

Mayor's Youth Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 6:00 PM Town Hall Room 217



1. Meeting Opening

- A. Staff liaison Kari Karp called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:09PM. Present were council members Allison Chen, Celia Filotto, Lyla Fisher, Jack Fitzgerald, Maddie Geraghty, Anaya Lal, Sebastian Latif, Dylan Meer, Emma Mordukai, Carlotta Patroni, Noah Sadowsky, Alina Singh, Sue Tiky, Caeli Sullivan, Ana Veriienko, Laila Zaffou, Joanna Zheng, and Carol Waxman, West Hartford Libraries.
Absent: Zuri Freeman

2. New Business

- A. Old and new members introduced themselves.
- B. Meeting structure was discussed.
- C. The group reviewed Mayor's Youth Council's 2024-2025 accomplishments, including: (1) Youth Leadership Academy workshops, (2) Adopt-a-Family, (3) NAMI Student Navigator training, (4) a visit from State Senator Derek Slap and State Representative Kate Farrar, and (5) Multicultural Night outreach at Hall and Conard.
- D. 2025-2026 subcommittee themes were announced, including: (1) America250, (2) food insecurity, and (3) sustainability.
- a. Subcommittees of no more than 8 members will organize community service projects based on these themes.
 - b. MYC members will have a chance to suggest additional projects throughout the year, if desired.
 - c. Subcommittee chairs will:
 - i. manage projects
 - ii. schedule subcommittee and/or related meetings (America250 Civics & Engagement, Sustainable West Hartford Commission, and Food & Hygiene Drive

Service-Learning Project meetings 7-7:45PM
10/15/25, 11/19/25, 12/17/25 & 1/14/26)

iii. give updated reports at MYC meetings as needed

d. Proposed impact projects and initiatives include: (1) WeHa the People essay contest for America250, (2) voter registration drives, (3) a summer food drive with Fern Street Backpacks, and (4) a clean-up event for Earth Day.

3. Announcements

A. Technology

i. MYC will set up group chats in Whatsapp to manage announcements and meeting reminders.

ii. The MYC Instagram page @mycwesthartford will be deactivated and future posts will be available on the West Hartford Libraries page @westhartfordlibraries.

B. Elections

i. Mrs. Karp announced that MYC elections will take place October 15 and shared the open positions (chair, co-chair, secretary, subcommittee chair, social media chair, and outreach / recruitment chair).

ii. On 10/15, candidates will read short speeches and members will vote using a single ballot. During a recess, votes will be counted and the group will reconvene to announce winners.

iii. Officers will begin their new roles starting on the date of the election.

iv. Members will announce their intention for running for an officer position to Mrs. Karp no later than October 8, 2025 to allow time to be added to the ballot.

C. Other

i. MYC members interested in working polls should apply by 9/23.

ii. Mrs. Karp will meet with Town Historian Mary Donahue on 9/23 to brainstorm ideas for the WeHa the People essay contest.

iii. The next America250 Civics & Engagement task force meeting is 10/20 at 6:15PM in Zoom

iv. MYC members are invited to do outreach at the Community Block Party 11/2.

V. Members should fill out a form to sign up for subcommittee assignments and outreach shirts.

4. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

- i. Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Karp, Sebastiab seconded.
- ii. The vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.
- iii. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Next Meeting / Election: Wednesday, October 15th 6-7PM West Hartford Town Hall Room 217