



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

100 DAYS AS MAYOR

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(October 1, 2010)--- Since the time of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the first 100 days of an administration has been used as a benchmark for measuring results. Under the leadership of Mayor Pedro E. Segarra, Hartford's "New Deal" focuses on fiscal responsibility, strengthening relationships at the local, state, and federal levels, creating jobs, improving education, addressing public safety and quality of life issues, and helping Hartford simply feel good about what we have to offer.

"One of the most visible success stories is the 'Week of the Parks' campaign where residents and corporate volunteers are more inspired than ever to work with the City and its non-profit partners to take pride and clean-up our open spaces, especially our historic parks," said Mayor Segarra. "It is very important to respond to community concerns, like our parks. We are in the midst of meeting with our Neighborhood Revitalization Zones and want to extend that outreach to even more groups. For example, when I heard that Parkville merchants had questions about public safety, I rode with the Police Bike Patrol to get a first hand look for myself. This is the kind of hands-on action my administration has taken place since day one and won't stop because Sunday is day 101."

Also, because of prudent fiscal decisions, \$2.8 million was restored to the City's Rainy Day Fund. Tough choices still need to be made for the next budget. Every possible option is still on the table including a retirement incentive, union contract negotiations are underway and pension issues are being addressed.

Other important accomplishments: Overall serious crime is down again this summer and is 32% lower over the same six year period, the Albany Avenue Library Branch is under construction, Saint Joseph School of Pharmacy is open Downtown, and Hartford is the recipient of substantial federal support in regards to preventing foreclosures, the greening the Capitol Avenue Corridor, and making our Arts and Cultural assets more visible and accessible.

What's next? The Parker Memorial Center official opens October 2nd, 1163 Main Street will be demolished by the end of the month, the "It's About Us" campaign--- a comprehensive strategy to improve the quality of life for our children--- will be unveiled in November and by spring, the Green Ribbon Taskforce will make its recommendations as to how to improve the quality, condition, financing, and governance of our park system.

"Hartford is on the move. We're an exciting place to be. Hartford can't make this kind of progress without our residents, especially our young people, getting involved. There's a lot happening. There's a lot to celebrate. There's more to do. Hartford is 375 years old and going strong--- that's an incredible way to measure results," said Mayor Segarra.