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Illuminated hot air balloons featured at marina event



The 2024 Harbor Glow at the Marina at American Wharf. It will return on Sept. 28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. PROVIDED BY THE NORWICH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Attendees are encouraged to sign up for free event

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A unique family-friendly activity is returning to Norwich. The Norwich Community Development Corporation, the Marina at American Wharf and Global City Norwich will host the second annual Harbor Glow at the Marina at American Wharf on Sept. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. The event is free, but

attendees are encouraged to sign up at the Eventbrite link to gauge attendance, an email from NCDC President Kevin Brown stated. Harbor Glow will feature illuminated hot air balloons at the Marina. The first event, held last year, had over 4,000 attendees and received overwhelming positive feedback from the community, Global City Norwich Executive Director Bobbie Braboy said. “To my knowledge, we hadn’t

brought hot air balloons to Norwich before, so people were able to go right up to the hot air balloons,” she said. “There was one hot air balloon on its side, and the people were able to go inside (the basket).”

What will be at this year’s event?
One new addition to this year’s
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In terms of housing policy

Fire officials opposed to single-stairway exit change

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The CT Mirror

Connecticut officials are considering a change to state building codes that would allow some residential buildings to have only one way to exit, rather than two. The proposal would allow new buildings with up to five stories of residences and up to four units of housing per floor to have just one stairway as an exit, if the building has certain fire-resistant technology. Up to six stories would be allowed in cases where there is a commercial space on the first floor. Current state building code allows single-stairway exits for residences up to three stories tall. The state’s Codes and Standards Committee, which reviews changes to building and fire codes, on Wednesday heard from firefighters about what they said were the dangers of the change during a public hearing. The

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Construction of mixed-use buildings at 808 and 848 Chapel St. in New Haven will bring over 160 apartments to downtown New Haven. State officials are considering changing means of egress rules in the building code for some residential buildings in the future. SHAHRZAD RASEKH/CT MIRROR

Plainfield man arrested in disposal of woman’s body

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A Plainfield man was arrested for the illegal disposal of Alicia Balderston’s body. Connecticut State Police said Eastern District Major Crime Detectives arrest-

ed Vendetta Robinson, 44, of Plainfield on the strength of an active arrest warrant Sept. 18. The warrant for Robinson’s arrest stemmed from the discovery of human skeletal remains off of Lowell Davis Road in Thompson in October 2024. The remains were later positively identified as Alicia Balderston (date of

birth Oct. 8, 1990), who had previously been reported as a missing person from Plainfield. According to the affidavit for Robinson’s arrest warrant, Balderston would package fentanyl, crack, cocaine and marijuana for Robinson in rooms at various hotels.

How Balderston is alleged to have died
One day, Robinson went to one of the hotel rooms and found Balderston face down on the floor, deceased. Robinson said in the affidavit that Balderston had
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