



**BUSHNELL PARK:
PRESERVING HISTORY, PROMOTING HEALTH,
PROVIDING VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

---NEWS AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 26---

Mayor Pedro Segarra will thank 32 volunteers from The Hartford for assisting in the planting of flowers and shrubs, mulching, weeding, and sweeping of Bushnell Park in Downtown Hartford. He will also thank The Hartford Financial Services Group for contributing \$10,000 to the Bushnell Park Foundation to refurbish the Union Station entrance.

This announcement comes as Hartford marks its “Week of the Parks”--- a commitment to greening, revitalizing, and sustaining our historic park system. It is also part of Hartford’s long-term vision--- our “One City, One Plan” for conservation and development.

Mayor Segarra says, “Partnerships and civic engagement are crucial as Hartford restores its pride in its parks. This is one of the most beautiful cities because of the visionary strategy that was put into place in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. As Hartford celebrates its 375 Anniversary, we owe it to our residents, employees, and visitors to take care of this open space and best utilize it as Hartford continues to grow and prosper.”

The Week of the Park Events at Bushnell Park on Thursday:

- 6AM: Adult Rowing on the Connecticut River**
- 7AM: DPW cleanup at Bushnell Park at Elm Street**
- 11AM: Mayor thanks The Hartford for its financial and civic engagement in Bushnell Park**
- 1PM: HHS providing health activities and entertainment**
- 3PM: High School Rowing on the Connecticut River**
- 4PM: Carousel Rides (Free rides to the public)**
- 6PM: Art exhibit, musical performances, and refreshments at the Pump House Gallery**

HISTORY: Bushnell Park is the oldest publicly funded park in the United States. The idea was conceived by the Rev. Horace Bushnell. The 50 acre park was built in 1868. Some of the later additions to the park include: the Horace Wells Monument in 1875, the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch in 1886, the Corning Fountain in 1899 and the performance pavilion in 1995.

REMINDER: Groups of volunteers are still needed for Saturday, August 28th starting at approximately 9AM for a City-wide neighborhood clean-up of Hartford. Community organizations and businesses are encouraged to select a public street/space, playground, small park, or cemetery to spruce-up and beautify! Volunteer Groups are asked to register through the Knox Parks Foundation at (860) 951-7694 x14 or email charmainec@knoxparks.org. The form is available at www.hartford.gov on the main page.