

# City Government Working For You!



## The Torch is Passed!

**Congratulations to Fire Chief Charles A. Teale, Sr. upon the announcement of his upcoming retirement after a long and successful career at HFD. Mayor Eddie A. Perez has named Fire Marshal Edward Casares, Jr. to succeed Chief Teale. Chief Casares will be the first Latino to achieve this rank.**

Mayor Perez says, "Like Chief Teale, Chief Casares is a son of Hartford. They both overcame challenges to rise to the top of their profession. I based this decision in large part on Chief Teale's recommendation that Ed Casares is the best person to maintain the HFD's national reputation and highest level of accreditation."



## In this Season of Giving, let's show that Hartford Cares!

**Mayor Perez's Rising Stars of Hartford Charity** donated \$1500 to FoodShare during the Annual Turkey Tuesday event.

**Stew Leonard's Grocery Store** donated more than 200 turkeys to 12 Hartford-based organizations so that families wouldn't go hungry this Thanksgiving.

**Let's keep that positive momentum going!**

**The Registrars of Voters Office** is collecting gloves, socks, hats, and scarves for the homeless in time for a service on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church.

## FAQ's About New Discount Prescription Drug Card:

### What is the plan?

This is a free prescription drug discount card that is available to Hartford residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities. The discount card offers an average savings of 20% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

### Where can I find this card?

Cards are available at City Hall, all Hartford Public Library Branches, senior centers, recreation centers, and many community based organizations. You can also call toll free 1-888-620-1749 for assistance.

### Does the card work with or without insurance?

The answer is both. If you have insurance and your plan doesn't cover a particular prescription (or you need to fulfill your deductible) then you can use this card. If you don't have insurance, then you will automatically see the savings!

### Where can I use this card?

59,000 pharmacies are participating nationwide including most in our city. The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

### Does it really work?

The first testimonials are in! Sally from the Sheldon-Charter Oak neighborhood saved \$20 (50%) on just one prescription!



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**Bridge!** The A-I Tech Center will replace the old Broadcast House on Constitution Plaza. This LEED Green Building will create jobs and inspire the researchers and engineers of tomorrow!

## It's SRO at One City, One Plan (POCD 2020)



**Let your voice be heard on December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6 p.m. at the CT Science Center to Promote and Encourage Integration of Sustainable Practices.

**Neighborhood-based Listening Sessions** will follow in early 2010 as we create Hartford's public/private development and policy decisions for the next decade.



### Saluting Our Veterans!

**Veterans** Pedro Bermudez (U.S. Army, now Assistant to the Mayor), Santiago Malave (U.S. Air Force, now Director of Human Resources) and Don Blakelock (U.S. Navy, now Energy Manager) join Mayor Perez in front of the new showcase of an American Flag that flew in Iraq and was presented to the City of Hartford by SSgt. Dane Beckford of Hartford.

**The display is in the Function Room at City Hall**, where thousands of people gather each year for meetings, events and tours.

**The showcase was created by carpenters in the Department of Public Works** (Edwin Rivera, Cecil Scarborough, Robert Palmer and Dyshawn Higley).

**The Mayor thanks all of Hartford's City employees for their dedication and service to our country.**

If you would like to submit information for City Government Working For You, please email Sarah Barr, Director of Communications, at [barrs001@hartford.gov](mailto:barrs001@hartford.gov)



**H1N1 Update:** Parents are encouraged to have their children vaccinated for Swine Flu. Please log on to [www.hartford.gov](http://www.hartford.gov) for consistent updates and school inoculation sites. Reminder: hand washing is the best prevention!

### Congratulations and Thank You!

**Bill Pelto, Antoinette Baker and Beatrice Sullivan:**

Organized the Employee Tag Sale that netted more than \$400. Proceeds will be divided among The United Way, The United Negro College Fund and Community Works.

**Don Shaw:** Recently returned from Thailand where he and his wife Peggy and two friends worked with Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project. 82 homes were built.

**The Society of Latin American Firefighters, the Hartford Fire Department, Leadership Greater Hartford, Boundless Playgrounds, and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving:** Dedicated Lozada Park, the City's third boundless playground for children of all abilities to play. The park is in memory of Julio Lozada, who died 30 years ago in a building collapse.

### Have You Seen What's New?

**Parker Memorial Center/Kelvin D. Anderson Gym:** Phase one is done! This project (dedicated to George Parker, the first Superintendent of Parks for the City and Kelvin Anderson, an Olympic Boxer who died tragically in a plane crash) has created jobs for Hartford residents as well as Minority and Women Business Enterprises. Check out the new pool, new gymnasium, new locker rooms, and new classrooms. Phase 2 is set to be complete in June of 2010.



**Time is Running Out!**

**Leaf collection ends Friday, December 11!**

**Enjoy Hartford for the Holidays!  
Good Shows! Good Shops! Good Eats!**



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