

**From the Executive Director**  
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Summer has finally arrived and our community gardens are growing well from all the rain and sun. Folks are out weeding and working on their gardens. The hot days of summer are here and being an election year, so are the volunteers out collecting signatures. This upcoming primary and election are important for Hartford's progress, I hope everyone reading this gets registered to vote and votes. Your voice matters.

During the summer AHNA takes the month of July off from our General meetings held on the first Monday of the month. Our General Meetings return on August 5th at 6:15pm at the 224 EcoSpace. Look for the agenda in your email. If you want to join our email list for meeting agendas and the electronic version of this newsletter, please email me at [exdir@asylumhill.org](mailto:exdir@asylumhill.org). We urge our residents to come out to the General Meeting and voice your concerns about Asylum Hill. We have people ready to help with any neighborhood concern.

The city administration has proposed a new housing code and the proposed ordinance is currently pending at City Council. It is scheduled for action at the August 12th Council meeting. It is a sweeping re-write of the city's housing codes and it aims to enact citywide standards for safe, clean and habitable housing, while strengthening provisions for rooming houses and group living facilities. It also gives the city authority to impose violations for failure to address bulky waste or provide recycling bins. The ordinance has generated some controversy so if these issues are important to you I urge you to review the proposals and let City Council know if you support the housing code.