

AHNA invites you to DominGO! Hartford

Premiers on Farmington Avenue on June 26

Thousands are expected to enjoy free music, dance and family fun in Asylum Hill when Hartford's first-ever Open Street event premiers this month. Patterned after other cities that close off their streets to cars for a day, DominGO! Hartford will take place on Farmington Avenue from 9am to 3pm on Sunday, June 26. From South Whitney Street to Bushnell Park, our beautiful thoroughfare will be teeming with pedestrians and joggers who will share the streets with people traveling by bicycles, scooters, skateboards, wheelchairs and strollers. However you want to "GO," and for how however long you want to "GO," the two-mile DominGO route will offer something for everyone.

If you begin in Bushnell Park, you could consider a "fun run" of various lengths, from .5 mile to a full 5K. When you're ready to slow it down, you could retrace your steps and check out an exhibit at Art Space, enjoy Latin music at the 224 and some family-friendly activities at Immanuel Congregational Church. Then grab some refreshment from one of the four food trucks that will be stationed at the soon to open West Side Square.

If you prefer to visit from the west, you could begin marching down the avenue with Hartford Proud Drum and Dance Corps before you take a short architectural tour of the Sherman Street-Lorraine Street neighborhood. Continue traveling east and you'll have a chance to learn from various non-profit groups about what's in store for kids and families this summer, tour Nook Farm, and then maybe help paint a rainbow mural across the street.

If you begin your DominGO experience in Asylum Hill, you can enjoy guitarists and bongo players while watching or performing Zumba dancing and Double Dutch. Need some refreshment? Then Janine McMahon and her daughter Mahliia Ellis will show you how you can make your own smoothies made with the freshest fruits and veggies. Or, if you're willing "to share your dream for ice cream," then visit with Matt Rivera of the Dream Support Network. Then, whether you decide to head east or west, be on the lookout for some of Anne Cubberly's awesome Night Fall characters, some of whom plan to gently zip around on electric scooters.

To get more detailed information about the June 26 DominGO on Farmington Avenue, go to <https://www.domingohartford.com/events/farmington-ave>. You will note that the event will transform our two-mile corridor into a safe public place where residents and visitors move from one place to another to enjoy art, music, dance, athletic activities, visits to historic sites, and delicious food from local merchants.

The AHNA board of directors decided to help plan and organize the Farmington Avenue DominGO as a way to help people learn about and enjoy the diverse businesses, vital nonprofits, talented artists and cultural assets of our neighborhood while creating health

benefits and social connections for all ages and backgrounds. Mindful that we also want to promote Asylum Hill as a “green” neighborhood, AHNA is working with other DominGO partners to have

- information that promote environmental sustainability
- composters for unused food purchased at local restaurants
- water stations with refillable water bottles

AHNA is grateful for the leadership of Nat Gale of the City of Hartford, Kelsey Renfro of the Lumi Agency, and all of our Planning Committee members. We thank all of the DominGO sponsors, but are especially grateful that Aetna, which has called Farmington Avenue home for more than 90 years, is helping AHNA highlight some of what’s great about Asylum Hill and the city.

So, mark your calendars, invite families and friends, and plan to spend at least a part of Sunday, June 26 on the “GO.” Then, make early plans to do DominGO on Park Street on July 24 followed by the third and last DominGO of 2022 on August 28 on a route to be determined.

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