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Eddie A. Perez, Mayor

The Mayor's UPDATE

Job One: Create Jobs!

Our City's economy is challenged. Our country is in a financial crisis. It's time for bold action. In my State of the City Address, **www.hartford.gov** I called for accelerating construction projects and creating an Arts Stimulus to generate jobs for our residents. I want to hear your thoughts. Do you think this is a good way to keep Hartford on the right path?
Email me at **Mayor@hartford.gov.**

Hartford has several "shovel ready" projects eligible for federal stimulus money. Follow the progress on **www.hartford.gov/recovery.** I want to put hundreds more of our residents to work in all of our neighborhoods – at good wages and with benefits – building on years of success with our school construction projects. To date, almost 1000 Hartford residents have benefited from this program alone.

Our new Arts and Heritage Jobs Grant will create about 200 new positions in the Capital City. This community is a financial force, attracting thousands of visitors and pumping about $200 million into the local economy. I want to provide an increase of $1.7 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, artists and projects in our City. The grants would help create new works, new performances, and expand facilities. This funding will come from reprogrammed city funds and federal grants. A public hearing was held on April 16th. For more information contact Laura Lopez at **llopez@hartford.gov.**

My vision prioritizes jobs, public safety, and education and provides essential services to our residents and businesses. By working together, we'll better position ourselves for when our economy recovers.

Sincerely,

Eddie A. Perez, *Mayor*

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Choose. Achieve. Succeed.

***Mayor Perez** (c), **Dr. James Thompson,** Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools (l) and **Dr. Steven Adamowski,** Superintendent (r) congratulate a student at an achievement awards ceremony.*

CHOICE IS POPULAR!

3 new academies are set to open in August and they are among the most sought after schools in the new Choice Selection Process. This is another clear signal that Hartford Public Schools are moving in the right direction. Last year, 16 schools showed significant academic achievement. Three of our high schools – Classical Magnet, Sport and Medical Sciences, and Capital Prep – are nationally recognized.

Retaining And Creating Jobs Keeps Hartford Competitive!

UnitedHealth Group – **more than 2000 city jobs**
The Tribune Company – **almost 900 jobs**
Northeast Utilities Headquarters – **180 jobs**

New Business is Good Business!

The Whole 9 Clothing store in Hartford's Northeast neighborhood opened in January, continuing a strong trend of new businesses in the Capital City. **Last year, 95 new businesses set up shop.**

QUESTION: Where do you read all about it?

Where do you find your community news? Is it online or in the library? Is it at your local community center or place of worship? Is it at your neighborhood salon or barber shop or at the corner coffee shop? Email Sarah Barr, Director of Communications at **barrs001@hartford.gov.**

Making Hartford a Healthy Hartford!

Healthy Hartford

Put Out The Fire! Hartford's hospital campuses will be tobacco free as of November 19, 2009 (The Great American Smoke-Out). An ordinance has been introduced to do the same on the grounds of City Hall. *Pictured here are Mayor Perez along with (l-r) Dr. Andrew Salner, Director of the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center at Hartford Hospital; Kate Roche, Executive V.P. and COO, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center; Jeffrey A. Flaks, Executive V.P. and COO, Hartford Hospital; Wendy Warring, Senior V.P. and COO, CT Children's Medical Center.* **Watch for our Healthy Hartford events!**

The City of Hartford was proud to lead-off the UCONN Victory Parade. *25,000 fans turned out to support the Champion UCONN Women's Basketball team on their 6th National Championship. For more pictures, log on to www.hartford.gov and go to the "About Hartford" box.*

Meet Your Registrars!

(L-R): ***Susan Bysiewicz****, Secretary of the State,* ***Urania Petit****, Registrar of Voters (WFP),* ***Salvatore A. Bramante****, Registrar of Voters (R),* ***Olga Iris Vazquez****, Registrar of Voters (D), and* ***Daniel M. Carey****, Town and City Clerk.*

"Fido" needs a license!

Reminder, all dogs must be licensed at 6 months old. Proof of rabies vaccination and spayed/neutering, if applicable, is required. Cost: $8 in June and then an additional dollar each month after that *(Cost of a license in May is $19).* This is a quality of life issue, a health and an economic issue. For more information on licenses and records, please log onto **www.hartford.gov/government/town&cityclerk.** Please, don't forget to pick-up after your pet and keep them on a leash!

Bring on the Noise Ordinance!

Quiet Please!

Did you know that it is against the law in the City of Hartford to make noise that can be heard 100 feet from its source at any time of the day or night? (Sec. 23-41, 1-8, Hartford Municipal Code)

VIOLATION of the City noise ordinance can result in a $90 fine, judge-ordered community service, or a jail sentence of up to 25 days!

TO REPORT A NOISE COMPLAINT DAY OR NIGHT, CALL THE HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT (860)757-4000

For any questions, call the Mayor's office at 860-757-9500 or visit www.hartford.gov

¡Silencio Por Favor!

¿Sabia usted que hacer un ruido que se puede oír desde 100 pies de su origen, a cualquier hora del día o la noche es contra la ley en la ciudad de Hartford? (Sec. 23-41, 1-8, Codigo Municipal de Hartford)

¡UNA VIOLACION contra la ordenanza contra el ruido de la ciudad de Hartford puede resultar en una multa de $90, servicio comunitario ordenado por un juez o cárcel por hasta 25 días!

PARA REPORTAR UNA QUERELLA DE RUIDO, LLAME AL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICIA DE HARTFORD DIA O NOCHE (860)757-4000

Para cualquier pregunta, llame a la oficina del Alcalde al 860-757-9500 o visite: www.hartford.gov

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IS A TOP PRIORITY.

The City's Noise Ordinance is being strictly enforced. In the first 3 months of 2008, 8 violations were written. In the first 3 months of 2009, that number jumped to 171.

The Hartford Police Department has many partners.

The Office of Youth Services and the Juvenile Review Board are identifying troubled youth and helping them turnaround their lives. Hartford Crime Stoppers encourages the community to call the anonymous tip line **(860) 722-TIPS (8477).** Leadership Greater Hartford and the Hartford Cares Team help bring out the best in the city.

We're also working to make our city safer by hiring 40 new police officers!

Look for these 311 signs in your neighborhood!

IN THE CITY OF HARTFORD

For Emergencies Call

911

For Everything Else Cal

311

757-9311

You have a front row seat to watch your government in action!
Government Cable Access Television has moved!
Watch Channel 96 or log on to **www.hartford.gov** for live stream!

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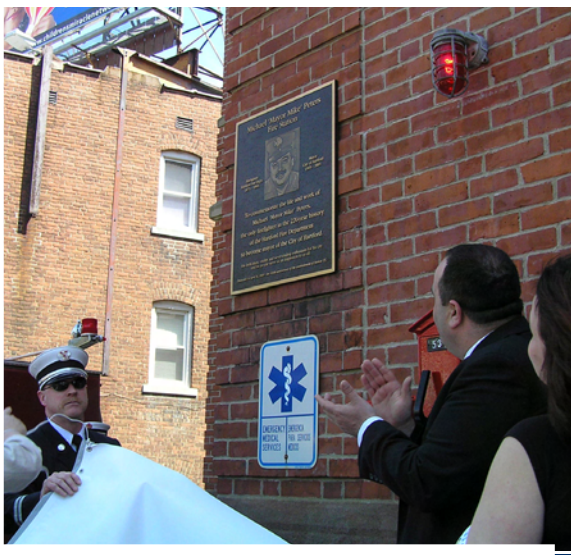
The late **Mayor Mike Peters** always reminded us of Hartford's goodness and greatness. He bravely served as a firefighter for more than 22 years and 8 years as Mayor. On April 16th, Engine 15 turned 100 years old and became forever known as the Michael "Mayor Mike" Peters Memorial Fire Station.
Go Hartford!