

City of East Providence

# 2006 Annual Report

*7-Month Calendar  
June – December 2007*







*The 2006 East Providence City Council pictured, from left: Assistant Mayor Bruce DiTraglia, Ward 4; Valerie A. Perry, Ward 3; Robert E. Cusack, Ward 1; Bryan P. Silva, Ward 2; Mayor Isadore S. Ramos, PhD., At-Large.*

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## *Message from the City Manager*

The City of East Providence continues to chart its course as a well-managed governmental operation on the cusp of major unprecedented waterfront development. The year 2006 saw significant strides in expanding the City's commercial tax base through the development and re-use of over 7 miles of waterfront, not to mention additional development throughout the City.



*Richard Brown,  
 City Manager, City of  
 East Providence*

At the same time, the City continues to invest in its neighborhoods and municipal infrastructure. Wastewater treatment upgrades and drainage improvements are vital to the economic health and well-being of its residents. Maintaining and improving the quality of life for all 48,000 citizens is essential.

Your City leaders are focused on accountability regarding management and efficient use of public resources. To this end, we regularly analyze our activities and continue to measure organizational performance to increase effectiveness.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve East Providence. Together we will celebrate our progress for the future.

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



*This annual report is presented to you as required by Article III of the City Charter. Not all City department reports are included on this calendar, nor are they published in their entirety. For complete report narratives for all departments, visit the City's Web site at [www.eastprovidenceri.net](http://www.eastprovidenceri.net).*

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*COVER PHOTO: Aerial view of East Providence, courtesy of: Gilbane Development Company Frank Giuliani Photographer*

*BACK COVER: View of the Bay from Rose Larisa Memorial Park*

# June

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<p><i>In 1641, 64 square miles of land was purchased from the Indian chief Massasoit. The property extended from the Seekonk River east to Taunton and from the Attleboros south to what is now Silver Spring Golf Course. A granite marker is set into the wall there marking the southern boundary of the purchase. In 1862 a western portion of this settlement was annexed to the State of R.I. and the residents voted to name their new town East Providence.</i></p>						1	2
3	4 <i>Senior Bowling Tournament-Bowling Academy 9:00 am</i>	5 <i>Senior Golf Tournament-Firefly, Seekonk-8:00 am Harbor Management Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	6 <i>Seniors Old Fashioned Picnic-Hunt's Mills 11:00 am (rain date June 8th) Library Board of Trustees Meeting- 4:30 pm</i>	7 <i>Senior Class Party-Johnson &amp; Wales Inn 11:30 am</i>	8	9	
10	<i>Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force, Rm 308 6:00 pm Planning Commission, Rm 306 7:30 pm</i>	12	13	14	15	16	
17	<i>Waterfront Commission, Rm 306 6:30 pm</i>	18 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 pm Conservation Commission, Rm A 7:30 pm</i>	19 <i>Beautification Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	20 <i>Historic Properties Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	21 <i>Learn To Swim Registration-High Sch. Pool 9 am -12 pm Concert-Brass Connection-Larisa Park 6:00 pm</i>	22 <i>23</i>	
24	<i>Summer Playgrounds Open 9:30 am-3:30 pm</i>	25	26	27 <i>Zoning Board of Review 7:00 pm</i>	28 <i>Local Hershey Track &amp; Field-Pierce Field 10:00 am Concert-Rodeo Cowboys-Larisa Park 6:00 pm</i>	29 <i>30</i>	



## Affirmative Action Human Services Department

In recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. state holiday, the Department hosted its 21st Annual Celebration of Dr. King's birthday. The City Hall display case had a Black History Month exhibit.

Keeping with tradition, "Neighborhood Day" was celebrated on the third Saturday in August at Central Park. Activities included face painting, pin making, children's games, a fire truck and fire safety demonstration, a youth group performance, seniors' bingo, volleyball, music and the crowd-pleasing basketball tournament. As in the past, all partici-

pants assisted in park cleanup and recycling efforts.

The Human Services Department provided Thanksgiving baskets, food certificates and other services for local families in need and provided toys and clothing for Christmas. The Emergency Homeless Shelter continued to operate on a night-to-night basis, providing a warm place to sleep with two meals per day for residents who are temporarily removed from their home or for those who are homeless.



The grounds of the City Hall building on Taunton Avenue features a memorial to honor the many veterans who have fought for our country's freedom.

## City Clerk's Office Virginia Nunes, City Clerk

The City Clerk prepared City Council agendas and journals for 22 regular meetings and two special meetings. Sixty proclamations and 45 citations were also prepared for the Council in 2006. As part of "Gravitate towards Reading" week in April, department staff read to students at the Kent Heights School. Students from the Myron J. Francis Elementary School had a tour of City Hall and held a mock Council Meeting in the Council Chambers with the help of Councilwoman Valerie Perry.

The total number of land evidence documents recorded in 2006 was 11,852.

For Probate Court cases, there were a total of 234 new estates opened.

Births totaled 459; deaths totaled 629; marriage licenses recorded in this office totaled 471; and marriage licenses issued from this office totaled 298.

There were a total of 72 new passports issued in 2006, which is an increase of 28.

License totals include 81 alcoholic beverage licenses; 24 alcoholic beverage special event licenses; 714 miscellaneous licenses, which include 118 yard sale, 25 one-day entertainment, and 18 tent; 1,152 dog; and 157 hunting & fishing licenses.

### Fees collected for 2005 and 2006:

	2005	2006
Real Estate Recording	671,900	605,744
Zoning Recording	7,165	3,696
Vital Records	43,360	39,141
Probate Filing Fees	72,780	81,072
Marriage Licenses	25,487	7,676
Vital Statistics Assessment	7,858	7,094
Historical Records Assessment	22,568	20,508
Advertising	22,762	21,285

### Licenses:

Alcoholic Beverage	132,510	193,971
Victualing Licenses	16,975	27,112
Holiday Sales Licenses	8,175	13,200
Secondhand Licenses	3,850	4,300
Dog Licenses	10,971	13,685
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	2,419	1,776
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,048,780</b>	<b>1,040,260</b>



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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Independence Day Celebration-Pierce Field 6:30 pm</i> <i>Concert &amp; Fireworks (rain date July 5)</i> <i>Harbor Management Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>  <i>Les Julian, Singer/Storyteller-Prov. Avenue 10:00 am</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>  <i>Dolly Searle Golf Tournament- Shotgun start Metacomet Country Club, AM/PM</i> <i>Planning Commission, Rm 306 7:30 pm</i>	<i>10</i>  <i>Jon Nelson, Singer- TBA 10:00 am</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>  <i>Concert- White Eyed Lizard Band-Larisa Park 6:00 pm</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>  <i>Waterfront Commission, Rm 306 6:30 pm</i>	<i>17</i>  <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</i> <i>Conservation Commission, Rm A 7:30 pm</i>	<i>18</i>  <i>Jedlie the Clown -TBA 10:00 am</i> <i>Beautification Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	<i>19</i>  <i>Historic Properties Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	<i>20</i>  <i>27th Annual Heritage Festival-Pierce Field &amp; Stadium</i> <i>www.myspace.com/ heritagedays (schedule)</i>	<i>21</i>  <i>27th Annual Heritage Festival-Pierce Field &amp; Stadium</i> <i>www.myspace.com/ heritagedays (schedule)</i>
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<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>  <i>Toe Jam Puppet Band- TBA 10:00 am</i>	<i>Built in 1895 by Charles I.D. Loeff, one of the earliest and foremost carousel designers, the Crescent Park Carousel is the largest and most elaborate of Loeff's works. It contains 62 hand-carved figures and 4 fanciful chariots. It is nationally recognized as a historic site and landmark, and noted for its artistic significance.</i>			



## Fire Department

The Department provided fire protection services through five Engine Companies (each staffed with 1 Officer and 2 Firefighters) and two Ladder Companies (each staffed with 1 Officer and 1 Firefighter). A Battalion Chief supervised all on-duty personnel and served as the Incident Commander for all multi-company responses.



*The East Providence Fire Department is the most highly trained Hazardous Materials Response Team in the state.*

In May of 2006, the Department became a regional Hazardous Materials Response Team for the state. Haz Mat Team members completed a 160-hour training program, receiving four times the amount of training of any other regional team, becoming the most highly-trained Haz Mat team in the state.

The Department certified five Company Officers as Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals. Working under the mandates of the State Fire Marshal's Office, these

individuals review all construction plans submitted to the Department via the City's Planning Department, attend preliminary meetings, perform inspections and work closely with the Department's Fire Alarm Inspector, also certified as an ADSFM, to ensure that all safety requirements are in place for all residents of and visitors to the City.

## Human Resources Department

In 2006, the Human Resources Department completed testing for the positions of Animal Control Supervisor, Police Captain, Appraisal Technician, Fire Chief, Highway Clerk, Battalion Chief, Police Lieutenant, Planner I, Water Pollution Control Clerk Typist, Firefighter/ EMT, Human Resources Assistant, Electrical Inspector, Police Dispatcher, Auto Mechanic, Lead Worker for Highway, Landscape Laborer/Driver, Police Officer, Welder, Auto Equipment Operator I, Library Aide, IT Director, Police Sergeant, Superintendent of Central Garage, Senior Center Nurse, Senior Center Information Specialist, Peer Mediator, and Water Utility Laborer.

The Department implemented the conversion from a fully self-insured workers compensation program to a system integrated with the RI Department of Labor & Training and Beacon Mutual Insurance Co. The Department implemented a health reimbursement



*The Rose Larisa Memorial Park is located in the Riverside section of the City and is a favorite spot for relaxation and recreation.*

arrangement as part of a package of initiatives to reduce the health care premium being paid by the City.

## Emergency Management

The City continued to train volunteers in Shelter Management, CPR/AED and First Aid, and Community Emergency Response Team skills. East Providence volunteers participated in "Operation Greenway," a large-scale search and rescue operation conducted at Slater Park in Pawtucket under the guidance of the State Emergency Management Agency and Red Cross. Volunteers also opened and staffed a local shelter overnight during river flooding that caused people to be evacuated from several low-lying areas.

City staff and the EMA director worked directly with Miriam Hospital in developing a response plan for a possible pandemic flu event. The director and City Manager participated in a pandemic flu tabletop exercise to cap the planning process.

The director and key staff participated

in a functional exercise of the new state Web EOC Internet communication system that was deployed this year. Training was also provided on how to handle suspicious letters and packages.

## Substance Abuse Prevention

The task force received a first-time grant from the Community Development Block Grant to supplement the renewed grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice for the peer mediation program at the two middle schools.

The youth group, DICE, continued to excel in youth-directed anti-smoking and substance abuse prevention activities, youth leadership development, and peer education through theater and community service.

# AUGUST

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><i>In 1892, a recreation area known as Hunt's Mills Amusement Park was built around the Hunt House. The dancehall burned in 1925 and the park closed forever.</i></p>			1 <i>Tommy James, Slapstick, Magic-TBA 10:00 am</i>	2 <i>Concert- Jaded-Larisa Park 6:00 pm</i>	3	4
5	6 <i>Playground Bowling Tournament-Bowling Academy 10:00 am</i>	7 <i>Harbor Management Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	8	9 <i>Concert- Black &amp; White - Larisa Park 6:00 pm Playground Awards Night &amp; Crafts Show-City Hall 6:00 pm</i>	10	11
12	13 <i>Planning Commission, Rm 306 7:30 pm</i>	14	15 <i>Beautification Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	16 <i>Concert- Brass Attack-Larisa Park 6:00 pm Historic Properties Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	17	18 <i>Neighborhood Day at Central Park (Affirmative Action event)</i>
19	20 <i>Waterfront Commission, Rm 306 6:30 pm</i>	21 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 pm Conservation Commission, Rm A 7:30 pm</i>	22 <i>Zoning Board of Review 7:00 pm</i>	23	24	25
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## Library Department

The Library brought East Providence native, author and actor Ron McLarty to standing-room-only crowds twice. He is the author of the books *Memory of Running and Traveler*, both fictional tales set in East Providence.

This past year more than 1,000 children and 350 teens participated in the Summer Reading Program, reading a total of 12,738 hours at all branches. The Library offered a new live homework Internet site to help tutor students in grades 4 – 12 as well as college introduction level students.

In the past year 298,900 visits were made to the libraries, 473,500 items were circulated, 615 programs were presented, more than 61,000 reference questions were answered, and there were 47,650 users of electronic resources.

## Parks & Recreation Department

In 2006 this Department administered and coordinated over 140 recreational programs including activities for pre-school ages, youth, adults, seniors and the disabled.

Special events coordinated and sponsored by the Department in 2006 included: CityArts Summer Concert Series, Senior Citizen Week, Dorman (Dolly) Searle Golf Tournament and Scholarship, July 4th Celebration and Fireworks Display, Turkey Trot Road Race, Santa School

Visits, and the City Hall Holiday Open House & Christmas Tree Lighting. Together with the East Providence Heritage Days Committee, the Department planned and sponsored the 26th Annual Heritage Festival showcasing international artists The Guess Who, The Grass Roots, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, The Flying Wallendas, Russell Thompkins Jr. & The New Stylistics, and John Anthony's Salute to Rod Stewart. Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park returned for the third year.

New playground equipment was installed at the Agawam Recreation Area, Lyle Bourne Park and Martello Street Playground. New shelters were erected at Providence Avenue and Sabin Point Parks. The Department planted and maintained 11 large planters throughout the City as well as the 15 planters along Taunton Ave. It also monitored construction during the rehabilitation at both Glenlyon Park in Rumford and the Rose Garden behind the Martin School.



*The annual Heritage Festival is held every summer at Pierce Field.*

The Department, along with the Beautification Commission, celebrated Arbor Day with the students of the Whiteknact Elementary School. For the 14th straight year the Parks Department has received the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

## Police Department

The East Providence Police Department maintained an authorized strength of 106 sworn officers and 21 civilian personnel.

Police officers responded to 53,989 calls for service (CFS) in 2006. Officers investigated 5,469 criminal complaints, arrested 2,728 individuals; investigated 2,265 motor vehicle accidents, issued 12,045 motor vehicle violations and 1,269 parking violations. This is the second consecutive year we have experienced a decrease in the number of accidents. In 2005 we had reduced the number of accidents by 124 (4.85%) and in 2006 we reduced the number by 155,



*New equipment was installed at playgrounds throughout the City.*



*In 2006, the East Providence Police Department purchased in-car cameras without the use of local tax dollars.*

which represents a 6.4% reduction. We will continue to be vigilant in our traffic enforcement to reduce accidents to make this a safer community.

During 2006 and for the second consecutive year, detectives have been able to reduce robberies by 22%, weapon offenses by 23%, assaults by 10.9% and burglaries/breaking and entering by 2.7%. Presently two Detectives are 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.

This past year the Department purchased an LE Series 12" Tablet Computer, ICOP In-Car cameras, a video surveillance system and a Denti Pass Keyless Entry System for the Police Station, and paid all Identix/ Livescan fees and Verizon Wireless fees without the use of local tax dollars. This represents a savings to taxpayers of \$104,652.



# September

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<p><i>Located at 432 Massasoit Avenue, The Philip Walker House (1724) is the oldest “square house” in the United States and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</i></p>						1
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9	10 <i>Planning Commission, Rm 306 7:30 pm</i>	11	12	13	14	15
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30			<i>Zoning Board of Review 7:00 pm</i>			



## Planning Department

### Subdivision and Land Development Activity

Preliminary Plan approval was granted for the redevelopment of the former Rumford Chemical Works site located at the corner of Greenwood Avenue and Newman Avenue. The three-phase development, called “Rumford Center,” is proposed to include: 133 residential units (mix of condominium and townhouse ownership units and rental units); approximately 44,000 square feet of office space, approximately 4,500 square feet of artists studios, and 6,500 square feet of retail space.

Preliminary Plan approval was granted for a 24-hour Walgreens Pharmacy on the north side of Warren Avenue at South Rose Street. The proposed building has a footprint of 11,633 square feet and will also contain a mezzanine of 5,161 square feet to be used for storage.

Master Plan approval was granted for “Wampanoag Ponds,” a multi-family residential development with up to 321 townhouse units and a club house proposed for the 56-acre Leonardo Farm property. The development would consist of 1,800 to 2,000 square foot “Town House” units, and 2,400 to 2,600 square foot “Carriage House” units.

Master Plan approval was granted for the Taunton Avenue Shopperstown Plaza redevelopment to allow for the construction of a new 70,000 square foot Shaw’s Supermarket. The existing



*A new 70,000 square foot Shaw’s Supermarket will be built at the Shopperstown Plaza.*

Shaw’s building will remain and will be re-used for other retail.

Development Plan Review approval was granted for the development of a new BankRI branch on Newport Avenue.

### Open Space and Recreation Grants

The Planning Department submitted three grants to the R.I. Dept. of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for improvements to City parks and recreation areas. All three grants were selected for funding and include: Sabin Point Park Improvements, \$150,000; Hunt’s Mills Improvements, \$150,000; and Hull Street Playground Play Structure, \$20,000.

### Veteran’s Memorial Parkway Enhancements

The Department worked with the RIDOT Environmental & Intermodal Planning Office to construct enhancements to the Watchemoket Cove over-

look/pump station site on the Veteran’s Memorial Parkway, as well as gateway enhancements at the Parkway’s northern and southern entrances. The Parkway is a State-designated Scenic Roadway.

### Warren Avenue/Broadway Corridor Revitalization Project

Construction of improvements to the Warren Avenue/Broadway area from Broadway to Lyon Avenue began in 2006. Improvements include new decorative sidewalks, landscaping, decorative lighting and street re-surfacing. The City was also selected by RIDOT to receive an additional \$1 million enhancement grant to continue the improvements along Warren Avenue from Lyon Avenue west to Watchemoket Square.

### U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant

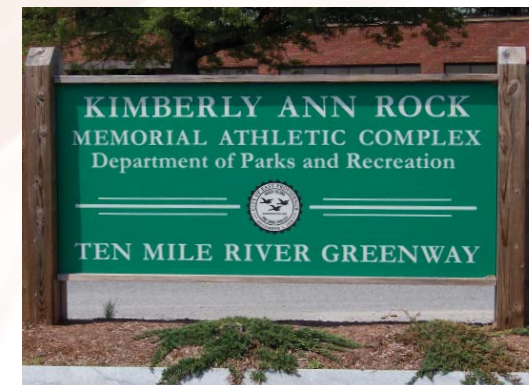
The City applied for and received a \$2 million grant from the EDA towards the construction of Waterfront Drive from the Washington Bridge north to Dexter Road. The grant will be combined with City and State RIDOT funds to complete the roadway and utilities that will open up this section of the waterfront for development. Design by RIDOT consulting engineers reached 90% completion by the end of 2006 with construction slated for early 2008.

### I-195 Interchange Improvement Project

The City continued work with RIDOT and the consulting firm of Gordon Archibald Associates on the completion of the Environmental Assessment for the design of new access to Interstate I-195 in the vicinity of Taunton Avenue and the Waterfront District. The project received an \$8.5 million federal appropriation through the efforts of Senator Lincoln Chafee. Final design of the improvements is expected to be complete in 2007.

### Ten Mile River Greenway

A study is underway to expand the Greenway, an outstanding passive recreation area used by many City residents, from Kimberly Ann Rock Park southward toward Newman Avenue. Ultimately, an improved bicycle-tolerant connection between the Greenway and the East Bay Bike Path is envisioned.



*The Greenway may be extended between Kimberly Ann Rock Park south towards Newman Avenue and, ultimately, to the Bike Path.*



# October

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	1	2 <i>Harbor Management Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	3 <i>Library Board of Trustees Meeting- at Riverside Branch 4:30 pm</i>	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Planning Commission, Rm 306 7:30 pm</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Waterfront Commission, Rm 306 6:30 pm</i>	16 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 pm Conservation Commission, Rm A 7:30 pm</i>	17 <i>Beautification Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	18 <i>Historic Properties Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Zoning Board of Review 7:00 pm</i>	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p><i>The Hunt House was built for Lt. John Hunt, Jr. around 1750. He was a clothier by trade and also a lieutenant in the militia. John inherited a sawmill, fulling mill and grist mill along with land along the Ten Mile River from his father John Sr.</i></p>		



## Public Works Department

The Department of Public Works provided services to City residents in the areas of streets and sidewalks, refuse and recycling collection, engineering services, water distribution, wastewater treatment and collection, building code and inspection services, and animal control. In addition, the Department maintained all City-owned buildings, vehicles and equipment. The Department coordinated streetlight repairs with National Grid.

### ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

The Animal Control Division provided temporary shelter and found permanent homes for stray and abandoned domestic animals within the City. In 2006, over 200 stray and abandoned animals were placed in new homes. Staff also worked closely with State and local agencies to investigate cruelty to animal complaints and prosecute those in violation of local ordinances and State statutes.

### BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION

This Division issued all permits related to construction and enforcement of the Rhode Island State Building Code and the City Ordinance, including Minimum Housing and Zoning.

Permits issued in 2006 included: 1,832 Building Permits (with a total valuation of \$345,262), 60 Sign, 359 Plumbing, 73 Sewer, 2 Water Heaters, 560 Mechanical, 1,060 Electrical, 88 Zoning cases, 36 Irrigation Permits, 731 Certificates of

Zoning, 64 License Inspections, 16 Daycare Inspections, 12 School Inspections, 9 Limited Electrical Licenses, 3 Appeals, 1 Trailer Park Renewal, 27 Wastewater Discharge Permits, 7 Solid Waste Containers and 126 Certificates of Occupancy.

### ENGINEERING DIVISION

The following is a listing of some of the projects in which the Division participated:

- Geographic Information System: database mapping of City's utility infrastructure components.
- Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Boyden Boulevard
- Phase II Stormwater Management Plan: oversee implementation
- Waterfront Access Improvement Study: better access between I-195 and the City's waterfront

### HIGHWAY DIVISION

#### Storm Water Maintenance

The Division maintained approximately 4-1/2 miles of open waterways throughout the City. A drainage maintenance crew cut back brush and removed debris from the ditches throughout the City. Over the course of the year, the Division cleaned out 1,415 storm catch basins/manholes and 3.78 miles of drainpipe removing approximately 1,000

yards of debris. Approximately 4,620 catch basins were checked and treated to reduce the mosquito population. The storm water retention and marsh areas were also treated throughout the mosquito-breeding season.

#### Plowing and Sanding

Throughout the winter season, crews went out 5 times to plow and 11 times to perform sanding operations. Over the



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winter season, 1,680 tons of salt was used and 4,400 gallons of Ice-Be-Gone which assists the salt.

#### Traffic Control

Approximately 555 sign repairs and new sign installations were made last year. Division personnel performed all sign installations. Division personnel also created various signs and labels for many of the departments throughout the City. Division personnel performed the maintenance of City-owned traffic signals. This included changing light bulbs in the signal heads, pedestrian call buttons, and replacing controllers that do not

function properly. As part of the yearly program, Division personnel painted over 3,000 L.F. of crosswalk lines throughout the City.

#### Street and Sidewalk Repair

This year the Division repaired over 500 potholes throughout the city. In addition to pothole patching, Division personnel repaired utility trenches (water, sewer, storm drain, etc.), using 555 tons of hot mix asphalt. Approximately 65 yards of concrete was used to repair or replace sidewalks throughout the City for various reasons. Division personnel overlaid a very poor section of Hospital Road using 130 tons of asphalt.

#### Compost Site /Former Landfill

Highway Division personnel and equipment continued to work at the compost site. Yard waste, such as leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs and branches, was brought to the site by the City's yard waste hauler, shredded, then piled in rows and turned from time to time until it decomposed into compost. The finished compost was screened and used on various City projects, as well as made available to the City residents at no charge.



*Screened compost was made available to residents and for various city projects from the Forbes Street site.*



# November

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<p><i>The Rumford Baking Powder Company sold baking powder across the U.S. and throughout the world. Its headquarters were located at the corners of Newman and Greenwood Avenues in Rumford.</i></p>				1	2	3
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## Public Works Department

### REFUSE AND RECYCLING DIVISION

The Division collected and disposed of all residential and municipal solid waste generated within the City. In 2006, over 6,000 tons of leaf and yard debris was processed, and over 9,000 gallons of motor oil was recycled. Residents recycled 1,300 TVs and monitors and 750 other electronic components.

In 2006, residents disposed of 17,406 tons of household rubbish at a cost of \$556,992 and recycled 4,261 tons at no disposal cost. The Recycling Division was awarded a Recycling Award Grant in the sum of \$40,577 from the RI Resource Recovery Corporation for excellence in recycling 20% of the residential solid waste stream collection.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIVISION

During 2006, the Division continued with the renovation work within the Police Station and improved the appearance of the public works facility with an interior paint project. Work was completed this year to upgrade City Hall elevators for Fire Prevention and Safety based upon Standards from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Part 1926, R. I. Fire Laws and Rules and Risk Management Performance Standards, and an automatic doorway system to comply with ADA requirements.

### CENTRAL GARAGE DIVISION

The Central Garage maintained the City's vehicle fleet and equipment and kept the City's snow removal equipment operational during snowstorms. It also maintained emergency response vehicles to keep them at maximum in-service levels.

With over 400 vehicles and equipment to repair, the staff at the Central Garage is involved in continuous training on updated diagnostic programs. The Division completed a number of much-needed capital improvements at the facility, including the installation of new overhead garage doors and the installation of a new exhaust system to improve indoor air quality.

### WATER UTILITIES DIVISION

**Wastewater Collection:** Staff conducted preventive maintenance on the collection system that included sewer jetting and cleaning of miles of sewer main to reduce the possibility of costly and destructive sewer backups. The City purchased a new sewer inspection T.V. truck in 2006 to aid in visual inspection of the sewer lines and identify broken pipes, root problems, etc.

**Water:** Work continued following the contamination issue that occurred in 2005. Inspections of the formal backflow prevention and cross-connection control program were conducted to protect the drinking water system from contamination caused by improper plumbing connections.

Road crews had a busy year repairing numerous water breaks and replacing damaged pavement, control valves, fire hydrants, and water services. Considerable effort was put toward the unidirectional flushing program designed to reduce the possibility of contamination in the water system.

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Twenty-two (22) wastewater pumping stations and 200 miles of sanitary sewer



*The City's water pollution control facility in Riverside is considered one of the best in the state.*

lines feed this facility located in Riverside. In 2006, the average daily flow was 5.703 million gallons per day from East Providence and 2.067 million gallons per day from the Town of Barrington, for a total average daily flow through the facility of 7.77 million gallons per day.

An average of 93.4% of all organic pollutants that entered this facility were removed prior to discharge into the Providence River. This is one of the best removals of any major wastewater facility in the state.

In 2006, 1,110.27 wet tons of dewatered biosolids were processed at the facility and trucked to the Central Landfill in

Johnston. This is an increase of 912.87 tons. The City also produced 9.4 million gallons of biosolids that were incinerated by the Synagro Company. This represents a decrease of 1.6 million gallons, accomplished by the changes made to procedures used for solids handling.

## Senior Services Department

The Senior Center offered a variety of services, including: educational and financial seminars; daily meals, book club, computer classes, computer games, arts & craft classes, bridge club, pokeno, bingo, Hi -Lo jack league, Tai Chi, bone density building, line and ballroom dance, billiards, trips, bocce ball, walking club, Red Hat Society, and fitness center. The Center is a state-certified site for diabetes outpatient education classes and individual counseling.

The staff received referrals from state agencies concerning the elderly in the community and potential problems. They helped clients create a workable care plan to deal

with elder-at-risk issues. Transportation was provided for the elderly throughout the City to and from the Center, and staff coordinated additional transportation services with the state RIDE Program as well.



*The Senior Center on Waterman Avenue features a state-of-the-art fitness room.*



# December

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p><i>Little Neck Cemetery, located in Riverside near the head of Bullock Cove, was established in 1655 by the town of Rehoboth as a common burial ground for early settlers. The most famous person interred is Capt. Thomas Willett, noted for serving as the first English mayor of New York City.</i></p>						1
2	3	4 <i>Harbor Management Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm</i>	5 <i>Holiday Open House &amp; Tree Lighting- City Hall 5:00 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting- 4:30 pm</i>	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Planning Commission, Rm 306 7:30 pm</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Waterfront Commission, Rm 306 6:30 pm</i>	18 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 pm Conservation Commission, Rm 308 7:30 pm</i>	19 <i>Beautification Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	20	21 <i>Historic Properties Commission, Rm 308 7:00 pm</i>	22
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## City of East Providence

### Standing Boards and Committees:

Adopt A Playground  
Ancient Little Neck Cemetery  
Beautification Committee  
Board of Assessment Review  
Building Board of Appeals  
Cancer Control Task Force  
Carousel Beach Design Review Committee  
Carousel Park Commission  
Coastal Resources Management Commission  
Conservation Commission  
Economic Development Commission

Harbor Management Commission  
Historic Properties Designation & Study Commission  
Housing Advisory Commission  
Housing Authority  
Juvenile Hearing Board  
Minimum Property Standards Board of Review  
Multi-Purpose Recreation Center Committee  
Municipal Land Trust  
Personnel Hearing Board  
Planning Board  
Public Library Board of Trustees

Recreation Advisory Board  
Rose Larisa Memorial Park Committee  
Senior Citizens Advisory Board  
Sister Cities  
Soccer Task Force  
Tenants Affairs Board  
Waterfront Special Development District Commission  
Youth Advisory Board  
Zoning Board of Review

