

# HARTFORD *NEXT*, INC.



**HARTFORD *NEXT***

Neighbors · Empowerment  
Economics · Together

**BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2023**



# NRZ, City of Hartford & At Large Representatives



**Blue Hills**



**MARG**



**Parkville**



**Southwest/Behind the Rocks**



**South End**





# Agenda

<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>
<b>6:02 pm</b>	<b>Meeting Protocols</b>
<b>6:03 pm</b>	<b>Introductions</b>
<b>6:10 pm</b>	<b>Board Business</b>
<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>City of Hartford Dept of Planning</b>
<b>6:25 pm</b>	<b>NRZ Roundtable</b>
<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>HNXT 2022 Accomplishments</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>HNXT 2023 Priorities</b>
<b>7:20 pm</b>	<b>Follow up /Assessment</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Close</b>



# Introductions

Please update your name in Zoom to include:

- NRZ or Organization



# Board Business

- Approval of December Board Minutes
- Who or What is Hartford NEXT, Inc.?



## Vision

- We envision a city where residents are engaged in improving the quality of life in Hartford.
- We envision a city where residents participate in decisions that affect their neighborhoods
- We aim to create an inclusive environment for all neighborhoods and all residents
- We will build and expand on existing assets, working to benefit anyone who lives, works, worships, learns or recreates in Hartford
- We are a unified and collective voice and connector of the Hartford community.
- We represent all of Hartford's residents and neighborhoods
- We tie together all of the diverse interests across the Hartford community.



# City of Hartford

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

### UPDATE



# **NRZ Roundtable**

## **2023 NRZ INITIATIVES**





# HNXT 2022 In Review

## Spring Webinars



### NEIGHBORHOOD TRAINING INSTITUTE



# IT'S YOUR CITY!

*A series on Hartford City government, how it works, impacts our lives and how residents can get involved.*

**Growing the City (Economic Development):** *What are the Depts of Economic Development, Small Business & Community Development, and Licenses and Inspections doing that helps the neighborhoods enhance the quality of life for Hartford residents and businesses?*

Feb. 5, 2022 @ 10:00 am Register Today: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8rvaxr>

**Panelists:**  
**I. Charles Mathews**, Dir. of Dev. Services;  
**Erin Howard**, Dir. of Economic Development;  
**Elda Sinani**, Dir. Licenses & Inspections;  
**Randal Davis**, Deputy Dir. Development Services




Also Register at:  
[www.hnxt@hartfordnext.org](mailto:www.hnxt@hartfordnext.org)

**Spanish Interpreters Available**



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## DO YOU OWN AN HISTORIC HOME?



Neighborhood Training Institute presents

### Preserving Hartford's Historic Homes Webinar

Join  
**Mary A. Falvey**  
Executive Director Hartford Preservation Alliance

#### What You'll Learn

- What is considered an historic home
- Guidelines for repair and remodeling
- Permitting process
- Available funding for repairs

**THURSDAY APRIL 28TH**  
**6:00-7:30PM**

**REGISTER HERE**  
or register at  
[www.hartfordnext.org](http://www.hartfordnext.org)



# HNXT 2022 In Review

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER**

## YOU CAN VOTE!

**RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS**

**ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 8**



**YOU PAID YOUR  
DEBT. NOW YOU  
CAN VOTE!**

Unless you are currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction, you can vote in Connecticut!

[uwc.211ct.org/](http://uwc.211ct.org/)

**YOUR VOTE  
MATTERS!**

**REGISTER TO VOTE**



## Register to Vote

At Hartford Public Library  
registration is available at all branches

### Your Voice Matters!

Primary Election:  
August 9

General Election:  
November 8



Scan the QR code  
to learn more

Presented By:





# HNXT 2022 In Review

**Voter Engagement**  
**HNXT NRZ Promotion**  
**Resident Surveys**





# HNXT 2022 In Review

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Voter Engagement  
HNXT NRZ Promotion  
Resident Surveys



Main Street  
October 2023

Farmington Avenue  
June 2023





# HNXT 2022 In Review

## HNXT & NRZ Promotion Resident Surveys



MARG  
Community  
Day 8/14/22



CSSCON Family Fun Night at Colt  
Park  
August 2023



# HNXT 2022 In Review

**Voter Engagement**  
**HNXT NRZ Promotion**  
**Resident Surveys**

**Parkville Market**  
**July 2022**



**Harriett Beecher Stowe Center**  
**August 4, 2022**





# LISC AmeriCorps/HNXT Community Engagement Pilot

NRZs: Frog Hollow, Northeast, Parkville  
& Our Piece of the Pie (OPP)

## BRING NEW VOICES TO YOUR NRZ!



New NRZ  
Community Engagement  
Opportunity!

Increase your NRZ's  
resident engagement!

- Renters
- Homeowners
- Young adults
- Youth (ages 16-24)

### Join Jillian Davey for a virtual info session to learn more!

Please take the [poll](#) and  
let us know any dates &  
times that work for you!

Jillian Davey developed a pilot program to help NRZs build capacity and engage more residents. Funded through a LISC AmeriCorps grant, the program will engage youth in a fun competition to perform NRZ community outreach and recruit residents to attend NRZ meetings.

Fall 2023



Jillian Davey  
AmeriCorps LISC Community Outreach Coordinator  
jdavey@hartfordnext.org | cell: 860-817-2740



# HNXT 2022 In Review

Hartford NEXT, Inc. - Catchafire

1/6/23, 9:24 PM



Volunteers



## Hartford NEXT, Inc.

Hartford, Connecticut, USA <http://www.hartfordnext.org>



\$21,626

Saved on 7 projects and calls

This is the total value we've estimated for all projects matched. [Learn more](#) about how we calculate project savings.

### Causes

★ Education

Community & Economic Development

+ FOLLOW





# HNXT 2022 In Review

## Hartford NEXT, Inc's Liberal Arts Action Lab Project Businesses & Neighborhood Impact

### EXPECTED OUTCOME

- A database of businesses for each neighborhood including
  - Business type & size (Micro, Medium & Small)
  - # Employees
  - Business contact information
  - Revenue
- A written report summarizing
  - Economic impact of the businesses by business type,
  - Recommendations on how to engage these businesses with the NRZs,
  - Value of businesses to neighborhood residents
  - Benefit of engaging the businesses with a small business association;
  - Support needed by the businesses.
- Results of the surveys with charts and written summary; and

### HNXT & NRZ'S

- HARTFORD NEXT, INC. – Marion Griffin, Board Chair
- Clay Arsenal NRZ – Jeffery Stewart, Board member
- Frog Hollow NRZ – Marcus Ordonez, Board Member
- South West/Behind the Rocks – Jim Boucher, Board Member

### Liberal Arts Action Lab

- Trinity College and Capital Community College students

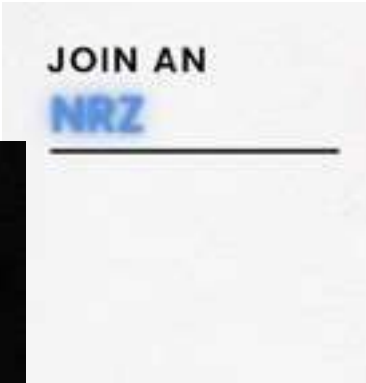


# Quest Leadership Greater HTFD

## HNXT & NRZ Marketing Tools



**HARTFORD  
NEXT**  
#yourhome #yourzone





# HNXT 2022 In Review

- NRZ Community Engagement Funding
- State NRZ Advisory Board
  - Advocacy and Planning for NRZ support
- Neighborhood Planning
  - Advisory role



# HNXT 2022 In Review

## Participation in ~ 80 NRZ meetings



**Parkville**

**South  
End**



MARG



Frog Hollow



Southwest/Behind the Rocks



# HNXT 2023 Priorities

- NRZ'S WISH LIST FOR HNXT PRIORITIES
  - ?
  - ?
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# HNXT 2023 Priorities

- New Office Location /Office Move
- HNXT Board Training
- HNXT Board and Committee Support
- Committee Goals and Fulfillment
- 2023 NRZ Community Engagement Funds Implementation
- 2023 NRZ Administrative Support Implementation
- Civic Engagement
- Website Update
- HNXT & NRZ Marketing Campaigns
- Webinars & Workshops (NTI)
  - Community Engagement (Best Practices, tools, and more)
  - Community Economic Development
  - Leadership & Succession Planning



# FRAMEWORK

## **Advocacy & Community Economic Development**

- Establish positions on substantive issues that affect the community
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Educate stakeholders about community economic development

## **Communication and Education Platform**

- Formal and informal training
- Programs to educate and empower the community
- Collaborations to identify and address neighborhood/city problems
- Repository of relevant data
- Resource for nonprofits, public organizations and the community -at- large

## **Strategic Partnerships**

- Expanded collaborations and partnerships with anchor institutions, funders, nonprofits and public organizations



# NRZ LEADERS MEETINGS

**The forum for NRZ Leaders to collaborate on topics and actions of benefit to the neighborhoods and the City of Hartford.**

- Monday, February 27, 2023
- Tuesday, May 23, 2023
- Tuesday, September 26, 2023





# **OLD BUSINESS**

# **NEW BUSINESS**



# Follow Up/Assessment

- Assessment
  - What went well?
  - What could be improved?
  - How am I doing as a Board Member?
  - What do I need to be an effective Board Member?



Next Meeting:  
Thursday, February 20, 2023  
6:00 pm