

Jane's Walk in the West End

Date: Saturday, October 9

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special potluck supper: 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church

Join us for six different walking conversations, inspired by urban renewal activist Jane Jacobs, and designed to bring together people who share a desire to make our neighborhoods more livable.

WALK #1 – Storytellers of the West End

The West End has many residents who have lived here for decades – in some cases, they were born here and have never left the neighborhood. It also has residents who are active in community programs, initiatives and education. And it has institutions that play key roles in serving the West End and promoting its diversity and its vitality.

As part of the Jane's Walk in Hartford 's West End , we present a collection of storytellers to offer their special stories about this special neighborhood.

They live in different parts of the West End , and they have different histories. But they share a deep knowledge of the West End and a readiness to share that knowledge with you. The storytellers will be at their homes – some on their front porches or in their backyards. All you need to do is stop by and talk with them. They are waiting to greet you. Refreshments will be served.

Here are the storytellers, and the time slots that they will be at home.

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

John Gale and Janie Ferrell at 6 Cone Street

Rosemary Cardwell at 227 Oxford Street

Jill Barrett at 257 Oxford Street

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Tom Ritter and Phil Will at 227 Girard Avenue

Rand Cooper at 79 Girard Avenue

Nanette and Brian Morelli at 55 Lorraine Street

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Bryan Travis Hooper at the United Methodist Church of Hartford , 571 Farmington Avenue

Deborah Garner at the Hartford Community Center , 461 Farmington Avenue

Norma "Miss Mimi" Burton at the Community Garden , corner of Evergreen Avenue and Fales Street

2:30 to 4 p.m.

Rafie Podolsky at 104 Beacon Street

Gabriella Smith at 30 Oxford Street

Elvia Strom at 22 Rodney Street

WALK #2 - Join Us for a “Green” Walk

Start time: 11 a.m.

Starting Location: The West End Community Garden at the University of Connecticut Law School, Girard Avenue

The walk will:

- Start at the community gardens
- Proceed through the University of Hartford – Asylum Avenue Campus (formerly Hartford College for Women) grounds
- Cross Asylum Avenue to the grounds of the Connecticut Historical Society
- Wend down the Park River Trail along the Park River
- End on Lorraine Street .

Guides:

Ron Pitz, Executive Director, Knox Parks Foundation

Mike McGarry, Community Gardener

Note: Groups up to 50 will leave the community garden starting at 11 a.m.

WALK #3 - I Spy: What Do You See?

Do you see two grey urns on red brick squares? What about a bright yellow bird on a nest of blue shells? Bring your curiosity and supersonic vision to meet the challenge of matching these and other interesting clues with the treasures and curiosities you will discover in the nooks and crannies on Tremont and Oxford Streets.

Pick up and return your clue card at **14 Tremont Street** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded to super sleuths extraordinaire! All correctly completed entries will be entered in a drawing for prizes made possible through the generosity of the Connecticut Science Center that will take place at 5 p.m. at United Methodist Church 571 Farmington Avenue (on the southwest corner of South Whitney Street and Farmington Avenue). You need not be present to win.

WALK #4 - Artists Open Their Homes, Will Display Their Art

James Baker at 131 Elizabeth Street

Oil Paintings & Watercolors

Carol Davidson at 183 Kenyon Street

Watercolors

Nan Runde at 180 Kenyon Street

Oil paintings, egg tempera, pencil & ink drawings, handmade books & albums

Viviane L. Grady at 92 Fern Street

Photography

Peter Upton at 92 Fern Street (hosted)
Oil paintings, abstract

Liza Martin at 70 Kenyon Street (hosted)
Oil paintings

Bill Healy at 57 Sherman Street
Robots

Joan Zei-Healy at 57 Sherman Street
Jewelry

Chris London at 57 Sherman Street (hosted)
Jewelry and sculpture in porcelain and stoneware clay

Adrienne Gale at 49 Sherman Street
Fiber arts, printmaking & artists' books

Lisa Pressamarita at 25 North Beacon Street
Oil paintings, water media painting, pottery, pencil drawings

Elizabeth Watson Raphael at 176 Beacon Street
Stone sculpture

WALK #5 - Enjoy discounts at four of the West End 's finest restaurants

When you go in, just say you are on the Jane's Walk in Hartford 's West End to entitle you to the discount for lunch (starts at 12:30 pm)

The Half Door
270 Sisson Avenue

This traditional Irish pub and bar serves over 100 different European beers and premieres the latest in Celtic and European rock. Be sure to try the shepherd's pie and lamb stew. **15 percent off**

Tisane Euro-Asian Café
537 Farmington Avenue

Tisane serves a diverse menu complemented by over 40 specialty martinis, more than 100 different teas and other specialty drinks. Try the Far East nachos, wings trio, Tisane Cobb salad, noodle bowls and espresso steak. **15 percent off**

Ichiban Korean and Japanese Restaurant
530 Farmington Avenue

More than 10 years in Japanese and Korean specialty restaurant experience. **A lunch-time menu at \$7.95 plus special discount at E-Market store across the street** (\$3 off any purchase over \$10 for patrons of Jane's Walk in Hartford 's West End)

Churrascaria Braza Brazilian Bar and Grill
488 Farmington Avenue

The flavors of Brazil come alive at Hartford 's first Rodizio style restaurant - where several different cuts of succulent, premium-quality beef, lamb, chicken, pork and seafood are slowly roasted on open flame and served tableside. **A special buffet menu at \$7.95**

WALK #6 - Historical and Architectural Tour

Starts at 2 p.m. from the Southwest corner of Beacon Street and Farmington Avenue

The Hartford Preservation Alliance will give guided tours of Beacon Street and Oxford Street in Hartford 's West End for the Jane's Walk celebration this Saturday, October 9.

Do you know that until the time of the Civil War, the area between Woodland Street and Prospect Avenue – what we know today as Hartford 's West End – was farmland? Learn how the changes in American culture from the end of the Civil War to the onset of the Great Depression influenced our architecture. And hear how electricity and the trolley – which connected workers with jobs in Hartford 's prosperous banking, insurance and manufacturing industries – changed the face of the city of Hartford . The development of the West End as a residential suburb within city limits, has long demonstrated a sense of place and pride of place.

Join as we tour an architectural sampler on Beacon and Oxford Streets and learn of the architectural, technological, economic and social changes that shaped this neighborhood. And take a peek at the long forgotten Miss Barbour's School for Girls!

Guide: Mary A. Falvey, Senior Program Assistant with the Hartford Preservation Alliance

AFTERWARD: Pot Luck Dinner

West End Neighbors and Friends – share a pot luck meal and community spirit at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church , 571 Farmington Avenue.

Please bring food to share (and serving utensils, if needed); food can be dropped off at 4:45 p.m. The Church will provide coffee, cider and paper products.