

## Foreclosures Forestalled

Waterbury-area home owners facing default or foreclosure will benefit from the recent agreement among all 50 states, the federal government and the nation's five largest mortgage providers. I'm pleased there is immediate aid for Connecticut homeowners who need a loan modification or who need help refinancing at the current, low rates. Contact the Attorney General's Office for more info: 860-808-5270.

## New Program at NVCC

I worked hard to ensure that Naugatuck Valley Community College was the recipient of a new manufacturing grant recently approved by the legislature. I was pleased to be instrumental in expediting the college's construction of a new manufacturing training space.

## Enhanced Value at Farmers' Markets

This year many residents of underserved Waterbury-area neighborhoods will have increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers' markets through a new Double Value Coupon Program which I initiated in conjunction with Brass City Harvest.

## Waterbury Revitalization Continues

State funding for brownfield remediation at the long-dormant Anamet manufacturing site on Waterbury's South Main Street will help restore that parcel to productivity. Contaminated and long-abandoned properties can be remediated and put back onto local tax rolls. This support is helping recapture valuable urban sites like this one.



Joining arms in reclaiming Fulton park.



Honoring the memory of Joe Rossi at the Naugatuck YMCA.



Receiving the Friends of Public Transportation Award from the Connecticut Association for Community Transportation. Left to right: Michael Sanders, me, Barbara Kalosky and newly elected CACT Chairman Jonathan Rubell.

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## Resources

In addition to our work this session, last October we passed a historic, bipartisan Jobs Bill to help small businesses and workers by improving access to capital, job training and education. Below is a list of programs and contact information that could benefit you or someone you know.

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org)
- ▶ **Small Business Express Package** to get funding for your small business: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org), or contact Michelle Lugo at 860-270-8052 or [michelle.lugo@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.lugo@ct.gov)
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: contact Rina Bakalar at the Office for Workforce Competitiveness, 860-263-6523 or [rina.bakalar@ct.gov](mailto:rina.bakalar@ct.gov)
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP)
- ▶ **Job & Career Connection** for details on job and training programs: [www.ctjobandcareer.org](http://www.ctjobandcareer.org)

To learn more, visit: [www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs](http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs)



Attending the 'Poverty Simulation' program at Kaynor Technical High School. Front row: PeaceJam Advisor Geraldo Ramirez, Kaheim Walker, Jakar Stallings, Ezequiel Rodriguez, JeanCarlos Rodriguez, Efrain Torres III. Middle row: Ivette Melendez, Johanna Toledo. Back row: Saquanna Yon, Caryn Olcik, me, Kaynor Technical High School Principal Lisa Hylwa, PeaceJam Advisor Kathy Patrick, Carmen Torres and parent helper Lumi Franco.

## Education Reforms

Every child deserves a first-class education. That's why we worked with teachers, education advocates and Governor Malloy to pass a historic education reform plan. It provides interventions and innovative new strategies for high-need schools and support for children and families. It invests in communities and ensures high-quality teaching in the classroom. The new law provides:

- ▶ Funding for 1,000 new early childhood slots
- ▶ 20 new or expanded school-based health centers
- ▶ Kindergarten through third-grade reading programs
- ▶ Innovative approaches to teaching English Language Learners
- ▶ Increased funding for new and existing Family Resource Centers
- ▶ A fair and validated evaluation system that will help teachers improve
- ▶ Additional \$1,100 per pupil increase for Charter Schools



Discussing Connecticut Grown and our new initiative, Connecticut Made, with Susan Pronovost of Brass City Harvest and Julia Pon, Connecticut Program Manager for Wholesome Wave, at the Brass City Harvest's new greenhouse.

## CREATING JOBS

How do you improve on one of the most successful Connecticut job-creation and economic assistance plans ever devised?

You make it available to even more businesses and employees.

This year Senate Democrats expanded the Jobs Bill that we originally approved last October. That means:

- ▶ Extending incentives to thousands of additional small and medium size businesses which will lead to more state manufacturers hiring, buying, training and expanding;
- ▶ Additional job-training support for post-9/11 combat veterans through the expansion of our new state STEP-Up Program;
- ▶ A 'Connecticut Made' marketing campaign that advertises and markets locally made products;
- ▶ And a stronger "First Five" business incentive program that gives preference to companies that move jobs from overseas back to Connecticut.

Addressing the graduates of the Parent Leadership Training Institute at Waterbury Hospital.

## Strengthening Storm Response

In response to the two devastating storms that struck Connecticut last year, I voted for reforms that will better prepare us for future storms and minimize utility outages. The poor response from Connecticut's utility companies was a wake-up call; we've required the companies to be better prepared with minimum staffing requirements, tree-trimming standards and coordination between municipal and utility officials.



## Relief at the Pump

This session I helped pass a comprehensive plan that caps the gross receipts tax by applying it to only the first \$3 a gallon when gas is sold on the wholesale market. The plan also strengthens protections against price gouging, cracks down on oil profiteering, and requires that savings from the cap get passed along to consumers.

We can't affect the price of oil on the international exchange—but we can give our Dept. of Consumer Protection and Attorney General tools to ensure large oil wholesalers don't take advantage of rising prices to unfairly gouge consumers.



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