



Education Update For Families

Community Schools Educate the Whole Child

BY NYESHA MCCAULEY

Hartford is home to seven Community Schools. The Hartford Community Schools received the national excellence award last month, highlighting Hartford's level of commitment and implementation of this reform model.

Why is this a big deal? This school design model represents the most thorough way for Hartford to directly address some of the challenges of living in an urban city and its impact on learning.

Community schools combine providing education and social services in a way that is targeted to student's needs and that saves times. When children in Community Schools get referred for services, their parents don't have to drive across town. Even traumatic situations can be directly addressed. Focusing on learning when you are dealing with stressful situations at home is difficult. A community school provides the support to the family and child.

This type of school works because of the partnerships with community organizations that provide the support services to the students and their families. Partners work within the school building, after school and through the summer.

At Burns Latino Studies Academy, for example, students who need additional help with reading use the Read 180 software program during the after-school program, which is also used during the day. School staff works with

Compass Youth Collaborative to make sure there is a seamless transition. Tutoring, youth development and recreational activities round out a typical week.

Currently, four lead agencies coordinate services at seven Hartford Community schools:

- Boys & Girls Club at West Middle
- Catholic Charities at Jumoke Academy at Milner
- Compass Youth Collaborative at Asian Studies Academy at Bellizzi, Hartford Magnet Trinity College, Burns Latino Studies Academy
- The Village for Families and Children at Burr and Clark School

Addressing the needs of the WHOLE child just makes good common sense. On that, I think we can all agree.



State Representative Visits Citizenship Class

Every Saturday morning, Urania Petit (seated, center), Hartford Registrar Of Voters (Working Families Party), holds a citizenship class at the Albany Avenue Branch of the Hartford Public Library. On Saturday, May 4, State Representative Matt Ritter (rear, fifth from left) spoke to the class about the United States political process. (Hart photo)

Discussion on the History of the Latino Vote in Hartford

Hartford Public Library and Coalición Hartford Vota-Hartford Votes Coalition, Park Street Branch, will host a community conversation on the history and present state of the political mobilization of the Latino Community in Hartford.

The discussion will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 6 pm at Saint Anne - Immaculate Conception Church, 820 Park Street, Hartford (refreshments will be served at 5:30 pm).

Panelists will include Madelyn Colon, Policy Analyst & Writer, Olga DeLaRosa, Community Member, Mayra Esquilin, Executive Director, HART, Ana Maria Garcia, U.S. Census Bureau, Victor Quinones, Community Member, and Charles Venator Santiago, Professor, University of Connecticut. Former state repre-

sentative Evelyn Mantilla will serve as moderator.

Among the topics slated for discussion is why voter turn-out has been relatively low among Puerto Ricans in Hartford while voter turn-out on the island of Puerto Rico itself has traditionally been very high.

City of Hartford Hartford Redevelopment Agency Request for Proposals To Purchase and Develop Vacant Parcels at New Road, Hartford, CT (approx. 11 acres)

The Hartford Redevelopment Agency (HRA) is requesting proposals for the purchase and development of vacant parcels (approx. 11 acres) in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan for the North Meadows IBD Project Area (the "Plan"). The subject parcels are located on New Road.

The purpose of this RFP is to identify a qualified developer to purchase and develop the subject parcels for commercial and/or industrial uses consistent with the goals of the Plan. The parcels are located in an I-2 zone. Respondents must demonstrate a track record of successfully completing similar projects and provide evidence of the financial wherewithal to complete the proposed development.

A Developer's Kit including Proposal Guidelines, the Redevelopment Plan and an A-2 Survey of the subject parcels is available at the Department of Development Services, Economic Development Division, 250 Constitution Plaza, 4th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, or by calling Elisa Hobbs at 860-757-9082. All proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2013 at the following address:

Mr. Thomas E. Deller, AICP
Executive Director/Secretary
Hartford Redevelopment Agency
250 Constitution Plaza, 4th Floor
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

The Hartford Redevelopment Agency reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.



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City of Hartford Hartford Redevelopment Agency Requests for Proposals To Purchase and Develop Two Vacant Parcels (0.239-acres total)

The Hartford Redevelopment Agency (HRA) is requesting proposals for the purchase and development of two vacant parcels (0.239 acres total) in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan for the Lawrence-Grand Street Project (the "Redevelopment Plan"). The subject parcels are located at 41 and 42 Grand Street.

The purpose of this RFP is to identify a qualified developer to purchase and develop the subject parcels for residential and/or office uses consistent with the goals of the Redevelopment Plan. The parcels are located in an R-2 zone. Proposals requesting the parcels to be rezoned may be considered provided that the proposed development is consistent with the Redevelopment Plan. The selected developer, and not HRA, would be responsible for applying for a zone change.

Respondents must demonstrate a track record of successfully completing similar projects and provide evidence of the financial wherewithal to complete the proposed development.

A Developer's Kit including Proposal Guidelines, the Redevelopment Plan and an A-2 Survey of the subject parcels is available at the Department of Development Services, Economic Development Division, 250 Constitution Plaza, 4th Floor Hartford, Connecticut 06103, or by calling Glenn E. Geathers at 860-757-9075. All proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. August 13, 2013 at the following address:

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Daughters of Eve Garden Planting

This Saturday, May 18, the Daughters of Eve will hold a special garden planting from 10 am to 12 noon at 150 Enfield Street in Hartford's North End. Adult and child volunteers are welcome. Make sure to wear clothes you won't mind getting dirty. If you are interested in attending this event, please RSVP by calling Evelyn Richardson 860-724-552, or emailing Juanita Richardson at Jcassier2001@yahoo.com or Marina Blocker at marina.blocker@yahoo.com

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