



UPPER ALBANY MONTHLY MEETING
April 7, 2025 | Via Zoom

Attendees:

Yackecha Dickenson, President; Kaitlen McGriff; Melinda Johnson, Director, Office of Community Engagement; Mary Falvey, Hartford Preservation Alliance; Henry Hester, Friends of Keney Park; Petrel Maylor, City of Hartford; Sgt. Michael Jobes, Hartford Police Department; Cherell Banks, BHCA; Angela Harris, Phillips Health Ministry; Luis Ruiz, CCMC; Officer Dave Budhoo, Hartford Police Department; Capt. Michael Coates, Hartford Police Dept.; Doris Johnson, CT DEEP; Beverly Redd, West Indian Social Club of Hartford; Julie Ann Woolery, Public Allies CT; Lisa Morgan; Taquisha Ramos-Huff; Champayne Johnson, Charter Oak Healthcare; Larry Williams, Resident; Phyllis Airey; Patrick McKenna; Anthony Waite; Lt. Terry Wright, Hartford Fire Department; Kelvin LoveJoy, BHCA; Shari [last name]; Raegan Byrd, BHCA; Merice [last name]

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Officer Dave Budhoo, Hartford Police Department

Officer Budhoo provided ComStats for Upper Albany NRZ. Larcenies are on the rise. Reminder, if you are expecting packages, please instruct drivers to deliver to the back door or use a Dropbox to prevent theft. Steering wheel locks are still available for Hartford residents. Officer Budhoo is focusing patrol on Albany Ave and Irving St areas; also, being on hand near McDonalds during school dismissal times to prevent loitering.

Melinda Johnson, Office of Community Engagement, Mayor's Office

Provided updates about events, DPW, City of Hartford Job Fair, and 311 reports. Flyers will be circulated to attendees by Keisha Dickenson.

Julie Woolery, Public Allies of CT

Presentation about Public Allies and its service program; they are affiliated with AmeriCorps and are available to assist with projects. Julie asked the needs in Upper Albany NRZ. Major clean-up project with SINA is planned. What can Public Allies help with in the north end of Hartford.

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Lt. Terry Wright, Hartford Fire Department

- 260 Lawrence Street. Large Apt. Building. Displaced: 0. Cause: improper disposal of smoking material.
- 205 Cornwall Street. Three-family house. Displaced 11. Cause: electrical malfunction/front porch
- 46 Sharon Street. Three-family house. Displaced: 13. Cause: electrical malfunction/space heater.
- 117 Babcock Street. Three-family house. Displaced: 0. Cause: improperly disposal of smoking material.

Fire Marshal's Report

- Clean bathroom fans regularly to avoid dust and lint buildup. Replace the fan if it is more than 10 years old.
- Spring Safety: check doors and windows to ensure they are working properly, keep wood and burnable materials 30 feet from structures, and do not leave cooking unattended.

- The smoke alarm program is ongoing; single, two-family, and three-family houses can receive free smoke alarms, and while supplies last, carbon monoxide alarms.

Mary Falvey, Hartford Preservation Alliance

The Alliance will publish an endangered building/property list for 2025. If you have a building / property you would like to add to the list, contact Mary Falvey at mary@hartfordpreservation.org.

Doris Johnson, DEEP

Doris announced the upcoming conference “Healing By Growing Farms.” Information and registration is available at the link below. [Northeast Disability & Agriculture Conference 2025 – Healing By Growing Farms](#)

Raegan Byrd, BHCA

BHCA is planning for training and Wednesday is orientation. The first session is this week. The Youth Summer Jobs program will begin soon. Please spread the word among youth age 14 and up. Parent Power is April 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

The next Upper Albany meeting is Monday, May 5, 2025. It is a Zoom only meeting.

Submitted by Kim Gauthier, Hartford Next

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