



...BY THE NUMBERS...

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(June 10, 2011)--- Celebrating Our Parks proved to be a great spring sequel to last year's successful "Week of the Parks" campaign. The City of Hartford will continue to focus on accountability and strengthen partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike. Results are measured by a number of factors including volunteer commitment, waste hauled-away, and graffiti removed.

"This environmental and economic movement has grown and succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. The spirit and good will of our community is infectious and I want to thank everyone who participated. This season's numbers tell a great story," said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

Here are those numbers:

Flags planted:	5850 for veterans at cemeteries
Park area targeted:	1538 acres (20 parks and 4 cemeteries)
Volunteers:	1038 corporate, community, and individual volunteers
Grass cut:	603 acres mowed
Trash:	225 barrels emptied
Parks/Tourism discussion:	90 participants
Dancers:	50 participants at Dance-Off
Trees:	40 removed; 38 pruned; 20 planted
Go Fly A Kite:	32 kite flyers
Community clean-ups:	26 registered with the City
Thinking games:	12 chess players
Green Ribbon discussions:	4 community coffee
Channel 96:	4 events recorded and now airing on Gov't Cable Access TV
Graffiti removed:	3 locations
Illegal dumping:	2 areas cleared
Hartford 375 gift:	1 tree; 1 stone at Kennelly School

Plus:

- *Playground equipment repaired at DeLucco Park
- *Concrete culvert removed from Keney Park
- * Named Tree City USA
- *Compost made available to Hartford residents
- *Healthy Stride Walks
- *Vintage Base Ball and Little League Games
- *Back Yard Games

"Investing in our historic park system is investing in Hartford's future. I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and fun summer in our parks," said Mayor Segarra.