

Whether you seek a grand Victorian, a sleek condo, or a well-priced rental, Hartford has something for your taste — and budget. According to the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors, the median sale price for a single-family home was \$254,500 in December 2007.

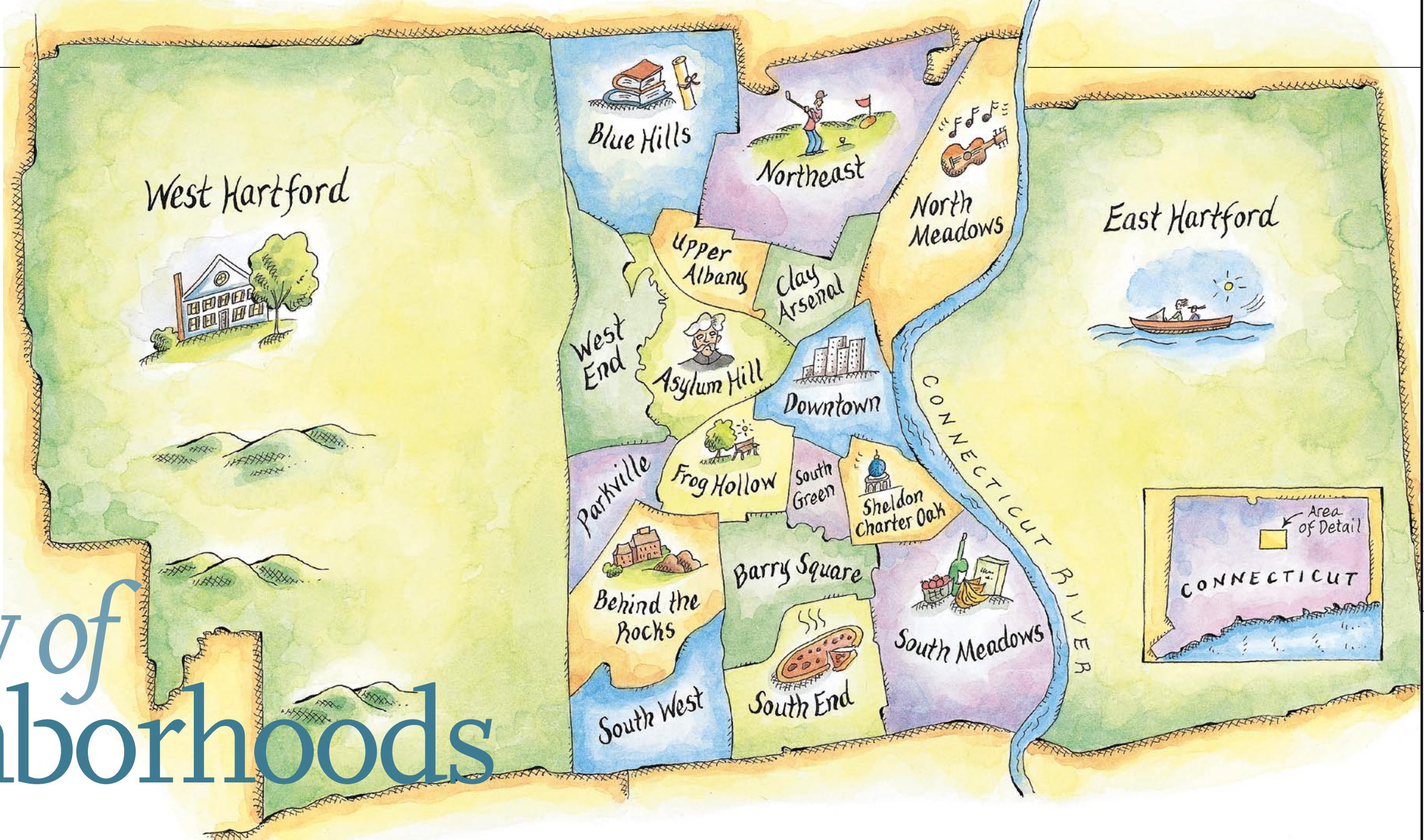
The area is working hard to boost home ownership while remaining affordable, especially for first-time homeowners. The Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, for example, renovates and builds homes with rental units so a buyer can earn income from the property. “To stabilize the neighborhood, you have to increase people’s stake in it,” says Luis Caban, SINA’s executive director. The program has sold 51 homes with no defaults and will have 18 more properties on the market soon.

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A City of Neighborhoods



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ASYLUM HILL

Samuel Clemens — the literary lion better known as Mark Twain — called this area home; so did Harriet Beecher Stowe. Literature and history buffs tour both homes today.

BARRY SQUARE

Named for the Catholic priest who founded its signature church, this southside multicultural district is the home of Trinity College.

BEHIND THE ROCKS

Located, as its name indicates, past the boulders to the west of Trinity’s campus. Its median household income is one of the area’s highest.

BLUE HILLS

The northwest corner of Hartford is home to the University of Hartford. It has a high rate of owner-occupied housing and employment.

CLAY ARSENAL

A shopping center brought much-needed construction and retail jobs to this working-class area just north of downtown.

DOWNTOWN

With 1,200 units of rentals and condominium housing and more on the way, city living is a hot new option with developments such as Trumbull on the Park and Hartford 21.

FROG HOLLOW

Small merchants, many of them focused

on the Latino market, make this a key shopping area. The Olmsted-designed Pope Park anchors the west side.

NORTH MEADOWS

The New England Dodge Music Center, an indoor/outdoor amphitheater, is here, along with most of the area’s auto dealerships.

NORTH EAST

Home to the nearly 700-acre Kenney Park, which has an 18-hole golf course and many ball fields. Much of its housing was built after 1950.

PARKVILLE

Thanks to the founding of the alternative arts venue Real Art Ways three decades

ago, this ethnically diverse area has become a hub for artists.

SHELDON CHARTER OAK

The blue-onion dome of the former Colt firearms factory defines the area, which will link with the redeveloped riverfront.

SOUTH END

The 237-acre Goodwin Park — which also sports a municipal golf course — is bordered by well-kept homes. It’s also home to Hartford’s Little Italy.

SOUTH GREEN

Once home to one of the earliest proponents of public education in America, Henry Barnard, the area features a collection of Italianate and Greek Revival buildings.

SOUTH MEADOWS

A business and industrial zone that is also the location of Hartford’s food distribution hub, the 32-acre Regional Market.

SOUTHWEST

The highest income levels and rates of home ownership in Hartford proper are here, with older homes on larger lots.

UPPER ALBANY

This continues to be a striver’s neighborhood with a mix of African-American, West Indian, and Latino families. The Artists Collective on Albany Avenue is dedicated to the culture of the African diaspora.

WEST END

Find a bevy of historic homes here, includ-

ing the Connecticut Governor’s Mansion as well as Hartford Seminary and the University of Connecticut Law School. Elizabeth Park anchors its west side.

EAST HARTFORD

Once belonging to the Podunk tribe of Native Americans, this middle-class town now claims the new Rentschler Field sports complex and lots of riverfront recreation.

WEST HARTFORD

The median income here tops \$66,000. Ranked as the 10th most educated town in America because of residents’ advanced degrees.

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