STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WELCOMES A NEW CHAIRMAN WELCOME WILL WRIGHT

In June 2025, Stamford Downtown's Board of Commissioners elected Attorney Will Wright as the organization's new Chairman. The timing of Will's election is important as our city center enters a critical period with the commencement of transformative mixed-use and hotel-based real estate projects, and a wave of infrastructure projects that will enhance Downtown's position as the local and regional center for residential life, entertainment, commercial growth, and innovation. Will succeeds Stamford Downtown's long-serving Chairman, Greg Caggainello of Reckson.



Will is a Principal in Cummings & Lockwood's Litigation Group and is based in the firm's Stamford office. Will has worked as a litigator at C&L for almost fifteen years, representing both individuals and businesses across the full spectrum of commercial matters, including partnership and shareholder disputes, claims for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty, and complex land use and property tax appeals. Will also has significant appellate experience. In 2023, he successfully argued an appeal before the Connecticut Supreme Court in what is now considered the leading case in Connecticut on the enforceability of no-contest clauses in wills and trusts. In 2025, he was selected to Connecticut Super Lawyers in the area of Business Litigation.

Including his time at Cummings & Lockwood, Will has worked in the Downtown since 2009 and also lived Downtown for several years. A native of Cape Cod, Will now lives in Stamford just north of Downtown with his wife and three children. Will is a proud graduate of Boston College and the University of Connecticut School of Law. Despite his busy schedule, Will is always ready to discuss his beloved New York Mets or Boston College Eagles.

In addition to his impressive professional background and busy personal life, Will is passionate about issues of redevelopment, urban life, transportation and streetscape design. His enthusiasm for Stamford Downtown's mission is evident whenever he speaks about the organization's many initiatives

Per Will, "I thank Stamford Downtown's Board of Commissioners for this opportunity. I look forward to working with the organization's staff, the City of Stamford and Downtown stakeholders to transform Downtown streets into well-designed settings for residents, visitors, students and workers. I want to thank Greg Caggainello for his many years of service to Stamford Downtown and thank him for remaining as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners."

"I very much look forward to working with Will as Stamford Downtown's new Chairman. Will is a strong advocate for Downtown and his leadership will help guide the transformation of our Downtown streets while guiding the organization's new initiatives," states Michael Moore, Stamford Downtown's President. "I want to thank Greg Caggainello as well for his leadership during the organization's recent transitions in leadership. Greg has always been a calm, reassuring voice for fellow Board members and Stamford Downtown staff."









NEW ROLLER LAND BRINGS RETRO FUN TO STAMFORD TOWN CENTER WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY



A new entertainment destination is rolling into Stamford Town Center as Roller Land officially opened its doors on Friday, September 6, 2025, bringing the timeless joy of roller skating to families and skating enthusiasts throughout the region. The expansive 11,000 square foot facility promises to deliver an unforgettable experience for skaters of all ages and skill levels. Roller Land features a spacious skating rink designed to accommodate everyone from first-time skaters to experienced enthusiasts. The facility boasts modern amenities while maintaining the classic charm that has made roller skating a beloved pastime for generations.

"We're thrilled to bring this classic American entertainment experience to Stamford," said Dan Stolzenbach, General Manager at Stamford Town Center. "Roller Land offers a unique blend of nostalgia and modern fun that creates lasting memories for families, friends, and the entire community."













We warmly invite you to step into an atmosphere of art, beauty, and inspiration in the heart of Stamford. Explore a distinguished exhibition showcasing curated works by local visionaries and renowned guest artists, on view through September 30, 2025.

96 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT 06901

(convenient parking nearby on Spring Street)

Tuesday - Saturday 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

While visiting, discover more of what we do from our artful gallery collections to our refined design services.

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The distinguished exhibition features works by local and guest artists, including Joseph Lofton, Robert Weiss, Gwendolin Morris, James Woodridge, and Anton Pollard





NATURAL KITCHEN IS NOW OPEN



Great news for Stamford Downtown! Natural Kitchen is now open at 5 Broad Street, directly across from UConn Stamford.

The new 30-seat restaurant is the fourth location for this Connecticut favorite, which was founded in Milford in 2001. Known for its healthy, all-natural menu, Natural Kitchen offers a build-your-own Poké Bowl experience or a selection of 10 signature bowls.

Beyond Poké, their menu features a variety of delicious and unique options, including crepes, ice cream, bubble teas, and traditional milkshakes.

Check out their full menu and a wide array of savory offerings at https://www.naturalkitchenstamford.com/





SIDEWALK ART WORK --IT'S FUN AND WHIMSICAL

Have you noticed the new sidewalk art around the downtown?

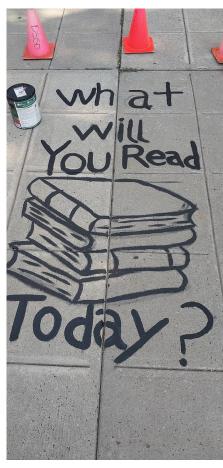
This sidewalk art project is aimed at enhancing the pedestrian experience through vibrant, interactive public art. It features five permanent sidewalk murals by local artist Chancellor Hayes, @8ballcreates

From playful prompts to whimsical visuals, each piece invites passersby to engage with the city in a joyful, unexpected way.

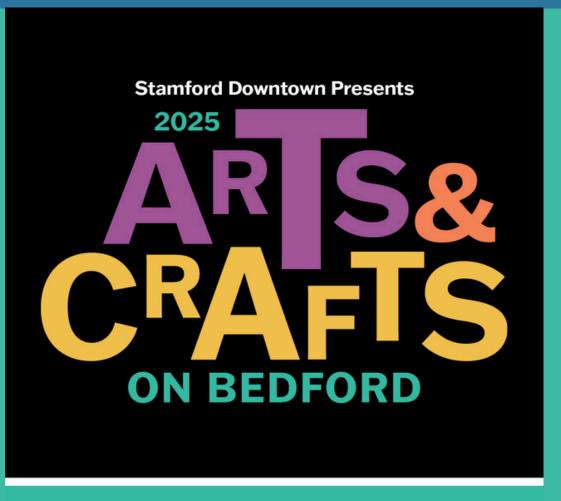
The installations include:

* "Smile Here" at Kiwanis Park
(Atlantic Street) * "What Will You
Read Today?" at the entrance to
the Ferguson Library (Broad
Street) * "Jump" and "Kiss Here"
in Columbus Park near the
flagpole and on Washington
Blvd. * "Playground Club" in
Latham Park









SATURDAY,
SEPT 20th
10am-6:30pm

Shop handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, woodwork and more.

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Auction for OINK! in Stamford **Downtown**



This is your opportunity to bid on the Pig Sculptures that have been on display throughout Stamford Downtown this summer.



Auction will be held online ending October 8

For more information, please visit stamford - downtown.com /event/art-in-public-places/











TICKETS: STAMFORD-DOWNTOWN.COM/EVENTS











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2025 WBDC CATALYST SYMPOSIUM

TUES. SEPT 30

Trinity College, Hartford 8:30am – 1:00pm

You'll walk away with new connections, valuable insights, and inspiration to take your business to the next level.





STAMFORD TOWN CENTER PARTNERS WITH AIRGARAGE TO LAUNCH MODERN **DIGITAL PARKING SYSTEM**

New contactless platform goes live in October, replacing pay stations with a seamless, mobile-first experience.

Stamford Town Center, one of Connecticut's favorite shopping destinations, announced today the launch of a new parking system powered by AirGarage, a full-service parking operator that replaces outdated systems with a seamless, technology-backed platform used at properties nationwide.

As of October, existing pay stations will be removed and replaced with AirGarage's mobilefirst platform. The system allows visitors to park and pay directly from their smartphones, making parking faster, easier, and hassle-free. The parking rate of \$1 per hour will not change; however, there will be a 35 cent processing fee for each transaction.



The new system allows you to: Pay by app or mobile web, no machines or tickets

Start and end parking on your phone, or enable autostart sessions for automatic tracking upon entry and exit

24/7 support by real people ready to help anytime

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Text pay 516-755-3853





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CELEBRATING MARION GLOWKA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

For over two decades, Marion Glowka was a foundational presence at Stamford Downtown, serving as the organization's Streetscape Coordinator from 1994 to 2017. Her remarkable tenure was defined by a deep horticultural passion and an incredible creative vision that transformed the city's streets into a vibrant, colorful display of flowers and landscaping.

A true pillar of the Stamford Downtown Special Services District's landscape art, Marion's work created a lasting legacy that continues to beautify the city to this day. Now, after a well-deserved retirement, we celebrate her 90th birthday, and wish her continued happiness.



Happy 90th Birthday, Marion!

COMING TO THE END OF A SUCESSEFUL GROWING SEASON

The UConn Stamfford Downtown Community Garden at Whitey Heist Park, located at the corner of Broad and Franklin streets, has had a truly bountiful and successful season. This year, the garden has yielded a remarkable harvest, providing some fresh produce to the students from both Future 5 and UConn who have been actively involved in its care.

As the season winds down, we are proud to see the community enjoying the fruits of their labor and celebrating the garden's success. It's a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when we work together to cultivate something special.



Special thanks to Uconn Stamford, Future 5 and Eastern Land Management for their help.









Our amazing summer plantings around the downtown







