



Town of West Hartford Social Services Department Newsletter Summer 2026

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Our hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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Town of West Hartford Social Services
and
West Hartford Prevention Partnership



Resources and Updates:

We have recently updated our website where you can find information and resources, check it out here: <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/town-departments/social-services>.

Summer Camps:

Leisure Services offers a wide range of summer and vacation camps for children 3 to 14 run by highly-qualified counselors dedicated to keeping your child happy and active during school breaks and summer vacation. There's something for every child, no matter what his/her interests or abilities. There are scholarships available if you need assistance. For more information give us a call at 860-561-7510.

CT Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:

This program starts June 1st and gives eligible recipients a stipend once annually that can be used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Farmer's markets. Qualifying West Hartford residents must be aged 60 or older and are under the income guidelines. Distribution hours start June 8th. If interested in more information contact us at 860-561-7560.

Dial-A-Ride (DAR) Renewal:

The Dial-A-Ride program is a transportation service available to those age 60 or over or adults who have a qualifying disability that prevents them from taking public transportation. There is an annual fee and members get 3 round trip rides per week. The membership year goes from July 1st to June 30th. Enrollments accepted all year long. Renewals for current members have been mailed or new this year, you can enroll and pay on-line: <https://westhartford.seamlessdocs.com/ng/fa/DARmembership>.

Utility Assistance Update:

Connecticut Energy Assistance Programs (2026–2027)

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the 2026–2027 heating season is expected to accept applications beginning September 1, 2026, through May 29, 2027. Residents are encouraged to apply early through the Community Renewal Team (CRT) at 860-560-5800 or 860-560-2694.

Generation Power CT provides emergency utility and heating assistance grants of up to \$500 for eligible Connecticut households. Current application cycles for the 2026 program year are:

- September 2–10, 2026
- November 2–10, 2026
- January 2–10, 2027
- March 2–10, 2027

Applications are accepted online during open cycles only.

The Renters' Rebate Program:

State law provides a rent reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are 65+ or totally disabled, and whose income does not exceed certain limits. The rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. Applications must be received by the Social Services office by September 30th. Please call 860 561-7560 for more information.

West Hartford Prevention Partnership Upcoming Events:

June 25, 2026 & July 30, 2026 | Community Block Party

Our youth leaders will host an info booth promoting Prevention and Peer Health Campaigns and share updates on Elevate WeHa's upcoming events. Music, art, food and resources for all ages.

June 28, 2026 | Community in Motion: A Seasonal Hike with Lhakpa Sherpa

A nature-based hike designed to promote emotional wellness, resilience, and community, for those in recovery or those simply seeking connection. Led by Lhakpa Sherpa, a renowned climber who summited Everest 10 times, the program will help participants explore inner strength, restore confidence, and experience the healing power through themes of resilience, hope, and thriving. The event is free and open to adults in our community. **Registration** is scheduled to open mid-June.

Presented by Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford (JFS) and sponsored by the West Hartford Prevention Partnership.

August 23, 2026 | Back to School Bash @ Blue Back Square

Celebrate the new school year with music, art, food, and fun! This Elevate WeHa event is open to all youth and families looking for a joyful, substance-free sendoff to summer.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/town-departments/social-services/prevention>

Holiday Closings:

Town offices, including Social Services will be closed Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day and Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.