

**A MESSAGE FROM  
MAYOR DANIEL P. MALLOY**



I am excited to announce that on July 1, 2009, Stamford implemented a new recycling program known as single-stream recycling. This new program will allow Stamford citizens to place all recyclables in a single receptacle as opposed to separating out the different materials such as paper, plastic and metals. The goal of the program is to achieve a higher recycling rate while making the process easier for the residents.

Single-stream recycling began in California in the 1990s. A little more than ten years later there are about 100 single-stream recycling programs throughout the country. This sudden increase in the number of programs can be largely attributed to the environmental attractiveness of single-stream recycling. Over the past few years, some programs have shown an increase of 25% in recycling rates once the switch was made. This can be attributed to the shorter sorting time involved with single-stream and the fact that the program also allows residents to recycle more materials than the dual stream system permits.

The City of Stamford has teamed up with Willmantic Waste Paper to make this program a reality. Our new program will greatly increase the materials accepted for recycling including: soft and hardcover books, plastic tubs, jugs, lids and caps, plastic grocery bags, empty aerosol cans and Styrofoam containers. A full list of all of the new materials accepted will be distributed to Stamford residents over the summer.

Single-stream recycling will also have a positive economic impact on Stamford. The City of Stamford spends millions of dollars a year on garbage removal. However, part of this expense can be countered by the revenue brought in by selling the recycled materials that will result from single-stream. Recycling not only helps the City save money and reduce waste, but it reduces rodent problems, protects public health and ensures cleaner streets.

You can learn more about single stream recycling at [www.cityofstamford.org](http://www.cityofstamford.org). The cooperation of the residents of Stamford is the key to making single-stream recycling a success in our city. Spreading the word about the new program and its requirements will help to create a cleaner, greener and healthier environment for our families and our community as a whole.

**MAYOR'S YOUTH SERVICES  
S.T.A.M.P (STAMFORD MENTORING PARTNERSHIP) NEEDS YOU**

The Mayor's Youth Services **S.T.A.M.P** program is a site based, one-on-one mentoring program with six locations in and across Stamford. The program requires each site to have a trained Coordinator on-site at their school or community centers.

Currently our Youth Services Program (S.T.A.M.P) has 33 mentee's, but there are over 50 children on waiting lists to become part of the program for the 2009/2010 school year. Youth Services is looking for dedicated adults from our local and corporate communities who would like to be positive role models.

**MENTORING BENEFITS EVERYONE**

Children who have ongoing relationships with caring adults are more likely to avoid alcohol or drugs, stay in school, get good grades, have a better self-image and have better relationships with their families and friends.

Communities with mentoring programs benefit as changes in youth behavior often leads to decreases in substance abuse, fewer teen pregnancies, lower school dropout rates, and less juvenile crime.

A study conducted by Connecticut Mentoring Partnership shows:

**Youth with mentors say they:**

- Have a better attitude at school
- Are getting better grades
- Are behaving better in class
- Are well-prepared for school every day

**Employees who mentor say:**

- 98% are satisfied with the experience
- 99% believe their company should invest in youth (their future workforce)
- 89% said the mentoring program made them proud to work for their company
- 63% said they feel more productive at work after mentoring

**Employers have found that they have:**

- Improved their image in the community
- Increased community awareness of their mission
- Prepared the work force of the twenty-first century
- Advanced their diversity goals

**Support our young people - become a mentor!**

S.T.A.M.P. is currently looking for corporations/individuals to commit:  
To partner with the Youth Services Bureau by dedicating and supporting their employees to be matched one-to-one with a student mentee.  
The mentors will meet once a week for an hour at the site for at least one year.  
The mentor will have a background check, attend a training session and check in regularly with the Site Coordinator.

Please join *Stamford Mentoring Partnership (STAMP)* as an organization or an individual.

Contact Michelle Lappas ([mlappas@ci.stamford.ct.us](mailto:mlappas@ci.stamford.ct.us)), Program Coordinator at the Mayor's Office at 977-0830 today to make a difference in the life of a child.

## STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER

Stamford Museum & Nature Center's summer and early fall exhibitions will showcase Native Americans in the game of baseball and the evolution of Native American objects form and function, from footwear to basketry and from jewelry to fine art. ***Baseball's League of Nations: A Salute to Native American Baseball Players*** and ***Dynamic Traditions: Form and Function in Native American Art*** are open to the public at Stamford Museum & Nature Center through October 18, 2009, in the Bendel Mansion Museum Galleries. A special Members' Preview will be held on Friday, June 19, at 6:30 pm.

### **Baseball's League of Nations**

Did you know that Apaches, including Geronimo, played baseball during their internment in Fort Sill? This summer, SM&NC joins forces with the Iroquois Indian Museum, in Howes Cave, New York, to explore the epic struggles of native players to be accepted on the diamond, and to showcase those who reached prominence in the game, such as Hall of Famer Charles Albert "Chief" Bender, or the legendary Jim Thorpe.

Of particular interest is the period between the end of the "Indian Wars" and the early 1930s, when the government's Indian Boarding Schools were in full swing. The schools were meant to be benevolent, but their goal of "killing the Indian while saving the man" caused untold suffering to their pupils. As Jeffrey Powers-Beck, author of "*The American Indian Integration of Baseball*," has shown, excelling at sports at these schools gave native youngsters an opportunity not only to show their skills, but to beat non-Indians at their own game. For Native Americans, playing baseball at the government boarding schools was both an act of assimilation and of cultural resistance.

The exhibition presents images and biographical sketches of many players, and focuses on the Native American boarding school experience; baseball in Native

communities; Native American barnstorming teams; Native American players in the Major and Minor leagues; Native American Women players; and Native American stereotyping in sports. Also included are objects loaned by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum; the Seneca - Iroquois National Museum; the Tonawanda Reservation Historical Society; and numerous individuals and the families of former players.

Baseball's League of Nations is made possible, in part, by The Connecticut Humanities Council. The exhibition is supported by media sponsor 96.7 The Coast.

### **Dynamic Traditions**

Americans have collected Native American objects since they first came into contact with the nation's first inhabitants. An important factor was the attraction of owning exotic things, seen as curiosities. Native Americans also produced objects that non-natives found useful, such as baskets, boxes and bowls. Towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there was a more urgent collecting thrust. Native Americans were seen as destined to being fully absorbed by the dominant non-Native culture, if not to complete physical extinction. Not only individuals, but cultural organizations, including universities and Museums, hastened to collect "before it was too late."

This Manifest-Destiny-inspired scenario was, of course, flawed. Although many Native American nations dwindled and some have indeed disappeared, many endured, survived as distinct peoples, and are thriving. Today, there are over four million people of Native American ancestry in the United States and while collecting is no longer a matter of "salvaging," interest in the material culture of the First Americans is at an all time high.

### **Related Programming:**

#### **"Indian Mascots & Sports Teams: A Native Perspective" workshop, July 26**

Stamford Museum & Nature Center will host Richie Plass (Menominee/Stockbridge-Munsee) on July 26 from noon to 3 pm at the Bendel Mansion (main building), where he will discuss the issue of Indian mascots in sports, a subject on which he is as passionate as he is eloquent. Plass has collected dozens of items pertinent to the topic, which he displays in a traveling exhibition. Plass is a co-host of a weekly radio show on Wisconsin Public Radio, Director of Education for the Changing Winds Advocacy Center, drummer with the Wolf River Band, poet, lecturer and traditional dancer. Members: Free / Non-Members: Free with gate admission.

#### **Native American Arts Festival, September 26, 11 am to 3 pm**

On September 26, Stamford Museum & Nature Center will present a Native American Arts festival. The festival will feature performances from The Allegany River Indian Dancers, showcasing the traditional songs and dances of the Iroquois. They educate as well as entertain by sharing with the public details about their costumes, languages and music. For the latest program details, visit [www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org).

Members: Adults: \$5, Children (4-17) \$2; / Non-Members: Adults: \$10, Children: \$5 (4-17); all children 3 and younger Free; Family PLUS and above member levels: Free.

### **A Night at The Avon – Rocks With Wings, September 30, 7 pm**

Join us at The Avon Theatre downtown for a special viewing of the documentary *Rocks With Wings* (2002, 113 min.). This documentary was filmed over the course of 13 years, and is an indelible portrait of the Lady Chieftains, the legendary girl's basketball team from Shiprock, New Mexico. Primarily kids from the nearby Navajo reservation, the Chieftains were coached by Jerry Richardson, an African American from Texas who came to the dusty town fresh out of college and developed a desire to build a powerful girls basketball program. The film was produced in association with Native American Public Telecommunications.

### **Getting there**

Stamford Museum & Nature Center is located at 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT (3/4 mile North of Merritt Parkway Exit 35.) For more information call 203.322.1646 or visit [www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org).

## **FERGUSON LIBRARY PARDON OUR DUST UPGRADES FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

The Ferguson Library is undergoing a top to bottom renovation. The project, which is about halfway finished, will completely upgrade and modernize the interior of the Main Library. Space will be reallocated to better reflect 21<sup>st</sup> century library usage, with new computers and study tables on the second floor, an enlarged children's room and teen area, and an expanded computer lab on the third floor. The building will get new shelving, carpet and furniture, and some interior walls will be reconfigured. We will also introduce the option of self check-out, which has become available at many libraries around the country. There will be new public restrooms on the first floor and the building will be handicapped accessible throughout. The building's thirty-year-old heating and cooling systems will also be modernized.

Work is being done in five phases to minimize disruption to the public. The first phase created a new computer nerve center on the fourth floor that serves the

entire building. Phase Two, which was finished earlier this summer, involved relocating the children's department to the third floor and moving all adult public service computers to the second floor, so parts of the ground floor and lower level could be renovated. The children's room will stay on the third floor while their space is completed during Phase Three.

All this construction has meant shifting collections around temporarily. If you've been to the Main Library lately, you know not everything is where it used to be! One of the biggest changes is that DVDs are now on the lower level instead of the third floor. Our passport office, which was temporarily moved to the second floor, is now back in its new home on the lower level. There are plenty of signs throughout the Library, and of course, you can always ask for directions.

The \$14 million dollar project is being funded primarily by capital budget grants from the city and some support from the state and other sources. It is the first time the Library has been renovated since the early 1980's. The project should be finished in the spring of 2010. Thank you for your patience while we update your library.

### **POLICE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

On June 5<sup>th</sup> the Stamford Police Association recognized 20 year veteran Robert Somody as Police Officer of the Year for 2008. Officer Somody was chosen from a field of several other equally worthy candidates. The Police Association presents this award to officers who have distinguished themselves in every capacity of their professional careers. The Awards Committee chose Officer Somody for his "experience and maturity displayed while working patrol, as well as his gregarious and personable nature". A Stamford native, Officer Somody also serves as the head of the Police Athletic League, an organization he participated in as a youngster. Officer Somody commented that he always wanted to serve as a positive role model for youngsters in the same manner that his coaches did for him growing up.

Officer Somody's dedication to PAL reinforces his tireless dedication to his patrol duties. For the past six years, Officer Somody has worked patrol on the east side of town. This area has experienced a tremendous growth of immigrant populations particularly Hispanics and Eastern Europeans. This melting of several different cultures often presents officers with the challenge of resolving conflicts before they escalate into serious situations. According to Officer Somody's supervisors, this is the part of the job where he excels the most. Growing up in Stamford Officer Somody is able to utilize a vast network of contacts to resolve issues before they become problems. Police Association President Joseph Kennedy said, "Officer Somody knows exactly whom to contact to resolve situations, bosses rely upon his street savvy to handle issues". In fact, supervisors of the eastside have nicknamed him the "unofficial mayor of

Stamford”, and nominated him for this award because of his superior patrol capabilities.

The Awards Committee of the Police Association, comprised of past Officer of the Year recipients and chaired by the Vice-President of the Association, recognized other members during the awards ceremony. Two members shared the Stamford Police Association Member of the Year Award, Officers James Herbert and Andrew Perniciaro. In addition, dozens of officers were recognized for their work in a variety of categories such as; distinguished performance, commendations, unit citations and overall body of police work. Indeed, all of the officers recognized by the Association epitomize excellence in police work. The “unofficial mayor of Stamford”, however, stood a bit beyond the rest.

### **BE PREPARED FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

It is important for you and your family to plan ahead for a public health emergency. Whether you are planning for shelter in case of a hurricane, or an influenza pandemic, there are steps you can take to protect yourself and your family. The following are some items you may need to have on hand in an emergency:

- Store a two week supply of non-perishable food and fresh water (one gallon of water per person per day).
- Prepare contact lists including family and business contacts and email distribution lists.
- Make sure you have emergency supplies (i.e., flashlights, portable radio with extra batteries, first aid kit, can opener, etc.).
- Keep cash or traveler’s checks in small denominations for easy use. There may be widespread illness or power outages, which may shut down banks and ATMs.
- If you have chronic disease (i.e., heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.), make sure you have a supply of prescribed medications.
- Make sure you have a supply of necessary medical and pharmaceutical items for your needs (i.e., glasses/contacts, glucose test strips, blood pressure monitoring systems, acetaminophen, cold and flu medications, vitamins and fluids with electrolytes, etc.).
- Store health and cleaning supplies, such as bleach, tissues, a thermometer, disposable gloves, soap and alcohol based hand sanitizers.

- Plan home learning activities and entertainment/recreational activities for children.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Stamford Board of Education would like to congratulate the 2009 graduating classes of Westhill High School, Stamford High School, and the Academy of Information Technology and Engineering.

More than a thousand graduates of Stamford Public Schools have persevered for the past four years and their success in high school makes our city proud. The students continue to make us proud with their acceptances to many of the country's top schools including Ivy League schools such as University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, Brown, Yale, and Harvard University. The different schools that our graduates will be attending in the fall reflect the wide range of talents the class of 2009 possesses. The Rochester Institute of Technology, the Fashion Institute of Technology, the Culinary Institution of America, the Art Institute of New York are only a few of the colleges that our graduates will be attending in the fall. We are also very proud to have graduates entering the Armed Forces including acceptance into West Point.

To all the graduates of the class of 2009, we wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors. You can have the comfort of knowing that the quality education you received in the Stamford public school system has thoroughly prepared you for whatever you choose to do in life. Whether it is continuing your education, entering the workforce or the Armed Forces, we know you will succeed in all that you do.

### **Stamford Public Schools Class of 2009 College Attendance List**

Academy of Art University  
Allegany College of Maryland  
Allen University  
American International University  
American University  
Amherst College  
Andrews University  
Arizona State University  
Art Center College of Design  
Art Institute of New York  
Assumption College  
Baran Institute of Technology  
Barnard College

Becker College  
Benedict College  
Berkeley College  
Berklee College of Music  
Bloomsburg University  
Bob Jones University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowie State University  
Bowling Green State University  
Brandeis University  
Briarwood College  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University  
Bunker Hill Community College  
Cazenovia College  
Centenary College  
Central Connecticut State University  
Claflin University  
Clemens College  
Clemson University  
College of Westchester  
Columbia College – Chicago  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Culinary Institute of America  
Dean College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Dodge City College  
Drake University  
Duke University  
East Carolina University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Eckerd College  
Elizabeth City State University  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Fisher College  
Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College  
Franklin Pierce University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Hampshire College  
Harvard University  
Herkimer County Community College  
Hofstra University  
Honors Academy  
Housatonic Community College  
Hunter College  
Husson University  
Illinois College  
Indiana University  
Institute of Culinary Education  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Keene State University  
Laboratory Institute of Merchandise  
Laguardia Community College  
Lehigh University  
Lincoln Technical Institute  
Long Island University  
Louisburg College  
Lynn University  
Marist College  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marlboro College  
Marquette University  
Marshall University  
McDaniel College  
McGill University  
Mercy College  
Miami University of Ohio  
Michigan State University  
Mitchell College  
Monroe College  
Morgan State University  
Mount Ida College  
Mount St Mary College  
Newbury College  
New England College

New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York University  
New York University – Polytechnic  
Nichols College  
Northeastern University  
Norwalk Community College  
Nova Southeastern University  
Orange Coast College  
Pace University  
Panorama Flight Training Academy  
Parsons—The New School  
Penn State University  
Plymouth State University  
Pomona College  
Porter and Chester Institute  
Post University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
Sage College of Albany  
Saint Michael's College  
Seton Hall University  
South Carolina State University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Southern New Hampshire State University  
Skidmore College  
St John's University  
SUNY  
Susquehanna University  
Syracuse University  
Tampa University  
Temple University  
The Catholic University of America  
The New School  
Thiel College  
Touro College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
United States Military Academy at West Point  
Universal Technical Institute  
University of Advanced Technology  
University of Akron

University of Albany  
University of Bridgeport  
University of Colorado  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois  
University of Kansas  
University of Maryland  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Nevada  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
University of North Carolina  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina  
University of Tampa  
University of West Virginia  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
Urban College of Boston  
Utah Valley University  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Union University  
Wake Forest University  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Westchester Community College  
Western Connecticut State University  
West Virginia State University  
West Virginia University  
Westchester Community College  
Western Connecticut State University  
Widener University  
Wood Tobe-Coburn School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Worcester State College  
Yale University  
York College