



12-Month Calendar 2008

City of East Providence
Annual Report 2007



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COVER PHOTO: Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, courtesy of Laura McNamara,
Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Foundation

BACK COVER: Waterfront at Sabin Point Park during a snowstorm



*The 2007 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, Ph.D., At-Large.***

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Message from the City Manager



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

Economic development continues to be a driving force in propelling the City of East Providence forward.

This movement is evident in many of the neighborhoods where we live and work. A typical drive from Riverside to Rumford demonstrates evidence of change and growth.

In Riverside, a 321-unit development is planned on Wampanoag Trail, and the Pomham Townhouses are taking shape on Bullocks Point Avenue. Across town in Rumford, construction on the historic Rumford Chemical Works property is underway, and the Rumford Gardens condominium project at New Road is completing its first phase of occupancy.

Approaching the City from Providence, one can't help but notice the Washington Bridge and ramp construction expected to bring new access to soon-to-be-developed Waterfront Drive, Taunton Avenue and beyond. From Seekonk on Route 195, you can see the new Walgreens building rising from the highway embankment.

The City saw several major companies expanding their operations or planning to do so, including a new 90,000 s.f. manufacturing facility for igus, Inc. of Rumford, and the \$30 million renovation of a 145,000 s.f. facility on Dexter Road for Aspen Aerogels. Aspen expects to bring more than 70 high-paying jobs to the City.

The positive aspects of economic development, business attraction and expansion are numerous, including the ability to bring jobs to our residents, and to bring people into the City to patronize our local businesses. Expanding the City's commercial tax base through development is yet another boon.

I feel strongly that we will continue to be a "city on the move" for years to come, although our future is here and now. Let's look upon our current progress as the forerunner for prosperity that is heading our way.

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



Emergency Management Information

The City's Emergency Management Department trains volunteers in shelter management, CPR/AED, First Aid, and Community Emergency Response Team skills. It also works with the City Manager, other department heads, and State and Federal EMA representatives to participate in planning security, evacuation and sheltering initiatives.

Preparedness is key to dealing with all emergency response situations, ranging from a disaster, fire, hazardous material spill, winter storm, flood, or storm. The City is pleased to present the following tips to assist you:

PREPARATION TIPS FOR WINTER STORMS/EXTREME COLD

- Prepare for possible isolation in your home by having sufficient heating fuel; regular fuel sources may be cut off.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Have a mechanic check your automobile for winter/cold conditions.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary.
- If stranded, run your car engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm, while opening a downwind window slightly for ventilation. Periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place a winter emergency kit in each car (shovel, flashlight, battery powered radio, water, snacks, medications, etc.).

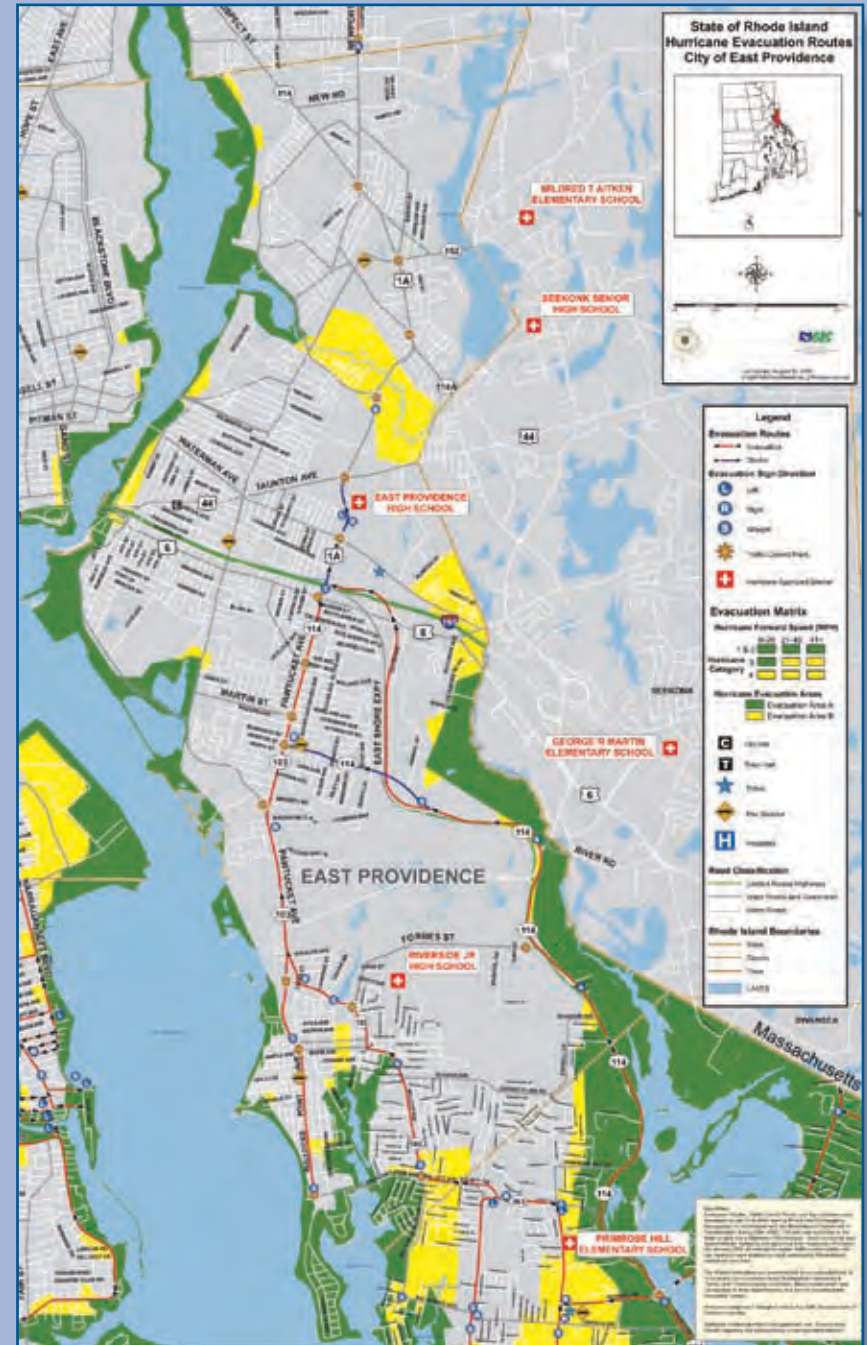
DISASTER SUPPLY KIT *(plan for 3-days' worth of supplies)*

Place the following in a large, covered trash can, camping backpack, or duffle bag for an easy-to-carry container:

- One gallon of water per person, per day
- Ready-to-eat canned food
- High-energy foods (peanut butter, trail mix, etc.)
- Vitamins and medicine/baby formula
- First Aid supplies
- Tools and supplies (flashlight, cash/change, paper/pencil, whistle, maps, etc.)
- Sanitary supplies (soap, toilet paper, garbage bags, etc.)
- Clothing and bedding (one complete change per person)
- Special items (entertainment games, important family documents, etc.)
- *Meet with your family to discuss and practice what to do in the event of an evacuation or other emergency.*

BEFORE A HURRICANE HITS:

- Develop a response plan – where to go, how to get there, what to take, who to notify
- Know evacuation routes and shelter locations (see map)
- Fill auto fuel tank
- Waterproof important documents (i.e. medical records, insurance, bank account numbers, social security card)
- Know how to turn off utilities
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Prepare your Disaster Supply Kit



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

East Providence Emergency Phone: (401) 435-7600

RI Emergency Management Agency: (401) 946-9996 www.riema.ri.gov

American Red Cross – Rhode Island: (401) 831-7700, (800) 842-1122 www.riredcross.org

Planning Department

Subdivisions and Land Development Projects

The Department reviewed 25 subdivisions (both new and continued from previous years) including Land Development Projects and Development Plan Review projects. Major Land Development Projects include the 321-unit Wampanoag Ponds development on Wampanoag Trail, which received Master Plan approval from the Planning Board and zoning map amendment from the City Council. Final approval was also granted to the Rumford Center, a mixed-use redevelopment of the historic Rumford Chemical Works property; construction of which is now underway. New Zoning regulations banning electronic, LED signs, and certain other signage were proposed by the Department and enacted into law by the City Council.



Final planning approval for the redevelopment of the historic Rumford Chemical Works property was granted in 2007.

Zoning Board

The Department reviewed 62 Zoning Board cases in 2007.

Comprehensive Plan

The Department performed Comprehensive Plan Consistency reviews for several projects including East Pointe, Phillipsdale Landing and the Rumford Center.

Waterfront Drive

Working with the RI Dept of Transportation and the City Department of Public Works, final design of the next phase of Waterfront Drive from I-195 north to Dexter Road

has proceeded and is expected to be completed in 2008. Construction funding for this phase has been secured through a \$2 million US Economic Development Administration grant, a Congressional transportation appropriation, and City bond funds.

Interstate 195 Interchange Project

The Environmental Assessment for the I-195 Interchange was completed in 2007 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. Final design is underway. The project is to be funded through federal Congressional appropriations.

Warren Avenue/Broadway Corridor Revitalization Project

2007 saw the completion of construction of the Warren Avenue/Broadway Enhancement Project from Broadway to Lyon Avenue. The project was funded with a \$500,000 Rhode Island Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant. The culmination of this project included a monument dedication in October 2007 in memory of Ward 2 Councilman Norman J. Miranda who passed away in February 2006. Councilman Miranda was a great supporter of this project and the monument serves to memorialize his years of public service to the residents of Ward 2 and East Providence.



Final design for new ramps to and from Interstate 195 in the vicinity of Taunton Avenue and Warren Avenue was underway in 2007.



January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Harbor Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	2 Registration for Winter/Spring Programs Recreation Center 9:00 a.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting Employee Lounge, 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 DICE Youth Group Meeting Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14 Dr. Tim Warren presents Everest Weaver Library 7:15 p.m. Planning Board Meeting Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	15 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	16 E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting Employee Lounge, 6:00 p.m. Beautification Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	17 Nursing Home Selection Riverside Library 6:30 p.m. Historic Properties Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	18	19
20	21	22	23 DICE Youth Group Meeting Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28 Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Board Meeting Room 306, City Hall 6:00 p.m. Children's Homes in Rhode Island by Dr. Sandra Enos Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	29	30 DICE Youth Group Meeting Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	31 iPods and MP3 Players: Get Plugged in! Riverside Library 6:30 p.m.		

Planning Department, *continued*

Enterprise Zone

The City continued its status as a State-designated Enterprise Zone in 2007. The program has attracted a number of participants in East Providence with tax benefits associated with job growth for participating businesses. Businesses should contact the Planning Department office to find out if their business is located within the Enterprise Zone.

Commercial Loan Program

The City continued to offer loans to East Providence businesses through its commercial/industrial loan program in 2007. The low interest (20% below prime) 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.

Commercial Micro-loan Program

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

2+2 Façade Improvement Program

The City's 2+2 Façade Improvement Program is designed to provide incentives for commercial façade improvements in eligible commercial districts of the City through direct matching grants for physical exterior improvements. Qualified businesses can receive up to a \$2,000 match from the City for improvements to their properties including new doors, windows, awnings, signage, paint or siding or other exterior improvements designed to create an aesthetically appealing appearance.

Business Attraction and Expansion

The City saw several major companies expanding operations in the City of East Providence in 2007. Igus Inc., an East Providence company for many years, announced



City Hall, as seen from Purchase Street

plans to construct a new 90,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Rumford. The new state-of-the-art facility will be completed in 2008. Aspen Aerogels, a manufacturer of high-tech insulation materials, has completed its \$30 million renovation of a 145,000 square foot manufacturing facility on Dexter Road.

Aspen expects to bring more than 70 high paying jobs to East Providence. In 2005, Coastal Medical, one of the largest health care provider groups in Rhode Island selected the City of East Providence to construct their new 50,000 square foot medical office building at 900 Warren Avenue. This facility serves as the headquarters for Coastal Medical and will further enhance the corporate landscape of the Warren Avenue Corridor entering from Seekonk, Massachusetts. The project has been completed and has nearly attained full occupancy as of December, 2007.

In addition to these larger development projects, the City has seen a number of smaller office, service and retail developments throughout the City that support tax growth and job expansion. Interested individuals should contact the Planning Department to get the latest information on development projects occurring in the City.

Boards and Commissions

The Planning Department provides staff assistance to several boards and commissions including the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Historic Properties Commission, Economic Development, Beautification, Harbor Management, and Waterfront Special Development District

Commissions. Staff assistance was also provided to the Downtown Business Association of East Providence, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the visual and economic revitalization of Taunton Avenue.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 <i>How to Get Happily Published by Dr. Evan Howard</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	5 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	6 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9 <i>Joseph DeMello presents an Income Tax Seminar (in Portuguese)</i> Weaver Library 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
10	11 <i>Funeral Planning</i> Riverside Library 11:00 a.m. <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	12	13 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18 <i>School Break Activities Begin</i> Recreation Center 12:00 p.m.	19 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	20 <i>Jr. Olympic Skills Basketball Competition</i> Recreation Center 3:00 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge, 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	21 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	22 <i>School Break Activities End</i> Recreation Center 12:00 p.m.	23
24	25 <i>Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 6:00 p.m. <i>A Lincoln Portrait: by Robb Dimmick</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	26	27 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	28	29	

February 2008

Municipal Court

The East Providence Municipal Court is comprised of a Municipal Court Judge, Administrator, Bailiff and two Court Clerks who provide service to maintain the daily operations of the Municipal Court. Housing, City Ordinance, Animal and Traffic violations along with Boating are some of the types of cases heard in Municipal Court.

In addition to the processing of the violations issued, the Municipal Court is responsible for the adjudication of said violations.

The Municipal Court, along with the Police Department, will become a learning site for the new E-ticket program sponsored by the state.



East Providence Municipal Court is located at the Senior Center complex at Pawtucket and Waterman Avenues.

Law Department

The Law Department is comprised of the City Solicitor and two Assistants, Gregory S. Dias and Timothy J. Chapman. They provide legal advice to the City Council and represent the City and all of its offices, departments and agencies. The Law Department attorneys serve as general counsel for the governing body and all of its boards and commissions. The Law Department attorneys 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 the Liquor Control Administration, Commission for Human Rights, Labor Relations Board, American Arbitration Association and miscellaneous other 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 Law Department attorneys accept service, prepare pleadings and attend court hearings on lawsuits filed against the various City agencies. In addition, the 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 2007, this included the prosecution of 59 code violations and 51 claims.

Canvassing Authority

The City Council appointed two new members to the Authority in 2007: Dorothy O'Gara who was elected chairwoman in January and Peter Barilla, Sr., who was appointed in May. They have actively worked with Canvassing Clerk, Mrs. Callahan, and the Secretary of State Elections and Civics Division in the updating process of the State of Rhode Island Central Voter Registration System.

In an effort to educate the public on the importance of maintaining accurate voter information, flyers were posted at various locations, notices were presented in community newspapers and on cable TV, and Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. O'Gara visited Senior Citizen apartment sites throughout the City to register new residents and update voter information. The Department registered 1,607 new voters including 204 high school students.



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						1
2	3	4 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	5 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Fuller Branch Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m. <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	11	12 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Through the Eyes of the Artist - Van Gogh</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	19 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	20 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24 <i>Through the Eyes of the Artist - Renoir</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 6:00 p.m. <i>Through the Eyes of the Artist - Rodin</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.		31 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> Employee Lounge 6:00 p.m.			

March 2008

Affirmative Action Department

In fiscal year 2007, the Department's minority participation rate remained at approximately 10% of the full time employees. Future efforts will focus on attracting and recruiting minority and female candidates with an emphasis on firefighter and police officer candidates.

In recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. state holiday, we hosted our 22nd Annual Celebration of Dr. King's birthday. The City Hall display case had a Black History Month exhibit.

Keeping with tradition, the third Saturday in August, "Neighborhood Day" was celebrated 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 participants assisted in park cleanup and recycling efforts.

Human Services Department

This year as in previous years, the holiday season was both exciting and busy. The Human Services Department provided Thanksgiving baskets, food certificates and other services for local families in need and provided toys and clothing for Christmas.

Our Emergency Homeless Shelter continued to operate on a night-to-night basis. The shelter provides 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. Special thanks to East Providence Senior Center Director Robert Rock for housing the Emergency Homeless Shelter and to the many volunteers, local churches and community groups for their continuous support of the shelter.

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

The City Clerk's Office prepared City Council agendas and journals for 22 regular meetings and 10 special meetings. Sixty-five proclamations and 28 citations were also prepared for the Council in 2007. As part of Reading Week, the City Clerk read to students at Martin Jr. High School, and students from Oldham School had a tour of City Hall and held a mock Council Meeting in the Council Chambers.

The total number of land evidence documents recorded in 2007 was 9,786.

For Probate Court cases, there were a total of 241 new estates opened.

Births totaled 521; deaths totaled 605; marriage licenses recorded in this office totaled 417; and marriage licenses issued from this office totaled 245.



The City Clerk's Office is responsible for the custody and protection of all public records, which includes all land evidence, births, deaths, and marriages of City residents. The records in the City Clerk's office date back to 1862 when East Providence became a town in Rhode Island.

There were a total of 98 new passports issued in 2007, which is an increase of 26.

License totals include 81 alcoholic beverage licenses; 24 alcoholic beverage special event licenses; 741 miscellaneous licenses which include 149 yard sales, 33 one-day entertainment, and 23 tents; 1,077 dog; and 70 hunting and fishing licenses.

Human Resources Department

In 2007, the Human Resources Department completed testing for the positions of Building Superintendent Assistant, Detective Corporal, Landscape Construction Specialist, Stationary Equipment Operator II, Lab Director/Senior Chemist, Youth Coordinator, Substance Abuse Task Force Clerk, Pretreatment Coordinator, Police Department Clerk Typist, Network Administrator, Library Cataloging & Acquisitions Assistant, Tree Trimmer, Auto Equipment Operator II, Landscape Laborer, Fire Captain, and Fire Lieutenant.

The Department is also working in conjunction with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI in order to implement a Health and Wellness program for all City employees. This program is one of the ways for the City to deal with spiraling healthcare costs by finding alternative ways to lower the City's annual health care premium.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	2 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Annual Meeting</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.			
6	7 <i>Through the Eyes of the Artist – Bougereau</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	8	9 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14 <i>School Break Activities Begin</i> Recreation Center 12:00 p.m. <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	15 <i>Jr. Olympic Skills Soccer Competition</i> Recreation Center 3:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	16 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	17 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>School Break Activities End</i> Recreation Center 12:00 p.m.	19
20	21 <i>Discussion of the book Thrill Killers with the authors.</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	22	23 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 6:00 p.m. <i>Barbara Sherman Stetson on the Rhode Island Johnnycake</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	29	30 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.			

April 2008

Fire Department

Emergency Operations

The Fire Department in 2007 continued to see an increase in alarms for fire and emergency medical services, and expanded its role in the fields of Hazardous Materials and Homeland Security. The Fire Department responded to more than 10,000 alarms in 2007. Calls for medical services accounted for 67% of the Department's responses.



Local fire inspectors at the East Providence Fire Department were awarded a fire prevention grant totaling nearly \$9,000 from FM Global, a leading property insurer of the world's largest businesses based in Johnston, R.I. The award was used to purchase five laptop computers so the Department's new Fire Inspection Taskforce can more efficiently ensure that properties in the City are fire code-compliant.

Division of EMS

The Division of Emergency Medical Services has overseen the acquisition of new Rescue vehicles for the Department, and the recertification of all Emergency Medical Technicians. The Rescues now use onboard computers to complete all State EMS Reports. This streamlines the reporting system and allows more time to be devoted to patient care and other vital services.

Division of Training & Safety

The Division of Training & Safety recently completed the training of 11 new firefighters. The Division conducts a mandatory Post Incident Analysis of all emergency responses of significance to allow for improvement in delivery of service and a safer working environment for firefighters. The Division oversees the sending of firefighters to the

Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico, and to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Response School in Anniston, Alabama. The Division constantly searches for programs of training that will increase the skill levels of the Department's members as well as increasing the services offered to the citizens of East Providence.

The Division of Training & Safety has taken on the lead role in the creation of a citywide Emergency Operations Center. This room, housed at Fire Station #3 in Rumford, now has emergency communications radios, emergency dispatching computers and other monitoring devices to direct any and all emergencies involving all of the City's agencies and departments.

Division of Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Division has overseen the rapid expansion and development of 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. The Fire Prevention Division also inspects residential smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors,

underground storage tanks, tents erected and fireworks displays. The Fire Prevention Division has continued its efforts to inspect all buildings for fire code 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. The Division also conducts public education for schools, businesses and groups on such topics as fire safety in the workplace and at home, as well as fire extinguisher familiarization.



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May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>A Floral Design Workshop with Sally Gruber</i> Weaver Library 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	6 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	7 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Rumford Branch Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	13	14 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	15 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 <i>Dr. Laurence Hirshberg presents Neuroscience You Can Use</i> Weaver Library 7:00 p.m.	20 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	21 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 6:00 p.m.	27	28 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	29	30	31

Senior Center

The City's nationally accredited Senior Center provides a variety of comprehensive and efficient services of interest to the over 55 population. Seniors and their families can consult with the Center 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 East Providence residents. Diabetes outpatient education, health screenings, nutrition/weight loss classes, support groups, and walk-in health assessments are some of the programs offered. The health office also offers registered dietitians, a registered pharmacist, and laboratory services.

The Senior Center fitness room is designed to meet the exercise needs of our senior 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. This program also promotes attitude change and development of appropriate exercise skills. It ultimately will reduce the health risks of a sedentary lifestyle and improve the quality of life for our senior population.



The fitness room at the Center is designed to meet the exercise needs of East Providence senior citizens.



The Senior Center provides convenient door-to-door transportation to seniors to encourage their participation in activities and programs at the Center.

Planning for the future has been on our minds for quite some time. Planning the expansion of the main building began several years ago and continues to be one of our top priorities. As our seniors change and their expectations become greater, we must adjust to accommodate their ever-changing needs.

Meeting tomorrow's needs is certainly a challenge but the City and Center 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 dynamic field on aging. Keeping the mind and body in top shape becomes more difficult as we age. We are committed to offering the new wave of body conditioning and keeping everyone informed on senior issues.

Our policy of providing free door-to-door transportation also advertises our presence in the community. It enables senior citizens to participate in activities and the nutrition program 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.



June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Registration for Children's Swim Lessons</i> Recreation Center 9:00 a.m. <i>Senior Bowling Tournament</i> Bowling Academy 9:00 a.m.	3 <i>Senior Golf Tournament</i> Firefly, Seekonk 8:00 a.m. <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	4 <i>Seniors Old Fashioned Picnic</i> (rain date June 6th) Hunt's Mills 11:00 a.m. <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	5 <i>Senior Class Party</i> Johnson & Wales Inn 11:30 a.m.	6	7
8	9 <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	10	11 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	18 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	19 <i>Concert-TBA</i> Larisa Park 6:00 p.m. <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	20 <i>Swim Ability Level Tests Registration</i> High School Pool 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	21
22	23 <i>Summer Playgrounds Open</i> 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	24	25 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	26 <i>Local Hershey Track & Field</i> Pierce Field 10:00 a.m. <i>Concert-TBA</i> Larisa Park 6:00 p.m.	27	28
29	30 <i>Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force Annual Board Meeting</i> Location TBA 6:00 p.m.					

Parks & Recreation

The East Providence Parks & Recreation Department provides year-round leisure services to the community and maintains all City parks and athletic fields. The majority of all indoor programs are housed in the Activities and Recreation Center located at 100 Bullocks Point Avenue in Riverside. Facilities include an aerobics area complete with stationary bikes, rowing machines, treadmill and Universal equipment. The weight room accommodates a Champion incline bench, power rack, curl bench and hand-held free weights. In Spring 2007, the Center was a host site for the local Junior Olympics Skills event. Boys and girls ages 8-13 were challenged to show off their abilities in basketball and soccer. Four East Providence children advanced to the state competition where they made a fine showing in their respective age groups.



The Pierce Field Complex located in Riverside spans 26 acres and includes a fieldhouse with press box, rest rooms, storage, and office areas as well as a 1/4-mile track and stadium, baseball field, little league fields, softball field, tennis and basketball courts.

Youth recreation program offerings included arts and crafts, tennis, weight training, karate, basketball, soccer and fitness classes with a wide assortment of activities held during school vacations. Adults participated in fitness activities, sports, scrapbooking, and cribbage. Several new programs were developed for adults including classes in

stained glass, jewelry design, hand-stamped greeting cards and four evening theatre group trips to PPAC. The Recreation Center added five new PlayStation2 installations to provide youth access to technology.

The Department maintains the Pierce Field Complex, which spans 26 acres. Facilities include a fieldhouse with press box, rest rooms, storage and office areas, ¼ mile track and stadium, one baseball field, two little league fields, a softball field, tennis and basketball courts. In 2007 Pierce Field was once again home to The Rhode Island Stingrays professional soccer team and Johnson & Wales University Men and Women's Intercollegiate Athletics, as well as 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.



The Parks & Recreation Department assists in the landscape of conservation areas, and for the care and maintenance of approximately 8,466 public trees throughout the City.

Together with East Providence Heritage Days, Inc., the Department planned and sponsored the 27th Annual Heritage Festival showcasing international artists Lou Gramm, lead singer of Foreigner, Survivor, Starship starring Mickey Thomas, and The Soft Parade. Many other well-known regional performers were also on hand and Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park returned for the fourth year.

The Parks Division maintains all other City parks, playgrounds and athletic fields for a total of over 318 acres. It also assists in the landscape maintenance of public buildings, two historical cemeteries and conservation areas. The Division is responsible for the care and maintenance of approximately 8,466 public trees. Two new pieces of playground equipment were installed at the Hull St. Playground, and new park shelters were erected at Riverside Recreation Area and Lyle Bourne Park in Rumford. The Division planted and maintained 11 large planters throughout the City as well as 23 smaller planters and the hanging baskets along Taunton and Warren Avenues. Parks employees also built the new gazebo at Rose Larisa Park. For the 15th straight year, the City has received the Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Harbor Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	2 DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.	3 Independence Day Celebration Concert & Fireworks (rain date July 5th) Pierce Field 6:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 Planning Board Meeting Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	9 DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 Summer Olympics/Goody Games Pierce Field 10:00 a.m. Concert-TBA Larisa Park 6:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Dolly Searle Golf Tournament Agawam Hunt Country Club a.m. / p.m. Shotgun	15 Playground Basketball Tourney Agawam Field 10:00 a.m. City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	16 Beautification Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	17 Historic Properties Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	18 28th Annual Heritage Festival Pierce Field & Stadium www.myspace.com/heritagedays (schedule)	19 28th Annual Heritage Festival Pierce Field & Stadium www.myspace.com/heritagedays (schedule)
20 28th Annual Heritage Festival Pierce Field & Stadium www.myspace.com/heritagedays (schedule)	21	22	23 DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.	24 Concert-TBA Larisa Park 6:00 p.m.	25	26
27	28	29	30 DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.	31 Concert-TBA Larisa Park 6:00 p.m.		

July 2008

Police Department

The East Providence Police Department has an authorized strength of 106 sworn officers and 21 civilian personnel. The Department is charged with the responsibility of providing police services to the residents of the City.

The Department consists of four major components: the Office of the Chief of Police, the Patrol Division, the Detective Division and the Administrative Services Division. The Department has mandated staffing levels requiring 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" and officers are assigned to a specific post during his or her tour of duty.

In the past twelve months, East Providence police officers responded to 54,746 calls for service. Officers investigated 5,162 criminal complaints, arrested 2,500 individuals, investigated 1,986 motor vehicle accidents, issued 1,638 R.I. Traffic Tribunal violations, 4,787 Municipal Court violations, 63 Loud Music violations, 1,116 Parking violations, 893 District Court Summons and 3,708 Defective Equipment violations. In the past twelve-month period, the Department was able to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents by 279 which represents a 12.3% reduction. Since 2005, the Department has reduced the number of accidents for three consecutive years for a total of 22%. Police officers will continue to be vigilant in traffic enforcement to continue the reduction of accidents to make this a safer community to commute through.



The Police Department headquarters facility on Waterman Avenue features a Dispatch Room where, in 2007, nearly 55,000 calls for services were dispatched.



Police officers work closely with the City's Engineering and Highway Departments to provide traffic control for street and sidewalk repair projects.

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 cut costs 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.

Two detectives were assigned to the Computer Crimes Initiative as well as trained in computer forensics/computer crimes with a focus on keeping children safe online. One detective attends the monthly meetings of the Providence Police robbery information-exchange and the detective commander attends the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council which meets monthly to discuss local and national anti-terrorist investigations and initiatives.

The Community Policing Unit (CPU) continued its efforts to improve the quality of life in City neighborhoods and its "neighborhood crime watch" programs.



August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Youth Soccer League Registration Recreation Center 9:00 a.m. Playground Watermelon Bust All Sites 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	2
3	4 Playground Bowling Tournament Bowling Academy 10:00 a.m.	5 Playground Bowling Tournament Bowling Academy 10:00 a.m. Harbor Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	6 Playground Cookout All Sites 12:00 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 Concert-TBA Larisa Park 6:00 p.m. Playground Awards Night & Crafts Show City Hall 6:00 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12 Planning Board Meeting Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	13 DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14 Concert-TBA Larisa Park 6:00 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	20 DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m. Beautification Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	21 Historic Properties Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31			DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.			

Library Department

The East Providence Public Library offers the opportunity for residents to connect to the world through a wide variety of materials and services. The multi-branch system includes libraries in Rumford, Kent Heights and Riverside, with the Weaver (main) Library located on Grove Avenue.

All Libraries contain a circulating collection of books, magazines, videos, books on tape/CD, music CDs and DVDs. Also, downloadable books are available. Free access to the Internet is offered at all locations along with programs for adults and children, literacy classes, computer instruction, reference help, homework help, and superior customer service.



The Riverside Branch Library is located on Bullocks Point Avenue and features a Community Room available for library programs and meeting space for local organizations.

The Riverside Branch Library on Bullocks Point Avenue has a community room available for library programs and meeting space for local organizations. A series of events designed for small and new business owners is offered along with a program of service directed toward the boomer generation.

The Weaver Library brought a wide variety of programs and events to the people of East Providence. Actor Richard Clark gave a delightful look at the life and work of Mark Twain; Brown University's Dr. James Campbell spoke about the *Sally*, a Rhode Island slave ship; there was a lecture and reading of the poetry of Robert Frost; a one man show on Teddy Roosevelt by actor Ted Zalewski; celebrity chef and author Nancy Verde Barr discussed her new book *Backstage with Julia: My Years with Julia Child*; and there were numerous music and entertainment programs held.

Each year, the Library offers a Summer Reading Program for children and teens. This past year, more than 800 children and 340 teens participated, reading a total of 11,500 hours. Programs, storytellers, crafts, games, workshops, movies, classes and discussions were held at all locations throughout the summer.

The Library offers students in grades 4-12 as well as college introduction-level students Tutor.com, a live homework Internet site. Available Sunday through Thursday from 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm, this program connects students to a live tutor. Children and young adults visiting the library, or from home, simply log on to the East Providence Library Web site: eastprovidencelibrary.org, with their library card, enter their grade level and subject and, within a few minutes, they are connected to an expert tutor. Students can receive help in math, science, social studies, or English.

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, the rental book collection, and sponsor various programs throughout the year.

All the Libraries offer a warm, friendly environment to relax and read one of the many newspapers or magazines available, check out the latest DVD, CD, or Book on Tape, enjoy a good mystery, find medical information, write a resume, look for tax forms, or search the Web. In the past year, 283,000 visits were made to the libraries, 455,000 items circulated, 818 programs were presented, more than 55,100 reference questions were answered, and there were 61,470 users of electronic resources.



September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	3 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	10 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Fall Programs Registration</i> Recreation Center 9:00 a.m.	16 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	17 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Public Works Department

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

The Animal Control Division provided temporary shelter and found permanent homes for stray and abandoned domestic animals within the City. In 2007, 160 animals were adopted and 181 animals were returned to owners.

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 2007 included: 1,399 Building Permits (for a total valuation of \$23,659,772.00), 41 Sign, 261 Plumbing, 56 Sewer, 5 Water Heaters, 504 Mechanical, 783 Electrical, 67 Zoning cases, 19 Irrigation Permits, 577 Certificates of Zoning, 51 License Inspections, 7 Daycare Inspections, 14 School Inspections, 1 Limited Electrical License, 1 Trailer Park Renewal, 13 Wastewater Discharge Permits, 6 Solid Waste Containers, and 61 Certificates of Occupancy.

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 maintain and repair, the Central Garage is involved in continuous technical training on updated diagnostic programs.

The Division completed a number of much-needed capital improvements at the facility, including the replacement of all of its outdated and unsafe vehicle lifts. A bidding process is underway for the installation of a centralized refueling station to eliminate the cost of many smaller refueling sites around the City.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

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

Sanitary Sewer Improvements: completed field survey work and sewer design.

Phase II Stormwater Management Plan: oversaw implementation of the plan to improve the quality of stormwater runoff to water bodies.

Waterfront Access Improvement Study: worked to devise a better access between I-195 and the City's waterfront.

Roadway/Sidewalk Rehabilitation: worked with the Highway Division to develop specifications, contract documents and provide oversight/inspection for City repairs and improvements.

Recycling Program: assisted the Recycling Department by answering questions from residents regarding rubbish collection, selling yard waste bags and scheduling compost deliveries and appliance pick-ups.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Storm Water Maintenance

With the addition of a new mini-excavator, the Division dredged approximately two miles of storm water drainage brooks and ditches to help alleviate flooding in problem areas. A drainage maintenance crew cut back brush and removed debris from ditches throughout the City. The Division cleaned out 715 storm catch basins/manholes and 1.40 miles of drain pipe removing approximately 500 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.

Traffic Control

Approximately 737 sign repairs and new sign installations were made last year. Division personnel performed the maintenance of City-owned traffic signals including changing light bulbs in the signal heads, pedestrian call buttons, and replacing controllers that did not function properly. As part of the yearly program, the Division painted over 3,000 L.F. of crosswalks throughout the City, as well as parking spaces in City-owned parking lots, schools, parks, and libraries. A centerline and edge line painting contract was accomplished this year by Hi-Way Safety Systems Inc. for a total of 77,800 L.F. of yellow centerlines and 49,700 L.F. of white edge lines painted.

Street and Sidewalk Repair

The Division repaired over 588 potholes throughout the City. In addition to pothole patching, Division personnel repaired utility trenches (water, sewer, storm drain, etc.) using 953 tons of hot mix asphalt. Approximately 213 yards of concrete was used to repair or replace sidewalks and storm drain structures throughout the City for various reasons.



The Highway Division of the Public Works Department used 213 yards of concrete in 2007 to repair or replace sidewalks and storm drain structures throughout the City.



October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting Riverside Branch Library 4:30 p.m. DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	8 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Planning Board Meeting Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.</i>	15 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m. Beautification Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.</i>	16 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.</i>	17	18
19	20	21 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.</i>	22 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	23	24 <i>"Something Spooky" Halloween Party Recreation Center 6:00 p.m.</i>	25
26	27	28	29 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	30	31	

Public Works Department, *continued*

REFUSE/RECYCLING DIVISION

The Refuse/Recycling Division is responsible for collection and disposal of all residential and municipal solid waste generated within the City.

In 2007, solid waste disposal fees totaled \$524,694 (\$32,300 less than '06). The Forbes Street Compost Facility processed over 6,000 tons of leaf and yard debris. The Used Motor Oil Recycling Igloo located at 60 Commercial Way that accepts oil, oil filters, antifreeze and auto batteries recycled over 8,800 gallons of motor oil. The Residential Electronics Recycling Program which accepts TVs, computer components and all audio-visual electronic equipment recycled 1,500 TVs & monitors and 780 other components. Clean-the-Bay, in conjunction with R.I. DEM and with a grant from the U.S. EPA, collected more than 150 tons of large debris and abandoned boats from the East Providence shoreline.

Residents disposed of 16,733 tons of household rubbish, 673 tons less than in '06, at a cost of \$524,694, a reduction of \$32,300 from '06, and recycled 4,278 tons of residential materials at no disposal cost.



In 2007, Highway Division crews went out 2 times to plow and 5 times to perform sanding operations. Over the winter season, 1,438 tons of salt and 1,600 gallons of Ice-Be-Gone was used.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

This Division operates and maintains the City's wastewater facility in Riverside. Twenty-two wastewater pumping stations and 200 miles of sanitary sewer lines feed the facility. In 2007 the average daily flow was 5.586 million gallons per day from East Providence and 1.454 million gallons per day from the Town of Barrington, for a total average daily flow through the facility of 7.04 million gallons.

WATER UTILITIES DIVISION

Division staff worked diligently to provide a wide range of services to the residents and businesses of East Providence. Most of the work involved maintaining the existing 190 miles of water distribution piping which lies beneath City streets. Water control valves and fire hydrants were replaced throughout the City as part of the unidirectional flushing program. This work will improve water quality throughout the City and will continue into 2008.

Water meters have started to be replaced with a new model that, in conjunction with the Division's radio read capability, will enable the City to help customers detect water leaks at their homes and businesses. Water conservation practices and leak detection are important issues and these programs will be expanded in the next year.

Water quality continues to be a main focus with a goal to provide high quality water to residents at an affordable price. In 2007 there were days when some customers experienced temporarily discolored water. Those incidents are primarily the result of efforts to improve our network of water mains through construction and the flushing program. The Division continues to sample and test the City water on a regular basis, far exceeding the minimum amount required by the Rhode Island Department of Health. In 2007 more than 2,500 samples were taken to ensure a safe product, and the Division remains in compliance with the regulatory requirements.



An average of 93.3% of all organic pollutants that entered the City's Water Pollution Control Facility in Riverside were removed prior to discharge into the Providence River. In 2007, 1,054.41 wet tons of dewatered biosolids were processed and trucked to the Central Landfill in Johnston.



November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	5 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	11	12 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15 <i>Turkey Trot Charity Road Race</i> Recreation Center 9:30 a.m.
16	17	18 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	19 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	20 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	27	28	29
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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
Coastal Resources Management Commission
Conservation Commission
Crescent Carousel Commission
Economic Development Commission
Harbor Commission
Historic Properties 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



December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m.	2 <i>Harbor Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	3 <i>E. Prov Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting</i> Weaver Library 4:30 p.m. <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6 <i>WinterFest, Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting</i> City Hall 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
7	8	9 <i>Planning Board Meeting</i> Room 306, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	10 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16 <i>City Council Meeting</i> 7:30 pm <i>Conservation Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	17 <i>DICE Youth Group Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Beautification Commission Meeting</i> Room A, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>Historic Properties Commission Meeting</i> Room 308, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	19	20
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