

# Hartford

New England's Rising Star<sup>SM</sup>



Eddie A. Perez, Mayor



## The Mayor's UPDATE

### We Are Hartford!

Hartford is a caring and compassionate city. I want to thank you for the progress we have made together so far, turning our outrage into positive actions after a series of tragic events this summer. You as residents, community leaders, students and business owners continue to step up to the plate in all of our neighborhoods. I see your efforts and I am touched by your response.

### We as a city must continue that momentum and drive.

1. The Hartford Police Department is partnering with State Troopers with increased foot and bike patrols as well as traffic and safety stops.
2. MetroHartford Alliance and the Patricelli Family Foundation are leading the Hartford Crime Stoppers campaign – a nationally known community-based anonymous tip line that provides monetary rewards for information that leads to an arrest.

3. Leadership Greater Hartford is spearheading the “Hartford Cares” conversations that started with an awesome artistic gathering at Bushnell Park and will continue with smaller, poignant discussions.

4. The Volunteers of Faith tour is underway at a variety of places of worship to get more people engaged in our communities, block by block.

As a city, we cannot let anyone take away the tremendous progress we have made when it comes to reducing crime, rebuilding our neighborhoods and improving our schools. Our friends and neighbors and visitors are seeing and feeling a difference through stepped-up community policing, replacing blight with retail and housing, and sending more of our students to college.

Throughout this newsletter, I want to share many of the positive things happening in Hartford. As Mayor, I pledge that Hartford stands united and more determined than ever to not only succeed but to lead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eddie Perez".

Eddie A. Perez



## Celebrating Housing Opportunities in Hartford!

**410 Asylum Street: A Symbol of Preservation and Progress!** This once vacant building in Downtown Hartford is being transformed into 70 energy efficient and affordable housing units as well as street-level retail opportunities.

As Mayor, I am proud of the fact that this restoration project means jobs. It also means workforce housing for young professionals. Residents will be able to live close to major businesses as well as shops, restaurants, museums, parks, and entertainment venues. The location near Union Station is also unique as we strive for regional transportation. All of this means a more vibrant Hartford!

The environmental factor is a big feature. This will be the first LEED certified green multi-family residence in Connecticut. So, as one of America's oldest cities continues to preserve its past, it will be a greener Hartford in the future! **Construction is scheduled to be complete in June 2009.**

I am proud that the City of Hartford is a lead investor in this project and special thanks goes to The Hollander Family who donated the property to Common Ground. For more information, log on to [www.commonground.org](http://www.commonground.org).



Picture courtesy Don Shaw

## OTHER HOUSING MILESTONES:

**Mayor Perez and Councilwoman Veronica Airey-Wilson** had the privilege of handing the keys to the James Family as they moved into their new home. Habitat for Humanity has built 136 houses in Hartford, many of them located in the Northeast and Clay Arsenal neighborhoods.

**The Connecticut Housing Investment Fund (CHIF)**, located in the West End, celebrated its 40th anniversary of providing affordable housing solutions for Hartford families. Pictured with the Mayor are Councilman Matt Ritter and Cynthia Russell, President of CHIF.

# Focusing On Our Kids and Our Community!

**Congratulations students! Hartford Public Schools significantly raised test scores, the first increase in 7 years.**

As Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Education, I can say that this is the result of our investment in education – everything from mandatory uniforms to higher academic standards and expectations. Dr. Steven Adamowski's implementation of an "All Choice" system is taking shape and together we can look forward to even more positive results.



**School starts on August 25th!** 11 new academies are planned for the new school year! Sport Medical Science Academy has a brand new building and Classical Magnet joins SMSA by being recognized as one of "U.S. News and World Report's America's Best High Schools." For more information on all Hartford Public Schools, please log on to [www.hartfordschools.org](http://www.hartfordschools.org).

**Summer Success!** The energy and exciting new attitude carries over from a very successful summer session for grades K-12. More than 3,000 students attended classes to both meet and exceed academic standards!



**USS Hartford: Saluting Community Service and Displaying Patriotic Pride!** Commander Ryan Brookhart, Majority Leader rJo Winch, Mayor Perez, and Lt. Commander Matt Phelps on board the USS Hartford. The submarine crew is strengthening relationships with its namesake city and is looking forward to providing community service as well as serve as Ambassadors of Hartford abroad! To send a letter of appreciation to the crew, write: Commanding Officer Ryan N. Brookhart, USS Hartford, F.P.O. AE 09573-2424

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors!** Mayor Perez takes a break from "Rebuilding Together Hartford" to pose with Florence Morkus and her daughters Carol Wyble and Christine Shipe of the Southwest neighborhood. Corporations, residents, and members of the Mayor's staff volunteered their time and donated materials to "Rebuilding Together Hartford" to help dozens of homeowners throughout the city make basic repairs and make their homes more energy efficient. For details, contact [www.rthartford.org](http://www.rthartford.org).



**Did you see the Hartford's Anti-Litter Campaign? "Throw It Away! It's The Right Thing To Do!"** You can view the public service announcement on Government Cable Access Television Channel 21 and on [www.hartford.gov](http://www.hartford.gov). Billboards can also be seen in our neighborhoods to remind everyone not to litter our city.

# News and Notes:

## Building a Healthy Hartford!

The Mayor's Health Care Task Force has recommended ways to help improve healthcare coverage and make it more affordable for the 33,000 residents who are uninsured. Medical experts, insurers, and healthcare providers teamed up with city leaders to outline preventive health measures that can be taken, as well as how to improve access to affordable programs and prescription care. For details, log on to [www.hartford.gov](http://www.hartford.gov).

## City Hall On Tour Continues!

The next stop is on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the new Achievement First Hartford Academy at Mark Twain, 395 Lyme Street, in the Blue Hills neighborhood.

## City of Hartford Job Fair a Huge Success!

On May 29th, more than 800 people attended the 6-hour event in the City Hall Atrium that featured 25 vendors representing a wide variety of employers ranging from banking to transportation to public safety.

## Paragraphs of Hope!

City leaders embraced a letter writing campaign that sent messages of hope and safe journeys home to members of the American military stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Log on to [www.hartford.gov](http://www.hartford.gov) to read them!



(Above) Students from Hartford Magnet Middle School dedicate banner of peace.

(Below) Mayor Perez, Superintendent Dr. Steven Adamowski and educational leaders announce the Latino Studies Academy at Burns School.



# Hartford Pride and Commitment!

