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PLACES TO PARK

In October, construction began on a new Hartford Hospital parking garage. Funded through revenue bonds issued by the state Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority (CHEFA), the garage will be located at the corner of Hudson and Park streets and is due for completion in January 2013.

The garage will be nine stories with approximately 1200 parking spaces for employees of Hartford Hospital, freeing spaces for patient parking. Forty spaces on the first floor are reserved for the Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA) employees and members.

“This will make parking more convenient near the hospital for easier patient access while improving traffic flow both on and off campus,” said Bimal Patel, SINA Director and Hartford Hospital Vice President of Services.

The structure will also feature a fitness center with cardio and weight machines. Hartford Hospital and SAMA are working to develop community health and wellness programs.

COMPLETING COLONIAL STREET

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“These homes completely transform the street. Before, it was a vacant wasteland,” said SINA Director of Real Estate Development Dean Iaiennaro. “Colonial Street is the most pervasive revival of a Hartford neighborhood that I’ve seen in my many years of doing this.”

Iaiennaro said when the old buildings were demolished the lots had hazardous soil from leaking oil tanks. SINA and partners incurred the cost of removing unsafe materials and completely cleaning up sites that were otherwise quite polluted.

There has been significant interest and positive word of mouth in the community about the Colonial Street project, with one owner due to move in on November 1.

SINA is pleased with the major impact it has made on this street, “I’d like to see Colonial Street completely redeveloped, taking it as far as we can take it,” Iaiennaro said.

SPREADING SCIENCE CITYWIDE

Hundreds of Hartford’s brightest students demonstrated their skills at the 20th Annual Hartford Public School Citywide Science Fair. Future scientists from kindergarten to high school brought their experiments to the University High School of Science and Engineering.

SINA’s role included recruitment of volunteer judges, monetary awards for student winners and science teachers, and presenting the Dr. Quinton Quark Slapstick Science show.

The event drew Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra who said, “We’re in an age of collaboration between the City, community, and institutions. SINA is critical toward making those connections.”

Projects ranged from Edward Hernandez of Anne Fischer School’s Rocket Balloon to Burns Latino Studies eighth graders Jorge Maldonado and Ilvin Rivera, who tested the quality of hair care products by rolling a marble through a tube of shampoo. “It was exciting and fun to do the experiment and figure out the results,” Maldonado said.

At the awards ceremony, Luis Cabán and Hartford Public Schools’ Director of Science Dr. Sandra Inga spoke, while Dr. Kenia Mansilla-Rivera of St. Francis Hospital delivered the keynote address. The evening concluded with a showing of “Wild Oceans” at the CT Science Center’s Hoffman 3D theater.

“I’m proud of our students. We’re challenging them to produce their best which translates to future life opportunities,” Mayor Segarra said.

COMPLETING COLONIAL STREET

Colonial Street will soon be lined with state-of-the-art one-family homes, courtesy of a SINA Southside redevelopment project. The newly-constructed three-bedroom, two-bath houses are available to first-time homebuyers.

The 1456 square-foot houses have modern amenities including ENERGY STAR Version 3 energy efficiency standards including appliances, low flow plumbing, LED low usage lighting, wall-to-wall carpeting, blown-in expanding foam insulation, high efficiency gas boilers, and garage. Architect Gary deWolf took special care in the design of the houses, using his own home as a model. Ten houses will be available beginning in November into next spring, with six currently completed. *Continued on page 4*



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SINA’s mission is to work cooperatively with the community to develop leadership and improve the economic, physical and social characteristics of Hartford’s Frog Hollow, Barry Square and South Green Neighborhoods.

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Kudos!
This edition of SINA Reports is about recognition. There are the REACH awardees: students, community members, and neighbors. There's the Science

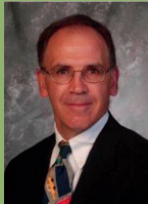
Fair participants, longstanding SINA employees, a new board member, and two legendary musicians. There is a season for everything, and now we credit those who strive to make our community a vibrant and healthy place to live.

We're also proud of the work we're doing on Colonial Street creating a healthy mix of homeownership and rental housing. Ten brand new homes will line the north side of the street and bring in first time homebuyers who will undoubtedly be assets in the community. Also in the works is the new Hartford Hospital Garage project being constructed on Hudson and Park Streets. As a resident of this community, I'm ecstatic about the future of the Southside.

Let's look forward to a garage going up, houses being built, songs being sung, books being read, and future plans being accomplished. For everything, there is a season.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many years of support you've given SINA and me personally. As we prepare for SINA's next decade and adjust our strategies accordingly, it is time for me to say, "Nos vemos." Working with the SINA executive board, I've selected May 1, 2012 as my retirement date. I have enjoyed an unbelievably rewarding ten years at the helm, and my family and I are ready for a new phase in life. We are fortunate to live in the digital age of social media and, therefore, I look forward to being forever linked with all my magnificent staff, and dear friends and colleagues. Gracias mil!

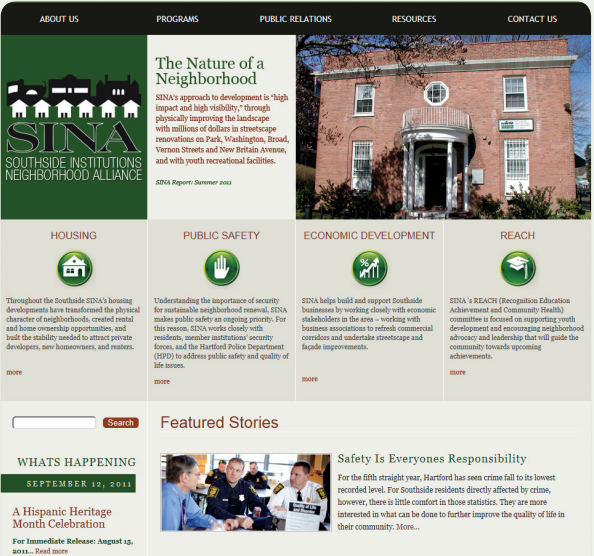
Luis C. Cabán, Executive Director



SINA Welcomes its Newest Board Member: Dr. Peter James Beller

SINA would like to welcome its newest board member, Peter James Beller, M.D. The obstetrician/gynecologist holds multiple teaching awards and is currently the Director of Hartford Hospital's Women's Ambulatory Health Services on Park Street.

SINA is Pleased to Announce the Relaunch and Redesign of its Website at SINAinc.org



At SINAinc.org, learn about community building, public safety, and more. Redesigned and expanded, the site serves as a key tool in SINA's outreach to the community – providing links and education to help residents and businesses improve Southside neighborhoods.

The improved features include:

- » User-friendly Interface
- » Information for Residents and Member Institutions
- » Photographs and Videos of Community Events
- » Healthy Latino Cooking Recipes/Videos
- » Important Community Services and Organizations

SINA EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our devoted and capable staff members celebrating their anniversaries with SINA:



Ivette Quiros
Executive Assistant
15 years



Keith Hedman
Fiscal Manager
12 years



Linda Valentin
Internet & Graphic Arts Assistant
5 years

We offer our congratulations and look forward to your continued success!

CELEBRATING SPANISH HERITAGE IN 2 TEMPOS



In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, SINA brought together two distinct generations of Puerto Rican musicians from the "Nueva Trova" genre to share a Hartford Southside stage. Hundreds attended "In 2 Tempos" on Saturday October 1 at the Theater of the Performing Arts, featuring the legendary El Topo and rising star Fernandito Ferrer. The concert brought the two together to collaborate and celebrate the success of El Topo as well a symbolic "passing of the torch" to Ferrer.

The concert's producer, Veronica Velez said, "It was a tribute to both of them and an opportunity for their fans to appreciate both generations."

On Thursday September 29, SINA held an Open Forum with both artists at Trinity College, giving the audience an opportunity to dialogue with the artists about their careers, songwriting, and the history of the "Nueva Trova" genre.

"Congratulations to SINA and Veronica Velez for an awesome experience," said event sponsor John Motley. "Though I don't speak Spanish, I thoroughly enjoyed and was moved by the extraordinarily talented musicians."

The 5th Annual REACH Awards

On June 1, residents and recipients gathered for the 5th Annual REACH Awards Ceremony. REACH stands for, "Recognition, Education, Achievement, and Community Health." Using a nine-member committee of SINA associates, REACH develops, supports, and recognizes individuals who contribute to the growth of the Hartford Community. Emceed by Steve Balcanoff of Connecticut Children's Medical Center and Cecilia Kozłowski of Hartford Hospital, the event was held at the Vernon Social Center on June 1 and featured Trinity President Dr. James Jones and SINA Executive Director Luis Cabán.

Ivan A. Backer Scholarship



In honor of SINA's former president, three Bulkeley High School seniors received scholarships based on their academic achievements and service to community, school, and family. The awardees were Annabell Moquette, Izet Krdzic, and Koralys Ivette Maldonado.

Executive Director's Gratefulness Award

Lieutenant Brian Foley

Lieutenant Brian Foley made sure that he and his team of CSOs (Community Service Officers) were invested in the community. Their focus on enforcing quality of life violations to lower violent crime were successful; during his tenure, the overall crime rate dropped 35 to 40 percent.

Neighborhood Service Awards

Lee M. (Gallant) Boulanger

Boulanger was a founding member of the Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) and the Barry Square Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. At least four days a week she prepares and serves lunch at the South End Senior Wellness Center. She also served as the St. Augustine Parish Council President, and volunteers for its food pantry.

Charlene Perez

Improving education is always a priority, and as Program Director at the Alfred E. Burr Community School, Charlene Perez uses the three-pronged approach of extended hours, extended services, and extended relationships to improve student performance.

David McKinley

After noticing there was no spring little league in the South End, David McKinley co-founded the Mayor Mike Peters Little League in 2008. Today 375 children ages 6 to 15 have an opportunity to play spring baseball.

Trinity College Institutional Award

Carlos Espinosa

Using a \$2.5 million dollar grant from the Kellogg Foundation, Carlos Espinosa directs the Smart Neighborhood Initiative, which connects community organizations, local businesses, and residents

