BROAD STREET HAPPENINGS
Events for the communities of Barry Square, Frog Hollow, and Trinity College.

Winter 2013

WELCOME!

If you’re reading this first issue of Broad Street Happenings, it’s likely you have a vested interest in the well-being of the Frog Hollow, Barry Square, or Behind the Rocks neighborhoods. So do we—a group of local stakeholders who met last spring to discuss ways to improve communication in our neighborhoods. We agreed that there is much good that occurs here every day, that there are organizations working to make a positive impact, and that there are many terrific events taking place that would benefit from broader visibility.

The numerous events taking place in our neighborhoods can serve as positive outlets for our children and families. Trinity College, in partnership with the neighborhood, is committed to producing a neighborhood newsletter that will allow all of us to share the many events, opportunities, and good news that bind us together.

We invite you to participate in the development of Broad Street Happenings—to make it a vehicle for sharing positive news and a calendar of events that is open to the public. Initially, it will be produced quarterly, coinciding with the seasons, with the next issue in Spanish, as well as English. To share your organization’s events or to provide content, please contact Jason Rojas at Jason.rojas@trincoll.edu or (860) 297-4166.

NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHELTER

FINDING FATE AND OPTIMISM

In 2008, Harry Mitchell was enjoying life and working full-time at the Greater Hartford Arts Council. When his doctors discovered a benign spinal tumor, his whole life was turned upside down. Surgery left him temporarily paralyzed for almost a year, impairing his ability to walk and work. His unemployment checks were not enough to sustain his day-to-day life, and soon he was homeless. He later found himself serving a six-month prison sentence and upon his release had nowhere to turn. He entered a substance abuse rehabilitation center.

Harry made his way through various shelter programs in the Hartford area before coming to Immaculate Conception. Harry had signed up to receive permanent housing and before he knew it, he was at the top of the list. He was elated when he found out he would be placed in one of the “scattered site” subsidized apartments.

Today, he is an advocate for the homeless, traveling through most of northwest Connecticut, speaking to community organizations and local politicians. As the demographics of homeless individuals broaden, he wants people to realize that poverty exists in many populations.

‘Just because I was without a permanent residence, it didn’t mean I was useless. Often, you’re not treated like you’re anything special. But rich or poor, it’s all about personality. Circumstances don’t make the person. Integrity, dignity, and honesty do.’

Harry hopes to become more prominent in local politics to help raise awareness for the growing issue of homelessness.

TRINITY FOCUS: DREAM CAMP

HOWELL MCFARLANE RECEIVES DREAM CAMP’S ICHIBAN AWARD FOR EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

Howell McFarlane began attending Dream Camp at Trinity College as a six-year-old in 1998, the year the summer camp began. He returned as a camper for 10 years, participating in the Mentor-In-Training program, a leadership development program for teens, and later joined the Young Leaders Program, a job development program and a means for Dream Camp to acknowledge its high-achieving camp alumni by hiring them as junior counselors. For the past three summers, Howell worked as a camp counselor, lending his patience, care, and leadership to a young camper with special needs. Thanks to Howell’s help, the young camper was able to complete this past summer session, an accomplishment he was not able to achieve two years ago. Howell’s character, leadership, and kindness have made him a very popular counselor among campers and well deserving of the Ichiban Award, Dream Camp’s highest employee honor.

Today, Howell is following his lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. He is attending Lincoln College where he participates as a sophomore coach for the men’s basketball team and recently was named Athlete of the Week. Howell is described by his coach as “our leader,” beyond his athletic accomplishments.

Dream Camp at Trinity College provides tuition-free summer and after-school activities for approximately 250 under-served Hartford children who might not otherwise have access to high-quality out-of-school opportunities that help them succeed. Among Dream Camp’s chief goals is the importance of encouraging its young campers to think about and purse their educational goals and career aspirations. The 2013 summer session will run from July 1 to August 2.

For more information on having your child participate in Dream Camp, contact Matt Proffitt at mproffitt@esfdreamcamp.org
EVENTS

WEEK OF APRIL 7 – 13
April is National Grilled Cheese Month—All month. Come honor this classic American sandwich. La Paloma Coffee House

Daily April in Park Film Festival, Cinestudio
Sunday, April 7
8:30-4:00 Trinity Robotics Competition Trinity College, O’Keefe Gymnasium
11:00-3:00 5th Annual Trinity Hip Hop Festival For a lineup of events, visit trinityhiphop.com
10:00-1:00 Cooking Class: Bread Baking at Billings Forge, Cost: $45 http://kitchenbattlenight.eventbrite.com
1:00 Men’s Lacrosse vs. Colby College
Tuesday, April 9
3:00 Softball vs. Conn. St. University
4:00 Women’s Tennis vs. Connecticut College
5:30-8:00 Cooking Class: Cookie Decorating at Billings Forge, Cost: $65 http://kitchenbattlenight.eventbrite.com
Wednesday, April 10
11:00-2:00 Men’s Tennis vs. Wesleyan University
4:30 Men’s Lacrosse vs. Springfield College
Thursday, April 11
Testicular Cancer Awareness Month Lecture and Panel. “I Am Ballsy: Totally Commando—Stripping Down Men’s Health With Thomas Cantley” Trinity College, Mother Hall
11:00-2:00 Winter Market The freshest products Connecticut has to offer. Billings Forge Studio
6:00 Maple Av. Revitalization Group Meeting-St. Augustine Church, Campbell Ave.
Friday, April 12
3:00 Baseball vs. Tfts University
4:00 Softball vs. Tfts University
9:00 “Live at La Paloma” at Arch Street Tavern String Theory CD Release Party
Saturday, April 13
7:30 Tennis vs. Wesleyan University
11:00 Softball vs. Tfts University
2:00 Women’s Tennis vs. Middlebury University
WEEK OF APRIL 14 – 20
Sunday, April 14
11:00 Women’s Tennis vs. Brandeis University
11:00 Women’s Tennis vs. Brandeis Univ.
Monday, April 15
3:30 Baseball vs. Eastern Conn. College
7:00 Women’s Baseball: 3v3 Tournament
Tuesday, April 16
2:15 Trinity Instrumentalists and Vocalists Trinity College, Arts Center
6:00 Women’s Lacrosse vs. Wesleyan Univ.
6:00-7:30 Behind the Rocks NRZ Meeting Memorial Baptist Church, Fairfield Ave.
Wednesday, April 17
7:00 Women’s Basketball: 3v3 Tournament
7:00 Syllable Writing Series La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation
Thursday, April 18
11:00-2:00 Winter Market The freshest products Connecticut has to offer. Billings Forge Studio
2:15 Chamber Ensembles Recital Trinity College, Austin Arts Center
5:30-7:30 Cooking Class: Cajun Cooking at Billings Forge, Cost: $60 http://www.eventbrite.com/event/565143732
Friday, April 19
8:00 Fernando Ferrer La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation
Saturday, April 20
11:00 Men’s Lacrosse vs. Hamilton College
7:30 Kamin Rome Quartet La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation
WEEK OF APRIL 21 – 27
Monday, April 22
7:00 Wassong Memorial Lecture “Sexuality in Europe: A Twentieth Century History & A History of the Present” By Dagmar Herzog, Trinity College, McCook Auditorium
Tuesday, April 23
4:30 A.K. Smith Visiting Scholars Lecture By Dorothy Mosby, Trinity College, Mother Hall
3:00-7:00 Cooking Class: Cupcake Decorating at Billings Forge, Cost: $45 http://kitchenbattlenight.eventbrite.com
7:00 Center for the Book La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation
Wednesday, April 24
4:30 Men’s Lacrosse vs. Amherst College
Thursday, April 25
4:00 Women’s Tennis vs. Tufts University
Friday, April 26
7:30 A Showcase of Student Choreography and Dancing Trinity College, Arts Center
Saturday, April 27
9:00 Men’s Lacrosse NESCAC
11:00 Women’s Lacrosse NESCAC 1st round
11:00-2:00 Winter Market The freshest products Connecticut has to offer. Billings Forge Studio
4:30 Men’s Lacrosse vs. Amherst College
5:00 Women’s Tennis vs. Williams College
7:30 A Showcase of Student Choreography and Dancing Trinity College, Austin Arts Center
7:30 Ed Smith Group La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation

WEEK OF APRIL 28 – MAY 4
Sunday, April 28
1:00–5:00 Global Yarns Service Day Come celebrate spring by getting the Gardens at Billings Forge ready for planting! Construction and other neighborhood beautification projects included.
3:00 Softball vs. Worcester State College
5:00 Women’s Basketball 3v3 Tournament
Tuesday, April 30
7:30 Ear Cave with WNPR La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation
Thursday, May 2
11:00-2:00 Winter Market The freshest products Connecticut has to offer. Billings Forge Studio
Friday, May 3
7:00 Talk Tuck Improv Group La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation
Saturday, May 4
9:00 Men’s Lacrosse NESCAC
11:00 Women’s Lacrosse NESCAC Championships
11:00-5:00 Seventh Annual Samba Fest Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, 300 Columbus Blvd.
Neon Baseball vs. Wesleyan University
5:00 2nd Annual Trinity Film Festival Cinestudio

WEEK OF MAY 5 – 11
Sunday, May 5
9:00 Men’s Lacrosse NESCAC
11:00 Women’s Lacrosse NESCAC Championships
Wednesday, May 8
Neon Women’s Lacrosse NCAAs
Thursday, May 9
11:00-2:00 Winter Market The freshest products Connecticut has to offer. Billings Forge Studio
6:00 Maple Av. Revitalization Group Meeting St. Augustine Church, Campbell Ave.
Friday, May 10
1:00 Baseball NESCAC’s
6:00-9:00 TASTE of the WORLD An international food festival to benefit Immaculate Conception Shelter. St. Francis Seminary, Bloomfield
Saturday, May 11
11:00 Baseball NESCAC’s
Women’s Lacrosse NCAAs
WEEK OF MAY 12 – 18
Sunday, May 12
9:00 Women’s Lacrosse NCAAs
1:00 Baseball NESCAC’s

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY CENTER
For a listing of classes and services, go to www.trinfocafe.org

WEEK OF MAY 19 – 25
Tuesday, May 21
6:00-7:30 Behind the Rocks NRZ Meeting Memorial Baptist Church, Fairfield Avenue
Wednesday, May 22
7:00 Syllable Writing Series La Paloma Coffee House. $5 suggested donation

ENJOY MUSIC, THEATER, DANCE, AND FILM AT TRINITY COLLEGE!

JOIN US!
For the current film schedule, go to www.cinestudio.org
For a complete schedule of arts performances at Trinity, go to www.trinc.edu/arts/

APRIL 6, 7:30 p.m., Austin Arts Center Real & Imaginatory Story by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Adapted and Directed by Caitlin Crombleholme ‘13. Free admission
APRIL 16, 21:30 p.m., Austin Arts Center Chamber Ensembles Recital, Free admission
APRIL 26-27, 7:30 p.m., Austin Arts Center Spring Dance: A Showcase of Student Choreography and Dancing. Free admission
APRIL 30, 7:30 p.m., Austin Arts Center Trinity Jazz Ensemble. Free admission

May 4, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mortensten Riverfront Plaza, 300 Columbus Blvd., Hartford. 7th Annual Samba Fest. Free admission