

in the Loop

Embracing Learning, Enhancing the Community

“If you build it, they will come” could well be the motto for The Learning Corridor in Hartford. For come they have: Children from diverse backgrounds in the Greater Hartford area have been drawn to the Montessori Magnet School, Hartford Magnet Middle School, the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and the Greater Hartford Academy of Math – and there is even a waiting list to get in.

But it’s not just children who are interested in The Learning Corridor and all it has to offer. It is also educators and community planners who have come from as far away as Los Angeles to check out The Learning Corridor’s success. Hartford Steam Co. is proud to have supported that success by heating and cooling all four schools – more than 500,000 sq ft of space – since they opened in their doors in September 2000.

So what makes The Learning Corridor different? It is part of Hartford’s public school system, yet it is the result of a public-private partnership. The idea began as an overall vision to revitalize the area, but it really took hold when The Learning Corridor component was added and gave the project even greater scope and potential.

The result was a \$175 million neighborhood revitalization project – \$110 million for The Learning Corridor – supported by the Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) led by Eddie Perez, now the mayor of Hartford. SINA is comprised of Hartford Hospital, the Institute for Living, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Trinity College and Connecticut Public Broadcasting. The Learning Corridor receives the majority of its funding from the state, but also raises money for operations and programs through local foundations, corporations and individuals.

“We are here to provide outstanding educational opportunities for children and help revitalize the community around us,” says Pamela Churchill, administrative director and vice president of development. “We really have invested in our role as a long-term community asset. We have a state-of-the-art community theater, a pool we manage through the YMCA and a large boundless playground open to all. In fact with so much community involvement and use of our facilities, it seems as though there is something going on around the clock somewhere on campus!”



Courtesy of The Learning Corridor

The Learning Corridor provides an excellent model of students learning and playing together.



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The Hartford Magnet Middle School includes grades 6-8 and offers a computer ratio of one to every three students, a girl’s and boy’s Town Life Skills Program, and art classes at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts.

Managed by the Capitol Region Education Council, the Learning Corridor’s schools are part of a 16-acre campus bounded by Brownell and Retreat avenues and Washington and Broad streets. The Learning Corridor now employs hundreds, including more than 100 teachers, and continues to be an inspirational learning model for the Hartford community and beyond.

15 Years and Going Strong

Dave Ninesling has worked for Hartford Steam Co. for 15 years. To put that in perspective, he came on board the same year *Driving Miss Daisy* received the Academy Award for Best Picture and the Berlin Wall was torn down, symbolically marking the end of the Cold War! So you can tell Dave has been around a while – and we’re glad to have him.

Dave serves as plant supervisor for the Hartford Hospital Cogeneration Facility, also working at the main plant and G. Fox facility as needed. His budget expertise, construction experience and computer expertise make him a vital member of the Hartford Steam team.

Having previously worked for a major control systems integrator, Dave knows control systems inside and out and



Dave Ninesling, Facilities Engineer

is responsible for all of Hartford Steam's control system computers. In fact he designed and implemented a wide area network control system that integrates all of Hartford Steam's energy production facilities

In addition, Dave is extensively involved with technical support for the customer

metering system. Right now, Hartford Steam is upgrading meters on the downtown system and plans to have the entire metering system computerized by the end of 2005.

"Around here we call Dave 'the doctor,'" says Derek Rudd, general manager of Hartford Steam Co. "He's a 'go-to' guy whether it's related to one of the plants, budgets, piping or building systems. We all rely on him, as he always has the answers. Even our customers call and ask if 'the doctor' is in. In fact one of our customers needed assistance in his building because it had gone warm during the summer. Dave headed right over there and knew exactly what had to be done – in less than 30 minutes everything was back on track."

Dave's extensive experience is built on a firm educational foundation: He received a bachelor of science degree in Chemical Engineering with Computer-Aided Process Controls Option from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

"I have to say I enjoy the variety at Hartford Steam," says Dave. "No two days are the same." He also likes the company's size, as everyone knows each other and works well together as a team.

During his time off, Dave likes spending time with his family – especially teaching his 2- and 4-year old sons how to fish. And since his wife's parents live on a nearby lake, you're likely to catch Dave on the water most Saturdays and Sundays.

Hartford Steam Co. thanks Dave for his 15 years of service – and looks forward to having him around for 15 more!

Getting Ready for Heating Season: Check Out these Tips

Come November, the average low in Hartford is 32 degrees – so it's clearly time to prepare your heating season for the winter ahead. Here is a brief checklist to help your building get ready to make the switch.

- Ask your district heating and cooling system representative to turn the steam meter on and open the steam-stop building valve.**
- Winterize appropriate chilled-water coils and eliminate possible freeze conditions.**
- Ask your district heating and cooling system representative to shut the chilled-water valves and turn off the chilled-water meter, if appropriate.**
- Ensure your steam traps are working properly inside your building. Check for and repair leaks. (Statistics indicate that 15 percent to 30 percent of a facility's steam traps are not working at any given time, causing significant steam loss. We strongly recommend an annual trap survey and maintenance and repair program.)**

Our system representatives annually inspect and repair our own valve and steam traps just inside each customer's building. Feel free to ask us any questions you have while we're on site. We want you to receive the best possible steam and chilled-water service year-round.

To make service requests, please contact Diane Wojcik at (860) 548-7357, dianewojcik@hartfordsteam.com.

NOTE:

Hartford Steam Co. is in the process of modernizing our customer metering system. We will be changing out meters in customer buildings on an ongoing basis over the next year or so and will notify customers in advance of the changeout schedules related to their particular buildings.

HOW TO REACH US.

You may now send general correspondence directly to Hartford Steam's street address:

60 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103-2805.

Please continue to send payments, however, to **P.O. Box 33134, Hartford, CT 06150-3134.**

You've also probably noticed the extensive construction around our plant and office. For directions on how to navigate your way to visit us, please contact Kelli Newton at (860) 548-7350 and she will help you.

Thank you for your patience!

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