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**Asylum Hill News & Views for Feb. 2024**

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**Hello Dia,**

Your **February 2024** issue of the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association 'News & Views' has arrived! Each article is listed below with a short quote from the article. Click on the article title to view the complete article. Continue scrolling to find events and other resources. Please have a look.

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Thank you for being part of Asylum Hill.

From your friends at the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association (AHNA)

**[AHNA wants your Feedback](#)**

The AHNA Board of Directors held its Board Retreat on Jan. 20th to review progress made on the Asylum Hill Strategic Plan Goals and any potential changes or additions to the plan. The 18 Questions below are items the Board is discussing as changes and we want your input on these important decisions. The questions follow the order of the Strategic Plan, view the Asylum Hill Strategic Plan at here.

**[Upcoming Events in Asylum Hill](#)**

**[AHNA General Meeting, Monday, March 4th](#)**, will be held on Zoom, from 6:15 to 8:00pm.

**224EcoSpace Popup Market Call for Vendors**, The 224 EcoSpace will host a Pop-Up Market on **Saturday, March 30th** from 11am-4pm at the 224 EcoSpace, [224 Farmington Ave](https://www.google.com/maps/place/224+Farmington+Ave,+Farmington,+CT+06032). Interested vendors should visit <https://forms.gle/ga1GBQgiFwGAfmbF7> and fill out the form or email [224ecospaceoffice@gmail.com](mailto:224ecospaceoffice@gmail.com) for more information.

## Asylum Hill News



### Holiday Time in Asylum Hill

by Caroline Austin

The spirit of giving and community togetherness shone brightly in Asylum Hill during the holiday season, further exemplified by the overwhelming success of our second annual Community Toy

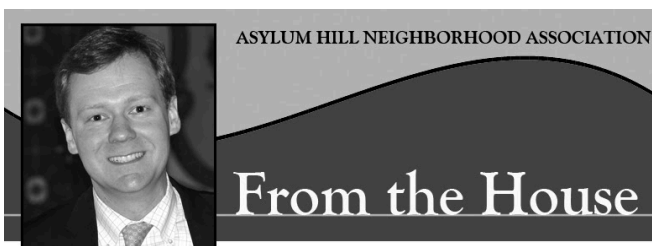
Drive. The Friends of Sigourney Square Park in conjunction with the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association spearheading this initiative, witnessed an outpouring of generosity. Toy donation boxes, prominently placed at the Woodland and Asylum Hill Congregational Church, were just the beginning. Contributions flooded in from various corners of the community, showcasing a collective commitment to spreading joy...



### The Boar's Head Festival at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church

by Paul O'Mara

For the past 57 years, the Asylum Hill Congregational Church has been presenting the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival on the weekend after Christmas coinciding with Three Kings Day and the Day of Epiphany. This year the festival was on January 6th and 7th with two performances each day. Although the weather did not cooperate, it did not stop the show and they still had a good crowd on Saturday. The tradition of the festival is the show must go on unless the roads are closed by the State. In 57 years they have never had to cancel a show...



**Connecticut Public Media**

# **Planning Major Expansion**

By Rep. Matt Ritter

I am excited to report that one of our high-profile community partners will soon undertake a major renovation and expansion of their headquarters right here in the Asylum Hill neighborhood.

With help from a state grant, Connecticut Public, better known as Connecticut Public Television (CPTV) and Radio (WNPR), plans to transform its Asylum Street campus into what they are calling a "reimagined public square." The goal is to create a neighborhood hub where their space, technology and resources can be better shared with the local community.

This is a great investment in the City of Hartford that will help contribute to the revitalization of the Asylum Hill neighborhood and become a community asset that will provide transformational resources and opportunities for local small business, nonprofits, artists, and creators...

*From The  
Executive Director*



## **The HartLine: A Proposal for a Walk and Bike Path through Asylum Hill**

by Dia Baxter

In November, the HartLine received \$1.5 million in state bond funding at a Hartford City Council meeting to enter the planning and design phases for the four-mile stretch that will eventually bridge Edwards Street in downtown Hartford to Cottage Grove Road in Bloomfield.

The HartLine is a proposed new path through Hartford which would utilize an already existing set of train tracks from the Griffin Line. This section of the path would start at Union Station and travel to the town center of Bloomfield.

Doug Suisman, the principal architect at Suisman Urban Design and a Hartford native, is being brought in to oversee the design, and the project would be a collaboration between his firm and iQuilt...

## **Free budgeting course and tax assistance**

by Nick Sarnelli

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In just three one-hour sessions, this course will help participants effectively build a budget and gain access to other resources through The Village's Financial Opportunity Center.

The budget bootcamp series is designed to provide a supportive and judgment-free zone where participants can learn valuable information to take control of their financial goals...

## **Events, & Additional Resources**



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Monday, February - 19th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm  
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