

October 25, 2016



Dear Wolcott Park Neighbor:

Leisure Services will soon launch a park planning process for Wolcott Park, and we want to hear from you! The development of a substantive park renovation plan includes an assessment of the park as it is today, community outreach, plan development, setting a timeline and budget, and, finally, implementing the plan over a period of time. We are working with Professor Peter Miniutti, a Landscape Architect from University of Connecticut's Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, who will use our park planning process as a teaching tool for his graduate students.

We're just completing our assessment of the park's current amenities. The next step is community outreach. Community outreach involves soliciting input from numerous community stakeholders, including sports groups, seniors, residents who are disabled, the cycling community, grounds maintainers, community gardeners, parents of young children, businesses and, of course the school community. Perhaps the most important stake holders are people who live a ten-minute walk from the park. By including you all in the planning process, we hope to encourage and build local stewardship of this neighborhood park.

As an important stakeholder in Wolcott Park, we want to hear about what you like about the park and what changes you might suggest for the park. Two Community Conversation sessions are scheduled to be held in November. We invite you to please consider attending **ONE** of them:

Tuesday, November 15 from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

OR

Wednesday, November 16 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Each session will be held at Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Refreshments will be served! Please RSVP to the Leisure Services office at 860-561-7510 or email Marla at marla@westhartfordct.gov with your preferred date by **November 8**. **Registration will be limited** to ensure optimal discussion. Please contact me with any questions you may have at helenrt@westhartfordct.gov.

A follow up meeting to present some "first draft" plans will be held in January, and we anticipate a final plan to be ready in the Spring.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Rubino-Turco".

Helen Rubino-Turco
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