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Welcome to the second edition of our magazine. When you adopt a slogan like "It's Happening Here," you leave yourself open to the challenge of "Prove it." We think we can!

Hartford is one of Washington County's economic hubs. We have three industrial parks filled with robust companies of various sizes employing more than 7,000 people. In fact, Hartford is home to seven of the top 20 employers in the county, many of whom are expanding. Jobs are plentiful here with endless opportunities to advance your career.

Our downtown has experienced a renaissance during the last several years with significant building improvements and numerous new businesses enhancing the shopping and dining scene. Events throughout the

year attract residents and visitors alike and contribute to the health and vitality of downtown.

A community of our size is fortunate to have a cultural hub like the Schauer Arts Center, a regional visual and performing arts center. The historic building was transformed from a canning factory built in 1912 and now books a variety of professional touring musical groups, comedians, and theater performances. The venue also is home to the Schauer School of the Arts which offers year-round classes in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts for children and adults of all ages.

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water park for the whole family. You can also play a round of golf at numerous courses in the area — you'll find something for golfers of all skill levels. You can even enjoy winter sports in the Hartford area at Little Switzerland ski area or on numerous snowmobile trails in the area.

Fitness conscious residents can enjoy the facilities at the Hartford Recreation Center or pedal their way to good health on local bike trails. The Hartford Rec Department offers a variety of planned activities year-round for all ages.

Our schools offer first-rate educational opportunities as well as a wide variety of co-curricular activities that help to build future generations of responsible citizens and community leaders.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine and that you'll agree "It's Happening Here!"

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PLANS TO ADDRESS HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN HARTFORD

By Tom Hostad, Executive Director
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For years, (dating back to the 2007-2008 recession) Wisconsin has lagged neighboring states in new home construction. As a result, the last several years have been marked by significant inventory shortages and a super-heated housing market, especially here in Washington County. Meanwhile, employers dogged by labor shortages have been asking for help in attracting and retaining employees. The Hartford Area Development Corporation (HADC) in partnership with the City of Hartford is seeking to address this issue by utilizing 60 acres of land it had planned to add to the Dodge Industrial Park to instead be used for residential development.

To support this decision, the HADC commissioned a Housing Market Study to be done by Tracy Cross & Associates of Schaumburg, Illinois. Tracy Cross is a firm of housing economists and market analysts who have done studies for municipalities and builders nationwide. They were retained to:

- Do a thorough examination of the Hartford and Washington County housing market.
- Complete a detailed analysis of all relevant employment, demographic and residential

trends/statistics throughout Washington County and in Hartford.

- Perform a thorough assessment of both the rental apartment and for sale sectors of the Hartford and Washington County housing market.
- Compile a demand forecast for residential housing units in Hartford over the next five years.
- Provide case studies of comparable housing initiatives throughout various markets in the Midwest.

With the housing study underway, Washington County launched its Next Generation Housing initiative. Recognizing the need for high quality housing that could be supported and sustained by the wages earned throughout the county, the goal is to build 1000 new owner-occupied dwellings most of which would sell for under \$320,000 (home/lot packages). The Hartford site has been named a pilot project for this initiative and will be the beneficiary of significant funding from the county to support infrastructure construction.

The completed housing study identified strong pent-up demand for both apartments and for units that would be

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owner occupied. The study further suggested that there should be a variety of options considered for the owner-occupied units including ranch, two-story, side-by-side duplex and tri-plex condo units and even town homes. Further evaluations of these options and market acceptability will take place over the next several months.

There is still considerable work to be done in support of this development and approvals to be gained along the way, but we are excited to be working towards a solution to the housing availability issue in Hartford.



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Centennial Park the Future Center of Activity in Downtown Hartford

By Randy Wojtasiak, Parks & Rec Director

Since 2020, work has taken place to create what will be a massive gathering place for residents and visitors alike in Hartford. Centennial Park, along the banks of the Hartford Mill Pond, is adding new amenities which will make this an ideal location for community events and outdoor and indoor parties.

In 2022 The City of Hartford was able to replace the bulkhead wall on the north side of the Millpond to match the work done on the south side 5 years ago. Work was

delayed many weeks due to repeated torrential rains in the late summer but was finally completed in October.

MSA Professional Services was hired last year and completed the final development designs for the redevelopment of Centennial Park. Wondra Construction of Iron Ridge was awarded the bid for and will complete the construction of the redevelopment work this year.

Completion of the park project will include new parking on both the east and west ends of the park, restoration of the existing open shelter on the east end, paving of the walking path along with bollard lighting which will complete the walking loop around the Millpond.

Lee Recreation will be installing a BCI Burke Playground. The train themed playground structure will be accompanied by a train tunnel climbing structure, a mini train play area for younger children, an interactive ticket taker window with slide which will all reside on top of poured in place ADA compliant rubber surface made to look like a train track.

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A new pavilion that will be on the west side of the park will be multifaceted. The west end of the pavilion will feature an enclosed shelter with two overhead doors on the north and south sides of the building. The center of the facility will house men's, women's and family restrooms, along with park storage areas. There will be an open performance area with overhead shelter off the east end of the building.

Many communities are constructing areas in their downtowns similar to our Centennial Park project. This Park has the potential to be the central hub of activities for our downtown. Hosting future events, music, celebrations, private rentals and beverage gardens. This will be a draw to our downtown and our businesses.

Construction of the park is scheduled to be completed late fall with a grand opening planned for May of 2024. The City would like to thank the many donors towards this project. Without their generosity this project would not happen. There are still opportunities for donations. Please contact the Hartford Recreation Center if interested in partnering to make this project a great asset for generations to come (262) 670-3730.



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HARTFORD ECONOMY CONTINUES TO BE POSITIVE

By Tom Hostad, Executive Director
Hartford Area Development Corp.

Many of the industrial companies in Hartford are being buffeted by the headwinds of inflation and rising interest rates seen in the US economy. The supply chain issues that existed during the last half of 2022 have been resolved for the most part and businesses are now adjusting inventory levels to match current rates of demand. This is resulting in slower demand during the first quarter of this year. Our local business partners are still forecasting 2023 to be a positive year with hiring continuing at a modest pace. Some are even planning expansions this year.

Our retail business sector continues to grow. As predicted last year much of the growth in 2023 will occur on the Highway 60/Sumner St. corridor east of downtown. Anticipated to open this year are:



Business Name	Location
<i>Qdoba</i>	Old Culvers Site
<i>Jersey Mikes</i>	Old Culvers Site
<i>Scooter's Coffee</i>	Sumner St. at the entrance to Festival Foods
<i>Noodles & Company</i>	The mini-mall adjacent to Festival Foods
<i>Summit Credit Union</i>	The mini-mall adjacent to Festival Foods
<i>Bubon Orthodontics</i>	The mini-mall adjacent to Festival Foods
<i>Soup Korner</i>	The former George Webb restaurant

Already open this year are Planet Fitness, on the west end of the Festival Foods development and Doner Kebab in the strip mall to the north of Walgreen's. Look for more activity on the Highway 60/Sumner St. corridor to the west of downtown in 2023.

Hartford's downtown remains vibrant, bolstered by several planned events that will bring people out to shop and dine. Already planned are a Wine Walk, Old Car Show, Maxwell St. Days, Pink Pumpkin Run/Autumn Fest, Beer Walk, the Christmas Parade and Midnight Madness. This summer will see the return of our Farmers Market and Courtyard Music Series at the Schauer Center. Living downtown has become very attractive with no vacancies reported in the apartments along Main Street. We'd like to see a small convenience store open downtown to serve the people living there.

To continue Hartford's strong growth rate over the next few years, we welcome your ideas for businesses you'd like to see added. Contact the Hartford Area Development Corp. at 262-673-7009.

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Looking for Fun in the Sun for the Whole Family? It's Happening Here...in Hartford.

By Randy Wojtasiak, Parks & Rec Director

The City of Hartford's Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center was the only outdoor pool that opened in 2022. Last year alone, over 42,000 people enjoyed this \$10M facility which is unmatched in all of Washington County and most of South Eastern Wisconsin making it a destination for those looking to escape the heat of Summer at an affordable price.

Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center is a water park with a full-service concession stand. Visitors of all ages have something to enjoy. From the sand play area to the different water attractions there is something for those big and small. Our pool has a 0' depth entry with spray features and a toddler slide. Parents can enjoy family time with their young ones while relaxing on the sitting wall. Our 50-meter lap lane pool is a great service for not only swim teams and lap swimmers alike but also holds 2 basketball hoops and a diving well featuring a 1 meter and 5-meter diving board.

or dinner at our full-service concession stand serving a variety of foods from a simple snack, to a full main course meal, and top it off with some ice cream for dessert!

Various season passes are available including youth, adult, senior and family passes. Daily admissions are also available.

Please check out the Hartford Parks & Recreation Department Summer Program Guide coming out in April that will have information on our special events including our Summer Splash Junior High Pool Party, Father's Day Cannonball Contest, and Thursday Night themed swims.

Our 2023 season will kick-off the weekend of June 3-4 with regular Open swim beginning June 8, Lap Swim, Toddler Swim and Water Walking starting June 12. Information on this along with Pool Party Rentals will all be available on our website: ci.hartford.wi.us



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Hartford Municipal Airport: Storied Past, Exciting Future

By Steve Volkert, City Administrator

Sitting down with some of the Hartford Municipal Airport historians on a Thursday afternoon, you learn of the storied past of what has become a very busy landing spot in Wisconsin's aviation world.

Among the four of them, they shared several stories of how the idea of a grass strip along Airport Road became the second busiest non-towered airport in all of Wisconsin.

The first grass landing strip was created by the Hegy brothers, Clarence and Ray, in 1928 near the current location of where the Airport Road water tower now stands. Clarence was a member of the US Army Air Corps and Ray was a pilot who owned the first airplane at the airport, a new 1928 Waco 10.

Nearly 20 years later, Bob Huggins from the Capital Drive Airport found acreage on the Schauer Farm, the current site of Miles Field. The land was rented, and Jim Miles became the first tenant erecting a war surplus Quonset style hangar. Miles was a military pilot, flight instructor and crop duster. The airport then consisted of two turf runways.

Several years later, aviation enthusiast and local businessman Oscar "Ozzie" Deutsch asked then Colonel Clarence Hegy to give a talk to the city council about the importance and value of an airport for small communities and together suggested the city

look at purchasing the property. The city became involved in 1958, building the first hard surface runway, stretching 3,000 feet on a northwest to southeast direction. The existing north-south turf runway of 2,000 feet was kept as well.



Ray Hegy and his new 1928 Waco 10, the first airplane in Hartford.



Jim Miles standing next to the sign which still stands today.

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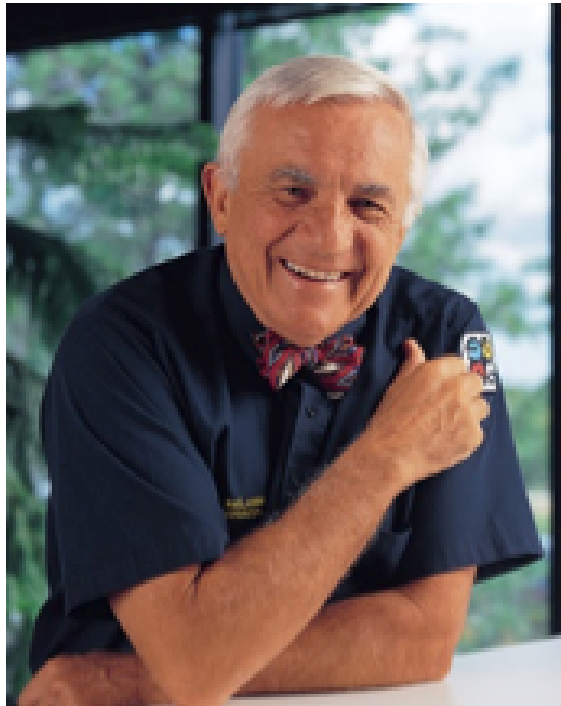
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That dream of bringing business to Hartford due to the airport became a reality as many major business owners would fly into and out of what would become Miles Field. The first hangar was constructed by Pete Woerniger of Broan-Nutone. Harry Quadracci of Quad Graphics was known to regularly fly in and out of Miles Field as well as Terry Lutz, then owner of Signicast. Another business owner that frequented Miles Field was Jim Sheppard, a co-founder of Cousin's Subs. He owned a Beechcraft Bonanza A36, which he kept at Miles Field.

Marty Zivko, owner of Zivko's in Hartford, now known as the Chandelier Ballroom, became the first Fixed Based Operator at Miles Field. During his tenure he was recognized at one time as the largest volume single engine Cessna dealer in the entire Midwest.

Since the early years, Miles Field, also known as the Hartford Municipal Airport (HXF), has hosted several events bringing tens of thousands of people to Hartford from several points on the earth.



Harry Quadracci

The Hot Air Balloon Rally was hosted there for eight years with upwards of 5,000 people attending until weather issues caused sponsors to stop attempting it.

There was an annual highly successful car show and swap meet held in early June in the late 1980's and early 1990's, drawing a couple thousand people to the airport until it got too large to host in that location.

A Cubs to Oshkosh event was hosted there recognizing the Piper Cubs' 75th Anniversary in 2013. Over 150 airplanes participated. It was hosted by Cub Club owners Steve and Sharon Krog and then again for the Cubs 80th Anniversary in 2018. In those events 42 of the 50 states were represented as well as several European and South American countries. The Cubs were first built in 1938 and then heavily used for primary pilot training of WW II pilots.

The airport has been upgraded over its life including an overlay in 1987. In 2018 and 2019 the runway was

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realigned to an east to west direction allowing for adding a much needed 400 feet to a now 3400 feet. The taxiway was also realigned to meet FAA standards and in 2020 the main aircraft parking ramp was redone. Last year, the Hartford Airport added Jet A to their fuel offerings, which is not only used for jets, but also helicopters as well as a local business which repairs and rebuilds aircraft turbine engines.

Today, the Hartford Municipal Airport has 72 hangars and over 125 airplanes housed on the grounds. There are also five helicopters based at Miles Field with the most recent addition being the Flight for Life helicopter which began operation in December of 2022.

Over its time, the Wisconsin Soaring Society, an active glider club, has been located on the field. An active flight training facility has operated there since 2004. There was once a skydive group which used Miles Field as its drop zone back in the 60's. The airport was also used to host regional and national aerobatic competitions in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

It is believed that the oldest plane currently housed there is a 1935 Aeronca "Bathtub" C3 with an original price tag of \$1,295. The newest and most complex aircraft is believed to be the new helicopter purchased by Flight for Life.

Hoping to get more youth interested in aviation, Larry Sullivan, with the support of the Hartford Union High School, formed Kettle Moraine Youth Aviation. This group of young men and women built their first airplane in 2022. The plane, a Vans RV-12, was then sold to finance building a second airplane.

This Spring and Summer, the Hartford Municipal Airport will be buzzing with excitement as they host several events.

First on Saturday, April 15th, they will be hosting an aviation safety workshop in which 50 – 60 pilots will be in attendance and flying in. Then on May 9th, a tail wheel workshop will be held, which will also draw 50-60 area pilots. Later that month on May 20th, the 4th Annual Girls Can Fly Day will be hosted in conjunction with Women in Aviation. This is a great event for introducing

young girls to aviation and learning more about the many women currently in the field. Girls from all over southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois will attend this annual event. Finally, the weekend of July 21-23, marks the return of the 2nd Annual National Sodbusters STOL (Short Takeoff or Landing) competition. Pilots from all over the US will be on hand for this competition prior to flying on to the EAA in Oshkosh. For more information on these or any events, contact Steve Krog at the HXF airport. sskrog@gmail.com



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Art in Hart, a community group raising funds to beautify Hartford with murals and art projects, is asking for sponsors for murals to be installed in 4 more locations in downtown Hartford this summer. Last September, their first installation was completed by artist John Kowalczyk. John's mural now brightens the wall on Hank's Restaurant & Drinkery on the main intersection of Hwy 60 & 83. The mural is of Orioles and irises – the city bird and flower. The response from the public has been extremely positive and many people are looking forward to seeing more.

The Art in Hart committee has another 13 businesses who are excited to have murals painted on their walls in coming years. Preliminary ideas of what the committee would like to see included in the murals will be sent to a variety of professional mural artists from Wisconsin. The Hartford community submitted many wonderful ideas through Facebook, which are included in the wish list. Murals may include but are not limited to: "Be Kind", puppies, Pike Lake, historic Hartford postcard, Schwartz Beer, trains, planes and Kissel automobiles. The artists will then submit their renderings and costs for consideration.

Did you know the (self-proclaimed) mural capitol of Wisconsin is 315 miles away up north in Ashland? They have over twenty murals! Population 7,918. (Hartford has 15,747 residents according to the 2021 census.)

The Art in Hart Committee plans to continue to add to the beauty of Hartford in the coming years. They believe this will not only enhance the esthetics of our public

Art in Hart

spaces but encourage more visitors to think of Hartford as a destination to visit. The group envisions creating walking tours with maps that would tell the audience more about the artwork, a historic home or building, or the park they are wandering through.

Hartford's tag line is: Hartford. It's happening here. The Chamber's website says it well: "It's the air in your face as you hike Pike Lake. It's the sound of applause from Schauer Arts Center. It's marveling at vintage autos at Wisconsin's largest Auto Museum. It's all happening in Hartford. Come be a part of it!"

Donations can be sent to: Art in Hart C/O Volunteers for a Beautiful Hartford (a 501c3), 125 N Rural St., Hartford, WI. You can also visit their webpage and



donate via PayPal: <https://www.volunteersforabeautifulhartford.com/featured-project>

Donations of any amount are encouraged and welcomed from anyone! Every dollar will help us hire an artist. There is even a QR code near the Hank's mural for donations. The group is seeking business sponsorships. Would your business or employer be willing to help?

- Larger Donations of \$5000 (or more) will include your logo on your sponsored mural's wall, logo on web page, logo on signage, framed and signed print.
- \$2500 your logo on your sponsored mural's wall, logo on web page, logo on signage.
- \$1500 your logo on Art in Hart web page, logo on working signage
- \$500 your logo on working signage while the artist is painting
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Welcome to Spring and Summer 2023 from the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce!

By Kristen Strupp Board President, and Kate Carroll Executive Director

With the warmer months at our feet, we encourage you to step out and participate in our activities. Late spring rolls in with the Antique Car Show on May 20th. Each year the line-up of cars is more impressive. May also brings the opening of our Thursday night and Saturday morning markets. Come find local goods and produce Thursday evenings while listening to music outside at the Schauer Arts & Activities Center. Spend some time on Saturday mornings at the Farmer's Market, located at the south end of the parking lot for the Schauer Arts & Activities Center and Hartford Park & Rec Department, and take home locally grown fruits, veggies, and flowers. The ever-popular Maxwell Street Day is Wednesday, July 12th. Visit our downtown complete with stores open, restaurants serving specialty items, live music, and more while bringing our community together. Polishing off our summer is the Hartford Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing. This is a wonderful fundraiser for us with local support from our businesses and residents alike. Tuesday, August 1st is this year's date for a shotgun start, golf ball cannon, hole-in-one opportunities, and a dinner to celebrate the performances on the course. And just when you thought it could not get any better, we have surprises in store for 2023, so stay tuned for new and exciting additions to our summer line-up!

By Kristen Strupp Board President, and Kate Carroll Executive Director

Looking for another way to support local business? The Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce Chamber Checks do just that! Every time you purchase a Chamber Check, you know those dollars stay right here in the Hartford area. What are Chamber Checks? Essentially, Chamber Checks are gift cards you purchase in any dollar amount and use at Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce businesses.

In 2022, the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce sold more than \$96,000 in Chamber Checks. That is \$96,000 in revenue for our Hartford area businesses! AND only available to Hartford Area Chamber Members as one of many benefits of membership.

Chamber checks are as easy to obtain as they are to spend. Call our office during business hours and simply request the number of checks and dollar amounts, then pay for your checks upon pick up. Forms of payment accepted are either cash or check (personal or business). Every Chamber Check issued comes with a listing of all the HACC businesses that accept the checks. Chamber Checks expire twelve months from the date of issue and are not subject to fees.

Ideas for Chamber Checks: Birthday gifts, holiday gifts (Easter baskets to stocking stuffers), employee incentives, appreciation gifts, welcome gifts to area newcomers, graduation gifts, gift & raffle baskets, and the person who is hard to shop for!

The Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, 262-673-7002.



Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 Annual Dinner

By Leah Nagel & Kate Carroll

In January 2023 we celebrated special individuals and businesses of 2022 to the theme of Hollywood in Hartford – It's Happening Here! Our evening once again was held at the beautiful Chandelier Ballroom and attended by more than 200 individuals representing over 50 businesses. The night was nothing short of spectacular!

Official chamber business was at the top of the order for the evening. The current board of directors were recognized and thanked for their service and new board



members Trish Hoehn of Lotus Be Well and Julie Johnson of the Schauer Arts and Activities Center were voted in and welcomed. New officers for 2023 include Kristen Strupp as new Board President, Dana Osmanski as Past President, Mike Shimon as Vice President, Jon Lobert (retained) as Treasurer, and Brian Fleming doing double

duty as Secretary to the Board and Ambassador Chair. Rounding out the business for the evening was the announcement of the new Executive Director, Hartford resident, Kate Carroll.

The emcee leading us through the evening was none other than WTKM's own Dave Stout! Dave graciously kept the evening rolling through our awards. The President's Award, hand selected by Dana Osmanski, went to HED, Inc. Business of the Year Award was the

second presentation of the night and went to Perc Place. The Hartford Achievement Award went to Buck Blodgett and the LOVE>hate Project. Our fourth award of the

night was the Rookie of the Year Award and Brewed Omen was the recipient, making a huge impact in the community their first year in business. The Jim & Dorothy Algiers - Service



to the Community Award was well-earned by Al & Carolyn Laufer, for all the have done as individuals to give back to their community by way of volunteer time, supporting events and organizations, which make up the foundation of the Hartford area. The awards portion of the program concluded with awarding the Volunteer of the Year, which was LeAnn Boudwine – Support the Troops. LeAnn has continuously and selflessly raised funds and collected supplies to send over 14,000 care packages to the troops stationed overseas. The Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce would not only like to congratulate the winners of the evening, but also the many nominees who were recognized by their peers within our community for standing out and going above and beyond.

Other highlights from the evening included our speakers: County Executive Josh Schoemann, HADC Executive Director Tom Hostad, President of the Hartford BID Jason Wix, and Mayor Tim Michalak. The overall

message was looking forward to the year ahead and the partnerships between all of the foundational pillars of the community. Wrapping up the night was announcing the winners of the fundraising ten themed raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, and new this year a wine pull!

All in all, the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner was a huge success and a beautiful evening of celebrations, laughs, good food, and networking.





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Central Middle School
6th-8th Grade
1100 Cedar Street, Hartford



Summer Academy Registration Now Open

The Hartford Jt. 1 School District Summer Academy program provides opportunities for students, grades K-8, to extend their learning in the summer and to have fun!

Our classes provide hands-on, student-centered learning for students to explore and apply literacy, math, science, social studies, arts and other content area knowledge. Students develop new skills and improve their mastery of critical learning.

There are many experiences which may appeal to multiple interests and needs with enrichment options including: *Digging Up Dinosaurs, Geometry in Golf, Reader's Theater, Robotics, Math in the Kitchen, Art Design, Summer Newspaper, Band and Orchestra.* Students may also get a "Jump Start" in math and reading or 6th, 7th and 8th grade students may establish their "Middle School Connections" before the 2023-24 school year begins.

Learn more about at www.hjt1.org/parents/summer-school.

Save the Date: Registration for the 2023-24 School Year

► **New Families: Enroll Now!** 4K students and students who are not currently attending school in the District can enroll now for the 2023-24 school year.

► **Current Families: Register in July!** Registration for the 2023-24 school year for all current students will be open from July 11-23, 2023.

Learn More!

New student enrollment and current student registration information can be found on our website or scan the code right.





It's Time to Enroll in 4-Year-Old Kindergarten

About Our 4K Program

Children who will be at least four years old on or before September 1, 2023, are eligible to attend the District's 4-year-old Kindergarten program in the 2023-24 school year.

We believe that every age-eligible child in Hartford has a right to a high-quality, universally-accessible and developmentally-appropriate preschool education. Our 4K teachers are certified by the state of Wisconsin and the academic program mirrors those which are used in our District's elementary schools.



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4K Session Times & Site Locations

Our 4K Program is a community-based program, in which four-year-olds receive pre-kindergarten instruction in a child care center or at a private/public preschool site.

4K sessions are held five days per week throughout the school year. Morning and afternoon sessions are available depending on the 4K site selected.

Lincoln Elementary School

Morning Session: 8:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Session: 12:20 - 3:05 p.m.

Hartford Recreation Center

Morning Session: 8:05 - 10:50 a.m.

Dream Center

Morning Session: 8:05 - 10:50 a.m.
Wrap-around care is available

Sycamore Tree

Afternoon Session: 11:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Wrap-around care is available

Learn More!

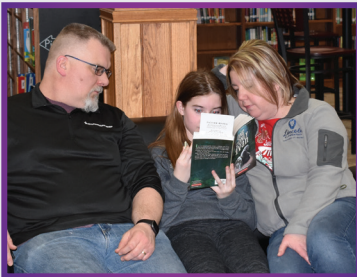
4K registration is now open! To learn more about our great program, scan the code to the right, visit our website, or call Pupil Services (262) 673-8042.





A Focus on Character Education

Lincoln and Rossman Elementary Schools integrate character education opportunities into their curriculum with regular assemblies that focus on character traits including: respect, kindness, compassion, humility, gratitude, citizenship, honesty, responsibility, fairness, safety, self-discipline and courtesy.



Families Connecting Through Reading

HJT1 is dedicated to student success and believes family participation plays an integral role in that success! This spring, the District provided families with an opportunity to participate in a Family Book Study. Together, families read *“The One and Only Ivan,”* and attended sessions where they discussed their reading and participated in activities.



Student Achievement Beyond the Classroom

► Central Middle School Students Place in HUHS Math Meet!

Approximately 75 students from Central Middle School participated in the Hartford Union High School Math Meet which included participants from several area school districts. A Central student earned the first place individual medal in each grade. Along with Central students also placing individually, the sixth and seventh grade teams earned first place and the eighth grade team earned third place.

► Forensics Opportunities Build Public Speaking Skills

Sixth through eighth grade students at Central Middle School have the opportunity to participate in Forensics, a co-curricular activity for students who enjoy acting or public speaking and wish to improve their oral presentation skills. The CMS Forensic team has approximately 35 student members who perform in individual or group events, learn how to interpret or present information and then compete at several contests. This year, CMS hosted a competitive meet with 19 schools and 400 students participating.

► Hartford Area Students Building Leadership Skills

The Central Middle School Student Council is made up of members from each grade level who plan school activities, participate in community service projects, fund raise and attend leadership training seminars.

Student council members had the opportunity to expand their leadership skills at the Milwaukee Bucks Leadership Conference held at the Fiserv Forum. Approximately 1000 students from the state attended the conference of leadership building sessions. After a day of learning, they watched the Bucks wrap up another win! HJT1 is proud to provide educational experience opportunities for our students to learn and grow as individuals.

2023-2024 District Calendar



2023	August 22	Lincoln Open House, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
	August 23	Rossman Open House, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
	August 24	Central Open House, 3:30 – 6:30 PM
	August 29	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – Classes begin for all students
	September 1 & 4	NO CLASSES – Labor Day Weekend
	September 26	Central Family Night, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
	September 27	Rossman Family Night, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
	September 28	Lincoln Family Night, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
	September 29	EARLY RELEASE*
	October 9	NO CLASSES
	November 3	End of 1 st Quarter – Central
	November 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
	November 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
	November 10	NO CLASSES, Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM
	November 21	End of 1 st Trimester – Lincoln & Rossman
	November 22 – 24	NO CLASSES
	December 11	NO CLASSES
	December 25 – January 1	NO CLASSES – Winter Break
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2024	January 2	Classes resume for all students
	January 18	End of 2 nd Quarter – Central
	January 19	NO CLASSES
	February 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
	February 19	NO CLASSES
	March 1	End of 2 nd Trimester – Lincoln & Rossman
	March 21	End of 3 rd Quarter – Central
	March 22 – April 1	NO CLASSES – Spring Break
	May 27	NO CLASSES – Memorial Day
	May 31	EARLY RELEASE* LAST DAY OF SCHOOL End of 3 rd Trimester – Lincoln & Rossman End of 4 th Quarter – Central

EARLY RELEASE TIMES: Lincoln and Rossman Schools will release at 11:30 AM and Central School will release at 11:50 AM.

Only morning early childhood and 4K classes will be in session. Afternoon sessions will not be held.

History, Recreation Part of Pike Lake Unit at the Kettle Moraine State Forest

By Tom McKillen, Staff Writer

History and recreation come together at the Pike Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest.

The forest is named after the 522-acre, spring-fed kettle lake. The other prominent feature in the forest is Powder Hill, a 1,350-foot glacial kame that offers panoramic views of the park's unique glacial topography

There is a public beach and boat landings at the park, and the park offers opportunities for activities such as

swimming, fishing, hiking, camping and picnicking. There are nine different hiking trails in the park. There is also 2.5 miles of cross country ski trails in the winter, with the trails located just east of Powder Hill Road.

The geological history that created the Kettle Moraine is explained at the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey website.

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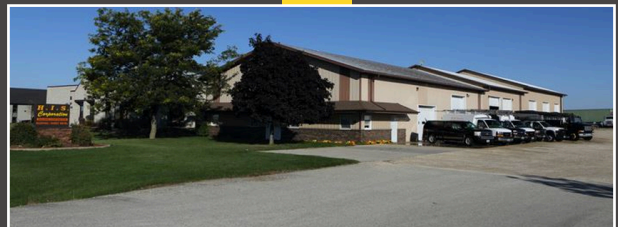


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"The Kettle Moraine is a belt of irregular ridges and upland areas that extends for more than 120 miles, mostly in Sheboygan, Washington, and Waukesha Counties," the website states. "The Kettle Moraine is composed of glacial sediment deposited between the Green Bay and Lake Michigan Lobes approximately 18,000 to 15,000 years ago as they receded from their maximum positions during the most recent glaciation. Pot-shaped depressions, or kettles, formed when large blocks of buried ice melted after the ice lobes receded. Large parts of the Kettle Moraine have been preserved in the Kettle Moraine State Forest."

For more information about features and amenities at Pike Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, go to dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/pikelake.



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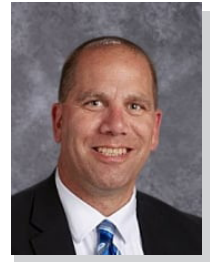


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Hartford Union High School District

A Letter from Superintendent Walters



Jeffrey A. Walters
Superintendent

Greetings from Hartford Union High School! We are so excited about this continuing collaborative opportunity to share the many great things happening in our district.

time to immerse themselves in a place-based experience.

HUHS is proud to be one of ten union high schools in Wisconsin, continuing to serve more than 1300 students each day in grades 9-12. We are proud to offer a wide array of opportunities, with a focus on providing a jumpstart to success for all students upon graduating from Hartford Union High School. I hope many of you reading this are proud alums of our district, and please know you are always welcome to stop by and say hello!

The opportunities continue to grow for next year, where we will add eSports and Aviation and Aerospace coursework. The aviation course builds off of the positive and engaging experience a number of students have had the last few years with an aviation club that resulted in our students building an airplane that has been flown upon completion.

Our student achievement on Advanced Placement exams continues to compare favorably with all other Washington County High Schools. Students also earn college credit through courses on our campus or through a partnership with UWM-Washington County. Our EMT and CNA classes continue to serve those individuals looking for a career pathway in that area, and thanks to our industry partners, we have over 100 students participating in Youth Apprenticeship, providing students

There are great things happening in the Hartford Union High School District, please consider taking a look for yourself! If you have any questions or at any time have feedback on how we are doing, please scan the QR code below to use our Customer Service Feedback process.

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Mr. Jeffrey A. Walters
Superintendent
Hartford Union High School District




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A Message from the HUHS District Board

We proudly serve the students, staff, families, and community of Hartford Union High School and are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate some of the work happening in our district.

Your voice is important to us, and we continued to explore ways to increase the engagement of our students, staff, and community members. We have brought back a board committees structure, providing opportunities for stakeholders to engage in the work of our district.

The student voice continues to grow in our district, as we have added to our junior and senior student school board representatives with a number of outstanding 9th and 10th graders. The students sharing their perspectives and ideas with the Board is an appreciated highlight of our meetings.

Our Board is committed to providing feedback opportunities for all district stakeholders, building off of the recent survey data to drive positive change in the HUHS district.

Opportunities and experiences for students continue to grow, with more coursework in expanding career pathways and an increasing number of students earning

certifications better preparing them for success after high school. Educational trips have returned to HUHS, providing students an invaluable experience to learn and grow from encounters across the globe. Back in Hartford, we are super excited for the return of the VISION project, where in partnership with the Hartford Rotary, 14 students are building a house to be sold later this Spring.

Thank you to our Buildings and Grounds staff for doing the hard work each day, as many who visit our campus will comment on how well the campus is maintained.

Check out the new HUHS website and app! These communication tools are much more modern and improved than what we had before.

We have a superb HUHS staff and amazing students. Thank you to the Hartford area community for supporting them. We look forward to future opportunities to connect with each of you.

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Student Opportunities at HUHS

By HUHS Staff

VISION House

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, a groundbreaking was held at 1447 Red Oak Drive in Hartford where Hartford Union High School students are growing their skills in the building trades and design by building a new home. Instructor Mark Murphy said, "The goal is to teach students the total aspect of building a house from designing to budgeting expenses, acquiring a loan, using skills to help with the build, selecting fixtures, landscaping, and finally selling the home.

The project is part of Hartford VISION homes and is the 24th home the Hartford Rotary Foundation Inc. and HUHS have collaborated to build. The goal is to have enough profit from the home's sale to pay off the mortgage (covered by the Hartford Rotary Foundation Inc. up until the sale) and purchase a new residential lot for the 2023-24 Hartford VISION home project. Hartford Union High School is grateful for our partnership with the Hartford Rotary as well as the local contractors who have made this project possible.



Aviation and Aerospace: New course taking flight at HUHS

The Hartford Union High School District is excited to announce that the Board of Education has approved the AOPA Foundation High School STEM curriculum starting in the fall of 2023. HUHS will offer this new course "Introduction to Aviation and Aerospace," which will complement the Aviation Club program offered by Kettle Moraine Youth Aviation, where students build an RV12iS two-seat aluminum airplane at the Hartford Airport.

Lawrence Sullivan founded the KMYA in 2020 after a group of aviators in Washington County, WI, shared a belief that youth would greatly benefit by participating in hands-on aviation activities. Since its inception, thirty-two students from Hartford Union High School and Slinger High School have participated in the Aviation Club.

Students in the Aviation Club are currently working on building their second aircraft. The stabilator, vertical stabilizer, tailcone, and trim tabs are completed. Teams

are currently working on the wings and fuselage, and they just ordered their third kit, which they hope will be available next fall. The experience of building and flying an airplane requires perseverance, patience, cooperation, math, visual/spatial skills, and manual skills that can be useful in all walks of life and careers.

Mr. Jeff Walters, Hartford Union High School superintendent said, "We are extremely grateful for the leadership of Dr. Sullivan and the many mentors who have made the experience with the Aviation Club such a success. Hartford Union High School is super excited that students can continue to pursue their interest and passion for aviation through this new course offering."

The course and club hope to satisfy a real need for aviators in the future. According to the You Can Fly AOPA Foundation, "By 2041, 602,000 new pilots and 610,000 technicians will be needed worldwide, according to Boeing's Pilot and Technician Outlook. Ironically, the number of airline transport pilot certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration in 2021 is 21% less than in 2012. This mismatch of supply and demand presents a tremendous opportunity for students to pursue aviation careers that they may not have previously considered."



eSports

The Hartford Union High School District is excited to announce that the Board of Education has approved the addition of a new eSports course starting in the fall of 2023. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the eSports industry, engage in the play experience, and get a deeper insight into the eSports ecosystem. Esports is a billion-dollar business within the United States and we cannot wait to engage our students in this up-and-coming industry. This new course will enhance students' abilities to work well with others, social skills, strategic thinking and planning, managing successes and failures, time management, and more. As with traditional sports, eSports is much more than a game. It involves critical thinking and decision-making, leadership and teamwork, accountability and responsibility, and even collegiate opportunities.



Hartford Union High School

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About the Hartford City Band

By Tom McKillen, Staff Writer

The Hartford City Band has entertained city residents since 1880. The band's home venue is the Schauer Arts and Activities Center while it performs summer concerts at Woodlawn Park. In addition, the band regularly performs in the city's Fourth of July parade and other community events.



"The band's mission is to provide the area community an opportunity to enjoy music by playing and listening. The band's repertoire extends from classical to marches to musicals," the Hartford City Band website states. "Often the summer concert will feature a theme or a guest artist. The fall concert highlights the season's music, and the spring concert showcases some larger works."

New members to the band are welcome. For more information about the Hartford City Band, including upcoming performances, visit the Hartford City Band Facebook page or go to the band website at hartfordcityband.org.



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About the Hartford Community Chorus

By Tom McKillen, Staff Writer

The Hartford Community Chorus has been a part of the Hartford area since 1960 and has been a resident tenant of the Schauer Center since 2003.

The chorus was founded in 1960 by Ruth A. Knoll. Knoll's was a music teacher at Hartford Union High School from 1958 to 1998. During her career at HUHS, Knoll directed choral activities at the high school, which included conducting choirs, giving voice lessons, participating extensively in solo-ensemble contests, and overseeing the music aspects of the musical theater productions.

"In 1960, Ruth A. Knoll founded the Hartford Community Chorus at the urging of several high school alumni who desired a place where they could continue their love of singing. The City of Hartford Recreation Department agreed to provide financial support and the group began weekly rehearsals at Hartford High School," the Hartford Community Chorus website states.

The chorus has performed a varied concert repertoire over the decades in many locations.

"Light classics, contemporary pop tunes, sacred and spiritual favorites, Broadway show tunes, folk songs, Christmas sing-alongs, and major works in anniversary years - have been performed at Holy Hill, St. John's and other Milwaukee cathedrals, high school gyms and theaters, Woodlawn and Sawyer Parks, the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA) conventions, and the Ruth A. Knoll Theater at the Schauer Center," the chorus website states.

The Hartford Community Chorus is sponsored by the Hartford Recreation Department with additional support from the Schauer Arts Center. For more information about the Hartford Community Chorus, go to the chorus website at <https://hartfordcommunitychorus.wordpress.com/>

Five Random Facts About the Hartford Area

By Tom McKillen, Staff Writer

- >>> From the Town of Hartford website: The Town of Hartford was originally founded as the town of Wright on January 31st 1846, and was renamed the town of Hartford in Feb. 1847.
- >>> From the Encyclopedia of Milwaukee website: The Village of Hartford was incorporated in 1871 and then became a city in 1883
- >>> From the city of Hartford website: "The Hartford Fire Department was organized January 18, 1863 in the blacksmith shop of Chris Coerper, located on the corner on North Main and State streets. It was known as the Hartford Hook and Ladder Number 1. S.M. Seeley, Foreman, organized the Washington Fire Engine Company on October 18, 1878 to obtain a 4-Wheel pumper. On February 1, 1932 the Hartford Hook and Ladder Company and the Washington Engine Company consolidated to form one unit known as the Hartford Fire Department."
- >>> From the Hartford Union High School District website: "Hartford Union High School is one of ten union high schools in the state of Wisconsin, providing comprehensive high school education to students in grades 9-12,"
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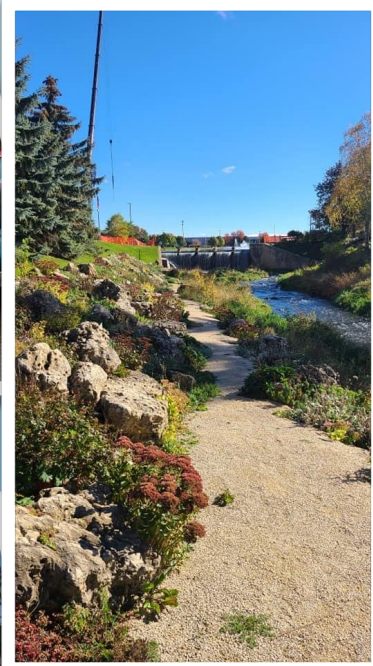
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Come for the day or spend a couple days as you stay at our new Cobblestone Hotel located just one block off of Main Street. Not only will you be enchanted with our businesses, you'll also delight in the breathtaking beauty of the Rubicon River, the beautiful flowers throughout downtown from spring through fall, and the dazzling lights that circle the Mill Pond in November and December.

There is so much to do and see in Downtown Hartford – I promise, if you visit us once you will want to visit again.

We hope to see you soon!

Jason Wix
President Business Improvement District



What is the BID?

A business improvement district (BID) is a defined geographic area where businesses are required to pay an additional tax (or levy) to fund projects within the district's boundaries. The Downtown Hartford BID was developed in the 1980s with the purpose of making improvements to downtown, and funding downtown events and activities that bring value to the entire community.

In recent years, the Downtown Hartford BID has funded the following projects:

- Downtown Lights – \$20,000
- Centennial Park Project – \$30,000
- Downtown Parking Lot (east of Cobblestone Hotel) – \$40,000
- Façade Improvement Grants – \$15,000/year
- Downtown Flowers – \$5,000/year

In collaboration with the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown BID monetarily contributes to the following downtown events:

- Classic Car Show
- Maxwell Street Day
- Pink Pumpkin Fest
- Christmas Parade
- Downtown Open House
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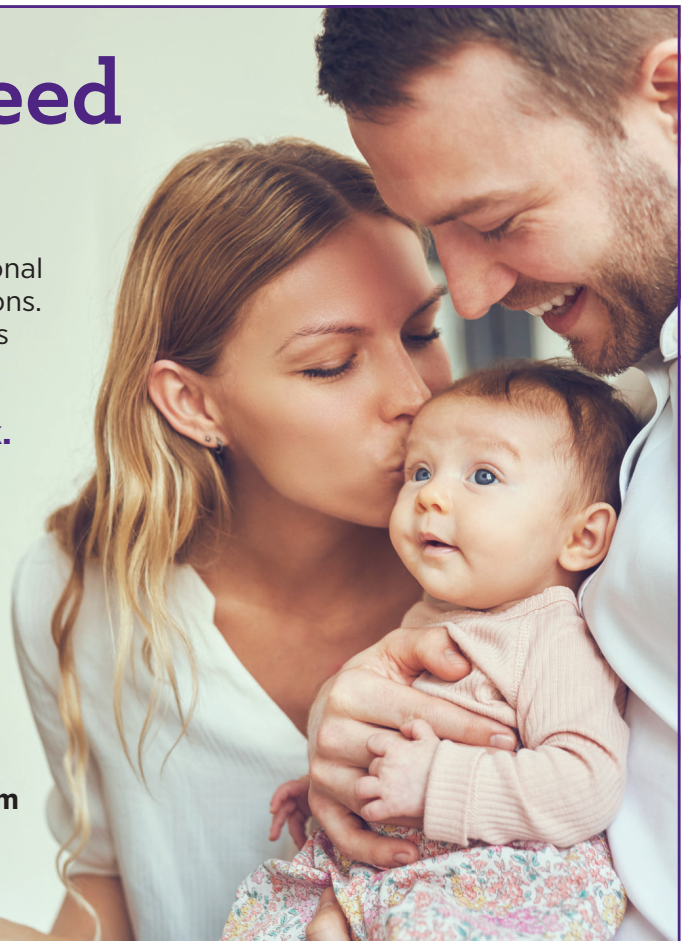
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See the full list of downtown businesses and attractions here:
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Downtown Hartford Events

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Mark your calendars for the following Downtown Hartford events!



Farmers Markets

Downtown Hartford boasts not one, but two Farmers Markets. Our Saturday Farmers Market runs **May through October** in the Rec Center parking lot (125 N Rural St.) from **8 a.m. until 12 p.m.** Find seasonal fruits and vegetables, flowers, bakery, organic eggs, beef and chicken, arts and crafts, and so much more!

You'll also want to stop out on a **Thursday night** (same place) from **4:30 to 7:30 p.m. through September** for our Weeknight Market. Grab your family, friends, or neighbors and come on down for your favorite market finds.



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Let's celebrate America!! The parade will take place July 4th starting at 2pm at the corner of Main & State Street concluding at Veterans Memorial Park. At dusk get ready to view fabulous fireworks at Independence Park, sponsored by Festival Foods.

Maxwell Street Day/120th Harley Davidson Anniversary Rally & Band | July 12

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