Rumblings from Love Lane

Inside the Swift Factory, all that glistens may not be gold (Part one of a two-part story)

By Anne Coshidigan

“Donated in 2010 to national non-profit Community Solutions, the Swift Factory is an adaptive reuse project in one of Hartford’s poorest neighborhoods. The historic factory and surrounding campus will be transformed from a vacant and blighted structure into an economic engine for job creation. With a strong community-engagement process, the project’s goals include job growth, economic development, community health, and community revitalization. This project will serve a neighborhood anchor, while opening opportunities for a vibrant local economy, increase community resiliency and spark a turnaround.” (From Swift marketing material)

The Plan:

Hartford held high hopes for the renovation of the former Swift gold-leafing company. Long empty, the dilapidated building in the city’s North End “Promise Zone” was designated for a new incarnation that took several years after the project’s first glowing announcement to get off the ground, finally opening two years ago. Seed funding—a $32.4 million federal grant from the Economic Development Administration in 2017—was the impetus. To oversee the development and provide property management after its opening, the grant was placed in the hands of Community Solutions, a New York company, whose employees in Hartford include Swift’s head of Leasing and Marketing and an on-site Assistant Program Manager. Job creation was the foremost goal.

The Vaccine is Spreading

With all Connecticut residents over the age of 16 now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, thousands of city residents are rolling up their sleeves and getting their shots. These included Arunam Arulampalam, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Consumer Protection (above) who received his dose Monday from Pharmacist Edwin Amulewicz at Arrow Pharmacy on Farmington Avenue in Hartford, and Mayor Luke Bronin, who got his shot on Thursday at a mass vaccination for city employees at the Hartford Department of Public Works yard on Jenneford Road. As of March 31, over 21,900 Hartford residents had received at least their first shot of the vaccine (Source: CT Department of Public Health). To find out how you can get your vaccination, turn to page 6. (Hart photo)

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Vaccines Available at Dwight Library

Vaccines against the COVID-19 virus will be available at Hartford Public Library’s Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Avenue, on Thursday, April 8, Friday, April 9, from 10 am - 4 pm. Griffin Health will be administering the vaccines.

In addition to the vaccinations, we will be holding a pop-up clinic for those who are not eligible for the vaccine and would like to register. This clinic will be held on Wednesday, April 7, from 10 am - 4 pm. Registration is required for this clinic and can be done online at www.griffinhealth.org/registration. If you have any questions, please call 860-236-3000.

We are excited to provide this service to our community and encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. Please bring your identification and vaccination record to ensure a smooth process.

Remember a Loved One Lost to COVID

Last fall, the City of Hartford planted several “Gardens of Hope” throughout the city (such as the entrance to Cole Park, above) and now they are coming into bloom! If you’re interested in placing a heart in memory of a loved one in Hartford who died from the COVID-19 virus, please register online at www.hartfordct.gov/hopegardens or call us at 866-757-9331. The website has a list of Community Hope Gardens across the City.

What’s in Your Trash?

BY TOM SWARR

Who would have thought that a city with such pervasive poverty would be tossing $475,000 in the trash? Over the last two years, the amount of recycled content recovered in the blue bins has dropped by 75%. While this trend was obviously aggravated by the pandemic, it preceded the virus and is predominantly the result of excessive contamination. That is, too much stuff in the blue bin that belongs in the black bin. The recycled materials that should be processed at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on Murphy Road for a $0 / ton fee are burned as trash and the Department of Public Works (DPW) takes a $475,000 hit on its budget.

There’s more bad news. Even back in 2019, our recycling rate was nothing to brag about-17%. (Note: these data apply only to residential homes with six or fewer units that are serviced by DPW. Larger apartment buildings must contract with haulers for waste management services.)

If we could boost our recycling rate to something closer to the state average of 30%, that could divert an additional 4,300 tons of material, saving taxpayers an additional $450,000. Given the limited financial resources of the city, extra money spent on trash means other services that DPW could provide are deferred.

There are a few simple steps we can take to improve our recycling rate. The first rule of thumb is “When in doubt, throw it out.” The cost of losing a few recyclables to trash is much less that contaminating an entire truck load of recyclables with trash. Another important thing to keep in mind is that the ability to recover materials for recycling is limited by the equipment used to sort single-stream recyclables. Do not toss plastic bags or metal items in the blue bin. Plastic bags get tangled in the equipment, forcing periodic shutdowns to clean out the bags. Metal items can damage the sorting equipment.

Do not flatten plastic bottles and be sure they do not contain liquids. The sorting equipment is designed to recover light, round containers. Flattened cardboard boxes. The equipment is designed to recover flat paper and cardboard. That’s why shredded paper cannot be recycled. Do not put recyclables in a plastic trash bag; the entire bag will be rejected as trash. Too many plastic bags and the entire truckload will be rejected. Do not include frozen food boxes, as they are coated with a plastic polyethylene film. A melted bag will be rejected as trash. Too many plastic bags and the entire truckload will be rejected. Do not include frozen food boxes, as they are coated with a plastic polyethylene film. A melted bag will be rejected as trash.

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On Monday, April 5th, the Hartford City Council met and voted to appoint the following 14 city residents to serve on the Charter Revision Commission.

• Alexander Aponte: attorney; former City Councilor (Democrat)
• Arunan Arulampalam: attorney; Deputy Commissioner CT Dept. of Consumer Protection (Democrat)
• Steve Bonfantie: attorney, MDC Deputy Counsel (Republican)
• Raul DeJesus: former City Councilor (Democrat)
• Melvin Medina: ALCU National Campaign Strategist (Unaffiliated)
• Yadira Rivera: Navigator East Hartford Public Schools (Democrat)
• Bruce Rubenstein: attorney; City of Hartford Internal Audit Commission (unaffiliated)
• Eon Smith: attorney (unaffiliated)
• James Woulfe: attorney; MDC commissioner, Hartford Housing Authority commissioner (Democrat)

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Happy Easter from Hands On Hartford

On Easter Sunday, April 4, Hands On Hartford, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, held its annual Easter Lunch for local residents, including Sandra Rivera (above, left). Among the many youngsters who attended the event was Zamira Luxembourg (right), who wore bunny ears for the occasion. (Hart photos)

City Parks are Sprouting Into 2021

BY DONNA SWARR

As residents are getting vaccinated, we are starting to think about what we can do, while well aware of COVID safety protocols—masks and social distancing. Recreation staff will be in the parks acting as mobile MyRec registration ambassadors as well as monitoring parks to encourage the public to follow COVID safety practices. What is new this year is the Park Pass, which requires pre-registration via MyRec or calling (860)575-4880 or emailing recreation@hartford.gov. You will receive alerts to all Hartford Recreation’s programs and special events.

The Park Ambassador Program will continue this year on Saturdays and Sundays, noon–6 pm starting Sunday, April 18th, at Elizabeth, Keney, Pope, Colt, and Goodwin. Staff will be handing out flyers and registering people in MyRec as a community point of contact for recreational programming. A majority of in-person programs will be held outdoors throughout the city. Coming up is a Family Fun Fishing Derby at the Keney Park Pond House, for ages 12 and under on April 22nd, 4–7 pm. Special in-person events such as the Sip ‘N Paint Party will also be held outdoors in the park. What is new this year is that the program cannot be held in-person, weather permitting. If the program cannot be held outdoors, it will be held in a hybrid model, which will be held in-person, weather permitting. If the program cannot be held in-person, weather permitting. If the program cannot be held in-person, weather permitting.

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Vacunarse le protege a usted, a sus seres queridos y a nuestra comunidad.

Dr. Rodrigo Acosta, Médico en Jefe de Stamford Health Medical Group

c.t.gov/covidvaccine
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
A continuing series of updates on former winners of SINA awards and scholarships

Ana Alfaro – NSA Winner ’14

BY LOGAN SINGERMAN

This is a picture from 2014 when Ana Alfaro received a REACH Neighborhood Service Award. She was nominated due to her weekly production of the Analeh Show. The show was designed to relay important information to Latino viewers in Frog Hollow and throughout the state. In addition, the show served as a job training opportunity for Capital Community College Students who helped with production. Some of them went on to get jobs in network television. At the time, Ana was also working for Connecticut Light and Power, educating people about energy conservation and spreading awareness of programs like Energize CT, while being involved with as many other community projects as her schedule would allow.

So where is she now? The Analeh Show is now in its 15th year of production. It is still fulfilling its mission to keep the Latino community “informed, motivated, and inspired.” Like everyone else, the show had to pivot during Covid. They have not filmed in the studio for an entire year. Shows have been filmed over zoom, in homes, and in other creative ways. Numerous people involved with the show lost their jobs during the pandemic, so the stipend provided by the show was vital. Ana is still filming La Revolución de Nutrición with Hartford Hospital that teaches how to cook popular foods in a nutritious way. Ana also continues to explore how she can use her networks to benefit the community. The Analeh Show held their 11th annual holiday toy drive this winter conducted for the first time as a drive-thru, in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council and the United Way of Central and Northeastern CT. A virtual toy drive event (pictured below) was also held produced by BuzzEngine.

As far as her day time work, Ana is working Continued on page 7

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Rowing on the River, COVID-style

Masked rowers make their way across the Connecticut River on Monday, April 5, the first day of Riverfront Recapture’s 2021 rowing season. The organization has a wide variety of rowing programs for adults and teens. Last year, due to the pandemic, only one- and two-person boats were allowed on the river due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year the four- and eight person boats can be used. Riverfront rowing programs are open to all.

For more information, go to https://riverfront.org/rowing/ for more information.

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Youngsters ages 12-16, can now meet and be matched with a mentor from ESPN, and learn about a variety of disciplines within the world wide sports network, including production, videography and more. This special enrichment program is geared toward career possibilities. To register, go to hartfordct.myrec.com

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son, then the program will be held via Zoom, either as video or live streamed on social media. The hybrid virtual and socially distanced walking group, City Strolllers, was created to encourage physical activity among Hartford residents, and those who work in or for the city. Special lunch break sessions will be starting soon, on Thursday, April 15th.

Meet Hartford Recreation Staff for a walk in the park! 2 days a week from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Register to join. Parks TBD. Virtual programming will be available throughout the year. These programs will be held 100% online. Some will include supplies such as Grab ‘N Go Craft Kits for kids of all ages. Virtual fitness programming includes Adult Zoom Zumba, Stay Fit for Life, Youth Baseball for ages 5 and up, Baseball Spring Training, Double Dutch, ages 8 and up for both girls and boys, and Family Fun Fridays.

Upcoming spring programming is still in progress. Some of these will include monthly Picnic and Play Days featuring fun family activities such as karaoke, bingo or mobile games; bring your own picnic.

What about this summer? Everything is still in the planning process, but there will be a staggered opening of all outdoor pools. All of the favorite programs will be offered, including the aquatics team, swimming lessons, lap swim, adult swim, and family swim. Indoor pools will only be open for training or specialized programs. The Recreation team is reimagining Summer Kamps. They’ll be the same great experience, and this year will be spread all over the city. The Leadership in Training program is returning, giving Hartford teens the opportunity to work, play, and learn side-by-side with our recreation team.

To know what recreational programming is being offered, plus details and any changes or additions, go to hartfordct.myrec.com website and @Hartford Recreation Instagram. Log into MyRec and register to stay up to date with fun things to do this spring and summer for you and your family.

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Swift Factory
Continued from page 1 of Swift’s—and Community Solutions’—mission, but before that could happen there had to be leasing. One of the first tenants announced was the Beans restaurant group. Their plan was to rent kitchen space for food prep, and was expected to create 40 jobs in that North End community. For reasons unknown, Beans backed out. Some other business groups signed leases but never moved in; others did but didn’t stay long. There are still a lot of vacant spaces for rent at the complex, but there are also tenants determined to make a go of their business plans. One of them is JoyDella Miller, owner-operator of the non-profit Angel of Edgewood (profiled in this paper last year) who has received a lot of public community attention for her work preparing and delivering food, household supplies, and holiday gifts to those experiencing hunger and poverty. She’s assisted by volunteers from all around the metro Hartford area and has a board of directors.

Problems:
In the past several months, Miller has—has other tenants—brought issues regarding the facilities that required attention to the Community Solutions management in Hartford and New York. As a result, she has been reprimanded, ignored, called an “angry Black woman” and “cut this out”, and ultimately threatened with the loss of her lease. JoyDella Miller avers that it is Community Solutions that is in violation of her lease agreement.

The Swift Factory News has on occasion been sent to CS pointing out some pertinent clauses in the lease: It’s my understanding that agents and/or managers of Community Solutions Inc. have allegedly violated provisions of the sponsorship agreement between Community Solutions & Angel of Edgewood. Specifically, Section 9, which states: ‘The Sponsor shall permit the Operator to move freely throughout the building under the guidelines of the Project’s purposes and shall not interfere with such purposes, and, subject to paragraphs 2 and 4 above, all rights, title and other ownership interests in and to the Operator including, without limitation, tangible and intangible property arising out of the Project and all income arising therefrom, shall be for the sole benefit of the Operator.’ Moreover, Angel of Edgewood Inc. has evidence of continued interference with their operations, including but not limited to (the leasing and Marketing manager) providing access to third parties into Angel of Edgewood’s space, and slandering Angel of Edgewood Inc’s board of directors and third party organizations and individuals. Based on this conduct, Angel of Edgewood Inc. may have claims and causes of action against Community Solutions sounding in breach of contract, tortious interference of a business contract and unfair trade practices. Please consider this letter as a formal request to cease and desist all tortious conduct and interference with Angel of Edgewood Inc.’s business activities. Should my client’s request for cessation not be honored they will pursue all legal remedies available under the law, including but not limited to the initiation of a lawsuit.

No Security:
One week before Christmas 2020, JoyDella Miller and her husband rented a van and loaded it with holiday gifts and food to be delivered to area families who’d signed up with Angel of Edgewood Inc. for donations. On the way to make the deliveries, they stopped at Swift to pick up more from their stored space. Upon returning to the parked and locked van, they discovered the windows had been smashed and the gifts inside stolen, incurring several hundred dollars in loss and liability. She reported the break-in and theft to HPD, and also heard from a neighborhood resident that some local teenagers had been involved. Miller had seen them hanging around outside before she’d entered the building. Soon after, she posted a photo of the vandalized rental van on Facebook and asked if anyone living in the area had any information to share about the theft. The post went viral and was shared 65 times. There had been photos—front television, tool kits, and video—on television and with the various job listings. One of the first tenants was a near instant flood of donations of money and merchandise (which Miller had not requested) to offset the loss as well as a number of volunteers wanting to help her in her mission—a number that has continued growing. The public did not sit with the leasing managers in the building. In an email, she was chided by CS management for calling the police and seeking information on the perpetrators of the theft. “You know we will do everything to keep you and all of our tenants, their property safe, that’s what the whole project is about, opportunity leads to safety and prosperity. That’s the most negative press we have had ever. Will people read it and think, we must persevere, or will people read and think, I’m never going there…Personally, I’d rather give these kids a job picking up trash in the neighborhood than to see them arrested.”

The original plan for Swift told prospective tenants that there would be an HPD sub-station in the area to increase safety and security for the neighborhood, and the Swift factory tenants. CS pulled back after the George Floyd murder, saying, “we don’t want HPD in the building.” Yet, Miller is not the only tenant frustrated by Community Solutions dismissal of their concerns, and says that the company, while totally focused solely on job creation in the community (a stipulation of the federal grant, and whose results have so far been below par), has ignored the rent-paying tenants—business professionals—who CS talks down to and attempts to micromanage, particularly the Black-owned businesses. “This is the biggest disappointment,” said Miller. “Our community is diverse, and it’s a toxic environment among tenants and it’s going to blow up. CS has let us down; it makes promises that never happen.”

In Part 2 next week, the Hartford News will cover issues reported by other Swift tenants, the responses from Community Solutions, and more.

How to Get Your Vaccine
Who is eligible now?
ALL CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS AGE 16 AND OLDER ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE. Other persons who are now eligible regardless of age include healthcare personnel, medical first responders; residents and staff of long-term care facilities and congregate living facilities; and educators and childcare providers. The vaccine is free. No insurance is required.

Make an Appointment
By Phone:
- Multilingual State Line: 877-919-2224, M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.
- Multilingual Hartford Healthcare Line: 860-827-7690, M-F 8 am-5 pm
- Multilingual City Health Dept: 860-757-4830, M-F 9 AM - 5:00 PM. City is expanding staffing to answer calls.

Online:
- ct.gov/covidvaccine: State of CT. Put your zip code in top corner
- HartfordHealthCare.com/vaccine: Hartford Healthcare (Hartford Hosp.)
- TrinityHealthOfCT.org/appointment: Trinity Healthcare (St. Francis Hosp.)
- City of Hartford: https://www.hartfordct.gov. There is a link at the top of the City of Hartford website to the City Vaccine Interest Online Form.

Where to go for your vaccine:
- Every Saturday: Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 10 am - 3 pm. Appointment required Call (860) 757-4830 or go to City of Hartford website and click on Vaccine Registration Form.
- Every Tuesday, 9 am - 4 pm: parking lot across from Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 1215 Main Street, (vaccine site managed by Charter Oak Health Center). Call 860-550-7500 and then dial 0 to make an appointment (receive text confirmation).
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Community Health Center, 76 New Britain Ave., (860) 547-0707
- Community Health Services, 500 Albany Ave., (860) 249-9625
- Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, 228 Washington St., (860) 545-8900
- Hartford Healthcare Clinic (CT Convention Center), 100 Columbus Blvd., 860-827-7690
- Hartford Hospital, 85 Seymour St., 860-827-7690
- Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 3:40 pm. Call (860) 899-3161 or email. AdvocacyToLegacy@gmail.com
- Saint Francis Hospital, 260 Ashley St., 1st Floor
- South End Senior Center, 830 Maple Ave., 877-919-2224
- Walgreens Pharmacy, 1291 Albany Ave.
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Walgreens Pharmacy, 161 Washington St., (860) 522-5005
- Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center, 43 Woodland St., 860-793-3500

Free Transportation to Coronavirus Testing & Vaccine Sites Available to Hartford Residents
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- A Confirmed Test Order and A Testing Appointment
- A Confirmed Vaccine Appointment
- Appointment at facility in Hartford
For assistance, call 311 or (860) 757-9311. Staff available Monday to Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm. For urgent appointments or media, call 1-860-793-3500. Updated is about the city that is the case and to the city.

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Strength and Hope for Families and Families of Animals – Meetings are available almost everyday.
A full list of Zoom accessible meetings can be found at www.alanons.org CT Al-Anon. Please look at Meetings by Town for the most updated information.

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Glass is trickier. Some will argue we should buy everything in returnable glass containers. However, the only glass that is recycled is from deposit bottles returned to repurposed bottles or someone in a machine behind the supermarket. I personally try to buy everything in plastic containers if possible, because plastic is more easily recycled, and the light weight of plastic has significant environmental benefits in transport impacts. But again, some simple rules: Return deposit bottles rather than tossing in the blue bin. Make sure there are no caps or lids on glass containers. If you don’t want to be bothered returning the deposit bottles, simply put them outside before leaving on Friday and they will be recovered by the informal bottle-pickers. Do not put ceramics, china, dishes, clay pots, window glass, light bulbs, or mirrors in the blue bin.

With just a little effort, we could save the city close to $1 million—and help the environment.
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begin receiving coverage May 1, 2021. To enroll, you must pay your first month’s premium (monthly pay-
ment). Enroll by April 14 or continue to be available to consumers who qualify. To find out more, go to AccessHealthCT.com or call 1-855-805-4325, Mon. – Fri. 8 AM – 4 PM.
Sip ’N Paint Party April 16 At Keny
It doesn’t matter if it’s your 1st time holding a brush, or you’re a Picasso. Have fun as you sip on wine or beer, have a snack while you are led through creating your own work of art. The City of Hartford Recreation Division will be hosting an in-person “Sip ‘N Paint” Party on Friday, April 16 from 6 - 9 pm. Keney Park Pond House, 383 Edgewood Street, Hartford. The cost is $25.00 and includes: snacks, beer, wine and all art supplies. You must register for this event at hartford.recreation.com by April 16. You must be 21 years of age or older.

Earth Week Bike Ride April 17
BiCo will host an Earth Week Bike Ride on Saturday, April 17 starting at 8:30 am. The planned route is about 10 miles and will be ridden at a family-friendly pace. Starting point is the lot across from BiCo (95 Park Street). This event is free but registration is required. To register, go to https://caminatorio.xosos.com/bio-
ns/sat-april-17-earth-week-hart-
ford-ride. Face masks required.

Colt Park Clean-up April 17
The Friends of Colt Park will hold a clean up of the park on Saturday, April 17, starting at 10 am. Volunteers are asked to meet at the parking lot of the skate park by the playground. Please email swarts-
@comcast.net to register to join us. We will have gloves, bags, pickers for picking up branches as well as coffee and a snack.

Virtual Complete Streets Meeting April 22
There will be a virtual meeting on Hartford’s proposed Complete Streets Projects on Saturday, April 22 at 6 pm. This meeting will be held over webex, https://tinyurl.com/ 
ddsC50422. If you would like to be involved as the Plan moves forward, let us know at this link: https://tinyurl.com/CS TaskForceIn
terested. The Plan can be found at this link: https://tinyurl.com/dddsCSPlan.

Job Training Program Accepting Applications Now
CRT is accepting applications for its YouthBuild job training program. We are seeking young adults 18 – 24 from Hartford and East Hartford who want to earn while you learn! Weekly stipend paid! No High School diploma needed – we’ll help you get your GED! Opportunities available in Construction, CNA or Medical Assistant, and Security Guard. Training will be held at the CRT Youth Artisan and Technology Center, 1443-1445 Main Street, Hartford. For more information, call 860-560-5308, ext. 227.

Earth Day Clean-up at Kamora’s Corner April 24
Kamora’s Cultural Corner will host a clean up and beautification of its Striking Street Nature Reserve on Saturday, April 24, from 9 am – 1 pm. Wear comfort-
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Los legisladores y ambientalistas apuntan a aumentar la tarifa de depósito de botella de cinco centavos a diez centavos. Para los resi- dentes que habitualmente depositan botellas en su supermercado más cercano, un nuevo cambio podría afectarlos.

Los legisladores buscan aumentar el depósito gratuito de cinco cen- tavos a diez centavos.

Desde finales de los 70, la gente ha estado pagando cinco centavos por botellas y latas, pero ahora que hay más tipos de bebidas en los estantes, los legisladores esperan modernizar el lenguaje del proyecto de ley.

"Cinco centavos, diez centavos, no hay problema. Siempre que se esté pagando", dijo Sebastian DiDomencio de Farmington.

Para la mayoría de las personas, reciclar botellas y latas es su forma de obtener algo de dinero extra. Para la residente de Berlin, Lori Dwyer, dijo que le ha salvado la vida.

Dwyer dijo que estuvo desem- pleada durante la pandemia porque está immunodeprimida. Su nuevo trabajo para mantener un techo sobre su cabeza es reciclar. "Tuvo un pequeño problema con el desempleo aquí y allá, pero básicamente me ha ayudado a superar estos conflictos. No hay problemas", dijo.

Sin embargo, el problema es que solo se canjea hasta el 50% de los contenedores, según Carroll Hughes, de la Asociación de Tiendas de Paquetes de Connecticut. "No todo el mundo canjea. Este año, quedarán $ 42 millones que la gente no canjeará por el contenedor", dijo Hughes. "Los otros tipos de contenedores terminan al costado de las carreteras", en el flujo de desechos. Es por eso que legisladores como el representante Joe Gresko están trabajando con ambientalistas para expandir el lenguaje del proyecto de ley para incluir otros tipos de botellas como nips y bebidas deportivas.

"Hay que tomar una instantanea en el tiempo de 1981. La basura era probablemente botellas de refrescos y botellas de cerveza y por eso se incluyeron en una factura: es básicamente una factura de control de basuras", agregó Hughes.

Gresko señaló otra razón para el aumento en el depósito. "China ya no está aceptando nuestros materiales reciclables, así que en lugar de ganar dinero con los materiales reciclables, tenemos que pagar dinero para deshacernos de ellos", dijo el representante Joe Gresko del Distrito 21. By Iris Rodríguez.

Los residentes de Connecticut mayores de 16 años ahora pueden comenzar a programar citas para sus vacunas COVID-19 esta mañana. Los residentes elegibles para recibir una vacuna pueden crear una cuenta en el Sistema de Gestión de Administración de Vacunas (VAMS). El registro es el primer paso en el proceso de hacer una cita de vacunación.

En un comunicado emitido el martes por la tarde, el gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que el estado esta- ba en camino de abrir las citas para la vacuna COVID-19 al último grupo de edad adulto de los residentes de Connecticut, pero instó a las perso- nas a ser pacientes. Para ayudar a los esfuerzos, Connecticut implementó nuevos ubi- caciones de clínicas de vacunas en el estado.

"Mientras nos preparamos para expandir la elegibilidad de la vacuna al último grupo de adultos, juntos por la mañana, habría una avalancha inicial de personas que intentarán hacer citas durante los primeros días, similar a lo que experimentamos cuando nos expandimos a otros gru- pos por edad. Inito a todos a que tengan paciencia y vuelvan a consultar ya que cada día se agregan nuevas citas", dijo Lamont en un comunica- do apoyar.

Cómo obtener una cita para la vacu- una COVID-19 en Connecticut

Por teléfono: Llame a la línea de asistencia para citas de vacunas de Connecticut al 877-918-2224, los siete días de la semana de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. para programar en sitios selec- tos. En línea, programa una cita de vacunación COVID-19 en VAMS, el Sistema de gestión de administración de vacunas. Nuevas ubicaciones de farmacias como parte del programa de vacunación de Connecticut

El estado también anunció más de 100 farmacias adicionales que comenzarán a ofrecer la vacuna COVID-19 en los próximos días. By Iris Rodríguez.

En la celebración de Veranos Santo, el pastor Adalberto Ortiz; de la primera Iglesia Bautista, 210 Washington St, Hartford. El pastor Adalberto Ortiz, estuvo en La Diferente Radio 1710 AM con un servicio de oración y pal- abra Dios. Les invitamos para que lo sintonicen en su programa La Biblia todos los jueves, a las 11:00 am. En La Diferente Radio.