

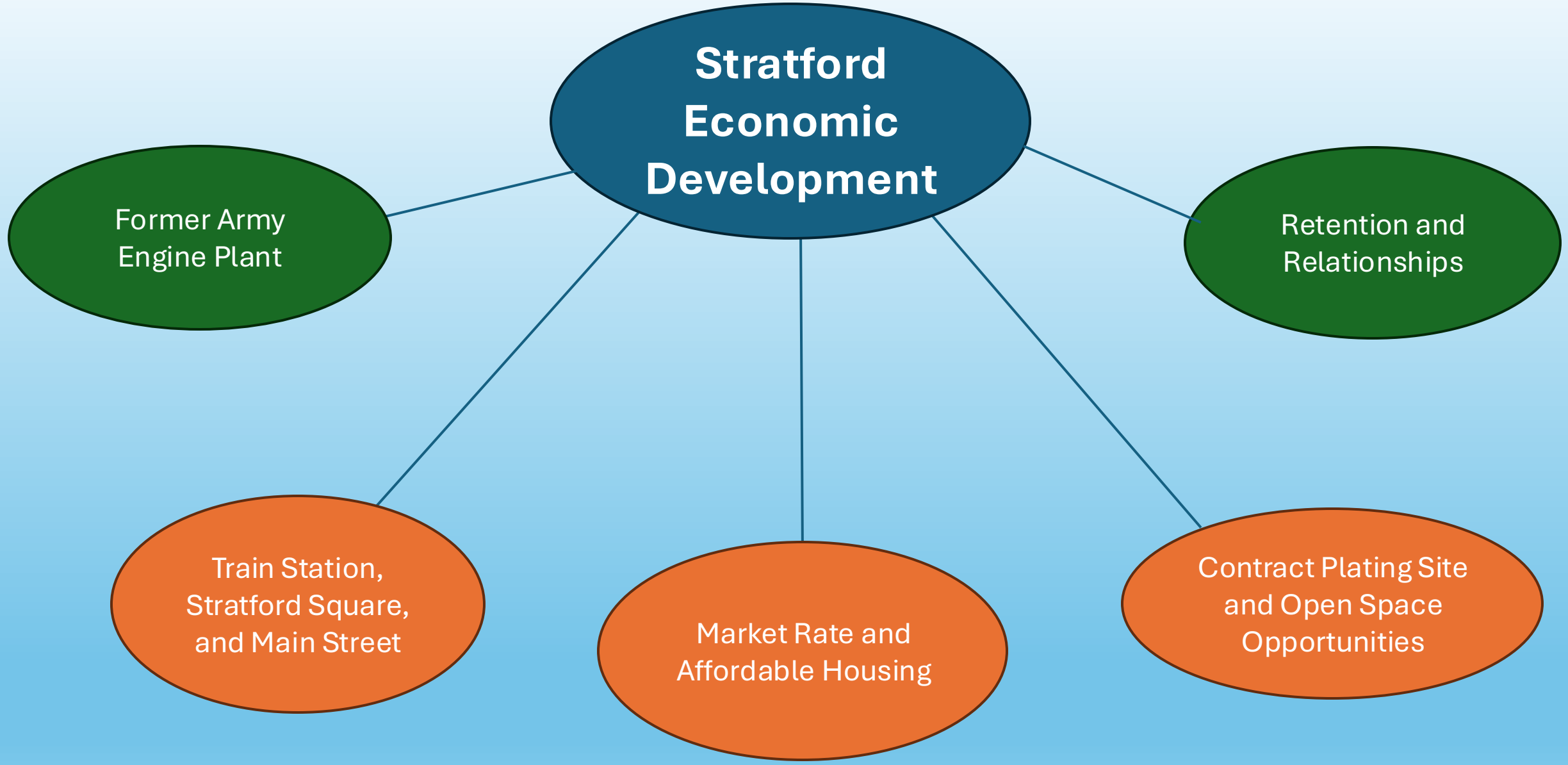


Jimmy Capra
Director of Economic Development

Our mission is to build a stronger Stratford—one that is business-friendly, investment-ready, and a destination people are proud to visit, invest in, and call home.






Stratford Economic Development
Former Army Engine Plant
Retention and Relationships
Train Station, Stratford Square, and Main Street
Market Rate and Affordable Housing
Contract Plating Site and Open Space Opportunities

Former Army Engine Plant

- The goal is to strategically enhance surrounding areas to support and complement the upcoming 78-acre mixed-use development.

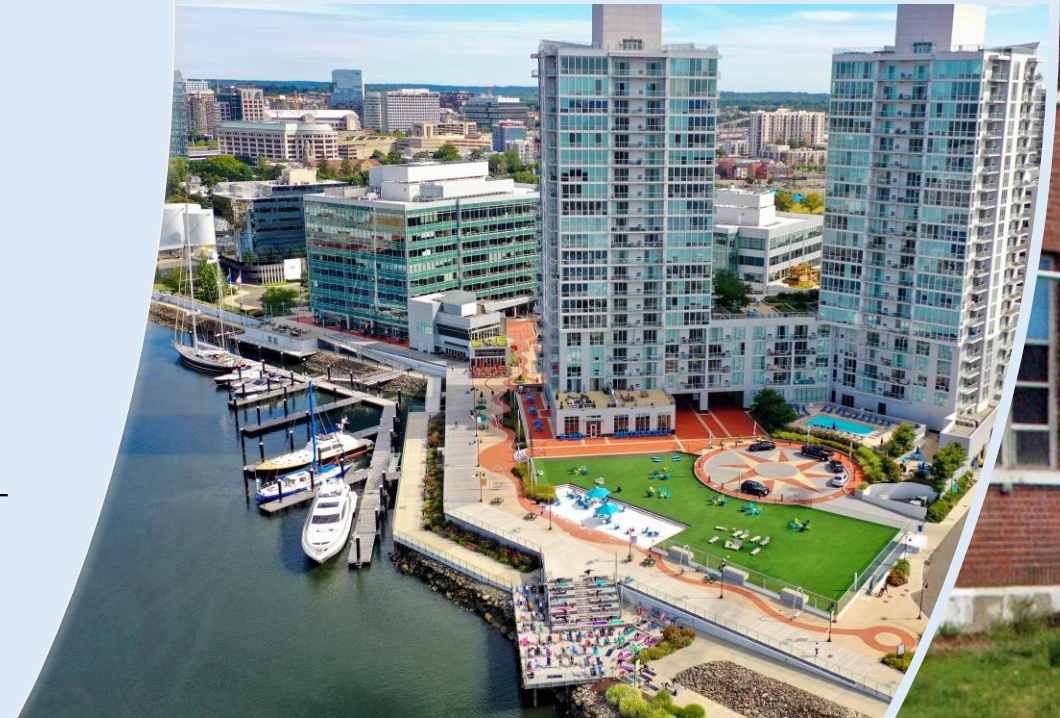
- Mike Freimuth, one of Connecticut's most respected economic development leaders, is serving as a consultant on this project, bringing invaluable expertise and vision.

- Master planning is now underway with the selection of Cooper Robertson. We are excited to partner with their team to transform this waterfront site into a premier destination.

- Community engagement is beginning with outreach to town departments, commissions, and residents. Join us for the Community Engagement Kickoff on June 29 at 6:00 PM at Stratford High School.

- This transformational project represents a new chapter for Stratford—expanding the commercial tax base, restoring public access to the waterfront, and enhancing quality of life for residents today and for generations to come.







Stratford Train Station

Imagine stepping off the train into a vibrant destination that reflects our community's character, pride, and potential—a place we're proud to call home.



•Time 1 project includes elevating and extending the north side platform and station enhancements.

•Exploring opportunities to optimize parking operations and increase revenue.

• Working with CTDOT on plans for up to 90 housing units on a portion of the station parking lot, supporting Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

•Reimagining the Station House Restaurant building as a destination dining experience, with interest from several high-end restaurant operators.

•Collaborating with CTDOT to secure funding for exterior building improvements.



Main Street-Paradise Green

Creating a more walkable, accessible, and business-friendly destination that strengthens community pride and economic vitality.







2589 Main Street **12 units** ready to lease!

- Working with David Kooris from Connecticut Municipal Development Authority on a study to reimagine Paradise Green.

- Creating a more vibrant district with additional small businesses, restaurants, and improved walkability.

- Meeting with business owners to develop strategies that enhance accessibility and support local business growth.

Plans are to move forward with Key Foods!

Stratford Square Site

Transforming a highly visible I-95 corridor into a destination that enhances community identity, investment, and curb appeal



Aldi is on the way! Opening within 9-12 months.

Groundbreaking ceremony will be in September.

Estimated Tax Revenue: **$92,000.00**



Engaged in discussions with Brixmor and developers to explore transforming the site into a residential housing development. The property is adjacent to the train station and located within a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) zone, making it well-positioned for higher-density housing and walkable community growth.

Stratford: A Destination to Live, Work, Play, and Call Home.



Over 1,000 market-rate and affordable housing units are planned or under development, helping to address regional housing demand and support economic growth.

Compared to single-family homes, apartment communities generate significantly more tax revenue per acre, *supporting municipal services and long-term fiscal sustainability.*
With minimal impact on schools and other services.



Center School Site - 154 units
Construction starts this fall!

Town to receive **$1.69 million** for purchase of site.

Estimated tax revenue upon complete: **$500,000.00** per year.



The Villages Apartments - 103 units
2009 Main Street

Pre-leasing has begun! Ribbon cutting at the end of June.

Estimated tax revenue:
$450,000.00 per year



Temple Court Building - 60 units
2590 Main Street

Application will be submitted to Planning and Zoning

Current Building to be demolished upon Zoning approval.

Estimated tax revenue:
$180,000.00 per year

Ferry Boulevard Corridor- a walkable location with mixed use!



382 Ferry Boulevard- 119 units

Completion this fall!

Estimated tax revenue:
$490,000.00 per year



Former Blue Goose Site - 120 units
326 Ferry Boulevard

Developer planning mixed-use with childcare, restaurant, and coffee shop.

Application to be submitted to Planning and Zoning.

Estimated tax revenue:
$490,000.00 per year



Former Rotary Centre Site - 120 units
300 Ferry Boulevard

Sale Price: $1.3 million

Developer in process of purchasing the site.

Estimated tax revenue:
$490,000.00 per year



"Ferry Boulevard: Building a Safer, Greener, and More Walkable Future."



225 Lordship Boulevard
101 Units

Approved development to begin construction

Offer has been submitted.

Estimated tax revenue:
$400,000.00 per year



Ella Grasso Site
300 Armory Road

Potential for **100+ affordable housing units**.

Met with Elm City Communities to explore a partnership to deliver truly affordable housing. Evaluating opportunities to advance redevelopment and expand housing options for residents.



Former Dictaphone Site - 234 units
3191 Broadbridge Avenue

Ongoing discussions with developer and his attorney.

Open Space- *heavy focus on bringing in high tax revenue companies.*



250 Lordship Boulevard

For Sale - $8.8 million

Realtor: Angel Commercial - scheduling meeting.

Zoning: Light Industrial - suitable for industrial and commercial uses.



1265 W Broad Street

For Lease - up to 231,000 SQ FT Industrial (Subdivisible)

Realtor - Matthew O'Hare - CBRE, Inc. Discussions in progress.



99 Hawley Lane

For Lease - Medical Office
2,382-15,870 SQ FT Available

Merritt 8 Corporate Park is marketing to lease these spaces.



495 Hawley Lane

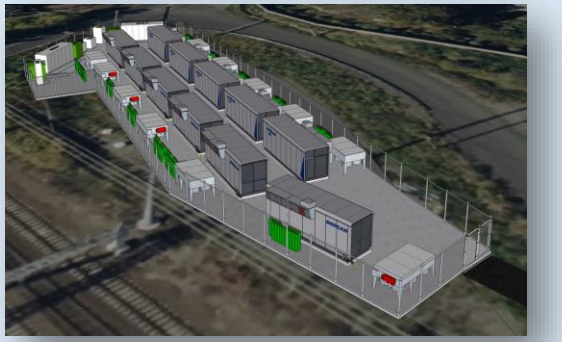
For Lease - Medical Office-
2nd floor
10,250 SQ FT Available

Realtor - Paul Tortora at JLL. Discussions in progress.

Contract Plating Site Strategic Plan – Transforming Underutilized Land into a Premier High-Tech Manufacturing and Innovation Corridor

540 Long Brook Avenue

HyAxiom™
A Doosan Company



•Fuel cell installation is scheduled to occur between July and August.
•The project will generate approximately $175,000 in annual revenue for 20 years following installation.





•**More than 13 acres** are advancing through Phase II and Phase III environmental remediation. Multiple stakeholders are currently coordinating scope modifications for the Anodizing Building remediation area and supplemental Phase III remediation.

•**A comprehensive feasibility study** is planned to evaluate redevelopment opportunities and position the site for high-tech and advanced manufacturing investment.

•**Strategic marketing efforts** will include engagement with commercial real estate brokers and site selectors, supported by the feasibility study as a redevelopment playbook. Planning is underway for a Commercial Real Estate Broker event to showcase the site's potential and attract prospective employers.

•**High-tech manufacturing facilities** can generate substantial economic benefits, including quality jobs, private investment, and significant growth in commercial real estate and personal property tax revenues, strengthening the community's long-term fiscal health.

Relationships and Retention

















- **Hosted more than 10 grand opening celebrations** for new and expanding businesses.
- **Conducted 15 small and large business tours** to strengthen relationships and better understand local business needs.
- **Held more than 25 meetings with developers and commercial real estate brokers** to promote investment opportunities and support economic growth initiatives.
- **Collaborated closely with the Economic Development Commission** to advance strategic development goals and community priorities.
- **Maintained active partnerships with BRBC and other regional organizations** to foster business attraction, retention, and economic development opportunities.


















Economic Development Update

Supporting Businesses
Promoting Stratford
Creating Opportunity

Anne Gaydos
Manager of Small Business Development
Town of Stratford

June 8, 2026

Building the Foundation

- 🏢 **80+** Businesses & Organizations Engaged
- ✂️ **10** Ribbon Cuttings
- 🎁 **70+** Businesses Joining the Community e-Gift Card Program
- 📚 **195+** Community Assets Cataloged
- 📣 **128,743** Campaign Impressions
- 👥 **32,578** People Reached Through Digital Promotion

Building relationships, increasing visibility, and creating opportunities for Stratford businesses and residents.

Building Relationships Across Stratford

80+ businesses engaged during the first 6 months, including:

🏭 Manufacturing & Industry
- *Ashcroft*
- *Hubbell Water Heaters*
- *Nuovo Pasta*

🍽️ Restaurants
- *Cricket Car Hop*
- *Dal Mare Pizzeria*
- *Mesa Latina Deli & Restaurant*
- *Outriggers*
- *Queen Bee*
- *Riverview Bistro*
- *TD Vietnam Palace*

🛍️ Retail & Services
- *H3 Pet Supply*
- *Lordship Corner Market*
- *Mellow Monkey*
- *Obodo Serendipity Books*
- *Skincare Studio Medspa*

🏥 Healthcare & Nonprofits
- *ALS United*
- *Cornerstone*
- *Mozaic*

⚡ Utilities & Infrastructure
- *Aquarion*
- *Avangrid*



Welcoming New Businesses and Supporting Local Growth

Coordinated more than 10 ribbon cuttings, media outreach, and community engagement for new and expanding Stratford businesses.



















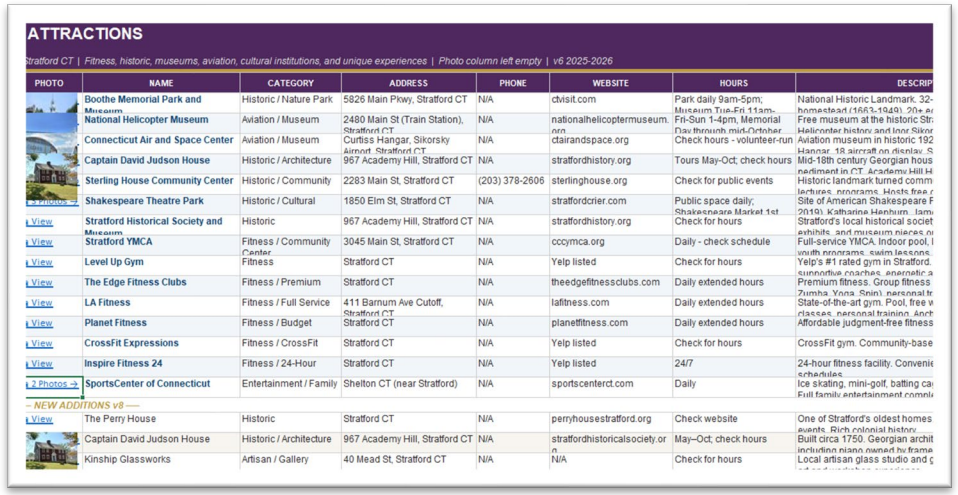


Creating a Centralized Resource to Promote Stratford

Developing a comprehensive library of businesses, attractions, events, and community assets to support future marketing, tourism, and economic development initiatives.

Why It Matters

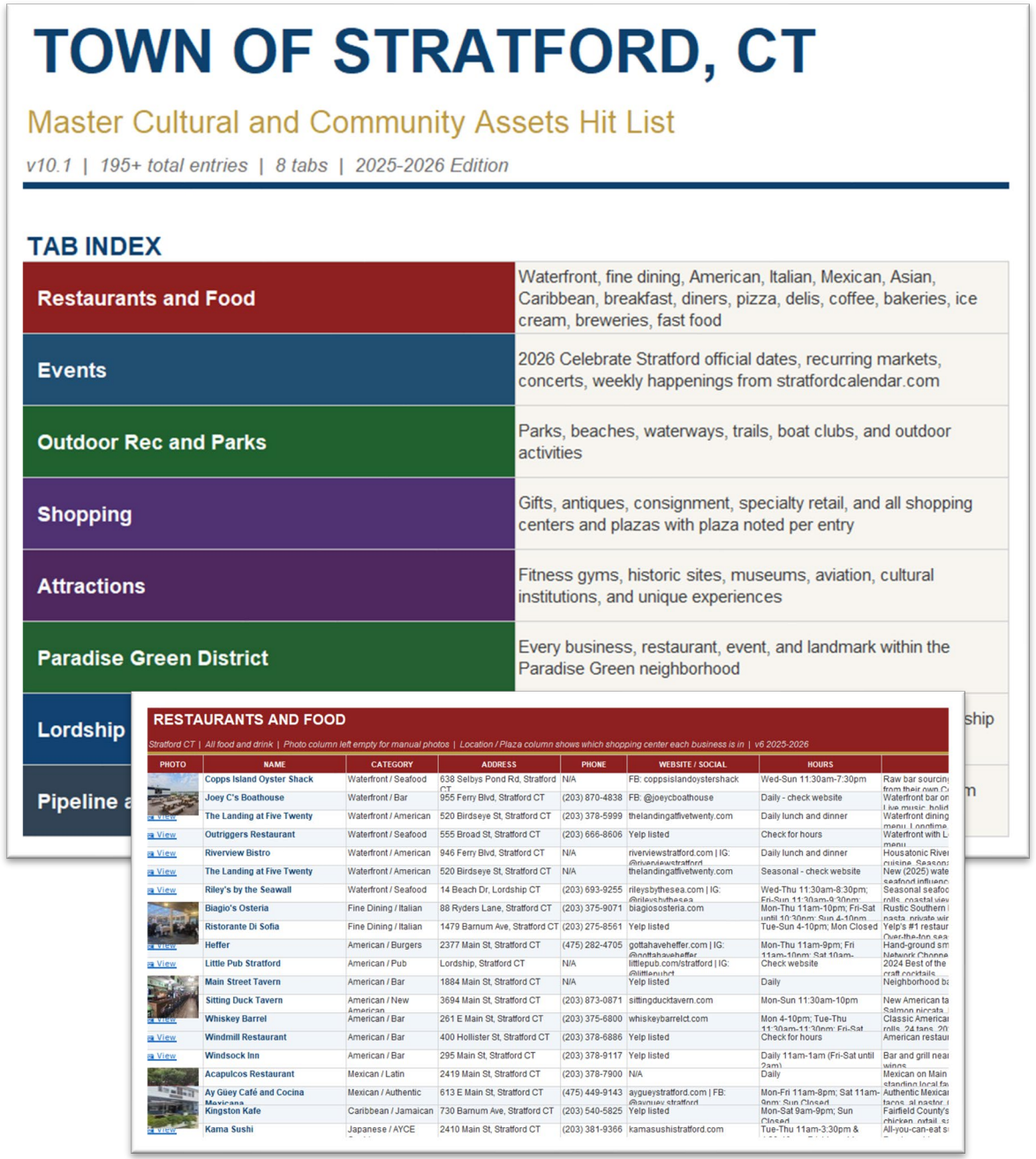
- Identifies and organizes Stratford's assets in one place
- Supports future business and tourism promotion
- Creates a resource for marketing and community engagement
- Helps tell Stratford's story more consistently



ATTRACTIONS

Stratford CT | Fitness, historic, museums, aviation, cultural institutions, and unique experiences | Photo column left empty | v6 2025-2026

PHOTO	NAME	CATEGORY	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBSITE	HOURS	DESCRIP
	Boothe Memorial Park and Museum	Historic / Nature Park	5826 Main Pkwy, Stratford CT	N/A	ctvisit.com	Park daily 9am-5pm; Museum Tue-Fri 11am-	National Historic Landmark; 32- homestead (1663-1949), 20+ a
	National Helicopter Museum	Aviation / Museum	2480 Main St (Train Station), Stratford CT	N/A	nationalhelicoptermuseum.org	Fri-Sun 1-4pm, Memorial Day through mid-October	Free museum at the historic Str Helicopter history and Igor Sikor
	Connecticut Air and Space Center	Aviation / Museum	Curtiss Hangar, Sikorsky Airport, Stratford CT	N/A	ctairandspace.org	Check hours - volunteer-run	Aviation museum in historic 192 Hangar, 18 aircraft on display, S
	Captain David Judson House	Historic / Architecture	967 Academy Hill, Stratford CT	N/A	stratfordhistory.org	Tours May-Oct; check hours	Mid-18th century Georgian hous pediment in CT. Academy Hill H
	Sterling House Community Center	Historic / Community	2283 Main St, Stratford CT	(203) 378-2606	sterlinghouse.org	Check for public events	Historic landmark turned comm lectures, programs. Hosts free c
2 Photos →	Shakespeare Theatre Park	Historic / Cultural	1850 Elm St, Stratford CT	N/A	stratfordcrier.com	Public space daily; Shakespeare Market 1st	Site of American Shakespeare F 2010). Katharine Hepburn, Jam
View	Stratford Historical Society and Museum	Historic	967 Academy Hill, Stratford CT	N/A	stratfordhistory.org	Check for hours	Stratford's local historical societ exhibits, and museum pieces o
View	Stratford YMCA	Fitness / Community Center	3045 Main St, Stratford CT	N/A	cccymca.org	Daily - check schedule	Full-service YMCA. Indoor pool, l with programs, swim lessons,
View	Level Up Gym	Fitness	Stratford CT	N/A	Yelp listed	Check for hours	Yelp's #1 rated gym in Stratford, supportive coaches, energetic a
View	The Edge Fitness Clubs	Fitness / Premium	Stratford CT	N/A	theedgefitnessclubs.com	Daily extended hours	Premium fitness. Group fitness Zumba, Yoga, Spin), personal tr
View	LA Fitness	Fitness / Full Service	411 Barnum Ave Cutoff, Stratford CT	N/A	lafitness.com	Daily extended hours	State-of-the-art gym. Pool, free w classes, personal training. Anch
View	Planet Fitness	Fitness / Budget	Stratford CT	N/A	planetfitness.com	Daily extended hours	Affordable judgment-free fitness
View	CrossFit Expressions	Fitness / CrossFit	Stratford CT	N/A	Yelp listed	Check for hours	CrossFit gym. Community-base
View	Inspire Fitness 24	Fitness / 24-Hour	Stratford CT	N/A	Yelp listed	24/7	24-hour fitness facility. Convenie schedules.
2 Photos →	SportsCenter of Connecticut	Entertainment / Family	Shelton CT (near Stratford)	N/A	sportscentercт.com	Daily	Ice skating, mini-golf, batting ca Full family entertainment compl
— NEW ADDITIONS v8 —							
View	The Perry House	Historic	Stratford CT	N/A	perryhousestratford.org	Check website	One of Stratford's oldest homes events. Rich colonial history.
	Captain David Judson House	Historic / Architecture	967 Academy Hill, Stratford CT	N/A	stratfordhistoricalsociety.or g	May–Oct; check hours	Built circa 1750. Georgian archit including piano owned by frame
	Kinship Glassworks	Artisan / Gallery	40 Mead St, Stratford CT	N/A	N/A	Check for hours	Local artisan glass studio and g



TOWN OF STRATFORD, CT

Master Cultural and Community Assets Hit List

v10.1 | 195+ total entries | 8 tabs | 2025-2026 Edition

TAB INDEX

Restaurants and Food	Waterfront, fine dining, American, Italian, Mexican, Asian, Caribbean, breakfast, diners, pizza, delis, coffee, bakeries, ice cream, breweries, fast food
Events	2026 Celebrate Stratford official dates, recurring markets, concerts, weekly happenings from stratfordcalendar.com
Outdoor Rec and Parks	Parks, beaches, waterways, trails, boat clubs, and outdoor activities
Shopping	Gifts, antiques, consignment, specialty retail, and all shopping centers and plazas with plaza noted per entry
Attractions	Fitness gyms, historic sites, museums, aviation, cultural institutions, and unique experiences
Paradise Green District	Every business, restaurant, event, and landmark within the Paradise Green neighborhood
Lordship	
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RESTAURANTS AND FOOD

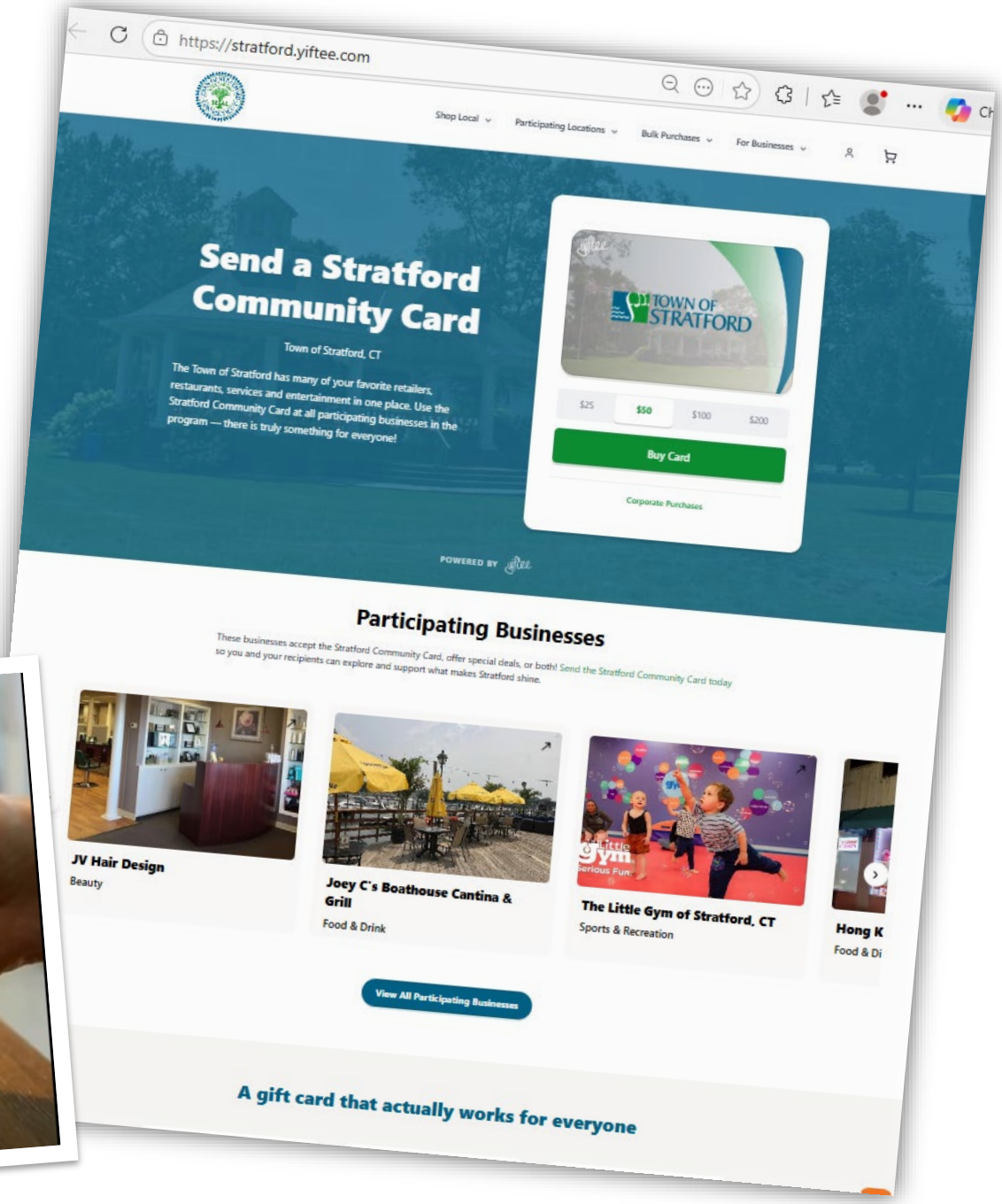
Stratford CT | All food and drink | Photo column left empty for manual photos | Location / Plaza column shows which shopping center each business is in | v6 2025-2026

PHOTO	NAME	CATEGORY	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBSITE / SOCIAL	HOURS	
	Copps Island Oyster Shack	Waterfront / Seafood	638 Selbys Pond Rd, Stratford CT	N/A	FB: coppsislandoystershack	Wed-Sun 11:30am-7:30pm	Raw bar sourcin from their own C
View	Joey C's Boathouse	Waterfront / Bar	955 Ferry Blvd, Stratford CT	(203) 870-4838	FB: @joeycboathouse	Daily - check website	Waterfront bar or Live music, holid
View	The Landing at Five Twenty	Waterfront / American	520 Birdseye St, Stratford CT	(203) 378-5999	thelandingatfivetwenty.com	Daily lunch and dinner	Waterfront dining menu. Longtime
View	Outriggers Restaurant	Waterfront / Seafood	555 Broad St, Stratford CT	(203) 666-8606	Yelp listed	Check for hours	Waterfront with L menu
View	Riverview Bistro	Waterfront / American	946 Ferry Blvd, Stratford CT	N/A	riverviewstratford.com | IG: @riverviewstratford	Daily lunch and dinner	Housatonic River cuisine. Seasons
View	The Landing at Five Twenty	Waterfront / American	520 Birdseye St, Stratford CT	N/A	thelandingatfivetwenty.com	Seasonal - check website	New (2025) wate seafood influenc
View	Riley's by the Seawall	Waterfront / Seafood	14 Beach Dr, Lordship CT	(203) 693-9255	rileysbythesea.com | IG: @rileysbytheseа	Wed-Thu 11:30am-8:30pm; Fri-Sun 11:30am-9:30pm	Seasonal seafoc rolls, coastal view
	Biagio's Osteria	Fine Dining / Italian	88 Ryders Lane, Stratford CT	(203) 375-9071	biagiososteria.com	Mon-Thu 11am-10pm; Fri-Sat until 10:30pm; Sun 4-10pm	Rustic Southern pasta, private wir
View	Ristorante Di Sofia	Fine Dining / Italian	1479 Barnum Ave, Stratford CT	(203) 275-8561	Yelp listed	Tue-Sun 4-10pm; Mon Closed	Yelp's #1 restaur Over-the-top sea
View	Heffer	American / Burgers	2377 Main St, Stratford CT	(475) 282-4705	gottahaveheffer.com | IG: @gottahaveheffer	Mon-Thu 11am-9pm; Fri 11am-10pm; Sat 10am-	Hand-ground sm Newark Chopne
View	Little Pub Stratford	American / Pub	Lordship, Stratford CT	N/A	littlepub.com/stratford | IG: @littlepubct	Check website	2024 Best of the craft cocktails
	Main Street Tavern	American / Bar	1884 Main St, Stratford CT	N/A	Yelp listed	Daily	Neighborhood ba
View	Sitting Duck Tavern	American / New American	3694 Main St, Stratford CT	(203) 873-0871	sittingducktavern.com	Mon-Sun 11:30am-10pm	New American ta Salmon piccata,
View	Whiskey Barrel	American / Bar	261 E Main St, Stratford CT	(203) 375-6800	whiskeybarrelct.com	Mon 4-10pm; Tue-Thu 11:30am-11:30pm; Fri-Sat	Classic American rolls, 24 taps, 20
View	Windmill Restaurant	American / Bar	400 Hollister St, Stratford CT	(203) 378-6886	Yelp listed	Check for hours	American restau
View	Windsock Inn	American / Bar	295 Main St, Stratford CT	(203) 378-9117	Yelp listed	Daily 11am-1am (Fri-Sat until 2am)	Bar and grill near wings
	Acapulcos Restaurant	Mexican / Latin	2419 Main St, Stratford CT	(203) 378-7900	N/A	Daily	Mexican on Main standing local fa
	Ay Güey Café and Cocina Mexicana	Mexican / Authentic	613 E Main St, Stratford CT	(475) 449-9143	ayguеystratford.com | FB: @ayguey.stratford	Mon-Fri 11am-8pm; Sat 11am-9pm; Sun Closed	Authentic Mexica tacos, al pastor,
View	Kingston Kafe	Caribbean / Jamaican	730 Barnum Ave, Stratford CT	(203) 540-5825	Yelp listed	Mon-Sat 9am-9pm; Sun Closed	Fairfield County's chicken, oxtail, s
View	Kama Sushi	Japanese / AYCE	2410 Main St, Stratford CT	(203) 381-9366	kamasushistratford.com	Tue-Thu 11am-3:30pm &	All-you-can-eat s

Stratford Community e-Gift Card Program

Encouraging residents and visitors to support Stratford businesses and keep spending local.

- 70+ businesses being onboarded
- No cost for businesses to participate
- Community-wide launch planned June 15
- Spending activity tracked through the platform



BOGO Promotion

$5,000 investment designed to encourage local spending and support participating Stratford businesses.

- Buy $100 → Get $25 Bonus
- Buy $50 → Get $12.50 Bonus
- Buy $25 → Get $6.25 Bonus

Bonus cards expire after 90 days to encourage immediate spending locally.



Showcasing Stratford Through Statewide Partnerships

Business Outreach

Encouraged Stratford businesses, museums, and attractions to participate in CT Open House Day.



CTVISIT OPEN HOUSE DAY JUNE 13, 2026

The 22nd annual Open House Day will take place on Saturday, June 13th, 2026!

This special event invites Connecticut residents to discover the amazing experiences right in their own backyard, showcasing a variety of attractions across the state.

All participating businesses will be featured on CTvisit.com's dedicated Open House Day page, which will serve as the central hub for all event promotions. Additionally, participants may be highlighted in public relations and marketing campaigns for even greater visibility!

Ready to join the excitement? Sign up today for free and offer something special to your visitors on June 13th—whether it's complimentary admission, exclusive treats, or something unique. Don't miss out on the chance to have your business included.

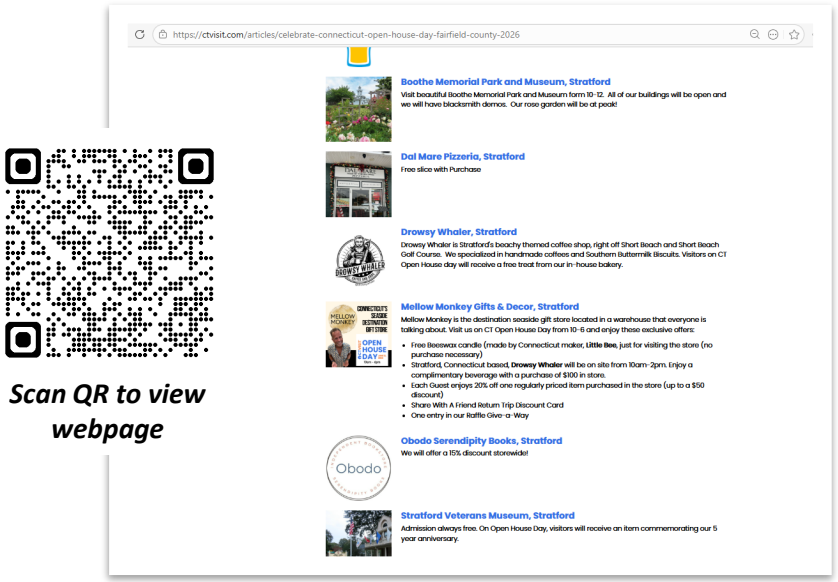
To ensure your inclusion in their marketing and PR efforts, please submit your registration form **no later than May 22nd.** Please scan the QR Code to register:

Not sure what to offer? Here are some examples of what some of our own town businesses offered last year:

Mellow Monkey Gifts and Decor, Stratford
Located on a dead end street along the Connecticut coastline, Mellow Monkey is one of the most fun and treasured hidden gems in the state. Visit them on Open House Day and enjoy 20% off one regularly priced item ($50 max discount), a FREE CT themed gift, Return With Friend Discount Card, and one raffle prize entry.

Two Roads Brewing Company, Stratford
Free pretzel with beer cheese with a purchase of (1) Two Roads Beer.

Please contact Anne Gaydos, Manager of Small Business Development, Town of Stratford, with any questions:
agaydos2@townofstratford.com or 203-939-0282

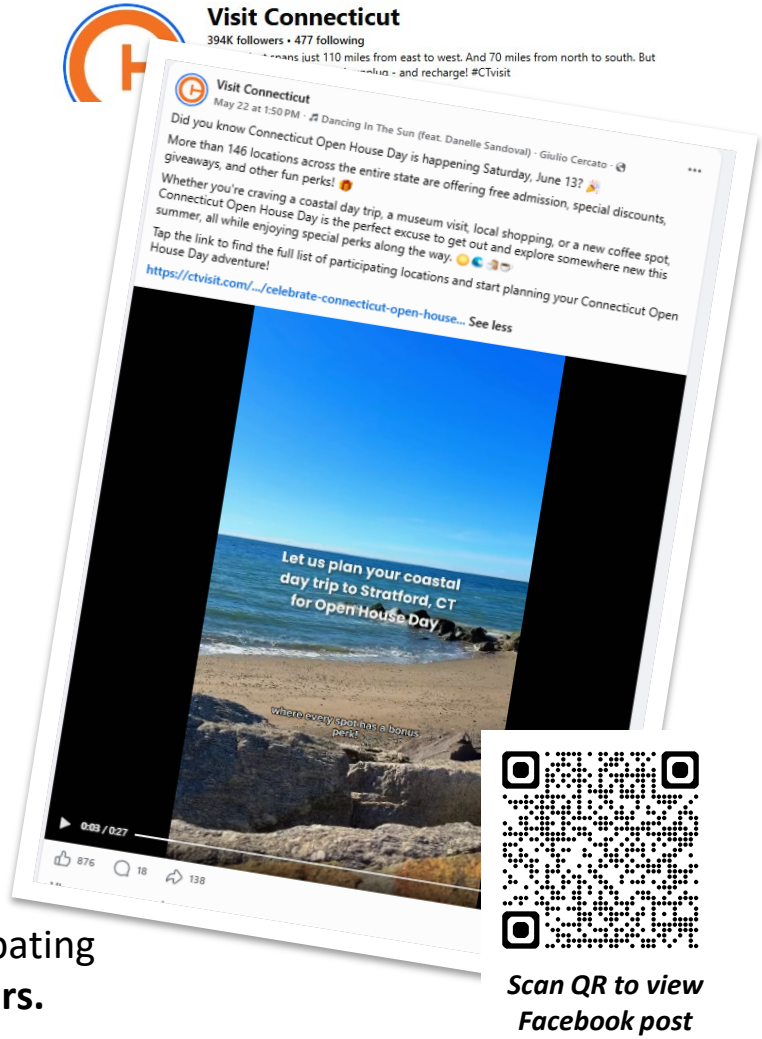


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Statewide Visibility

Stratford businesses and attractions featured on CTVisit.com and statewide tourism platforms.





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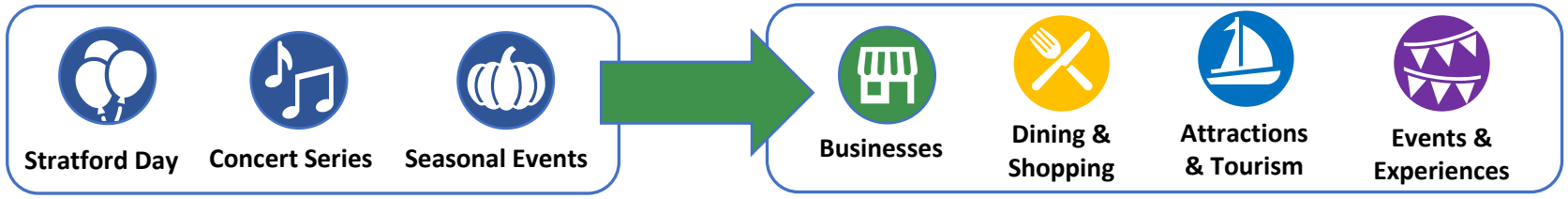
Expanded Audience Reach

Visit Connecticut promoted participating locations to nearly **400,000 followers.**

Expanding Celebrate Stratford

Creating a coordinated marketing platform that supports not only events, but also local businesses, attracts visitors, and encourages new businesses to choose Stratford

From Community Events → To a Year-Round Platform That Promotes:





Community Engagement

Celebrate Stratford Logo Contest

- Invited residents to help shape Stratford's identity
- Generated community awareness and participation
- Supports a unified brand for future promotion

Logo Finalists

Workforce & Employment Support

Working with Baldwin Center Community Services to improve access to local job opportunities and workforce resources for Stratford residents 16+ with little or no job experience.



Paradise Green Farmers Market

- Supporting the market management transition
- Coordinating with the Health Department and Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative
- Assisting with community outreach and promotion
- Helping continue SNAP benefits through Stratford Forward's nonprofit support





Looking Ahead









Attract New Businesses & Fill Vacancies

- Weekly outreach to businesses outside Stratford
- Promote available commercial properties
- Build regional business relationships
- Evaluate market gaps and target businesses that complement Stratford's existing offerings
- Position Stratford as a place to invest and grow

Support Existing Businesses

- 2-3 business visits per week
- Launch Yiftee Community Card Program
- Increase business promotion
- Continue relationship building
- Launch a business newsletter and private Facebook group for local resources and updates

Promote Stratford

- Launch the new Celebrate Stratford brand
- Expand regional marketing and visibility efforts
- Showcase Stratford's businesses, attractions, dining, and events
- Continue building Stratford's photo and video asset library

Strengthen Community & Workforce Connections

- Expand the Stratford Employment Hub
- Strengthen partnerships with businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations

Building Connections
Solving Problems
Strengthening Community

Town of Stratford, Connecticut
Department of Community Development & Engagement
Six-Month Report

June 8, 2026

The First Six Months

- 10 Districts Engaged
- 1,000+ Meeting Participants
- 1,000+ Resident Contacts Established
- 537 Resident Concerns Addressed
- 482 Reported Concerns Resolved or Actively Being Addressed

Our goal is to create a sustainable townwide network that connects residents, neighbors, and government to improve communication, strengthen trust, and solve problems equitably and effectively.

Purpose of DCDE

Residents do not experience life in departmental categories.

A traffic concern may involve public safety.

A neglected property may involve a vulnerable senior.

A youth issue may involve schools, recreation, social services, and law enforcement.

A struggling family may need support from multiple town and community organizations.

The role of this office is to connect residents, resources, departments, and community partners to address concerns, strengthen communication, and improve the quality of life throughout Stratford.

Engagement

- Active neighborhood meetings in all 10 districts
- Direct communication with more than 1,000 residents
- Consistent opportunities for resident feedback
- New communication channels between residents and local government
- Implemented a survey process to identify priorities and concerns

Our goal is to build a connected, informed, and engaged Stratford where residents have meaningful access to local government and a clear pathway to solving community concerns.

Neighborhood Concerns Addressed

- Traffic and speeding
- Public safety issues
- Neglected properties
- Crime/Drugs/Domestic Violence
- Neighbor disputes
- Quality-of-life concerns
- Youth concerns
- Senior concerns
- Food insecurity/homelessness
- Mental health concerns

We are creating a more responsive, accountable, and connected Stratford. By identifying, tracking, and responding to neighborhood concerns, we are transforming resident feedback into measurable action.

Navigation & Prevention

- Food assistance, energy assistance, workforce development, healthcare resources, homelessness resources, senior services, DCF navigation, mental health referrals, youth intervention support, wellness checks.

- For example: CAPSS collaboration, police engagement program redevelopment, youth workforce initiatives, early identification of emerging concerns.

Success is measured not only by problems solved, but by problems prevented through early intervention, strong partnerships, and proactive community engagement.

Community Capacity

- Partnerships with schools, library, police, fire, EMS, senior/social/community services, YMCA, Sterling House, South End Community Center, faith organizations, civic groups, cultural organizations, utility companies, Stratford youth & athletic organizations, and community volunteer organizations.

- For example: medical fair, volunteer projects, energy assistance programming, cultural festivals, recreation initiatives, UM Volunteer Clean Up

The strength of a community is reflected not only in its resources but in its ability to work together. Strong partnerships create opportunities, expand capacity, and help Stratford accomplish more than any one organization could achieve alone.

Community In Action



Every event, volunteer project, youth activity, and neighborhood gathering helps strengthen relationships and build a more connected community.



The Value of Engagement

Without engagement:

- Concerns remain unidentified.
- Departments work in silos.
- Residents become frustrated.
- Opportunities for prevention are missed.

With engagement:

- Issues are identified earlier.
- Residents know where to turn.
- Departments coordinate more effectively.
- Community partnerships strengthen solutions.

Engagement is not an event; it is the foundation of a responsive local government.

What's Next: Continued Growth

- Continue to develop tracking and reporting system to gather data, identify trends, and measure outcomes
- Improve follow-up communication
- Expand partnerships
- Volunteer development
- Youth engagement initiatives
- Continued district meetings
- Additional opportunities for resident participation

Closing

The most important accomplishment of the first six months has not been a single program, event, or initiative.

It has been building the relationships, communication networks, and partnerships that connect residents with local government and turn concerns into actions.

Those relationships and partnerships will continue to strengthen Stratford for years to come.