

# Hartford

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Eddie A. Perez, Mayor



## The Mayor's UPDATE

**Hartford is Going Green!** We're taking an environmental lead through recycling, cleaning up our parks, purchasing more alternative fuel vehicles, requiring less pollution from school busses, sponsoring "Change A Light" campaigns, and installing green technology in new buildings.

This spring, we continue the momentum by beginning our **"Go Green Use Blue"** single-stream recycling effort. 5,000 households in six neighborhoods are part of this consumer friendly pilot project. The more you recycle, the more coupon rewards you earn from local vendors. This is a great incentive and a simple reminder that we must be more environmentally friendly.

Hartford is not the first city to utilize single-stream recycling but we are the first in the nation to receive a \$200,000 grant from the National Recycling Coalition in order to make this method more customer friendly and build-in a rewards package.

Residents taking part will be provided with a free 64-gallon blue recycling barrel. This is where all recyclables will be placed. A list of recyclable items is located inside this newsletter. You may be wondering how these neighborhoods were picked. Quite honestly, there are some neighborhoods that could do a better job recycling. You can call **311** or **757-9311** to find out if your street is on the single-stream recycle route.

It is important to emphasize that everyone must continue to recycle. Just because your neighborhood is not part of this pilot project, doesn't mean recycling is over. In fact, we need to recycle more than ever. The more successful we are, the more neighborhoods we can add, and the more we'll be able to **"Go Green Use Blue."**

Sincerely,

Eddie A. Perez  
Mayor

# Public Safety is Priceless!

Public Safety is one of Hartford's biggest investments and it is worth every dime!

- Mayor Perez wants 30 additional police officers in the new budget
- The Fugitive Task Force will track and apprehend "Hartford's Most Wanted"
- Mayor Perez calls on the state to add more parole and probation officers
- Safe City Initiative increases visibility and availability of your officers
- Mayor Perez attended National Summit of Mayors Against Illegal Guns
- 50 new firefighters are now on the front line of defense



(PHOTO COURTESY ANDY HART)

## EDUCATION MATTERS!

**FALL 2008:** Hartford Public High School will be home to four academies, implementing key characteristics of successful high schools: Rigor, Relationships, and Relevance.

1. **9th Grade Academy**
2. **Engineering and Green Technology Academy**  
(partnering with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association)
3. **Law and Government Academy**
4. **Nursing Academy**

Mayor Perez, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Education says, "We are offering more options than ever for our parents and students. With 'choice' you get engagement, involvement, and positive change. We are not only building schools, we are creating better ones."



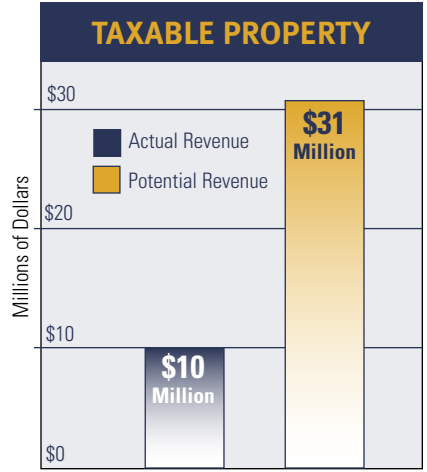
## NEW BEGINNING FOR COMMUNITY CENTERPIECE!

Mayor Perez, city, and community leaders are proud that the Parker Memorial Center/Kelvin D. Anderson Gymnasium is being rebuilt. The \$17 million project began in February and is expected to be complete in early 2010. Features include a new gym, pool, weight room, game room, classrooms, arts and crafts area, computer room, meeting room, and the facility can also serve as an emergency shelter.

(Rendering Courtesy: Du Bose Associates, Inc. of Hartford)

# TAX MATH 101

Mayor Perez wants to keep your taxes low but Hartford needs the State to pay its fair share! If State-owned property in Hartford were taxable, it would generate \$31 million for the City. The State actually only paid us \$10 million in FY 2006-2007. That's a difference of \$21 million or 5.5 mills. That amount of money would have lowered the mill rate from 63.39 to 57.89. That would have meant \$250 in savings to the average Hartford homeowner. Motor vehicle taxes would have been lower as well. Stand with Mayor Perez as he fights for real property-tax reform!



## Did You Know That Since 2002...

◆ New arrival! Hook and Ladder Restaurant is Downtown.

◆ Hartford averages 112 new businesses each year! That's 762 total since 2002!

◆ Hartford has 3000 new units of housing and half – 1500 – are new homeowners!



## CITY HALL ON TOUR



Mayor Perez and representatives of the city departments that provide your essential services want to hear what you have to say! The first "City Hall on Tour" event was held at the Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School in the West End. The next one will be at Dr. James H. Naylor School in the South End on May 27th at 6:00 p.m. Keep checking [www.hartford.gov](http://www.hartford.gov) and Channel 21, Government Cable Access, for details!



# Recycle This!



## Here's a list of acceptable items that can be recycled:

1. Glass food and drink bottles and jars
2. Juice boxes and milk or juice cartons  
*(Rinse and discard caps and straws)*
3. Aluminum and steel cans including aerosol cans  
*(No paint, pesticides, or other hazardous waste)*
4. Plastic food and laundry product bottles, jugs and jars (Size up to 3 gallons No.1 and 2 plastics only – rinsed but not crushed, please no plastic bags)
5. Newspapers
6. Corrugated cardboard *(Must be uncoated and flattened)*
7. Magazines and catalogs
8. Mixed office paper
9. Junk mail, home computer paper, writing paper, envelopes, receipts, bills, etc.  
*(Shred or tear up bills and receipts to destroy personal information)*
10. Cereal boxes, shoe boxes, pasta boxes, shirt cardboard, and beverage “refrigerator packs” and similar types of cardboard  
*(No foil coated cardboard material. Remove the lining from cereal boxes and windows from pasta boxes)*



*Mayor Perez is joined by DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy (right) and Kate Krebs of the National Recycling Coalition to demonstrate single-stream recycling.*

## NEW ARENA: The Future is Now!

Mayor Perez believes we must move forward to explore the feasibility of a Downtown Arena. That's why he has asked representatives of city, state, regional, and corporate entities to determine the level of private sector support for a world-class facility to host a NBA or NHL franchise, our champion UCONN teams and premiere concert tours. A study already shows the current XL Center site as the location because it provides strong opportunities for development and enhancement for Downtown, is adjacent to significant investments that already exist, and could best connect Downtown to our neighborhoods, region, and state.



## 311 Is Working For You!

- 311 answers between **300-600 calls per day**
- Average number of calls handled per month: **8317**
- **60% of calls are for information only.** 20% are requested transfers. 10% are service requests.
- Monthly statistics and a Neighborhood Report are on the 311 webpage at [www.hartford.gov](http://www.hartford.gov)

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# Let's Grow Hartford!

**Hartford is building on its momentum!** Mayor Perez is proud that the City is investing \$50 million from the Neighborhood Development Fund to further reduce blight, continue the development of businesses and homes, and better connect the Downtown development to our neighborhoods.

**Downtown/Downtown North/Asylum Hill**  
*From the Clarion Hotel, across I-84  
to Myrtle Street*



**Northeast**  
*Connecting progress on Barbour Street  
from Capen Street to Tower Avenue*



**Frog Hollow**  
*Park Street to Park Terrace  
to Capitol Avenue to Broad Street*



**South End**  
*Franklin Avenue  
near Hartford Hospital*





# *Hartford Is:*

***Proud, Diverse, Conveniently Located***



**Eddie A. Perez**  
*Mayor*



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OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

***Hartford, As Strong As  
Its People***

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