

Welcome to West Hartford

Rich in history and new beginnings!



Top-rated Schools
Diverse Community

History & Culture
Recreation

Quality Town Services
Fun!

Make West Hartford your hometown!

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Home to nearly 64,000 residents, West Hartford has city style and village charm all wrapped in one. West Hartford offers excellent schools, dependable, quality services, safe neighborhoods, dynamic shopping, dining and entertainment choices, a strong business network, a variety of housing options that maintain their values year after year, and endless opportunities to become engaged. Our increasingly diverse school population has students who speak 74 primary languages at home. West Hartford is a suburban community that borders the capital city of Hartford and is conveniently located halfway between Boston and New York City. Come discover all that our town has to offer you. We welcome you to make your home here.

Mayor Shari Cantor
Town of West Hartford

Make West Hartford your hometown!



**WEST
HARTFORD**

So many choices available to you!

Take a self-guided walking tour of West Hartford's public art or 39 historic sites.



Noah Webster House

West Hartford Center has been the community's hub since the late 1600's. The unhurried atmosphere encourages you to park and walk along the tree-lined, brick sidewalks, and stop by the fine specialty shops, restaurants, and businesses. The area also offers seasonal outdoor dining and free concerts and special events at Blue Back Square.

Take in a theatrical performance at Playhouse on Park, a classical concert by the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra or a dance performance at the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford.

Visit the world-renowned Elizabeth Park rose garden or the birthplace of Noah Webster, author of the American dictionary and home to West Hartford's historical society.

West Hartford offers cultural experiences in art, music and dance. With continuous rotating art exhibits at the Art Museum at the University of Saint Joseph and the West Hartford Art League, there is always something new to experience.



History, Art & Culture



Elizabeth Park

West Hartford is an AAA-rated, full-service community that has top-rated public schools, three award-winning libraries and quality services including curbside refuse, recycling and yard waste removal and 24-hour emergency services. Our professional police department works collaboratively with the community and our highly skilled fire department also offers caring paramedic services.



West Hartford has a public park within a 10-minute walk from nearly every corner in town. It also has four outdoor pools, a community center, two senior centers, a farm and hiking trails.

As a nationally certified Bicycle Friendly community, West Hartford has bicycle facilities, trails, cycling events and a roadway system that encourages everyone to share the road.



Town Services



BIKE WEST HARTFORD

Top 10 Best Cities in the Nation for the Next Decade

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine


TOP HIGH SCHOOLS

OUTSTANDING FACULTY


Top Rated Schools


**COMMUNITY FOR
MUSIC EDUCATION**

Top Challenging High Schools in the Nation

Washington Post

**UNIVERSITY
OF HARTFORD**

HIGHER LEARNING



Our award-winning West Hartford Public School district has 11 elementary, three middle, and two high schools. Among these, West Hartford offers two elementary magnet schools and one middle school.

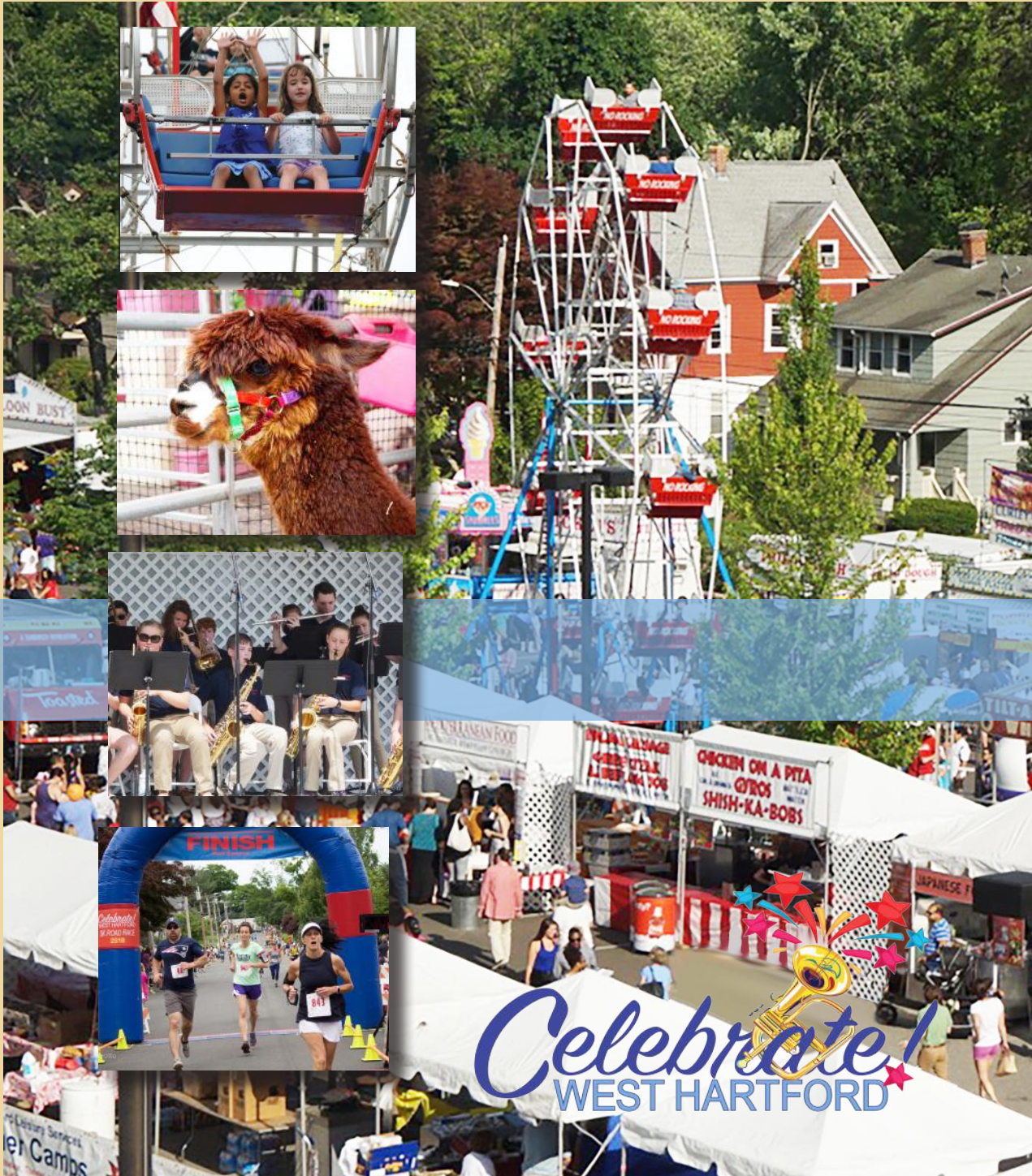
U.S. News & World Report ranked both of our high schools in the top 10 public high schools in Connecticut, and bestowed the gold medal distinction for ranking in the top 500 of schools nationwide.

In addition, there are ten private and parochial schools, elementary through high school.

Our higher learning centers include the University of Hartford and the University of Saint Joseph.


SPORTS

**EVERY CHILD CAN
LEARN**



Year round, West Hartford has annual events that capture the community's spirit. They are the much-anticipated Memorial Day Parade in May, Park Road Parade and Halloween Stroll in October and the Holiday Stroll in December.



Community Spirit

Celebrate! West Hartford, a two-day festival in June, draws 35,000 people to its highly rated juried arts & crafts show, great food, entertainment, games, carnival rides, and 5K road race.

An annual celebration showcases our community's diversity with music, performances and food. Charity walks and special events raise money for worthy causes to better our community. West Hartford has an engaged faith community and offers 30 places to worship.

One of America's Best Towns for Families!

Family Circle Magazine



Award-Winning Recreation

*Award-winning 18-hole Rockledge Golf Club, voted
"Best Public Golf Course" by Hartford Magazine*



Our recreation facilities offer year round activities for all ages! So much to do!

- Indoor Aquatics Center
- Four Outdoor Pools
- Indoor Ice Skating Rink
- Six Public Parks
- Two public golf courses
- Two active Senior Centers
- Elmwood Community Center
- Westmoor Park
- Buena Vista 9-hole Executive Golf Course
- MDC Reservoirs have 3,000 acres of biking and hiking trails
- Bicycle Routes throughout our "Bicycle Friendly Community"





Business Districts

West Hartford boasts a strong retail and service business network, dynamic shopping and dining districts, manufacturing and industrial areas. You will find one-of-a-kind products and services in each of our business districts: Bishops Corner, Park Road, Corbins Corner, Design District on New Park Avenue, Elmwood and West Hartford Center.

Our Central business district, which flanks both sides of South Main Street is unique with its classic New England-style architecture to the west and its contemporary counterpart to the east. The tree-line sidewalks encourage you to stroll, shop or dine a fresco.





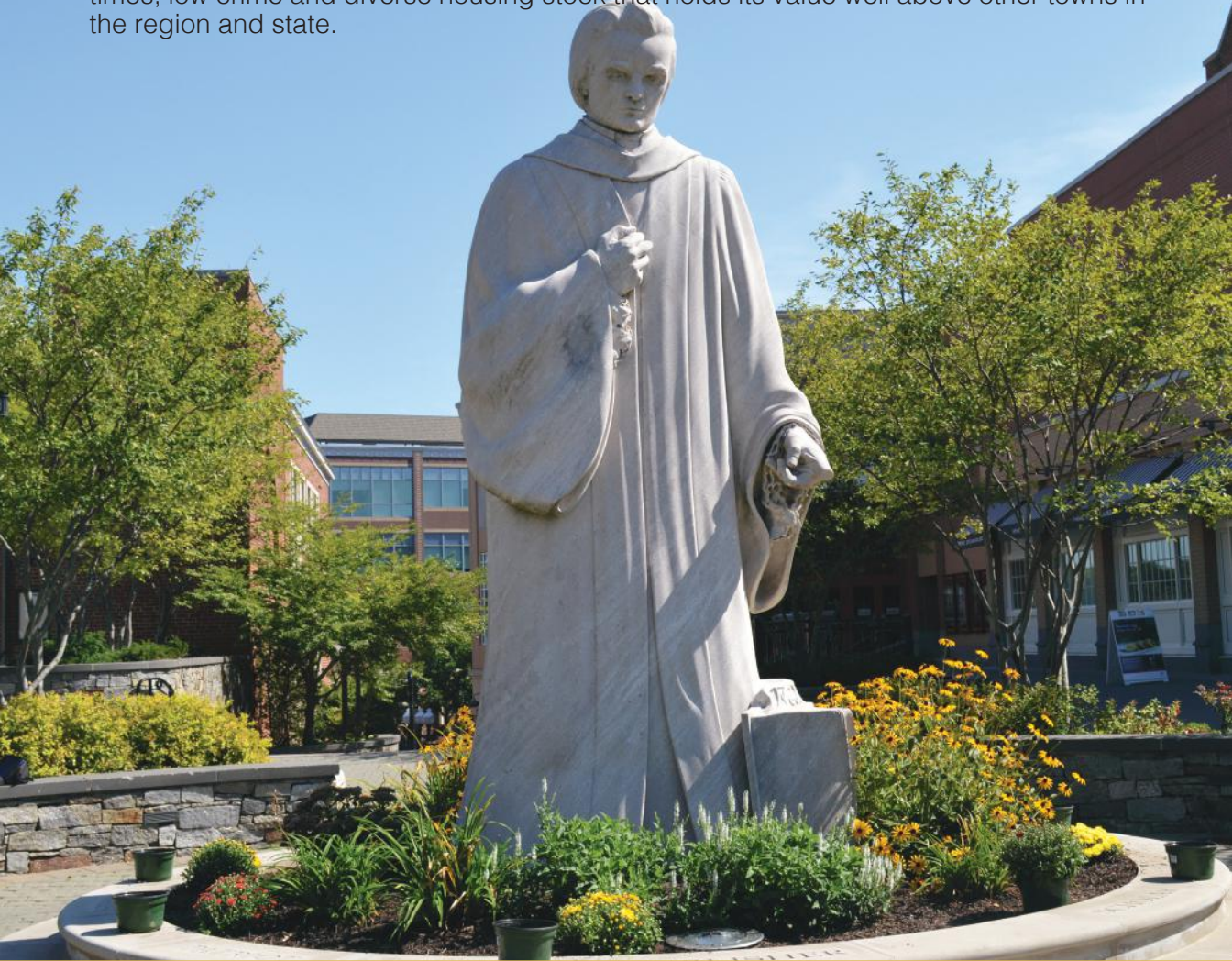
Throughout the year, West Hartford holds special events that encourage people of all ages and abilities to get outdoors to explore and experience youth sports, concerts, parades, car shows, cultural events, fashion shows, food tastings, charity walks, road races, block parties, holiday events and much more!



Special Events



West Hartford continues to be ranked year after year as the Best Places to Live in America from several national rating publications including *Time*, *Money*, *Family Circle* and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazines because of its outstanding schools, entertainment choices, performing arts, shopping and dining districts, short commute times, low crime and diverse housing stock that holds its value well above other towns in the region and state.



ANNUAL SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year West Hartford holds several special events throughout the year that attracts people of all ages. This list is example of several of our annual events.

JANUARY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
The Children's Charity Ball

MARCH

Hall High's Annual Pops 'n Jazz Show
Johnny's Jog for Charity 5K
West Hartford's Cookin'
WHCI's Take 5

APRIL

Webster's War of the Words

MAY

Family Fishing Festival
Memorial Day Parade

JUNE

Celebrate! West Hartford
Japan Summer Festival
Juneteenth Day
West Hartford Pride Day
Ferrari & Friends Concorso Car Show
Law Enforcement Special Olympics
Torch Run

JULY

Greater Hartford Shakespeare Festival
Yoga on LaSalle
Red Dress Run 5K
West Hartford Summer Arts Festival

AUGUST

Center Streets Bike Event
Annual Pooch Plunge

SEPTEMBER

West Hartford Firefighters' Grill & Beer
Sampling for MDA
Feast on the Farm

OCTOBER

Pink Party for Susan B. Komen
Park Road Parade
Hartford Marathon
West Hartford Reads!
West Hartford Hauntings
Halloween Stroll trick-or-treating

DECEMBER

Blue Back Mitten Run
Holiday Stroll
Chanukah Celebration Fire on Ice

CONNECTICUT MAGAZINE
Great Place to Retire in Connecticut

KIPLINGER'S
*Top 10 Best Cities in the Nation
for the Next Decade*

SAFEWISE
Top 20 Safest Cities in Connecticut

FAMILY CIRCLE MAGAZINE
*One of America's 10 Best Towns for
Families*

LIVABILITY
Top 100 Best Places to Live

SMART ASSET
*Healthiest Housing Market in
Connecticut*

HARTFORD MAGAZINE
*#1 Overall, #1 Best for Families,
#1 Best for Seniors, #1 Library,
#1 Most Educated*

MOVOTO
*Top Ten Locales in New England
and Top Ten Best Places to live in
Connecticut*

WASHINGTON POST
*America's Most Challenging High
Schools*





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