

# City Government Working For You!



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## We have come so far, we have far to go.

The theme from Mayor Eddie Perez’s State of the City Address carries over into the budget process. By working together as a team through a series of budget workshop sessions, the Mayor, City Council, and Department Heads have narrowed a potential funding gap by more than \$20 million. But the work is not done and tough decisions still need to be made.

“This is the toughest budget session this City has faced since the Great Depression,” says Mayor Perez. “But by leaving no stone unturned, I am confident we can reach a consensus that will put the best interests of Hartford taxpayers first.”

The Mayor submits his budget on April 19<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Bulkeley High School Auditorium.

**April is Earth Month:** Go Green Use Blue is more than a slogan. Hartford has nearly doubled its recycling rate. By expanding SingleStream Recycling and partnering with RecycleBank, residents save money



and help the City reduce its cost. The Capital City is working hard to be a Green City:

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Kick-off of Keep America Beautiful/Hartford Cleans Up

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Organic composting--- or Hartford Gold--- is available to residents

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day



**Carey On!** It rained on Hartford’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, but that didn’t dampen the special salute to our friend and colleague Dan Carey, who we lost last year but will never forget. The Boys of Wexford dedicated this float to Dan, last year’s parade Person of the Year. Below: More photos from a premiere Hartford event:



United States  
**Census  
2010**



### Census 2010 Update!

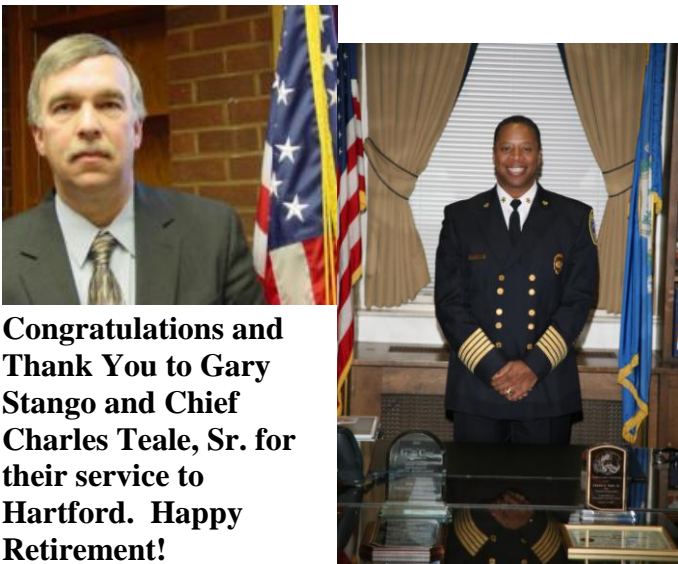
It takes 10 minutes to answer 10 questions. It's easy, important, safe, and confidential. Mail it back Hartford. This means millions of dollars in funding for our roads--- our

schools--- our community! **Got questions? Get answers on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.**



The City of Hartford Complete Count Committee is teaming up with the Community Renewal Team (CRT) for the "March to the Mailbox" campaign. This is neighbors encouraging neighbors to complete their 2010 Census

questionnaire. Local barber shops and hair salons will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for community conversations. **Stand up and be counted. It's in our hands!**



**Congratulations and Thank You to Gary Stango and Chief Charles Teale, Sr. for their service to Hartford. Happy Retirement!**



### Green Ribbon Task Force: There's a call to action to save our historic parks.

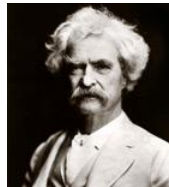
Mayor Perez urges Hartford to improve our parks with the same vigor as we improved our schools. The Mayor is creating a Green Ribbon Task Force that would be made up of friends of the parks, recognized experts, and key community stakeholders. The goal is to develop a long-term maintenance, operational, and stewardship program for our parks system.



### Where Will You See This Logo?



**April 9<sup>th</sup>:  
Jazz Appreciation Day  
4:00 p.m. on City Hall Steps**



**April 11<sup>th</sup>:  
"Mark Twain's Most Moving Experience"  
4:00 p.m. at Hartford Public Library Main Branch**



**May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Office for Young Children Family Fair**



**May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Opening Day at the Carousel**



**June 12<sup>th</sup>:  
CT Science Center's 1st Birthday**

## One City, One Plan



**Key dates:**  
**April 12, 2010:** City Council Public Comment Meeting  
**May 13, 2010:** P&Z Public Hearing  
**June 8, 2010:** Effective Date of Plan Adoption