Response to Coronavirus Tightens Its Grip on City

BY ANDY HART

As the number of confirmed Coronavirus cases in Connecticut continues to climb, Governor Ned Lamont and Mayor Luke Bronin have taken additional steps in a drastic effort to limit the spread of the disease. On Friday, March 20, Lamont ordered all employees of non-essential businesses and non-profit organizations to stay home and work from there, if possible. The governor’s “Stay Safe, Stay at Home,” order went into effect Monday, March 23, at 8 pm. Essential employees include police, fire and ambulance personnel, healthcare professionals, veterinarians, grocery store and pharmacy employees, construction workers, warehouse and distribution workers, gas station workers and several other occupations. The full list can be found at https://portal.ct.gov/DECID/Content/Coronavirus-for-Businesses/Coronavirus-for-Businesses.

Later on Friday, Mayor Luke Bronin announced that non-essential gatherings of more than 10 people will be prohibited in Hartford for the duration of the Coronavirus crisis. At the same time, Hartford School Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez announced that laptop computers will be loaned out at the school system’s 16 meal distribution sites (see page 2). The computers will be loaned out at the school system’s 16 meal distribution sites (see page 2). The computers will be loaned out at the school system’s 16 meal distribution sites (see page 2).

The Coronavirus is continuing to spread in Connecticut. As of Tuesday, 618 state residents, including 88 in Hartford County, have tested positive for the disease. More than 5,300 tests have been conducted in the state among both state and private laboratories. Approximately 71 people have been hospitalized and 12 people have died due to complications of COVID-19.

Lamont is asking Connecticut’s hospitals and other healthcare facilities to increase capacity in anticipation of a large increase in the number of patients stricken with the Coronavirus who require hospitalization. On Tuesday, the governor toured a mobile field hospital that has been set up off Ashley Street on the grounds of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

In addition, in an effort to mitigate the economic hardship caused by the current health crisis, federal and state income taxes are now due on July 15, rather than April 15.

Hartford...Once Upon a Time

Before Hartford adopted a “strong mayor” form of government in 2003, the role of the mayor was mainly ceremonial—and few there themselves into that role with as much relish as George Athanson (left). Athanson, who served as mayor from 1971 - 1981, is shown here riding one of the lions that guard the Arch Street entrance to Hartford City Hall as a promotion for a show that was coming to town. Athanson passed away on January 9, 2000. (Photo courtesy of the Carl Candels Collection)
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.*

Source: U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

FEVER

COUGH

SHORRNESS OF BREATH

*Symptoms based on what has been seen previously as the incubation period of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines.

16 City Schools Distributing Meals and Computers for Students

Evelyn Rivera brought David and Danielle Cordero to Burr School Monday morning to pick up their Chromebook laptop computers.

Last Friday, March 20, Hartford School Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez announced 16 new meal distribution sites (see below) across the City of Hartford for Hartford Public Schools and Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) students, which will replace the 8 sites announced last week. Students and families are encouraged to practice social distancing at pickup sites.

In addition, Hartford Public Schools plans to distribute Chromebooks to students beginning Monday, March 23, 2020 at the sixteen meal distribution sites. Hartford Public Schools plans to launch distancing learning on Monday, March 30, 2020.

- Achievement First: 305 Greenfield St.
- Classical Magnet School: 85 Woodland St.
- Rawson School: 260 Holcomb St.
- Weaver High School: 415 Granby St.
- Global Communications Academy: 85 Edwards St.
- SAND School: 1750 Main St.
- Wish Museum School: 350 Barbour St.
- Hartford Public High School: 55 Forest St.
- Kennedy School: 180 White St.
- Moylan School—ELAMS: 101 Catherine St.
- Parkville Community School: 47 New Park Ave.
- Sanchez School: 176 Babcock St.
- Bellizzi School: 215 South St.
- Betances Early Reading School: 42 Charter Oak Ave.
- Burr School: 400 Wethersfield Ave.
- Hartford Magnet Trinity Academy: 53 Vernon St.

Meals will be distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. On Mondays and Wednesdays, two days of meals will be provided. On Fridays, three days of meals will be provided. Meals will be distributed frozen with heating instructions in English and Spanish. They should be taken home and cooked or refrigerated quickly. Any child 18 and under can receive meals. Questions? Call 860-695-8490.

Riverfront Recapture’s Riverfront Walkway

We will describe the route of the walk and also include key facts like parking availability, access to public restrooms, food outlets, special features and attractions, length of trip (in both time and distance) and any possible difficulties for those with limited mobility.

Getting out into the fresh air is the main benefit, but learning more about our city is a great bonus. Hartford’s architecture is loaded with intriguing details that can best be appreciated slowly and up close, not whizzing by in a car or bus. Invite a friend or family member, make sure to keep a healthy social distance and go out and explore.

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Hartford Land Bank: Rebuilding Hartford’s Neighborhoods

COMMENTARY BY TOM SWARR

“No city resident should have to live next to a blighted property,” advocates Laura Settlemyer, the Executive Director of the newly formed Hartford Land Bank. It is the first such land bank in the state under new laws designed to rehab blighted properties and put them back on the tax rolls under responsible owners.

Laura, a Hartford resident knows the city and its problems, having served as the city’s director of blight remediation since 2016. She was also responsible for housing code enforcement and helped develop the new housing code that was adopted last year. She brings deep experience to her new role at the land bank. Her work in land banking and blight remediation began in New Orleans, where she assisted in the rebuilding following Hurricane Katrina. Before coming to Hartford, she was assistant general counsel for Michigan Initiatives for the Center for Community Progress, where she worked closely with the largest land bank in the U.S., the Detroit Land Bank. Laura also serves as a commissioner on the Hartford Housing Authority, chairs the CT Vibrant Communities Coalition, and teaches advanced urban issues at the University of Hartford.

The land bank is building a strong board leadership team that includes Melvyn Colon, Executive Director of the Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance; Amber Elliott, a lawyer and resident of Clay Arsenal; Rex Fowler, CEO at Hartford Community Loan Fund; James Horan, Executive Director of the Hartford & Connecticut Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Raul Irazary, a landscape architect and resident of Frog Hollow; Sue Harris, a retired City of Hartford firefighter and former City Councilmember; Karraime Moody, Executive Director of Hartford Habitat for Humanity; and Elda Sinani, Deputy Director of Development Services for the City of Hartford, overseeing Licenses & Inspections and the Blight Remediation Team. There are also three slots currently open for Mayoral appointees.

The Land Bank begins with $5 million in funding provided by the state and a $175,000 grant provided by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The Land Bank can play several roles in bringing together the city, developers, and community members in efforts to eliminate blight. The state also passed legislation last year that will allow the Land Bank to hold properties in receivership and begin renovation without going through a lengthy foreclosure process. In some cases, the Land Bank could purchase and redevelop properties. In others where a community-based developer is interested in a property, the Land Bank could simply facilitate by cleaning up title issues or doing some partial demolition or environmental work, and then pass to the developer. The Land Bank is still in an early organizational stage, but initial priorities are expected to be in the North End and Frog Hollow neighborhoods.

The Land Bank will work to find responsible developers and owners to return properties to productive use. Another key goal will be additional fund raising. Laura estimates Hartford could completely eliminate blight with an investment of $25 to $30 million. If you have a property you wish to see developed or to develop, or if you simply want to learn more about the Land Bank, please call the main number at (860) 335-0347 or email Laura Settlemyer directly at Laura@hartfordlandbank.org.

Hartford Flavor Retools to Produce Sanitizer

When the United States plunged in World War II in 1941, the Gray Pay Telephone factory on Arbor Street in Hartford stopped making phones, retooled its machinery, and started producing weapons for the war.

Now Hartford Flavor, which is located in the old telephone factory, is responding to the current Coronavirus crisis in a similar way. Last Thursday, after receiving approval from the federal government, the company switched from producing flavored liqueurs to turning out bottles of hand sanitizer.

Lelaneia Dubay, co-owner of Hartford Flavor along with her husband Tom, said that when the State of Connecticut ordered the closing of all restaurants and bars to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, it initially seemed like her company would have to shut its doors, at least temporarily.

“All almost all our customers had to close, so it looked like we’d have to do the same. We’re a small business, we don’t have the cash reserves to pull us through if we weren’t getting orders,” she said.

With no orders coming in, Hartford Flavor began laying off its employees.

Then the Dubays started to read up on how distilleries in other parts of the country were dealing with the crisis by producing hand sanitizer, the main ingredient of which is alcohol.

After the company started producing sanitizer, it became clear that demand for the product was huge.

“We started producing on Thursday and on Saturday and Sunday there were lines [of customers] out the door almost all day long,” said Tom Dubay.

“We were able to bring back all our employees and even add some,” said Lelaneia.

While Hartford Flavor is selling its hand sanitizer to the public, it is also giving out handfuls of sanitizer to police officers, firefighters, healthcare professionals, postal workers and others on the front lines of the battle against the Coronavirus. At a press conference last Friday, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin publicly thanked Hartford Flavor for providing hand sanitizer to the city’s first responders.

Hartford Flavor is currently producing two-ounce and four-ounce spray bottles of hand sanitizers as well as 13-ounce and 26-ounce refill bottles. Tom said due to the current crisis spray bottles have become scarce and he added that people should hold on to any they have in order to reuse them.

The Dubays said that they hope sales of their sanitizer will generate enough revenue to purchase supplies and pay employees so that Hartford Flavor can continue providing the product to first responders at no or little cost.

Before the Coronavirus hit, the five-year-old company was on the upswing, but thanks to its innovative thinking, this may be its finest hour yet.
Coronavirus Emergency
Things You Can Still Do
Hartford Athletic Fitness Show

Don’t miss the Hartford Athletic Fitness Series, presented by Trinity Health of New England live on the team’s Instagram channel (@hfdathletic) on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm. Hartford Athletic’s Lucas Kruel (@lucasskruel), a world renowned strength and fitness coach, will be conducting these sessions. These workouts are designed for all levels and ages — no equipment necessary!

In addition to Hartford Athletic, Lucas trains daily some of the greatest soccer players in the world including Douglas Costa, David Luiz, Thiago Alcantara, Fred and many more, and you may just see some celebrities joining in on the fun with you (think Premier League Mornings, ESPN FC, Men in Blazers...). Just bring a positive attitude, and, after every workout, you will feel better than you did before.

Baila Con Gusto CT

Watch this YouTube channel for free live online Salsa & Bachata Classes. The schedule is: Mondays, 7pm: Beginner Steps and Wednesdays, 8pm: Mixed Level Footwork. More surprise streams weekly! Stream on your phone, pc, or even on TV from the comfort of your home!

CRT Seeks Volunteer Cooks and Drivers

Do you have professional cooking skills and want to volunteer your time with a great cause? The Community Renewal Team (CRT) needs experienced volunteers to help with food prep weekdays for its Meals On Wheels program and other senior nutrition needs. If you are ServSafe certified and can give even a few hours a week, please apply. CRT also needs drivers to help deliver meals.

To apply as a volunteer food service worker or driver, go to: https://crt.formstack.com/forms/crt_mow_volunteers.

Outdoor Excursions – Hartford Murals

Need to take walks to clear your mind? Maybe you just want to get out of the house and see something different? Maybe you heard about these, but never had the time to see them for yourself? Below is a list of Hartford murals and their locations. Enjoy, they are a treat for the eyes!

This mural honoring baseball Hall of Famer and humanitarian Roberto Clemente was painted by Corey Paine on the side of the concession stand at Colt Park. It is one of many outdoor murals located in Hartford.

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Wait! Let me get my tiny violin…

COMMENTS BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

According to a story in last Friday’s Hartford Courant, the spike in unemployment claims by those who’ve been laid off from their jobs (most of them hourly wage-slaves) has also had a detrimental effect on another demographic—billionaire business owners. In the article, the reporter interviewed one such magnate. I’ll give you a hint. This Hartford-based Parking Czar is an extremely wealthy gentleman, and he sure didn’t get that way by being LAZY!

The Czar, founder of the second largest parking company in the USA, has an operation encompassing 3,100 locations in 423 cities, and 15,000 employees. He’s had to “furlough” one-third of them because the garage-and-lot parking business has dropped off due to COVID19. Billionaire magnate bailout dollars are going to be available for hard-hit industries, and the Czar wants the parking industry to get a chunk of that and has been lobbying both state and federal officials.

Now, I don’t know about you, but I’ve never thought of valet parking as an essential industry. So let me go for it. But he also wants the government to cover 100% of the wages for his company’s employees while they’re out of work.

Uh, Czar? That’s called unemployment (but no one gets 100%). When you “furloughed” them, they were given pink slips, right? And with an operation that large, I’m sure that an employer you’ve always paid into Unemployment, yes? So if those ducks are lined up, they’ll be paid. And you and other major players in the industry can make up the difference.

Here’s an idea: How about you make your way overpriced parking spots free at all hospital lots and garages for the duration of the pandemic?

Thoughts on the New Normal of Coronavirus

COMMENTS BY BILL KATZ

Besides the need to stay isolated from each other for a period of time, I believe that our dirty money can be a conduit for transmission. It gets handed by more hands then our body parts. Therefore, I’m calling on every one to surrender their cold hard cash and give it to me for safe keeping.

Seriously, handling cash is a dirty old business. Now, I put on my rubber gloves when I leave my house and only touch cash with my gloves on. I was able to purchase two packs of rubber gloves giving me 16 pairs costed $20.00 a pair? I sense my humor isn’t being appreciated.

I have completed my consumable purchases and I can survive on my supplies for 2 months without leaving my house. Some of my staples are 25 pounds of flour to make bread and pizza. I have stockpiled dried beans and canned beans and enough brown rice to take me through to late spring. I make black bean burgers, and I have endless supplies of beans to accommodate my taste for veggie burgers. My egg supply will last until May 1. My cats have enough homemade chicken food now frozen to last us two months. My four cases of French Boudreux wine (an absolute staple in my house) should last awhile. My water is sourced from the water tap and filtered through my Brita.

I know I’m driving through the streets of Hartford was dangerous until I recently walked my cart around inside a Costco store. Man, those shoppers were racing through the aisles loaded with multiple cases of toilet paper only to be stopped at the checkout line and made to surrender all toilet paper packages excluding the one per customer permitted. How much can a person use of this product? I only have 5 rolls remaining but that will last quite awhile, I could understand if Trump was buying such large quantities since he is obviously full of it.

We keep screaming with Mother Nature and she keeps sending return messages to cut it out. This time it’s a pandemic. Other messages have been in the form of hurricanes, floods and forest fires. Will we ever learn? I think the answer is a resounding “No.” Our greed and ignorance are ever present.

Besides the maniac destruction of our planet, we are grossly overpopulated. In my short sweet life, the human population has more than doubled. In my few outside activities is to purchase food for my friend who is in his 80s who delivers supplies to his condo and leaves it outside in the hall at the Woodland House. I’ll soon find out how else I can help other elderly folks. We should have a local database of elderly who need food delivered to their homes. Apparently we don’t.

I called the Red Cross but it was always impossible to get through to a person. My Sister’s Place kindly responded and told me they would keep my offer active. I could only leave a message at Hartford Health and Human Services but no one has responded. I believe CT’s Meals-on-Wheels (info courtesy of Edwin Vargas) is the place to request cooked meals.

Over 40 Hartford Restaurants Offering Meals to Go

BY DONNA SWARR

The MetroHartford Alliance, Hartford’s Chamber of Commerce, did a survey to find which restaurants are open for take out or delivery. I could not reply i.e. my civic duty to help out. Yes, you could buy gift cards, but right now they need to keep their cooks and chefs busy, too. This list of over 40 restau-

rants was created last Wednesday and there are probably other businesses open, but don’t respond.

Please check the website of each restaurant to ensure hours and offers going forward as it may change daily. If you know of a restaurant that is not listed but is open, please contact the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, 860-525-9365 or info@metrohartford.com. Disclaimer: Life for all of us is changing on a daily basis so details might change. Don’t worry, you won't go hungry.

Restaurant Address Phone Hours Pickup/Delivery Option

Agave 100 Asylum St 882-1557 11-7p Pick up and delivery
Artichoke Basille 114 Asylum St. 999-6128 12-8p Pick up
Bahn Mee 399 Capitol Ave 880-2264 Check ahead Pick up
Bear’s BBQ 25 Front St 785-8772 12-8p Pick up
Berkins On Oak 21 Oak St 206-4959 7a-2p, M-F Call for details
Brazil Grill 1996 Park St # A 523-5477 11-9p Pick up
Capitol Grille 44 Front St 244-0075 11-30p 5-10p Pick up
City Steam Brewery 942 Main St 525-1600 12-8p Pick up
Coyote Place 635 New Britain Ave 935-1299 Reg. hours Pick up
Dhaba Walka 49 Asylum Street 232-1500 11-10p Pick up
Dunde Juice Rest 83 Park St 724-3379 7-30p Pick up
El Nuevo Sarape 931 Broad St 547-1884 9-8p Pick up
El Poeta 22 Pratt St 231-1268 8-7p Pick up/Cash only
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Red Rock Tavern 369 Capitol Avenue 246-4527 10-30p Pick up and delivery
Republic at The Linden 10 Capitol Ave 310-3269 11 7 & 5-9p Pick up
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Spice Venue 81 Asylum St 244-0000 CALL Pick up and delivery
Stella’s and Mazzio’s 461 Capitol Ave 309-2175 11-2p Pick up
Story & Soil Coffee 387 Capitol Ave 540-3887 8-2p Call and order ahead
Sunbury 85 Pratt St 241-8911 9p Pick up and delivery
Tanguers Market 550 Farmington Ave 233-6186 10-8 pm Pick up
The Blind Pig 89 Arch St 744-4333 12p Pick up or delivery
The Café at Fifty-Five 55 Bartholomew Ave 728-3201 7-3-20p Pick up and delivery
The Place 2 Be 615 Franklin Ave 904-7981 7-5p Pick up and delivery
The Rockin Chicken 476 Franklin Ave 244-2536 11-8p Pick up and delivery
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Trumbull Kitchen 150 Trumbull St 483-1742 12-6p Pick up
USS Chowder Pot 165 Brainard Rd 244-3311 11-30p Pick up and delivery
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Looking Ahead to Better Times

Saving the Planet and Ourselves

COMMENTARY BY TOM SWARR

It is all too easy to fall into depression with the barrage of scary news on the spread of COVID-19. Images of protesters at the State Capitol demanding the right to not vaccinate their children against the measles, our president calling this a hoax to hurt his reelection odds, or of shoppers hoarding toilet paper and bottled water can drive a person who believes in science (I confess) into despair. I need some happy, or at least hopeful, thoughts.

Let’s start with some facts about the spread of the virus. The CDC tells us the primary method of spreading is between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. We can all help by following recommendations on social distancing. I am taking advantage of this down time to catch up on reading and look ahead to better times.

The City is currently in the midst of revising its plan of conservation and development. It has asked for residents to share their vision for the Hartford they want in 2035, its 400th birthday. You can view a draft of the plan on their web page - https://hartford2035.org. The plan addresses five key areas - environment, economic development (grow), quality of life (live), transportation (move), and arts & culture (play).

I am particularly focused on green, because if we learn anything from this outbreak, it should be a wake-up call on how ill prepared we are for surprises that Mother Nature may toss our way. Climate change poses a much greater risk to our survival than the coronavirus, yet has not triggered a similarly dramatic response. The plan identifies a number of goals that can directly improve public health and build resiliency toward future shocks. I found it comforting to think - dreams - about a safer, healthier, and more just future Hartford. There are also a couple goals that we can start working on today to help us maintain our balance through these trying times.

A simple task to get you off the couch and still preserve social distance is to pick up litter in your yard. The City’s Clean Hartford campaign is promoting a door-knob to curb clean up. Get a little fresh air and make your neighborhood a bit more attractive – and healthy!

The Tree Commission is promoting a program to encourage residents to plant trees on their property. Trees help clean the air, reduce heat island effects, increase property values, and can even help reduce crime. Go outside and “see” a tree being planted in your yard later this spring, after the current crisis has passed. For more information, contact Jack Hale (jack.hale@comcast.net).

We now have the time to think a bit more about recycling. This could be particularly timely since we may be resorting to take-out meals more often. RecycleCT has a web page (www.recyclect.com) to make recycling simple. Simply type in the name of the waste item you have to learn whether to toss in the blue bin or dispose in the black bin.

I encourage you to read the plan, dream of a better Hartford, and submit your thoughts. J. Robert Oppenheimer thought, “The optimist thinks this is the best of all possible worlds. The pessimist fears it is true.” We need to take common sense precautions and remain optimistic. Give yourselves a break from worry and let your imagination refresh your sense of well-being. My fantasy dream for Hartford 2035 is a trash plant like the one in Copenhagen (https://sgc.org/1550143/copenhagen-state-of-the-art-power-plant-doubles-as-ski-slope/) that not only implements state- of- the- art pollution control to protect public health and the environment, but also offers a ski hill and wall climbing attraction.

Let’s make a Hartford better able to deal with future surprises from Mother Nature!

Stores Respond to Coronavirus

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ace to seem it is an ideal spot for exercise and relaxation.

Mystery says it is a good idea to have a bottle of wine ready, but noted that wine buyers who regularly pick up one bottle are greater quantities than usual and are swiftly sold out. All the coolers full. Are people buying in panic or are they trying to get money. In crisis – as an essential business. Klejdi the owner talks about the staff who stand behind the counter. Klejdi owns the store, so he only gives $2.50 donation that will be waived on today to help us maintain our balance

Bill Katz Commentary

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$2.50 donation that will be waived if requested. Everyone will be served. Just call: 860-560-5849 so just do as I say and don’t forget to give me all your dirty money and stay home. You’re alive. Or are you?

One more thing. You’re welcome to enjoy my Coronavirus song on YouTube. Just search “Corona Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu, Bill Katz, Hartford, YouTube!” and you’ll find it. Feel free to post a comment there. And then go back and watch it again so my watch hits 5000 times. In fact, please watch it five times every day. The more the hits, the more the algorithms give me notice.

And last but not least, if you’re a business, why not patronize The Hartford News with a small ad in order to promote your business and help keep them in business. It doesn’t cost a thing. They can’t keep publishing without community support.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned, Trump dinkled while America turned.

Bollywood Comes to Parkville!

Krishna Parekh teaches a class in Bollywood-style dancing at the Hartford Dance Collective, 30 Arbor Street, Hartford, on Friday, March 13. Parekh, Miss Connecticut International 2017, demonstrated the elaborately hand gestures and facial expressions that are a part of this type of dancing. (Hart photo)
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El Informativo Latino

Hartford Hospital se prepara para el aumento de Coronavirus y señala preocupación por el tiempo de respuesta de los resultados de la prueba

El sistema del Hospital Hartford dice que se están preparando para un aumento repentino. Acaban de registrar su primera muerte por Coronavirus, y los tiempos de respuesta lentos para los resultados de las pruebas se están volviendo frustrantes.

En este momento, el Hospital Hartford ha tenido 43 pruebas positivas para Coronavirus. Se admiten 12 pacientes. Dicen que están haciendo planes de contingencia y preparándose para un aumento repentino. “No hay duda de que hay un componente de miedo y reflexión”, dijo Jim Cardon, director de integración clínica de Hartford Healthcare.

“Hay una seriedad en el trabajo de todos y de un compromiso completo. Creo que todos reconocemos que, aunque estos son tiempos muy desafiantes, es para eso que nos inscribimos... Va a ser estresante y creo que todos reconocemos de todos y un compromiso comple-...”

La medicina contra la malar-...no llegan por correo ?

Dicen los expertos

• Desinfecta también el cortador dentro de tu hogar, en la medida de lo posible.
• LEE: No compres alimentos afectado.
• Como vas a tirar eso, quizás sea mejor abrir la caja y luego sacarla de la casa para ponerla en el contenedor.
• Si mantienes tus cursos de reciclaje en el garaje, entonces puedes abrir el paquete allá afuera, lejos de tu hogar desinfectado.
• LEE: No compras alimentos aprobados por WIC durante cuarentena por COVID-19.

No permitas que ninguna de las pruebas se están volviendo lentas para el resultado, en el momento en que son articuladas se debe al aumento en las pruebas. Estas pruebas lle-...RULES

1) Submit a link of a video that must be posted to YouTube (unlisted), Vimeo (private link), or Google Drive (shared with anyone by link).
2) Your video cannot be longer than 60 seconds.
3) Must be written, directed, and performed by PreK-12 public school student(s) from Connecticut.
4) Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 5th.
5) Students working collabora-...CREE Social Distancing Video Contest

The Capitol Region Education Council (CREE) is sponsoring a video contest for all students in the Hartford Region. Submit your best and most creative video that addresses the issue of social distancing. It can be a music video, comedy, sci-fi, documentary, animation, public service announcement, etc...

To submit your video, go to: www.cree.org/advideocontest

CRF Food Resources for Adults

Meals on Wheels

For decades, Meals On Wheels has been providing food for home-bound senior citizens experiencing food insecurity. The service is available through the Community Renewal Team for residents of Hartford, Tolland and Middlesex counties. A $25 donation per meal is suggested to defray cost. To qual-...Coronavirus crisis. It is here: https://coronavirus."

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PRIzES

1st place - $400; 2nd place - $200; 3rd place - $100

Apply Now for Community Garden Plots

KNOX, Inc. is now accepting applications for plots in its 20 community gardens located throughout the city.

KNOX Community Gardens

ASYLUM HILL
• Aetna Garden: 45 Sigourney St.
• Hartford Public H.S. Garden: 500 Asylum Ave.
• Huntington Garden: 31 Huntington St.
• Niles Garden: 17 Niles St.
• Sargent St. Garden: 256 Sargent St.

BLUE HILLS
• Watkinson Garden: 50 Bloomfield Ave.
• FROG HOLLOW
• Aetna Garden: 45 Sigourney St.
• Hartford Public H.S. Garden: 500 Asylum Ave.
• Huntington Garden: 31 Huntington St.
• Niles Garden: 17 Niles St.
• Sargent St. Garden: 256 Sargent St.

NORTH EAST
• Enfield Street: 122 Enfield St.
• Mount Moriah Garden: 151 Earle St.

SOUTH GREEN
• Hudson Street Garden: 356 Hudson St.

UPPER ALBANY
• Cabot Street Garden: 34 Cabot St.

WEST END
• Evergreen Garden: 40 Evergreen Ave.
• West End Garden: 165 Girard Ave.

Garden plot sizes range from 300 square feet (15-20) to 625 square feet (25-25). KNOX gardeners receive free seeds, water, and as much advice as needed. Prices vary from garden to garden, call 860-951-7694 for more information. To file a application email Kim Beale, KNOX Community Engagement Manager, at 860-951-7694.