



## ***For Immediate Release***

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TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
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### **Summer in East Hartford**

(May 15, 2018) From summer camps to concert series and so much more, The Town of East Hartford's various departments are offering a wide range of exciting programs and events for residents of all ages to enjoy the best of the season. Here is a small sampling of upcoming programs, for more information, please continue to check out the Town's website and social media pages for the most up-to-date details.

On **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**, the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a **Summer Programming Fair** at the Community Cultural Center at 50 Chapman Place. The Programming Fair gives residents an opportunity to get more information on pools, programs, special events and services available throughout the warm summer months. In addition, there will be fun children's activities including face painting, prize wheel, games, inflatables and more! The first 200 people to arrive will receive free ice cream provided by the Youth Services Department. For more information on the event, please call Parks and Recreation at (860) 291-7160.

Every Thursday evening starting **July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 – 8:00 PM** is the **Sounds of Summer Concert Series**! Grab your chair, blanket and picnic basket and listen to the sweet summer sounds of live music on the banks of the Connecticut River. R&B, Soul, Pop, Big Band, Country Rock and more will be featured, and admission is free. Contact Parks and Recreation at (860) 291-7160 for more information. Details on rescheduling due to inclement weather will be posted online and on social media.

On **Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM**, Parks and Rec is happy to announce the annual **Car Show** at Sunset Ridge School in the parking lot at 450 Forbes Street. Classics, domestic and foreign are all welcome, and the entrance fee is \$10.00. Dashboard plaques will be given out for the first 100 show cars. For more information, please

contact Parks and Recreation at (860) 291-7160 or CT Street Legends at (860) 383-6131. The rain date for this event will be Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

On **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, catch a concert at Great River Park followed by the **Riverfront Fireworks** in a continuation of the annual Independence Day Celebrations. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM with the fireworks at 9:00 PM.

Now in its 54<sup>th</sup> Year, with support from the East Hartford Commission on Culture and Fine Arts, the **East Hartford Summer Youth Festival** will be hosting auditions for “Disney’s High School Musical” on **May 29<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM** at the Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place. This production is open to those ages 10 and up. The show dates will be July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**East Hartford Night at the Hartford Yard Goats** will be on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at the 5:05 PM** game at Dunkin’ Donuts Park. Spend an evening with friends and family from Town to watch the Yard Goats take on the Fisher Cats. Tickets are \$12 each and include \$2 of loaded value for purchases at the park. Purchase your tickets at the Parks and Recreation Office at 50 Chapman Place by July 10, 2018.

The East Hartford Police Department will once again join communities nationwide to host the “**National Night Out**” on **Tuesday, August 7, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM**. Residents throughout East Hartford are welcome to spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. This ‘town wide block party’ will take place at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex at 31 School Street, and will include displays and presentations from the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford Fire Department, East Hartford Youth Services, American Red Cross, and more. Some of the highlights of the evening include a police K-9 demonstration, bounce house, dunk tank, give-a-ways, music, and even a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog.

In addition to the number of events and programs, East Hartford is proud to have a range of activities for all ages across town throughout the summer months.

The Town is proud to have six **pools** available to residents for a wide range of aquatic activity. Pool admission is free for residents, check the Parks and Recreation website or call (860) 291-7160 for information on age restrictions, public swim times and locations. In addition to public swim, the Town offers swim lessons in addition to private and semi-private lessons, as well as American Red Cross Lifeguard Training courses. Residents can even arrange to have their own pool party at one of the Town pools. Additional information and special events at the pools will be posted on the Town’s website and social media.

Starting at the end of June, the Town offers a range of **camps** for children of all ages. See the Parks and Recreation website or call (860) 291-7160 for information on

schedules and fees, as well as information on Basketball Camps, Baseball Camps, and recreation sports leagues.

Beginning in July, area farmers will begin offering Connecticut-grown fresh fruits and vegetables as the **East Hartford Farmer's Market** begins its 26th year of operation. The market will be open Fridays through October, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Raymond Library at 840 Main Street. The Farmer's Market is a great way to get locally grown fresh produce and support Connecticut farms and agriculture. This produce is often sold the same day it is harvested.

Those looking to perfect their golf swing can of course do so at the **East Hartford Golf Club** located at 130 Long Hill Street. Call (860) 616-6649 to schedule a tee time, or for more information.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the myriad events and programs offered through the town at little to no cost to make the most of being outside and enjoying the warm weather. Further information on programs and events will be provided throughout the summer on the Town's website, social media, and kiosk on the Town Green.