

Sports complex eyed for Bridgeport

Owners seek grant shift after stadium plan failed

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BRIDGEPORT — For over two years, prime lower East Side land was set aside for a redevelopment anchored by a mi-

nor league soccer stadium. That plan fell apart this past February after Gov. Ned Lamont’s administration declined to contribute around \$127 million to the cause. Now, the property owners

are pitching a new proposal to state officials for a multi-use sports complex, with the aim of repurposing \$12 million in environmental remediation grants awarded to prepare the contaminated acreage for the

soccer venue. “I think it’s moving in the right direction,” Edward Laver- noich said, speaking about the negotiations with Gov. Ned Lamont’s administration. Lavernoich runs the Bridge- port Economic Development Corporation (BEDCO). That quasi-public nonprofit had

originally secured the state dol- lars — \$8 million from the Com- munity Investment Fund, \$4 million from a brownfields pro- gram — to assist Connecticut Sports Group. That latter organization — at least since late 2023 — had pur- sued building the soccer stadi- **Complex continues on A6**

Map of surface temperatures in Connecticut



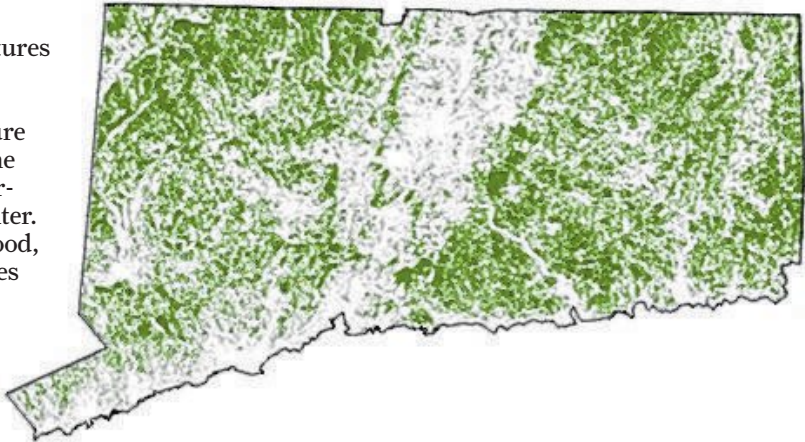
Graphic: Annie Xia/Hearst Connecticut Media Source: Surface map averaged from four USGS Landsat Surface Temperature summer snapshots between 2018 and 2024.

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At any given moment, temperatures on the ground range widely across Connecticut. For example, the temperature can be 20 degrees hotter on the pavement in downtown Waterbury than outside the city center. In Bridgeport’s East Side neighborhood, the temperature drops several degrees from street to street. What’s on the ground plays a major role in that variance. Trees help decrease tempera- tures through their shade, ac- cording to University of Con-

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Map of tree canopy coverage in Connecticut



Graphic: Annie Xia/Hearst Connecticut Media Source: Tree canopy map from 2018 and cover by NOAA Coastal Change Analysis Program.

Temperatures can vary by more than 20 degrees across parts of Connecticut. Trees help explain why.

Conn. sues Trump over ‘unlawful, baseless’ tariffs

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Connecticut has joined two dozen other states in suing Pres- ident Donald Trump over his new round of tariffs. The new complaint, which was filed this week in the U.S. Court of International Trade, marks Connecticut’s third law- suit over tariffs in Trump’s sec- ond term. This time, Connecti- cut and the other plaintiffs are objecting to the tariffs imposed last month on more than 80 countries. Those nations, which include the 27-member Europe- an Union, account for more than **Trump continues on A4**

Tuesday’s primaries to narrow field of candidates

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On Aug. 11, Democratic and Re- publican primaries across Con- necticut will settle which candi- dates for governor, Congress and the state House and Senate will get to run on their party’s line in the November gen- eral election. Here’s what registered Democrats and Republicans should know about casting ballots in the primary.



Who can vote in this primary election? In Connecticut, only voters who are registered with the Democrat- ic Party can participate in a Demo- cratic primary, and only registered Republicans can vote in a Repub- lican primary. Voters who wanted to change their affiliation from one party to another and vote in the other par- **Vote continues on A4**

Milford residents blast Flock cameras for 3 hours

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MILFORD — After three hours of public testimony den- ouncing the citywide instal- lation of automated license plate reading Flock cameras for presenting a threat to civil

liberties, the Board of Alder- men voted to consider imple- menting a moratorium in one month. A total of 64 speakers testi- fied Monday, and all but three of them pressed the Board of Aldermen on the use of the camera program, which uses

artificial intelligence to cap- ture and record data to be placed in a searchable data- base. Several residents said it was a Fourth Amendment viola- tion that, as they travel throughout the city, their trav- el patterns are recorded and

their personal data can be ac- cessed by law enforcement across the country in a data- base maintained by a private vendor. After Police Chief Keith Mello offered a lengthy justifi- cation for the use of the cam- eras as a law enforcement tool,

members of the Board of Al- dermen eventually voted after 12:15 a.m. to continue a discus- sion on potential action to Sep- tember. “The expectation of privacy in public doesn’t hold up when you’re pulling the entire city **Cameras continues on A6**

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