford health network designed to better serve the healthcare needs of the city's estimated 30,000+ uninsured residents. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "mayor's healthy" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Plaza Mayor Plans:** These drawings show the revised design of Plaza Mayor, the planned development on the corner of Main Street and Park Street, as presented by the developer, Plaza Mayor, LLC, at public meetings in September and October 2006. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "plaza plans" in the

Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Post-Closure Use of Capped Landfills - Opportunities and Limitations:** Bruce Haskell, Landfill Engineer at Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. gave this presentation in October 2006 at a public forum at the Hartford Public Library on the future of the Hartford landfill. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "capped landfills" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford Business Improvement District:** Full information on the recently approved Business Improvement District (BID) including Downtown, Asylum Hill and a portion of Farmington Avenue. BIDS have been widely credited with transforming commercial districts in other cities. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "improvement district" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **School Choice, Equal Educational Opportunity, and Connecticut School Finance Failures:** Testimony by Dianne Kaplan deVries, Ed.D., to the Connecticut Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights outlining the social and economic ramifications of providing public tax dollars to support privately operated charter schools and voucher plans. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "September 28 testimony" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **El Centro Cultural on Park Street:** Plans for the restoration of a city block running along Park Street by the Broad-Park Development Corporation. El Centro Cultural Community Investment Revitalization Project aims to revive, restore and transform the economic and social environment of the Frog Hollow neighborhood. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "el centro" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Census of the Homeless and Supportive Housing Populations of Hartford, Connecticut, 2006:** This point-in-time census of the homeless and supportive housing populations is an enumeration of all individuals and families staying in shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, and on the street on a specified evening in Hartford. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "homeless 2006" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Homeownership Experience of Low-Income and Minority Families:** This report reviews and synthesizes what is known about the homeownership experience of low-income and minority households to assess the extent to which homeownership is likely to benefit these groups. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "homeownership experience" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford Fact Sheet 2004, Connecticut Violent Injury Statistics System:** Connecticut Violent Injury Statistics System (CVISS) is part of a national collaborative effort to gather information on violent deaths. This fact sheet describes statistics on violent deaths in Hartford during 2004. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "cviss hartford" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **MetroHartford Alliance Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: A Call for Sustained Regional Team Effort:** This Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) provides recommendations for improving the region's business climate, its education, and workforce development systems, its quality of life, its sites and infrastructure, and its economic development and marketing efforts. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "metrohartford strategy" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Development of Hartford's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Master Plan - Final Report:** This report presents ideas and concepts for a variety of traffic calming and traffic management strategies developed through community meetings. The aim is to improve safety, access, mobility, quality of life and livability. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "traffic calming" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Low-Income Children in the United States: National and State Trend Data 1994 – 2004:** After nearly

a decade of decline, the number of children living in low-income families has been steadily increasing, a pattern that began in 2000. This data provides national and 50-state trend data on the characteristics of low-income children over the past decade. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "low income children" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Growth in the Foreign-Born Workforce and Employment of the Native Born:** An analysis of the relationship between growth in the foreign-born population and the employment outcomes of native-born workers. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "foreign born" 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:

- **Historic Buildings Make Affordable Homes:** The first homes built on Zion and York Streets in Frog Hollow were within walking distance of nearby factories. Thanks to a joint effort of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development, the city and some local developers, these Frog Hollow historic houses are seeing new life. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "historic buildings" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **City's Life, And Lacks, Portrayed:** A group of Connecticut teenagers explored Hartford through the lenses of their cameras this summer and shared their perceptions of the capital city in an exhibit entitled "Stay! Perspectives of Hartford." Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "city's life" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **A Decade of Half Measures:** A decade after the court's decision that Hartford's schools would be integrated voluntarily, the 24,000-student school district remains 95 percent black and Latino, and most of the students are poor. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "half measures" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Woman To Lead Top Muslim Group:** The largest Muslim organization in North America has elected a Connecticut scholar as its first female president - a watershed that the group says signals support for women leaders throughout their community. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "muslim group" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Immigrant Throng:** The anti-illegal immigration rally recently held at the Capitol building in Hartford was political spectacle of the purest sort, as was the counter demonstration organized by local activists. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "immigrant throng" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **City Ranks At Bottom Of Test List:** Hartford's troubled public schools, where a superintendent once vowed that students would "never be last again" in achievement scores, ranks last among the state's school districts in a wide range of test results released recently. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "city ranks" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Caribbean Summit Set to Discuss Parade and Other Issues:** The Hartford West Indian Day Parade is the oldest parade of its kind in North America. Forty-four years after it began, it attracts thousands. But many have realized the parade has lost its vibrancy. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "Caribbean summit" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Hard Sell:** About 200 meeting planners from the Society of Independent Show Organizers came to Hartford in August for a three-day educational conference, but they were also here to check out the Connecticut Convention Center and the city. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "hard sell" in the

Google search box and then click "Search."

- ***If Kids Can't Read, What Can They Do Later?*** Columnist Rick Green is outraged by results of the scores of Hartford third graders on the Connecticut Mastery Test. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "kids can't read" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- ***Fourteen Tenants Moving In At Colt Complex:*** Hartford's Colt factory complex is getting its first upscale apartment dwellers, the latest development in the city providing a way for people to live in and around downtown. Go to www.hartfordinfo.org and type "colt tenants" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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