

12-Month Calendar 2009



City of East Providence
Annual Report 2008



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Message from the City Manager



Richard Brown,
City Manager, City of
East Providence

This past year has brought striking changes to our economy. Despite these turbulent times, East Providence continues to move forward with a number of important new economic development projects. These projects promise jobs for our residents and an expanding commercial tax base, so vital to the fiscal success of any community.

Aspen Aerogels, a manufacturer of high tech insulation materials, has completed a \$30 million renovation of its manufacturing facility and became fully operational in 2008. Aspen Aerogels has brought high paying jobs to East Providence and recently was named the “Emerging Company of the Year” by the New England Clean Energy Council.

EFD Manufacturing has consolidated its facilities on Catamore Boulevard, spending \$9 million in improvements to build a first-class manufacturing facility. The company elected to stay in the City based on several positive factors that supported remaining in Rhode Island, including the quality of the company’s local labor force.

There have been numerous other commercial projects that have contributed to our local economy in 2008 including the completion of the Navigant Credit Union, Walgreens Pharmacy and the Columbus Credit Union. The Baer Supply Company announced plans in 2008 to construct a 100,000 square foot warehouse storage and office facility in Rumford.

Significant residential development is also underway, most notably the Rumford Center, a signature mixed-use development that promises to be recognized in the future as a landmark.

Economic activity cannot thrive without adequate modern infrastructure. To that end, the City has seen several important transportation projects moving forward that will assure that economic expansion will not be hindered by lack of access to our City, particularly our waterfront district.

I am confident that the City is poised to emerge in 2009 with the framework for success and the fundamentals necessary to carry us forward into a prosperous and promising economic future.

Richard M. Brown,
City Manager, City of East Providence



Residential Solid Waste Guide

Household Refuse

What?

The City is responsible for collection of material generated in the course of daily living from the household.

When?

All acceptable household refuse and recycling is collected weekly from the curbline.

How?

All household refuse must be in bags, barrels or other reusable containers that one person can lift into the back of the collection vehicle. Both the Blue & Green recycling bins must be at the curb until the trash is collected.

Odd items?

Furniture – Try to recycle if usable.

One item per week if not usable.

Rugs – cut to 4', rolled & tied

Mattress – 1 set per week

Selling or Moving?

When selling a home or moving out of an apartment, the owner is responsible for disposal of all household rubbish.

Drop Off Items

The following must be dropped off at the DPW, 60 Commercial Way:

Electronics – All televisions, computer components, microwaves, VCR, DVR, & audio equipment.

Propane Tanks – Empty 20lb propane tanks

Motor Oil – Oil Filters

Auto Batteries – Antifreeze

Textiles – All clothing, linens, shoes, & other textiles should be deposited in collection bins throughout the city.

Call for locations.

Lumber / Wood – Small amounts of construction materials from projects done by the homeowner.

NOT ACCEPTABLE AT CURB

Automotive parts, tires, rims, asphalt, concrete, brick, stone, dirt or soil.

Residential Recycling

Blue Bin

Drink Cartons

Milk & juice cartons
Juice boxes
Flavored milk boxes
Coffee creamer cartons

Glass Bottles & Jars

Beverage bottles
Gravy & sauce jars
Condiment jars
Baby food jars

No broken glass, cups, dishes, windows, mirrors, mugs, light bulbs

#1 Plastic Bottles

Color or clear
Beverage bottles
Detergent bottles
Salad dressing bottles
(#1 in recycle triangle)

#2 Plastic Bottles

Color or clear
Milk jugs
Detergent bottles
Beverage jugs
Bleach bottles
(#2 in recycle triangle)

Metal Cans & Scrap Metal

Aluminum & tin cans
Foil & food plates (clean)
Empty steel aerosol cans
Wire hangers
Small scrap metal (less than 20lbs)
Small appliances (must fit in bin)

Recycling Containers

Broken bins are exchanged at no charge.
New bins are \$5 each Call for date & time of exchange location.

Green Bin

Mixed Paper

Writing paper	Mail
Computer paper	Catalogs
Phone books	Magazines
Paperback books	Calendars
Greeting cards	Envelopes
Wrapping paper	Paper bags
Shredded paper	Ad materials

Thin Cardboard

Cereal boxes	Pasta boxes
Cake mix boxes	Gift boxes
Paper egg cartons	File folders
Toilet paper rolls	Shoe boxes

No pizza boxes / greasy containers

Newspaper

All newspaper, ads & inserts
Place in paper bag or tie with string

Corrugated Cardboard

Appliance boxes	Packaging
Moving boxes	Shipping cartons

Must be flat, 3'x3', tied with string.
No plastic bags
Place next to the green bin.

Appliances

Appliances & other large metal items are collected twice per month at the curb. Items require a \$10 Recycling Sticker available at City Hall, Room 204. Appliances may be dropped off at 60 Commercial Way during regular business hours at no cost.

Refrigerators	Freezers	Stoves
Dishwashers	Dryers	Washers
Lawn mowers	Gas grills	Swings
Hot water tanks	Air conditioners	
Microwaves	Metal desks/cabinets	

All other large metal household items.

Furnaces & heating units **are NOT acceptable.**



Yard Debris

Grass, leaves and other vegetative material 3" in diameter or less are collected April 1 to December 31. All material must be in paper bags or approved reusable containers that one person can lift into the truck.

Plastic bags are NOT acceptable.

Forbes St Compost Site is open to residents one Saturday per month and 4 Saturdays in spring & fall from 10:00AM – 2:00PM.

Yard Debris bags & stickers for containers are available at City Hall, Room 204.

Christmas Trees are collected December 26 to third week in January or may be dropped off at local parks and playgrounds.

Don't Bag It – Mulch It

Grass clippings can be left on the lawn as fertilizer. It saves collection time & money.

Household Hazardous Material

Oil paint	Stain	Solvents
Pesticides	Fertilizer	Gasoline
Kerosene	Toxic chemicals	

Call the RI Resource Recovery Corp
401.942.1430 ext 241

Information

For more information, contact the Recycling Office at 435.7710 or 435.7711 during regular business hours.

The City reserves the right to deny collection service to any household which has not segregated recyclable materials from the normal household refuse. It is the responsibility of the home owner, tenant, and/or other occupant to comply with state and municipal law regarding residential solid waste disposal procedures.

Planning Department

Subdivisions and Land Development Projects

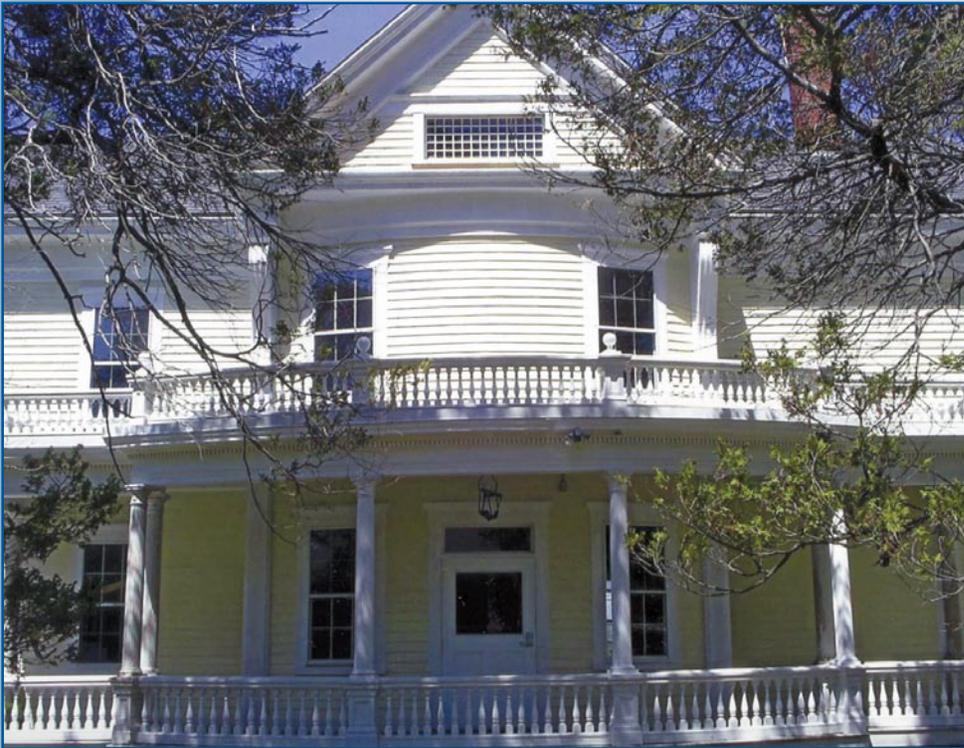
The Department reviewed 14 subdivisions including Land Development Projects and Development Plan Review projects. Construction of the first phase of the Rumford Center is nearly complete with many commercial and residential units leased.

Zoning Board

The department reviewed 51 Zoning Board cases in 2008.

Comprehensive Plan

The department began work on the five-year update of the Comprehensive Plan.



The east porch of the Weaver House on Grove Avenue.

Highway Improvements

Working with the RI Dept of Transportation and the City Dept of Public Works, final design of the next phase of Waterfront Drive from I-195 north to Dexter Road has proceeded. Construction funding for this phase has been secured through a \$2 million U.S. Economic Development Administration grant, a congressional transportation appropriation, and City bond funds.

The Environmental Assessment for the I-195 Interchange was completed and approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The project will provide new ramps to and from Interstate 195 in the vicinity of Taunton Avenue and Warren Avenue. The project is to be funded through federal congressional appropriations.

Enterprise Zone

The City continued its status as a state-designated Enterprise Zone. The program has attracted a number of participants to East Providence with tax benefits associated with job growth.

Commercial Loan Programs

The City continued to offer loans to local businesses through its commercial/ industrial loan program. The low interest program is available to East Providence businesses seeking fixed loans for the acquisition, construction and improvement of land, buildings, and substantial additions or renovations to existing buildings.

The City's limited Commercial Micro-loan program provides loans of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to businesses with ten or fewer employees. The program, which is available to residents of East Providence, helps small businesses that cannot obtain loans through traditional lending sources.

The City's 2+2 Façade Improvement Program is designed to provide incentives for store front improvements in eligible commercial districts through direct matching grants for physical exterior improvements to their properties.

Business Attraction and Expansion

Several major companies expanded operations. EFD consolidated its manufacturing into a 106,000 sq. ft. building on Catamore Boulevard. In the Waterfront District, Aspen Aerogels, a manufacturer of high tech insulation materials, has completed its \$30 million renovation of a 145,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility on Dexter Road, and Baer Supply was approved to construct a 100,000 sq. ft. warehouse and office facility on New Road.



The renovated Rumford Center – a mixed-use redevelopment of residential and commercial units.



January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Recycling Christmas trees creates mulch for Public Works projects throughout the year.</i></p>				<p>1</p> <p><i>Trash/recycling delayed 1 day</i></p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Trash/recycling delayed 1 day</i></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Registration for Winter/Spring Programs Recreation Center 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board of Trustees Weaver Library 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Learn to Belly Dance Weaver Library 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Appliance Collection</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lecture – Abraham Lincoln and the RI Soldier Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Learn to Belly Dance Weaver Library 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Regular Monday trash/recycling collection</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Library Board of Trustees City Hall, Room A, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Learn to Belly Dance Weaver Library, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A, 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Appliance collection</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>East Providence Prevention Coalition Board of Directors Meeting City Hall, Room 306 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Performance – Goddess Delight Belly Dance Troupe Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Zoning Board of Review City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



Police Department

The East Providence Police Department has an authorized strength of one hundred six sworn officers and twenty-one civilian personnel. The police department is charged with the responsibility of providing police services to the residents of the City.

The police department consists of four major components: the Office of the Chief of Police, the Patrol Division, the Detective Division and the Administrative Services Division. Mandated staffing levels require a minimum of nine uniform officers on the day and evening shift and seven officers on the overnight shift. The City is divided into nine geographic areas referred to as posts to which officers are assigned during his/her tour of duty.

In the past twelve months, East Providence police officers responded to 50,671 calls for service (CFS). Officers investigated 4,445 criminal complaints, arrested 2,230 individuals, investigated 1,979 motor vehicle accidents, issued 1,439 R.I. Traffic Tribunal violations, 3302 Municipal Court violations, 52 Loud Music violations, 1,138 Parking violations, 860 District Court Summons and 3,060 Defective Equipment violations. Since 2004 we have reduced the number of accidents every year. We will continue to be vigilant in our traffic enforcement to continue the reduction of accidents to make this a safer community.

The Detective Division is presently staffed from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM. The addition of the night detectives has reduced expenses in call backs, increased coordination and cooperation in multi-jurisdictional investigations, provided for an immediate response in the evening hours to felony crimes, provided alternative times that are convenient for victims and witnesses to meet with detectives and added additional units on patrol in the evening hours.

We presently have two detectives assigned to the Computer Crimes Initiative as well as being trained in computer forensics/computer crimes. One of the initiatives is keeping children safe online. We have a detective who attends the monthly meetings of the Providence Police Robbery Information Exchange and Detective Commander, Captain Walter Barlow, is our representative who attends the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) which meets monthly to discuss local and national anti-terrorist investigations and initiatives.



Police Department School Resource Officer at Kent Heights School.

The Community Policing Unit (CPU) continued its efforts to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and its "neighborhood crime watch" programs. The CPU continued its partnership with the State of R.I. Probation Department by sharing information and resources as well as assisting in monitoring probationers who reside in the City. The Safe Haven Program/Domestic Violence Follow-up Program is working out well. The Domestic Violence Program acts as a liaison with the Domestic Violence Advocate and the victims of domestic violence as well as following up on certain active cases.



The East Providence Police Station is located at 750 Waterman Avenue.

The Police Department presently has three School Resource Officers (SRO) assigned to Riverside Middle School, Martin Middle School and the East Providence High School. The SROs are responsible for maintaining order within the schools, handle crisis intervention situations and serve as conflict resolution mediators. SROs serve as mentors, lecturers in appropriate classes and interact with students in a non-traditional manner.

In-service training continues to be a priority for the police department. The Training Unit focused its efforts on providing competent law enforcement in-service instruction for all department personnel. Police liability issues rank high among any municipal government's financial concerns and a comprehensive training program helps reduce incidents giving rise to actions at law.



February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 <i>Harbor Management Commission</i> City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. <i>Claims Committee Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. <i>Concert – Prov. Brigade Band</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	4 <i>Library Board of Trustees</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m.	5	6	7 <i>Appliance collection</i>
8	9 <i>Planning Board</i> City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	10 <i>East Providence School Committee</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	11 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon	13 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon	14 <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 <i>Presidents' Day</i> <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Waterfront Special Development District Commission</i> City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	17 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Claims Committee Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission</i> City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	18 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Jr. Olympic Skills Basketball Competition</i> Recreation Center 3:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission</i> City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m.	19 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Historic Properties Commission</i> City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	20 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon	21 <i>Appliance collection</i>
22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 <i>East Providence Prevention Coalition Board of Directors Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 306 6:00 p.m.	24 <i>Carousel Commission</i> City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	25 <i>Zoning Board of Review</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	26	27	28 <i>Water payments due</i>

The average resident requires 465 trees to provide enough paper for a lifetime.

Public Works Department

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Storm Water Maintenance

The Highway Division was able to dredge about 2 miles of storm water drainage areas, cleaned 636 storm water catch basins/manholes and 37,895 feet of drain pipe, removing approximately 1,000 yards of debris. Approximately 4,620 catch basins, storm water retention and marsh areas were checked and treated to reduce the mosquito population.

Plowing and Sanding

Another mild winter season required crews to plow only 4 times and perform sanding operations only 9 times using approximately 1,900 tons of salt on roadways, public buildings, and City and school parking areas.



Winter Work: Snow plow operations on Bullocks Point Avenue.

Traffic Control

Approximately 793 sign repairs and new installations were made last year. Division personnel performed all maintenance of City-owned traffic signals. Over 3,000 lf of cross walks, parking spaces in City-owned parking lots, including schools, parks, and libraries and over 125,000 lf of roadway markings were painted to enhance safety on municipal roadways.

Street Sweeping

The street sweeping program removed debris from main roadways, neighborhood streets and parking areas throughout the City. The entire City was swept twice with operations ceasing in August.

Street and Sidewalk Repair

The division repaired over 905 potholes and utility trenches using over 1,000 tons of asphalt. Approximately 160 yards of concrete was also used to repair or replace sidewalks and storm drain structures.

Compost Site /Former Landfill

Highway Division personnel and equipment continued to work at the compost site. The yard waste is shredded, piled in rows and turned as needed until it has decomposed into compost. The finished compost is screened and used on various City projects and made available to the City residents. The former Forbes St. landfill requires constant maintenance as it settles, creating depressions which may provide mosquito breeding ponds that must be further treated.

Various Other Projects

The Highway Division installed a much-needed parking area at Fire Station 1, installed new concrete pens and drainage at the City's dog pound and replaced deteriorated stairways in the rear of Waddington Elementary School with a new ramp and sidewalks.

CENTRAL GARAGE

Over 400 vehicles and equipment are maintained and repaired at the Central Garage annually. The personnel are involved in continuous technical training and updating diagnostic programs. The maintenance of the vehicles supports emergency response vehicles and snow plow and sanding operations.

The installation of our new centralized automated refueling station will result in a savings by eliminating satellite fueling stations thought the City and utilizing personnel in a more productive manner.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division performs survey work, planning, drafting, development of plans, specifications and contract documents for Public Works Department projects. All new construction plans of subdivisions and buildings are reviewed and pertinent technical information and recommendations are made to ensure all improvements are built in accordance with applicable standards. The Engineering Division office maintains City maps for utilities, assessor maps, survey benchmarks and related information. The Engineering Division regularly works closely with other Public Works Divisions on a variety of projects thereby eliminating the cost of hiring outside consultants and contractors in many cases.

Geographic Information System

Engineering is responsible for maintaining and updating the GIS database mapping.

Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The division performed all the necessary field survey work and design for sanitary sewer improvements within the City.

Phase II Stormwater Management Plan

As part of recent EPA and RI DEM stormwater runoff regulations, the division was required to develop a plan to improve the quality of stormwater runoff to water bodies.

Waterfront Access Improvement Study

This division worked closely with consultants on the Waterfront Access Study to devise better access between Rte 195 and the City's waterfront.



March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4th quarter tax payments due	2 Lecture – Lydia Maria Child, “First Woman of the Republic” Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	3 Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	4 Library Board of Trustees Fuller Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Appliance collection
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	10 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	11 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m. Celebrating Ireland in Story & Song Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	17 St. Patrick’s Day Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	18 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	19 Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Appliance collection
22	23 A Travelogue: Sicily Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	24 Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	25 Zoning Board of Review City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30 Yard Waste collection starts until December 18 East Providence Prevention Coalition Board of Directors Meeting City Hall, Room 306 6:00 p.m.	31	Recycling a six foot stack of newspapers saves one tree 35 feet tall.			



Public Works Department, *continued*

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

The Public Buildings Division is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the following City-owned facilities: City Hall, Police Station, Weaver Library, Rumford Library, Fuller Library, Riverside Library, Riverside Recreation Center, Engustian Public Works Complex and the Senior Center Complex. The division also assisted in the maintenance and special projects at the Animal Shelter, East Providence Community Center, Carousel, and Hunt House.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

The Water Pollution Control Division operates and maintains the City's wastewater facility in Riverside. The facility is a secondary biological treatment facility.

Twenty-two wastewater pumping stations and two hundred miles of sanitary sewer lines feed the facility that is staffed by twenty employees. Over 7 million gallons per day are treated and discharged 94% clean of pollutants.

Over 862 wet tons of dewatered biosolids were processed at the facility and trucked to the Central Landfill in Johnston, Rhode Island and 9,396,000 million gallons of liquefied biosolids were incinerated.

CAPITAL FACILITY PROJECTS:

All internal piping in the digester has been color-coded to identify the various feed-in, suction, discharge and internal recycling piping.

Necessary improvements to the raw sewage system, estimated at \$400,000, was an item identified as a needed upgrade in the recent facility assessment. The consultant's estimate was greatly reduced by performing the work in-house at a cost of \$12,000 for equipment plus personnel costs. The system installed now meets all future needs and code requirements.

All regularly scheduled preventive maintenance was performed on all equipment by in-house staff further reducing outsource expenses.

LABORATORY ANALYSIS:

All required U.S. EPA regulations for laboratory testing were met enabling the facility to maintain laboratory certification with RI Department of Health.

PRETREATMENT PROGRAM:

Inspected all categorical significant industrial users and issued new annual permits.

COLLECTION WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COLLECTION DIVISION:

The WPC Division inspected over 24,200 feet of sewer lines utilizing the mobile TV inspection vehicle exposing leaks and blockages designated for repair. A new river crossing pipe, manhole and 350 feet gravity sewer line was installed.



Recycling Containers: Recycling is mandatory for all households per City Ordinance.

RECYCLING DIVISION

The Recycling Division instituted a renewed recycling collection program in June with the adoption of the *Total Participation Recycling Program*. The program, nicknamed No Bins – No Barrels, required all residents to comply with the state and City mandatory recycling program or risk not having the household trash collected. The program was spurred on by a search for budget reductions without a financial impact to residents. The recycling rate was already above the state average 20% but a study had shown approximately 16 – 20% of residents did not recycle properly or, in some cases, did not recycle at all. After a series of mailings and public notices, the program was initiated and the results were immediate; a rise in the recycling rate citywide to over 25%. The results were not without questions. The Recycling Office phone line fielded hundreds of calls. After a three week refresher course in Recycling 101, the collection program was back to normal and on its way to saving substantial tax dollars in trash disposal fees.

The renewed program was the recipient of a revenue share grant from the RI Resource Recovery Corporation in the amount of \$108,620 and also secured an additional grant of \$26,937 for educational services and procuring containers.

Solid Waste by the Numbers:

residential trash – 14,437 tons	school trash – 542 tons	recycling – 4,335 tons
yard waste – 6,422 tons	metals – 47 tons	recycling rate – 22.4%
overall diversion rate – 41.9%		

The overall cost to each household was approximately \$156.81 for all collection and disposal services.



April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every hour, we throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles.			1 <i>Library Board of Trustees</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	2	3	4 <i>Appliance collection</i>
5	6	7 <i>Harbor Management Commission</i> City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. <i>Claims Committee Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	8 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	9 <i>Passover</i>	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Planning Board</i> City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	14 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Jr. Olympic Skills Soccer Competition</i> Recreation Center 3:00 p.m.	15 <i>Tax Day</i> <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Beautification Commission</i> City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	16 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center noon <i>Historic Properties Commission</i> City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	17 <i>School Break Activities</i> Recreation Center 12:00 p.m.	18 <i>Appliance collection</i> <i>Earth Day Activities</i>
19	20 <i>Waterfront Special Development</i> <i>District Commission</i> City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m. <i>Concert – Swing Music – The Aristocrats</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	21 <i>Claims Committee Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission</i> City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m. <i>East Prov. School Committee</i> Location TBA 7:30 p.m.	22 <i>Earth Day</i> <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	23	24	25 <i>Earth Day Activities</i>
26	27 <i>East Providence Prevention Coalition Board of Directors Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 306 6:00 p.m.	28 <i>Carousel Commission</i> City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	29 <i>Zoning Board of Review</i> City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	30		



Municipal Court

The East Providence Municipal Court is comprised of a Municipal Court judge, administrator, bailiff and two court clerks that provide daily operations of the Municipal Court. Various cases heard in Municipal Court are housing, city ordinances, boating, animal and traffic violations. During this past fiscal year, the Municipal Court has processed over 6,000 cases; seventy percent of these cases have been adjudicated.



Municipal Court Offices are located at 610 Waterman Avenue in the Senior Center Complex.

City Clerk

The City Clerk prepared City Council agendas and journals for 22 regular meeting and 8 special meetings, preparing twenty two proclamations and 42 citations for the Council in 2008.

A total of 7,149 land evidence documents were recorded in 2008. Probate Court cases totaled 250; births totaled 431; deaths totaled 431; marriage licenses totaled 287; and 69 new passports were issued in 2008. The licensing board issued 79 alcoholic beverage licenses; 25 alcoholic beverage special event licenses; 719 miscellaneous licenses, which include 149 yard sales, 32 one-day entertainment, and 28 tents; 1,174 dog; and 100 hunting and fishing licenses.

Law Department

The Law Department is comprised of the City Solicitor and two Assistant City Solicitors. They provide legal advice for the City Council and represent the City and all of its offices, departments, and agencies. The attorneys serve as general counsel for the governing body and all of its boards and commissions and regularly attend City Council, Minimum Property Standards Board of Review, Building Board of Standards and Appeals, Zoning Board of Review, Planning Board, and Personnel Hearing Board meetings and are available by request for attendance at meetings of the various other City boards and commissions. They serve as corporate counsel for the City administration by appearing before numerous commissions and agencies of the state and federal government. As corporate counsel, they prepare documents such as contracts, leases, easements, liens, ordinances, and resolutions and render legal opinions on a myriad of questions. As litigation counsel, the attorneys accept service, prepare pleadings and attend court hearings on lawsuits filed against the various City agencies. In addition, the City Solicitor serves as risk management counsel which includes the processing of claims of all types and the establishment of loss prevention policies through the City's membership in the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust.

Law Department attorneys also serve as counsel for the Police Department for criminal and juvenile prosecutions and for the prosecution of code violations in the Municipal Court which include zoning and housing violations, boating violations, and other miscellaneous ordinance violations. In 2008, this included the prosecution of 48 code violations, the processing of 52 claims and the acceptance of service and preparation of pleadings for 16 new lawsuits filed against or on behalf of the City.



A plaque at Veteran's Memorial at City Hall Plaza honors all veterans of all wars.



May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Remember to recycle your old phone books in the green bin.</i>					1	2 <i>Appliance collection</i>
3	4	5 Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	6 Library Board of Trustees Rumford Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	12 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	13 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16 <i>Appliance collection</i>
17 The 5th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service Police Station 11 a.m.	18 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	19 Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	20 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	21 Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	22	23 <i>Regular Monday trash/recycling collection</i>
24	25	26	27 Zoning Board of Review City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30
31 East Prov. Prevention Coalition Board of Directors Meeting City Hall, Room A 6:00 p.m. <i>Water payments due</i>	Memorial Day	Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.				



East Providence Senior Center

Our Nationally Accredited senior center provides a variety of comprehensive and efficient services of interest to the over-55 population. Creating a coordinated delivery of services makes it easier for older adults and their families to access necessary services. Seniors and their families can consult with one agency when a problem occurs or an issue exists. This eliminates confusion and duplication of efforts. Reaching these goals enhances the center's reputation in the community.

The center's health office continues to expand to meet the needs of our membership. Diabetes outpatient education, health screenings, nutrition/weight loss classes, support groups, and health assessments for walk-in clients are some of the programs offered. The health office also offers registered dietitians, registered pharmacist, and laboratory services.

The senior center fitness room is designed to meet the exercise needs of our seasoned citizens. The goal of the program is to increase seniors' awareness and knowledge of the benefits of exercise and provide an atmosphere solely for older adults. Participation in the fitness center helps to reduce the health risks of a sedentary lifestyle and improves the quality of life for our senior population.



Senior Center bus transportation is provided to and from the Senior Center for all activities.



Senior Center Expansion: The addition will house a library, computer lab, multipurpose room, and much-needed fitness center.

Development for the future has been on our minds for quite some time. Planning the expansion of the main building began several years ago and construction is now upon us. As our membership changes and their expectations become greater, we must adjust to accommodate their ever changing needs.

Our policy of providing door-to-door transportation also advertises our presence in the community. It enables our members to participate in activities and in programs while reducing the fear of driving in the dark or parking at a crowded facility. This program also allows non-drivers to attend all activities without feeling they burden family or friends for transportation.

Meeting tomorrow's needs is certainly a challenge but the City and the staff are committed to providing the best programming, information, education, fitness, and facility that we can. The first wave of baby boomers is upon us and we must be ready with both programming and a facility which will keep us in the forefront of the ever-changing field of aging. We are committed to offering the new wave of body conditioning and keeping everyone informed on senior issues.



June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Adult Bowling Tournament Bowling Academy 9:00 a.m.	2 Adult Golf Tournament Firefly, Seekonk 8:00 a.m. Reg. Children's Swim Lessons Recreation Center, 9:00 a.m. Harbor Mgmt Commission City Hall, Room 308, 7:00 p.m. Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101, 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	3 Adults Old Fashioned Picnic (rain date June 6th) Hunt's Mills 11:00 a.m. Library Board of Trustees Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	4 Adult Class Party Johnson & Wales Inn, Seekonk 11:30 a.m.	5	6 Appliance collection
7	8 Planning Board Meeting City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	9 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	10 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	16 Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	17 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	18 Concert-TBA Larisa Park 6:00 p.m. Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	19 Swim Ability Level Tests Registration East Providence High School Pool 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	20 Appliance collection
21 Father's Day	22	23 Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	24 Zoning Board of Review Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29 East Providence Prevention Coalition Board of Directors Annual Meeting Location TBA 6:00 p.m.	30	A recycled aluminum can reappears as a new can every 30 days.			



Parks & Recreation Department

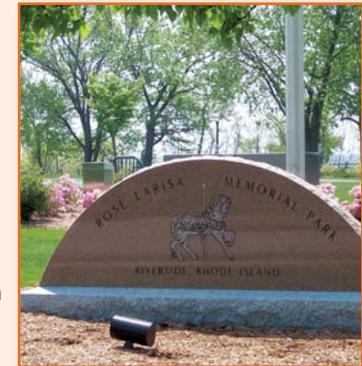
Comprised of two divisions, East Providence Parks & Recreation Department provides year-round leisure services to the community and maintains all City parks and athletic fields. In addition to programming events and activities at playgrounds, parks and softball fields citywide, the department processed over 200 field requests in 2008 and administered indoor and outdoor activities for a total of 140 recreational programs including events and activities for pre-school, youth, adults, and the disabled.

Department-sponsored activities are housed at the East Providence Recreation Center located at 100 Bullocks Point Avenue. Activities at the Center were conducted from September through May, with weight and exercise facilities open six days a week during the summer. The Recreation Center plays host to many special events including a wide variety of activities, performances, and tournaments. The department also runs the summer playground program for City youth ages 6-15 from late June to mid-August.



Playground equipment at Agawam Park, Pawtucket Avenue.

The Parks Division maintains City parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields for a total of over 320 acres. It also provides landscape maintenance for public buildings, two historical cemeteries and conservation areas. The division's tree crew is responsible for the care and maintenance of approximately 8,353 public trees. Using Community Development Block Grant funds, the Parks Division installed new playground shelters at Agawam, Kent Heights, Rose Garden and completed the Lyle Bourne Park project. The division planted and maintained 11 large planters throughout the city, 23 smaller planters along Taunton and Warren Avenues, as well as the hanging flower pots surrounding City Hall. Parks performed much of the site preparation to begin the Sabin Point Park rehabilitation project and again winterized all City irrigation systems in-house. For the sixteenth straight year, the City has received the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation.



Entrance to Rose Larisa Park: The park is host to concerts and various activities during the summer.

The department is also responsible for the maintenance of the Pierce Field Complex, which spans 26 acres. In 2008, Pierce Field was once again home to *The Rhode Island Stingrays* professional soccer team and *Johnson & Wales University Men and Women's Intercollegiate Athletics*. Local organizations utilizing the facility included the *East Providence Mohawks*, the *Riverside Raiders*, *East Providence Central*, *Rumford and Riverside Little Leagues*, *American Legion* and *AAU Baseball*. *East Providence High School Athletics* also continued its long use of Pierce Field with its spring and fall sports schedule.

Special events coordinated and sponsored by the department in 2008 included: CityArts Summer Concert Series, Senior Citizen Week, Dorman (Dolly) Searle Scholarship Golf Tournament, July 4th Celebration and Fireworks, Turkey Trot Road Race, Santa School Visits, and the City Hall Holiday Open House & Christmas Tree Lighting. Together with East Providence Heritage Days, Inc., the department planned and sponsored the 28th Annual Heritage Festival showcasing international artists Loverboy with Mike Reno, Evolution, The Best of the British Invasions and Heartbreaker. A new addition to the 2008 festival was an "Artisans Corner" which showcased the art of several Rhode Island craftsmen. This was made possible through a \$3,000 grant from the RI State Council on the Arts secured by Heritage Days, Inc.



July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>1st quarter tax payments due</i> <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5	6	7 <i>Harbor Management Commission</i> City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	8 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	9	10	11 <i>Appliance collection</i>
12	13 <i>Planning Board</i> City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	14	15 <i>Beautification Commission</i> City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m.	16 <i>Historic Properties Commission</i> City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	17 <i>Heritage Days</i>	18 <i>Heritage Days</i>
19 <i>Heritage Days</i>	20 <i>Waterfront Special Development District Commission</i> City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	21 <i>Claims Committee Meeting</i> City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission</i> City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	22 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	23	24	25 <i>Appliance collection</i>
26	27	28 <i>Carousel Commission</i> City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	29 <i>Zoning Board of Review</i> Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	30	31	



Fire Department

The Fire Department continues its busy pace of handling alarms for fire and emergency medical services as well as its ever-expanding role in the fields of hazardous materials and Homeland Security. The Fire Department responded to almost 10,000 alarms in 2007, and is on pace to surpass that in 2008.

With the recent acquisition of a new Fire Boat through a Port Security Grant, the department has taken on a new role for protection of the Port of Providence and the waterways surrounding East Providence. This all-weather watercraft is capable of handling emergencies involving chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear and explosive devices, as well as providing assistance to boaters that traverse the waterways. It is the first of its kind in the state.

The Fire Department is now working at making East Providence a HeartSafe Community, serving as one of the pilot communities in Rhode Island. The department has served in other pilot programs leading to advances in the development and provision of emergency medical care for all of Rhode Island.



New Fire Boat: Named "The Arthur Ring," the boat pays tribute to the late firefighter Ring who died after meritorious service on the bay during the 1938 hurricane.



Aerial Ladder Truck L-3 is part of the firefighting fleet at Fire Station #3 on North Broadway.

The Department's Division of Training & Safety provides and oversees department-wide training in all aspects of today's fire service. It also evaluates all safety issues throughout the department. The division oversees the operation of the City's Emergency Operations Center, which has emergency communications radios, emergency dispatching computers and other monitoring devices to direct any and all City-wide emergency. This division also is responsible for all data entry into all of the Department's computer systems and programs.

The Fire Prevention Office continues to oversee the rapid expansion and development of the numerous large-scale projects within the City. The Fire Marshals and Fire Alarm Inspector review all submitted plans pertaining to fire alarms, suppression systems, new construction, and building renovations and perform all life safety inspections. The division is also responsible for investigating all causes of fires within the City. This division also inspects residential smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, underground storage tanks, tents erected and fireworks displays, working under the most stringent fire code in the nation. The Fire Prevention Office has continued its efforts to inspect all buildings for fire code and life safety compliance in the City of East Providence with a priority given to high occupancy and high hazard buildings, as well as inspections for those businesses requiring licenses to operate.



August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
<p>Get together all Household Hazardous Waste for drop off on Saturday, Aug. 15th. Call RI RRC at 942.1430, ext. 241 to schedule an appointment.</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<p>Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>			<p>Appliance collection & Regular Monday trash/recycling collection</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p>Victory Day Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>			<p>RI RRC Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<p>Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.</p>		<p>Ramadan Appliance collection</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		<p>Zoning Board of Review Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>			
	<p>Water payments due</p>	<p>Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.</p>				



East Providence School District

The East Providence School Department is responsible for the education of approximately 6,000 students enrolled in the East Providence High School, a Career and Technical Center, two middle schools, eight elementary schools, and an Early Learning center.

The department also provides educational planning and services for about 1,000 non-public school students and a wide range of health and educational programs for pre-school children as young as three and as old as twenty-one years of age.



East Providence High School, home of the Townies, is the largest comprehensive high school in Rhode Island.

As Rhode Island's fifth largest school district with the state's largest comprehensive high school, students can select from over 200 courses of study across dozens of academic programs. Our high school students can study a myriad of disciplines including traditional studies and a variety of career and technical courses that include culinary arts, biomedical technology, landscape architecture and a four year pre-engineering program called "Project Lead the Way." The high school was awarded a very competitive "Physics First" program grant, which is now a component of the reorganized science curriculum, allowing more student access to rigorous high-level science courses. In addition to the successful completion of coursework, students must also submit a student portfolio and demonstrate proficiency through the presentation of a year-long senior project.

In addition to providing a comprehensive academic program, the high school provides first class extra-curricular opportunities. The "Townies" continue to excel at all levels of competition. The athletic teams, chorus, band and theatre arts programs continue to captivate our community with their talents.

At the elementary schools, K-5 curriculum frameworks clearly identify what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Student achievement is reported through standards-based report cards which provide parents with more meaningful information regarding their child's progress. At the middle school, new programs in Literacy and Numeracy have been implemented that focus on the key components of inquiry-based, student-centered problem solving. We are teaching our students to become independent thinkers who can analyze problems, select tools to solve them, and have a conceptual understanding within a global context.

Family involvement remains an important focus of the school department. Parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's education by creating a supportive home environment for education, volunteering at the school, joining the PTO and School Improvement Teams, and communicating with the School Department.

The East Providence School Department continues to seek the most efficient and cost-effective way to fund high quality education. The City of East Providence values education for all of its children and families and we are committed to work in partnership with our City fathers to provide a safe environment and a rigorous, high-level education to the children within our district.



September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. 2nd quarter tax payments due	2 Library Board of Trustees Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.			5 Regular Monday trash/recycling collection
6	7 Labor Day	8 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	9 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Appliance collection
13	14 Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	15 Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	16 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	22 Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	23 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Appliance collection
27	28 Yom Kippur	29	30 Zoning Board of Review Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	Recycle old clothing in the drop-off bins located at the Senior Center, Fuller Library & American Legion Post 10.		



Human Resources Department

In 2008, the Human Resources Department completed testing for the positions of Affirmative Action Officer, Police Officer, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I, Police Lieutenant, Compliance Officer, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II, Water Utility Laborer, and Battalion Chief.

This year the department has been working with Blue Cross to offer a wide range of programs to City employees as a part of the Health and Wellness program. There were a number of classes offered to City employees including nutrition classes, yoga classes, and screenings for high blood pressure, skin cancer and body composition. During 2008, there were a total of 470 full-time employees and 309 employees who took part in the Wellness program.

Also, the Human Resources Department assisted in the City's decision to join the Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island. This group is a participating network of 26 local government entities that use their joint buying power to negotiate lower rates for Blue Cross medical and dental insurance premiums. As part of the GHGRI group, the City realized significant cost savings when we re-bid and switched from Delta Dental to Blue Cross dental coverage. During the 2008 fiscal year, the GHGRI group has already saved its members around \$2 million dollars.

The department also works closely with Beacon Mutual Insurance Company to co-manage the Workers Compensation cases that result from employee injuries. In 2008, there have been 170 Workers Compensation cases and the Human Resources Department has worked with Beacon to make sure that the cases are dealt with in a timely manner and that the employees return to work as quickly as possible, which helps to keep claim costs down.

Affirmative Action & Human Services Department

In the 2008 fiscal year, the City's minority employment rate remained at approximately 10% of the full-time employees. Future efforts will center on attracting and recruiting minority and female candidates with an emphasis on firefighter and police officer candidates.

In recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. state holiday, the department hosted its 23rd Annual Celebration of Dr. King's birthday in the Council Chambers with a variety of presenters including a local Gospel band. In addition, the City Hall display case was outfitted with a Black History exhibit for the entire month of February.

Keeping up with the neighborhood tradition, on the third Saturday in August "Neighborhood Day" was celebrated at Central Park. Activities included face painting, children's games, a live DJ, food and the crowd-pleasing basketball tournament. As in the past, all participants and spectators assisted in the park cleanup and recycling efforts.

Despite hard economic times, the 2008 Holiday season was both exciting and extremely busy. The Human Services Department, along with help from the Cub Scouts

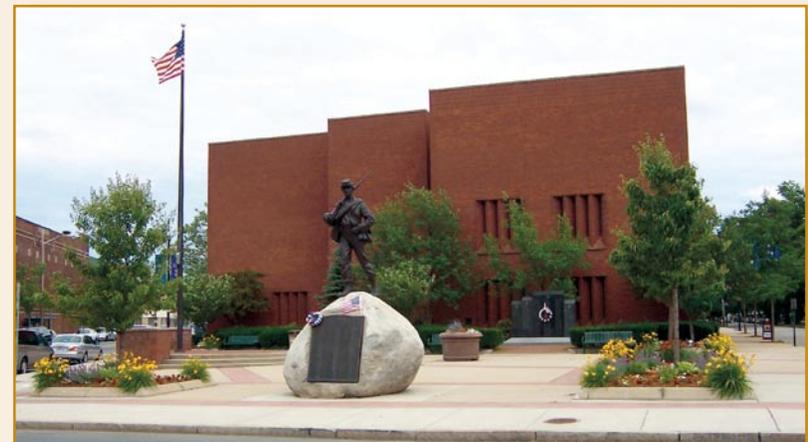
of America, City employees, the Fire Department and the Police Department were able to donate close to 5,000 pounds of food to East Providence families for Thanksgiving. Due to immense generosity, we were able to distribute toys and clothing to the families in need as a result of our Christmas Drive.

The department's Emergency Homeless Shelter continued to operate on a night-to-night basis. The Shelter provides a warm and safe place to sleep with two meals per day for residents who are temporarily removed from their home or for those who are homeless.

East Providence Prevention Coalition

The East Providence Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force changed its name to the East Providence Prevention Coalition (EPPC) and expanded its mission. The EPPC acts as a catalyst and enabling system, pulling together a variety of public and private sectors voluntarily to assist in the development of proactive substance abuse and violence prevention efforts and strategies such as educational programs, alternative youth programs, legislative and environmental change.

East Providence was 1 of 14 communities chosen in RI to receive the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant, based on need. After a 6-month needs assessment, the EPPC was approved by the state to implement the 188 page plan to reduce underage drinking in East Providence by focusing on reducing youth access to alcohol. The EPPC developed the "Townies Putting the Brakes on Underage Drinking Campaign" which includes the following components: educating alcohol retailers, community organizers and the EP community about state laws, local ordinances and policies pertaining to youth alcohol access; increased enforcement through compliance checks, party patrols and a potential tip-line; working with decision-makers to reduce youth access through local ordinances and tightening up local policies.



City Hall Plaza, Taunton Avenue: Civil War Veterans Memorial (foreground) and Veteran's Memorial for All Wars (rear) remember East Providence's fallen heroes.



October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>The average lifespan of a paper or plastic grocery bag is less than 1 hour. Bring reusable cloth bags when you shop.</i></p>				1	2	3
4	5	<p>6 Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Library Board of Trustees Riverside Library 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>	8	9	10 <i>Appliance collection & Regular Monday trash/recycling collection</i>
11	<p>12 Columbus Day</p> <p>Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.</p>	16	17
18	<p>19 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>	22	23	24 <i>Appliance collection</i>
25	26	<p>27 Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Zoning Board of Review Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.</p>	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>



Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the administration of four Divisions: Treasury, Control and Accounts, Purchasing and Assessment. The Finance Director is also Administrator and Secretary to the Police and Fire Retirement System.

The Treasury Division collects, processes and monitors all tax, water and sewer payments, and all other miscellaneous billings. Treasury is also responsible for investing any idle funds to assist in keeping the tax rate as low as possible.

Each year, the Treasury Division attempts to enhance its tax collection efficiencies. Citizens of East Providence may now pay their property and motor vehicle taxes quickly and easily online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This service is available at <https://www.ri.gov/eastprovidence/tax/>. The division plans to implement online payments for water bills in FY08/09.

The Control and Accounts Division maintains all accounting and related financial records for all the Departments and Divisions of the City. In FY07/08 the Controls and Accounts Division processed 13,103 payment vouchers.

The Purchasing Division is responsible for obtaining the best value in all goods and services for the City's thirty-six using agencies at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer. Recent technological improvements in the procurement process have significantly reduced operational costs. The Purchasing Division now posts competitive sealed bids on the City Web site realizing savings in paper, printing, mailing and advertising costs.

The Purchasing Division also takes advantage of cooperative bidding, wherever favorable, through participation in several local and national buying cooperatives, including the National Association of State Purchasing Officials, the Western States



Payment Drop Box: A Deposit Box for water and tax payments is located next to the Grove Avenue entrance to City Hall.

Contracting Alliance and the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. The City also utilizes State of Rhode Island Master Purchasing Agreements and competitively bid contracts awarded through the Rhode Island Municipal Purchasing Agents Association and the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.

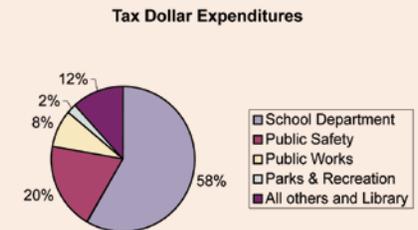
The Assessment Division is responsible for equitable distribution of the tax burden among all the City's taxpayers. The future holds many challenges for the Assessment Division. While maintaining an equitable distribution, the Assessment Division must adjust itself to severe economic changes that have accrued to the value of taxable property. The Assessment Division will conduct a statistical revaluation of all properties within the City as of 12/31/09.

Technology Department

The Technology Department consists of three full-time employees: the Technology Director, a Network Administrator and a Network Technician. The charge of the Technology Department is to provide the highest quality technological services to the City of East Providence through planning, fiscal responsibility and team-oriented problem solving. Working in conjunction with all City and school departments, the Technology Department utilizes the latest in technology to better provide pertinent information to City and School District management and the citizens of East Providence in a comprehensive and cost-effective manner.

The Technology Department maintains the City's infrastructure, hardware, various software and database applications as well as other related peripherals.

Going "green" in the technology area reduces electrical cost and printing and copying costs. The Technology staff has automated all City stationery to reduce cost in purchasing stationery as well as having all departments email memorandums instead of printing them. The City is looking to go green in the area of paperless City Council packets. The entire docket, including supporting documentation, will be done electronically and posted to the City's Web site for public viewing.



Tax Dollars at Work:
The majority of every City tax dollar is spent on Education (58%) and Public Safety (20%).



November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i>	2	3 Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	4 Library Board of Trustees Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7 <i>Appliance collection</i>
8	9 Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00p.m.	10 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	11 Veteran's Day Trash/Recycling delayed 1 day DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	12 Trash/Recycling delayed 1 day	13 Trash/Recycling delayed 1 day	14
15	16 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	17 Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	18 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Review Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	19 Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	20	21 <i>Appliance collection</i>
22	23	24 Carousel Commission City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Trash/Recycling delayed 1 day	27 Trash/Recycling delayed 1 day	28
29	30 <i>Water payments due</i>	Recycle motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze & batteries at the DPW, 60 Commercial Way.				



The Weaver Memorial Library on Grove Avenue is the largest in the East Providence library system with 133,000 printed volumes, 12,000 videos, 3,000 e-books and numerous periodicals.

East Providence Library

The East Providence Public Library provides resources for learning and leisure. Through a multi-branch system, with libraries located in Rumford, Riverside, Kent Heights and the main Weaver Memorial Library on Grove Avenue, a variety of materials in various formats are offered to expand minds, empower individuals and enrich our community.

All Libraries have circulating collections of books, magazines, videos, DVDs, books on tape/CDs, and music CDs. Free access to the Internet is available at all locations. A variety of databases can be used inside the library or from home. A sampling of the databases include: World Book Encyclopedia; and Ebsco, which provides full text articles on a variety of topics such as current events, consumer information, business, medicine and law. Other databases are dedicated to consumer health, literature, history, science and genealogy. You may access these databases with your library card by visiting the Library's Web site at www.eastprovidencelibrary.org.

The Weaver and Riverside Libraries have community rooms available for library programs and meeting space for local organizations. The Libraries offered more than 700 programs with a combined attendance of 12,800. Events include: discussions, author presentations, cooking and floral demonstrations, travelogues, and musical programs. Children's and teen programs include storytellers, crafts, games, workshops, movies, and the very popular open mic evenings.

The guiding principle of the East Providence Public Library is to focus on our patrons. We recognize that all decisions are customer driven, and plan to emphasize intuitive patron-friendly design, creating an accessible environment encouraging self directed service and staff efficiency. Space is provided for classes and small group instruction on the computers (email and Internet use), literacy, citizenship and language, ensuring full use of all facilities for every patron.

The Friends of the East Providence Public Library is an organization formed to support and advocate for public library services. Through membership dues and bi-annual book sales, the Friends provide the very popular museum passes offering admission to many New England museums free of charge or at a reduced rate, offer the rental book collection and sponsor various programs. The Library applied for the Opportunity Online Hardware Grant sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The requirement of the grant was to secure 25% the first year and 50% the second year for the cost of 13 computers. The Friends of the Library are making this possible by pledging the matching funds.

The East Providence Library System is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees appointed by the City Council. In the past year, 281,500 visits were made to the libraries; 483,750 items circulated; 746 programs were presented; more than 27,000 reference questions were answered; and there were 66,650 users of electronic resources.



December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Harbor Management Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m. Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. 4th quarter tax payments due	2 Library Board of Trustees Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Appliance collection
6	7	8 East Providence School Committee City Hall Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	9 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Hanukkah begins	12
13	14 Planning Board City Hall, Room 306 7:00 p.m.	15 Claims Committee Meeting City Hall, Room 101 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission City Hall, Room A 7:30 p.m.	16 Beautification Commission City Hall, Room A 7:00 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	17 Historic Properties Commission City Hall, Room 308 7:00 p.m.	18 Hanukkah ends Yard Waste collection ends until March 30, 2010	19 Appliance collection
20	21 Waterfront Special Development District Commission City Hall, Room 306 6:30 p.m.	22	23 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	24	25 Christmas Day Trash/Recycling delayed 1 day	26 Kwanzaa begins
27	28	29	30 DICE Youth Group Meeting City Hall Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	31		





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