

## Thoughts from the Chair

Did you know that during the month of August many fun and resourceful community activities/events took place in Asylum Hill? To highlight a few, The Boys and Girls Club hosted National Night Out, an evening of fun with the HPD and HFD, Urban League of Greater Hartford hosted the Tailored for Success event for residents seeking a career and also **First Day, the Right Way! *Back to School Backpack Giveaway***. The Friends of Sigourney Park lead by AHNA Board member Luwannia Martin Johnson facilitated the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Sigourney Square Family Festival, The 224 hosted many art shows and introduced artist to our community. The 224 continues to house classes to strengthen our mind, body and soul. Pastor Kramer from Grace Lutheran Church and his team of volunteers continued to extend great hospitality to the community by hosting Friday night dinner for free at the church and they displayed the beautiful hand painted benches made from pallets for sale. Louisa Barton Duguay, also an Asylum Hill resident, painted many of the beautiful designs on most of the benches. These are a few of many events happened in Asylum Hill. The community events were planned to bring the community together, provide resources and to foster social activities that long lasting friendships and connections can be established amongst adults, teenagers, children and civic, business and corporate stakeholders. The community events also provide a place for children to play safely and have authentic fun, fun that they will remember in their later years. I am a firm believer and have witnessed that a community that plays together stays together.

If we missed you at the Asylum Hill event during the Month of August, please visit AHNA'S website [asylumhillliving.org](http://asylumhillliving.org) to see what you would like to participate in during the month of September.

Remember where there is community, there is strength.

Have a good month!

Blessings...

Yvonne Matthews, Chair