

State Senator Joan Hartley's Clip & Save

Please utilize my office if you have questions, issues or concerns regarding a state agency or program. Call me at:

1-860-240-0006

Visit my website to reach me via e-mail:

www.SenatorHartley.cga.ct.gov

Other Helpful phone number:

INFOLINE (community services)..... 211

Dept. of Motor Vehicles..... 1-800-842-8222

Renters' Rebate Hotline.....860-418-6377

Consumer Protection

Fraud Hotline..... 1-800-842-2649

Health Care Advocate 1-866-466-4446

"Do Not Call" list 1-888-382-1222

Careline (to report

child abuse or neglect) 1-800-842-2288

Flag Day in Middlebury

Senator Rob Kane and I presented American and Connecticut flags to the Middlebury Public Library during its "America the Beautiful" Flag Presentation last month. The flags will proudly be displayed in the library's community room.



Albanian Community Health Resource Fair

With Ruki Fezulla and Benereta Kelemen at the Albanian UConn PEP (People Empowering People) Community Health Resource Fair at Waterbury Hospital. This event was the class project of the inaugural Albanian PEP class.

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Beautifying Community Buildings

The scenery at St. Margaret's Willow Plaza Community Center received a recent improvement when community members and I got our hands in the dirt to landscape the property. After years of hard work, Willow Plaza has become a gathering place for the local community, providing after-school programs for students and a place for seniors to get together. It's truly remarkable how far this property has progressed; making small improvements like landscaping have gone a long way.

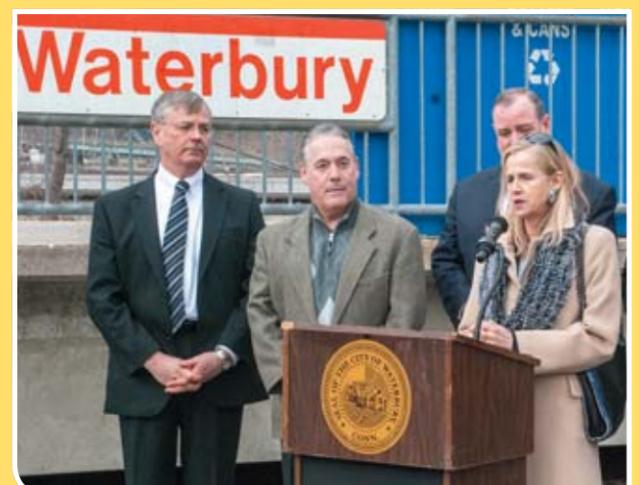


Revitalizing the Community

Waterbury residents will soon notice the major renovations taking place around the community thanks to a coalition between state and city leaders. We were finally able to break ground on the Southern New England Telephone building, which is the first tangible step in a total enhancement that will change the face of the Waterbury train station. Working to provide more families with quality housing, we were able to break ground on the South Main East Liberty Apartments in Waterbury. This project will fill a current void in the city and revitalize the neighborhood.

Restoring Express Train Service

Working in a partnership with the governor's office, the Department of Transportation and our U.S. Senators, we were able to make life easier for the working people of the Greater Waterbury area by restoring the Waterbury Branch morning express train to Stamford. This is a victory for Waterbury-area commuters who were impacted by the previous schedule change.



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Committed to Economic Recovery

Since the start of the global economic recession I've made it my mission as your State Senator to help small and mid-size businesses grow, create and retain jobs and put people back to work. As a result of bipartisan legislation, we launched the STEP-Up and Small Business Express programs which have assisted almost 2,000 of Connecticut's small businesses create or preserve more than 17,000 jobs. These initiatives offer job training support for veterans and the unemployed and low-interest loans and grants for small businesses.

Over the last four years more than 65,000 jobs have been created and unemployment has been reduced to its lowest level since 2009. However, our work is not done.

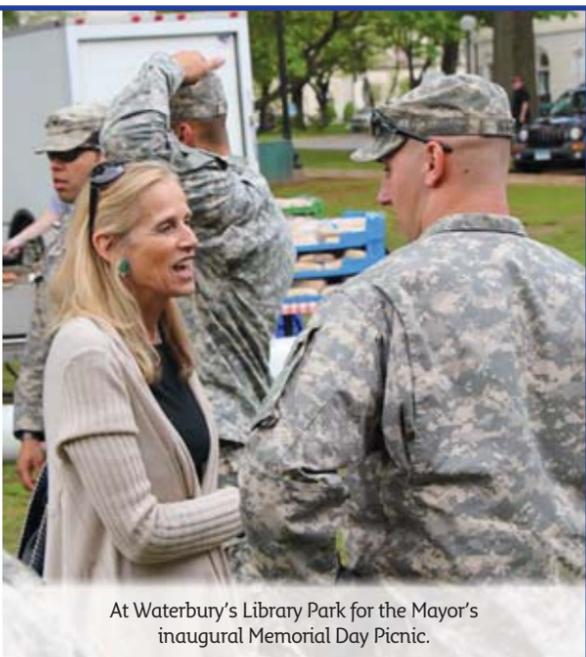
Looking forward, Connecticut's new partnership with United Technologies Corporation will solidify our position as a world leader in aerospace manufacturing. Most importantly, this agreement has a direct impact on the 75,000 jobs at the thousands of aerospace supply chain companies throughout the state, ensuring they are keeping and creating good-paying jobs with good benefits for men and women in nearly every city and town in Connecticut.



Senator Joe Crisco and I attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Bushka Lumber & Millwork on Great Hill Road in Naugatuck's industrial park, yet another successful Waterbury-area small business.

Jobs for Veterans

I supported a bill that will remove barriers to entry into the civilian workplace for those who learned employable skills while in the service. This legislation will require state licensing authorities to accept military training and experience, where appropriate, as a substitute for other requirements, and will allow veterans to gain streamlined occupational certifications.



At Waterbury's Library Park for the Mayor's inaugural Memorial Day Picnic.

Resources to Grow Jobs

- ▶ **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: www.decd.org
- ▶ **Small Business Express** to get funding for your small business: tinyurl.com/SmallBizXpress, or contact Michelle Peters at 860-270-8052 or Michelle.Peters@ct.gov
- ▶ **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: www.stepct.com
- ▶ **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP
- ▶ **Job & Career Connection** for details on job and training programs: www.ctjobandcareer.org
- ▶ Learn more about **Job Growth in Connecticut**: www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs

A Rebate for Senior Renters

Being able to stay in their own home is a top priority for many senior citizens; however, this is a challenge for those living on a fixed income. In order to help offset a portion of their rent and utility expenses, we've re-opened the Elderly Renters' Rebate Program. Eligible persons may apply between April 1 and October 1. Questions about



Talking with a constituent at an April open house at the Naugatuck Senior Center.

the program and payments should be directed to the **Renters' Rebate Hotline** at 860-418-6377.

A Stronger Do Not Call List

Shady telemarketers are increasingly ignoring our "Do Not Call Registry" resulting in unwanted and intrusive telemarketing calls and text messages. As technology evolves it is easier to get around the law and employ high-pressure sales tactics. That's why we passed a law this year to help Connecticut crack down on violators by increasing penalties and eliminating unsolicited text messages.

A Smart Start for Our Kids

Recognizing there is no better way to set students on the path to lifelong learning success than a high quality pre-kindergarten experience, we created the Connecticut Smart Start program to provide 50,000 more children access to vital early education in our public schools. Combined with additional slots for private providers, our comprehensive pre-K package will reduce the achievement gap and ensure that children are ready to learn when they arrive at kindergarten. Every dollar invested in pre-K saves \$7 in avoided special and remedial education and criminal justice costs.

