

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

POLLINATOR PATHWAY STAMFORD + MILL RIVER PARK COLLABORATIVE JOINT SPEAKER SERIES



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Over the past two years, Stamford Downtown has worked closely with the [Mill River Park Collaborative](#) (Mill River) and the [Pollinator Pathway Stamford](#) (PPS) to foster a more sustainable and verdant public realm within Downtown. This partnership resulted in a successful urban forestry pilot at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Main Street and the creation and maintenance of three pollinator gardens - one behind Old Town Hall at Heritage Park and two at Kiwanis Park adjacent to The Palace Theatre. Stamford Downtown intends these two projects to be the first wave of a broader partnership with Mill River and PPS throughout Downtown.

Mill River and the PPS are partnering to produce a speaker series entitled *Healthy Yards for Pollinators, Pets & People*. The speaker series includes five separate talks between March - October 2024. Recognized experts in horticulture and landscape design will lead most talks. The subject of each talk will focus on a different elements of sustainable lawn care including:

Organic Lawn Care for Homeowners, March 26

The Payoffs of a Pesticide-Free Yard, April 24

Workshop: Container Gardening for Pollinators, June 23

The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline, June 26

Leave the Leaves. Save the Stems, October 8

Melanie Hollas - Co-Chair of PPS - will moderate each talk. All talks are free and will take place at the Whittingham Discovery Center at Mill River Park. Those interested in participating may register at the following [link](#).

DANILLO VALOAR BRINGS HAUTE COUTURE TO 180 BEDFORD STREET



Cover page: Danillo Valoar inside of his shop. Left: Exterior of Atelier Valoar Couture (180 Bedford)

A 30-year veteran in the fashion world, Danillo Valoar, brings his unique couture custom design shop to the heart of Stamford this season. A well-known fashion designer in Brazil, Danillo showcases his own brand *Danillo Valoar* as well as other designers. The atelier is his artist’s design studio and workroom, specializing in bridal design, special occasions, formal wear, alterations for woman and men’s tailoring. He also has beautiful accessories like, stunning jewelry, bridal veils, evening bags, tiaras and much more, to give a special finish to your look. Danillo describes his 180 Bedford Street shop...

“Our commitment is to make our customers look stunning. We have decades of experience in all types of tailoring and alterations for both men and women. Here you will find professional sewing services for all your needs, making your dress fit like glove. We also specialize in bespoke design wedding and evening gowns.”

Atelier Valoar Couture is by appointment only and works with same day services, so please check availability. To make an appointment, text or call (203) 883-3252.



New Fortune, a new full-service barber shop for men now at 205 Atlantic Street

Open 7 days a week

To book an appointment, call (203) 901-5143 or use this [link](#)

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN WELCOMES CHARLES IT



Charles IT's ribbon cutting ceremony

Charles IT, a leading IT and cybersecurity company recently announced its expansion and opening of a new office at 1055 Washington Boulevard, Suite #310. CEO, Foster Charles, cut the ribbon on February 21st, emphasizing the company's commitment to growth and exceptional service for Southern Connecticut and Metropolitan New York area clients.

Known for their friendly, no-nonsense approach to IT services, this expansion is not just about team growth; it is about forging deeper connections within the local tech community as well as existing clients.

As Foster Charles elaborates, "this move is a giant leap forward as we focus on high-touch, white-glove service. We are excited about the opportunities and look forward to contributing to Stamford's business community."

Check out the YouTube announcement [here](#).

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE & AMBASSADOR SERVICES FEBRUARY STATISTICS



1,386
TRASH (LBS)
REMOVED



29x
DOG WASTE
REMOVED



1,052
PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENTS



46
STORM DRAINS -
SNOW REMOVAL



882
HOURS CLEANING
SIDEWALKS



29
OF CURB CUTS -
SNOW REMOVAL

WIN WASTE AND STAMFORD DOWNTOWN OPERATIONS AT CLARK STREET



Stamford Downtown manages, or assists in the oversight of, three refuse cooperatives in Downtown. The purpose of these cooperatives is to create a central location where restaurants and stores may place their refuse and cardboard. These central locations eliminate the need for individual restaurants to place collection receptacles on their respective premises thus reducing odor and unsightly waste remnants.

WIN Waste Innovations - a private refuse hauler - has taken a significant step to improve operations at the cooperative located on Clark Street. This cooperative serves those businesses located on the southern side of Main Street and fronting on Columbus Park. At this location, WIN Waste removed two containers - one used for collection of refuse and a second for the collection of cardboard. In turn, WIN Waste placed a larger-dual use, or split-use, compactor. This new compactor provides sufficient capacity and is more user friendly thus better serving Main Street's growing restaurant activity. Stamford Downtown's Environmental Maintenance observes this site each day in order to clean any refuse that has fallen to the ground outside the compactor and document any instances of illegal dumping.

As described by WIN Waste the benefits of a split-use compactor are substantial. These benefits include:

Space-saving: A split compactor can significantly reduce the volume of trash, minimizing the number of times you need to empty the containers. This can be beneficial for locations with limited space for trash storage.

Improved Hygiene: By compacting the trash, a compactor can help reduce odors and deter pests, especially for food waste or organic materials.

Increased Efficiency: Less frequent emptying due to compaction can save time and labor costs associated with trash disposal.

Reduced Noise, Inconvenience and Lower Emissions: Such compactors requires fewer trips for WIN Waste to service.



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A Benefit for The Palace Theatre and its Arts Education Programs

FRI. APR. 5, 8PM

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