

## ***TRANSPORTATION***

Bus service is important to Asylum Hill as over 41% of Asylum Hill households do not have a car. Bus service provided by Connecticut Transit has four (4) bus routes that service Asylum Hill. The "E" bus on Farmington Avenue is at ten (10) minute intervals all day and five (5) minute intervals during peak morning and afternoon. The "A" bus travels Asylum Avenue every 15 minutes. Both routes continue west to West Hartford. The "S" bus goes on 30 minute intervals on Asylum Avenue going north on Woodland Street. The "F" bus travels up Ashley Street at 20 minute intervals. As more people come off welfare, transportation to jobs, especially in the evening and to the suburbs, becomes an additional problem. The development of light rail on the Griffin Line would assist potential workers in getting to their jobs as would development of light rail along the I-84 West corridor which is currently under study.

## ***RECREATION***

Recreational resources in Asylum Hill, as in most of Hartford, could be better. Progress has been made but there is still a serious lack of recreational programs for neighborhood youth. Last summer a new playscape for West Middle School was built and as mentioned earlier, Sigourney Park has received \$350,000 which will be allocated towards improving the park. A neighborhood community center is badly needed. The AHRA's Education/Cultural sub-committee has made further recommendations for improving recreational resources in Asylum Hill, which are listed in their report under part III of this plan.

Listed below is a summary of some of the recreation resources currently available.

- **Swimming:** The YWCA has a pool that is open to the public. Youth drop-in is \$1/member (\$12 yearly membership required) or \$3/non-member. The YWCA also offers Youth swim lessons. This is an 8 week course. Rates are \$45 for aquababes, tots, and kinderswim, for youth levels 1-6 the cost is \$50. (Rates are from fall/winter brochure 9/2/97 - 5/30/98) Hartford Public High School has a pool which is open to the public Monday to Thursday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- **Basketball:** The City of Hartford Police Department in conjunction with the New England Blizzard will be coordinating a basketball program at West Middle School for 4th to 6th grade girls. The YWCA is also planning a girl's Basketball Program which will be open to girls aged 8-14.
- **Teen Aerobics:** This program will also be run by the YWCA and is scheduled to begin in February 1998. It will be open to teens aged 11-16. The cost will be \$45 for 8 weeks.
- **The Asylum Hill Organizing Project** has a Recreation Director on staff. AHOP does provide various recreational programs throughout the year but there are no programs which take place on a regularly scheduled basis.