

A March Recap

The old adage about March, lions and lambs got turned on its head this year. The month began with an AHNA meeting on March 2nd that hosted the first of the Hartford Plan of Conservation and Development called Hartford 2035. What was to be a series of six meetings got cut short to only two.

On March 8th, tragedy struck on Ashley St when the house at 29 Ashley owned by Mr. Delille caught fire. Fortunately no one was injured, but the damage is extensive, and the owner is still waiting for the State Fire Marshall to complete the necessary inspection before any cleanup work can begin.

On March 14th, The Urban League hosted the Census 2020 Pancake breakfast to encourage neighbors to come and fill out census forms. It seemed pretty successful, but turned out to be one of the last gatherings of the month.

The following Monday the Hartford Schools were closed and children were coming to the Boys & Girls Club to pick up a lunch for the afternoon, and a breakfast for the following

morning. Later, instructional material was added and eventually that program was moved to Hartford Public High School. Chromebooks were also distributed until the end of the week when they ran out.

There are several encouraging developments ongoing in Asylum Hill, that while we are all sheltering in place, we hope to be able to feature in upcoming issues of the *News & Views*.

The small grocery store at 180 Ashley that has been closed for about a year is now newly renovated and re-opening under a new owner. The six family building at 314-316 Sargeant St has a promising new owner looking to fix it up and bring it back into service as productive rental housing.

NINA continues work on the first two homes on Hawthorn St, scheduled to be completed this year.

