

TAKE 5: West Hartford News

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Have you ever been surfing through the channels but still can't find anything you want to watch on television? Did you ever think that you could do better?

Of all the channels available, there is one that belongs to you. West Hartford Community Television manages a channel set aside for the people of West Hartford.

You can find the channel on Comcast cable channel 5 and online at www.whctv.org.

Channel 5 features programs that are produced or provided by your West Hartford neighbors. Shows are taped on location or in our studio in room 326 of Town Hall. We have dedicated volunteers of all ages who give their time as producers, hosts, camera operators or audio technicians in the control room.

Any person who lives in town can produce a program that is telecast on our channel.

How?

We are here to help you by providing training and equipment.

In addition to Channel 5, WHC-TV manages the Government & Education Channels 95 & 96. We are committed to encouraging participation in community life by providing a forum for free speech, community dialogue, cultural exchange and artistic expression.

We know that now more ever you need to be informed about the decisions officials make regarding the budget.

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We just completed a marathon meeting week including the Town Council Meeting and Board of Education Workshops #1 and #2. Be assured that WHC-TV will be there for the entire budget process and that all the meetings and hearings will be carried live on Channel 5, replayed on the Government & Education Comcast Channel 95 and made available on the web.

WHC-TV is a unique media, a resource that exists because of our members, our volunteers and a history of public policy committed to localism and diversity.

Every show has a story. As the Executive Director, I see the magic that goes on at the studio behind the scenes. I am delighted with the opportunity to share with you some of the special moments that happen every day in this biweekly column.

So the next time, you find your tv screaming at you to buy a ShamWow, don't blame the media, give us a call and "Be The Media."