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Organizers hope festival spurs use of park

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Ellie Barnes wants to attract more people to Sigourney Square Park. Recent problems with littering and public drinking have discouraged residents from enjoying the public park, she said.

"We're trying to bring the community together to build the spirit of the neighborhood and create the park," Barnes said. The five event will feature music, arts and crafts, sports and other activities. A tour of the neighborhood's historical landmarks will be included. The festival is sponsored by the Dwight Prinson Memorial Trust Fund, the city Department of Parks and Recreation and Anytime Hill Organizing Project.

The festival will start at 1 p.m. and will include the Seal of Abraham group, Troy Brown's rhythm and blues band and The Kenny Hunter Show. Saturday's celebration is a kickoff for upcoming renovations at Sigourney Square Park, which includes city buildings architect, and the renovations are scheduled to begin by the end of the year. Payment for the \$352,000 project comes from state bonding monies and city budget allocations.

City officials, grant help business stay

Local merchant battles neighborhood vandals

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O'Connor will use money from a federal Safe Neighborhoods grant to install better lighting, roof fencing and additional cameras and to renovate the roof. "It is basically going to allow us to keep running our business without the hassle of defending ourselves," he said. The grant resulted from a partnership between the city, neighborhood groups and instructors.

City science program celebrates learning

Parents motivated their kids and kids motivated their parents as they all sang together, said first-year instructor

Joining in for the festivities were Jenelle LaFrance, Taryn Curry, Cheryl Curran, Barbara Robinson, Robert Gardner, Jessica McGinn, Mary Barco and Nelsa Bata. As a kid, I always disliked science class. Math and writing were my thing. But now I see what early exposure to discoveries, explorations and demonstrations can accomplish. As they say, "science makes the world go round."

Monday through Friday

City science program celebrates learning

How many 5-year-olds know that fragrant plants grow from the soil and not from the tip? How did you know to make Pop-Dob experiments with balloons? Lots of kids are doing well in the city's science program. As I arrived, I saw hundreds of kids and parents everywhere. There were farm animals, brought by the Circle K Ranch. Some children were riding around on ponies and others were getting their names painted. I spoke with instructor Yvonne LaFrance, who said she was happy about the great turnout and happy to see parents supporting their kids. Inside, the place was filled with kids, parents, instructors, science displays and healthy foods.

Relief group holds radio event for Cuban churches

Adrián Carrera is on a mission to help people living in the country his parents fled 50 years ago.

Carrera, president of Christian International Relief Organization, which provides humanitarian aid overseas, recently flew to Cuba to deliver \$2,000 worth of medical supplies to church members.

"The church in Cuba is really being persecuted. There is no freedom of religion," Carrera said. He was born in Hartford. His parents, Juan and Yolanda Carrera, fled Cuba in the early 1960s.

Junior Olympics set for Saturday

The Hartford Housing Authority will hold its 13th Annual Junior Olympics on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Weaver High School, 415 Cradley St. The rain date is Aug. 15.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Interpretation Personnelized Jazz Quartet will perform a free concert today from 6 to 10 p.m. at CRT's Cradley Gallery, 1445 Main St. The event includes poetry by Florence from public housing complexes will compete to promote neighborhood Wal Muhammad. For information, please call Jonathan Brice at (860) 525-1038.

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