



Habitat Happenings
A Newsletter for Habitat Families
Holiday 2010

On behalf of Hartford Habitat, we would like to extend a warm holiday greeting to you and your family. We pray that God's grace and love abide with you.

Thanksgiving Safety Tips

To help prevent home fires this Thanksgiving, the Red Cross suggests the following tips:

- Keep potholders and food wrappers at least three feet away from heat sources while cooking
- Wear tighter fitting clothing with shorter sleeves when cooking
- Make sure all stoves, ovens, and ranges have been turned off when you leave the kitchen
- Set timers to keep track of turkeys and other food items that require extended cooking times
- Turn handles of pots and pans on the stove inward to avoid accidents
- Follow all manufacturer guidelines regarding the appropriate use of appliances
- After guests leave, designate a responsible adult to walk around the home making sure that all candles and smoking materials are extinguished

Hartford Public Schools

Attend a City-wide Choice Fair. You will receive critical information about school choice for your child for the 2011-

2012 school year. The following schools will be in attendance:

Hartford Public Schools and Hartford Inter-district Magnet, Technical and Vocational Schools and Agriculture Center

Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9am -12pm
A.I. Prince Technical High School
401 Flatbush Ave., Hartford, CT 06106
for more info: call 860-695-8799

Hartford's Festival of light Moves to Bushnell Park

The festival will start November 26 at 5 p.m. at the XL Center downtown, where Santa Claus, aboard a Zamboni, will lead a procession south on Trumbull St. to the park for a lighting ceremony scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m.

The opening ceremony will include free hot chocolate and a U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive

Skating rink

A new Feature of the festival this year is a 100- by- 35 foot skating rink. The skating rink, which will open December 10 is free and skates will be provided at no charge.



The rink will be open Sunday to Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Hartford Parking Authority will offer free parking at the Morgan Street, MAT and Church Street garages after 5 p.m. on opening night and downtown restaurants will offer dining discounts. Parking spaces for the handicapped will be reserved around Bushnell Park. More details are available at <http://www.hartfordparking.com>

The skating rink will be open until Three Kings Day, January 6.

Save The Date: Habitat Family Picnic

May 14 or May 21(rain date) at the Keney Park Pond House at the Edgewood Street Entrance in Hartford. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer on the planning committee. We had a great time last year and I know it will “good time” in 2011.

Applicant Information Meeting

Family Services will be hosting the next Applicant Information Meeting (AIM) on September 17, 2011 at The Village for Families and Children at 331 Wethersfield Avenue Hartford, CT. The meeting will start precisely at 8:45 AM. If you have friends or family who are interested in owning a Habitat home, they must attend this meeting to receive an application.

Giving Back

If you are interested in partnering with a prospective family please contact Tracy 541-2208 ext. 109