



## 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 Data on HartfordInfo.org:

**Mortgage Data:** This interactive data retrieval system provides access to information from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) by Hartford neighborhood from 1995 to 2003. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and select Mortgage Data from the blue Hartford Data Sets box near the center of the home page.



**Zip Code Maps:** Three Hartford Zip code maps are available - 1. With Neighborhoods and Streets, 2. With Neighborhoods and Census Tracts and 3. With Census Tracts and Streets. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "zip code map" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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### New Community Programs on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Hartford's Next Generation Of Development: Bullish, Bubble, Or Bust?**  
Wednesday, April 18, 2007  
[Click here for the video](#)
- **Juveniles In The Criminal Justice System: Raise The Age?**  
Monday, April 16, 2007  
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- **Property Taxes - The Real Story**  
Thursday, February 22, 2007  
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### New Reports on HartfordInfo.org:

- **Framework For Adequately And Equitably Funding Connecticut's Public Schools -**  
This report presents a framework to the Governor and legislature for reforming the state's education funding system to ensure adequate educational opportunities for all children. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "funding framework" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Property Taxes -** These documents explain how the property tax system works for homeowners in Hartford. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "property tax works" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **Making Cities Stronger: Public Library Contributions To Local Economic Development** - The Urban Libraries Council commissioned this study to look at how public libraries (including the Hartford Public Library) contribute to the human dimension of economic development. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "ULC" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **State Of The City Address 2007** - Mayor Eddie Perez addresses the City Council, reviewing progress of efforts in the areas of public safety, education, constituent services, economic development, home ownership, neighborhood development and transportation. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "city 2007" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Children Left Behind: How Metropolitan Areas Are Failing America's Children** - A report from the Harvard School of Public Health scores the living conditions experienced by children in the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "children left" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Developing Connecticut's Economic Future** - 1000 Friends of Connecticut, a statewide smart growth education and advocacy organization, has developed a proposal to promote responsible growth. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "economic future" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Whose Kids Are Covered? A State-by-State Look At Uninsured Children** - The report shows that, since 1997, employer offers of health insurance to parents with lower incomes have fallen three times as fast as offers to parents who earn more money. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "kids covered" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford 2010: Phase II** - As part of Phase II of the hartford 2010 project, several public meetings were held in January 2007, to describe Hartford 2010 and to report on the strategic framework to Hartford stakeholders. This is the presentation made by Urban Designer Ken Greenberg at the meeting. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "2010 phase II" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Impact Of State Income Taxes On Low-Income Families In 2006** - This report reviews the impact of state income taxes on low-income families. Poor families in many states face substantial state income tax liability for the 2006 tax year. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "impact" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Public Attitudes Toward Municipal Service In Hartford: A Public Opinion Survey** – The results of a public opinion poll taken in December 2006 for the City of Hartford about attitudes toward various municipal services. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "Public Attitudes" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford Educator** - A bilingual newsletter of the Hartford School Board spotlighting recent news and events of the Hartford Public Schools. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "educator 2007" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Community Health Data Scan For Connecticut** - The Data Scan reports quantitative data on the social characteristics, health and well-being of Connecticut's residents gathered from a variety of sources at the federal, state and town levels, as well as from non-governmental sources. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "scan" 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 Children In Room E4** - Journalist Susan Eaton is the author of a new book, *The Children in Room E4: American Education on Trial*. To write the book, she spent four years tracking a group of third- and fourth-graders at Simpson-Waverly Elementary School in Hartford's North End. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "Room E4" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **A Hug For A Haircut** - Joe the Barber, whose given name is Anthony Cymerys, sets up his alfresco barbershop and snack bar across from Bushnell Park every Wednesday. No

matter what the weather, Cymerys, 75, has set up shop here once a week for the past decade. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "hug" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

- **DanceHall Puts Hartford On Map** - Greater Hartford has one of the largest populations of Jamaicans in America, somewhere behind New York, and Miami. Taking a trip through the North End you can get a taste of the Caribbean island at the restaurants and bakeries on Albany and Blue Hills Avenue and experience the culture of Jamaican dancehall in a number of venues and clubs in the city. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "Dancehall" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **A Crisis Of Care** - When it comes to providing dental care to poor children, Connecticut is at the bottom of the New England states. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "crisis" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Hartford Rep Wants More Urban Banking Commitment** - Rep. Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey (D-Hartford) has been asking why there are not more bank branches in poor areas of the state's cities. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "banking" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **School Chief Makes Waves** - Since taking over the Hartford Public Schools in November, School Superintendent Steven J. Adamowski has been tearing down figurative walls that for years have hidden the severity and depth of the district's problems. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "school chief" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Battle Over School Site Raged Out Of View** - Hartford officials' effort to build a new home for a magnet school collapsed in recent weeks after loud and public criticism by the city's representatives in the state legislature, who said heavy traffic made the location unsafe. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "site battle" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Fight To Fill Buildings** - Prudential Retirement's announcement that it will renew its lease at a major downtown office tower was welcome news for a city facing the loss of a major employer, MetLife. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "fight" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Death Stills A Hand Of Care** - John Hunt, 73, died on March 11, 2007 of a stroke. He volunteered as a tutor at Sanchez Elementary School in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "death stills" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Teens In Adult Jails A State Specialty** - Connecticut locks up more minors in adult prisons than any other state in the nation, says a recently released national report. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "teens jails" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Taking The Crime Out Of Drugs** - Councilman Robert L. Painter writes that when it comes to drugs, we stumble over new approaches for fear they will make matters worse. A large number of citizens are ahead of politicians in considering alternatives to our present approach. It is time to begin the conversation about alternatives. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "crime drugs" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **The Magnet's Pull** - The magnet schools created over the last several years in an effort to end racial and economic isolation in Hartford are leaving many of the city's children as isolated as ever and contributing to a new, unintended problem: academic isolation. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "magnets pull" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Rugby In Hartford** - More than 40 years ago, Michael Byrne formed a local rugby team, the Hartford Wanderers Rugby Football Club. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "rugby" in the Google search box and then click "Search."
- **Filling A Need With Mentally Retarded** - HARC's supported employment program is intended to provide mentally retarded adults with the opportunity to acquire social validation by participating in the work world. But, they are also an asset to the businesses that employ them. Go to [www.hartfordinfo.org](http://www.hartfordinfo.org) and type "filling need" in the Google search box and then click "Search."

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