

Town of West Hartford

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West Hartford celebrates Ron Van Winkle's 30 years of Service *Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 5:30-7:30 PM*

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (May 1, 2017) – The community is invited to a retirement tribute celebrating Ron Van Winkle on Tuesday, May 30, 5:30-7:30 PM, at the Town Hall Auditorium 50 South Main Street, West Hartford.

Mr. Van Winkle will be retiring after 30 years of service to the Town of West Hartford. His legacy and contributions will be recognized at an event that will benefit two of his favorite charities: Town that Cares and WHC-TV.

The evening includes food sampling from area restaurants, wine/beer, and a video presentation celebrating Ron's 30 years of service to the West Hartford. Emcees include Barry Feldman, Patrick Alair and Rob Rowson.

Mr. Van Winkle's relationship with the Town of West Hartford began in 1987 when he was hired as the Director of Community Services to oversee the divisions of Planning & Zoning, Building Inspection, Engineering and Capital Improvement Projects. During his tenure, he has been involved in hundreds of projects that have changed the landscape of West Hartford. Major projects have included the Veterans Memorial, Bristow Middle School and Blue Back Square.

In 2008, he was appointed Town Manager, serving as the Town of West Hartford's chief administrative officer.

Mr. Van Winkle has been a professional Economist specializing in issues dealing with the Connecticut economy in both the public and private sectors for more than 30 years. He is a well-known public speaker on issues affecting the economy of the State of Connecticut, and on issues of public policy at both the State and local levels.

General admission is \$40 Investor, \$100 Trustee (\$40 admission + \$60 donation to the charities). Your name will be added to the guest list for quick check-in at the door. To attend or make a donation, go to www.whctv.org/events.

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West Hartford Community Television invites local businesses to partner with us for this special event by becoming a Golden Shovel Sponsor (\$500) or by donating food items for our “Power Hour Hors d’oeuvres.” For more information about how you can help, visit whctv.org or contact Jennifer Evans at Jennifer@westhartfordct.gov.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Town that Cares Fund and WHC-TV.

About the Beneficiaries:

The Town That Cares is a special fund administered by the Town of West Hartford Social Services. The fund assists residents experiencing a crisis situation hindering their ability to pay for food, utility bills, shelter costs, medical expenses and other critical needs. It is funded 100% by contributions from generous individuals, businesses and community groups.

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