



STAMFORD MAYOR
MICHAEL PAVIA

“There’s daylight beyond the headwinds of the storm and my compass is set on finding it.”

– Mayor Mike Pavia, Feb. 2010

Navigating our way through the first six weeks in office has been a moment-to-moment journey through challenging storms into the winds of opportunity. We’re sailing with a knowing confidence despite how illusive the horizon we are fixed on sometime appears. As my administration begins to take form and we break out of the box, we’re focused on several pressing short-term issues, our long-term initiatives and a plethora of day-to-day tasks in managing our city.

First off, we are progressing aggressively toward a resolution to the contamination issue at Scofieldtown Park. The City’s tests are near complete. The Department of Environmental Protection will review the results and issue a directive based on those results; we will take the required steps to remediate and/or mitigate problems existing in or emanating from the park. We will also continue our effort in cooperation with the University of Connecticut to identify sources of well contamination. I am on an all out mission to finish that job with integrity and efficiency.

On the administrative front, I have appointed three new cabinet members, a new police chief, a new police commission, a new fire commission, a new director of economic development and made several commission appointments. We’re well into our budget planning for the 2010/2011 fiscal year and have developed a task force charged with developing a solution to the long running disagreement between union and volunteer fire departments. We began conducting an aggressive and comprehensive review of all spending and we’re looking with sharp eyes and a sensitive heart at ways to provide essential services more efficiently. I seek to build on a foundation of innovation and a culture of pride; every department in our Administration is striving to become the model that sets a higher standard of excellence in public service.

I am a public servant. The most important words in the oath I swore to uphold are the words “I” and “serve.” These words personally commit me to serve you and that is my only concern, my only aspiration. I am eager, enthused and energized to go work to make Stamford “The City that Cares.” About you and for you.

Everyday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael A. Pavia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael A. Pavia,
Mayor of Stamford

FRONT & CENTER

ISSUES

The Pavia Administration is addressing several critical issues. Here's a summary of what's on Mayor's front burner.

- City of Stamford's director of operations Ernie Orgera and city engineer Lou Casolo are locked in on resolving the Scofieldtown Park contamination remediation. The city has begun to comb every inch of the park property to find and remove unsightly debris and any suspect materials. City officials are finalizing the details and logistics of the remediation plan for the park. Well testing by an independent scientist from UCONN will continue in order to determine the sources of contamination and the installation of city water will be completed in the near future.

- The Pavia Administration officials are well into the 2010/2011 budget planning. As it shapes the strategy of its plan, Mayor Pavia is defining the specifics of the costs and the resources he needs to execute his plan. There are difficult decisions to make in advancing his priorities; business as

usual is not affordable or acceptable. The Administration seeks to obliterate waste and elevate efficiency in providing services, exercise more fiscal restraint; restrict non-essential spending and preserve financial flexibility while serving the people of Stamford with accountability and conscientiousness.

- Hand-in-hand with developing the City's budget, the Administration is aggressively rolling out its economic develop effort. A fundamental goal is to make it easy to do business in Stamford and make doing business here user friendly without compromising the integrity and value in the various permits and processes required. But Mayor Pavia points out that, "We must focus on the pathways to productivity and that begins with relinquishing the hold on the processes for the processes' sake. The process is not the product, and it is in fact often

the very core of the obstacles to progress." Mayor Pavia has committed the City to do its part to serve as a catalyst that ignites business, and assure that the city is not a roadblock that deters commercial investment here.

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- Investments here must be protected by our police and fire department. To that end, Mayor Pavia named a new police chief, a new police commission, a new fire commission. He created Fire Protection Resolution Task Force to resolve the dispute that has fractured relations between union and volunteer fire companies in order to assure every resident is assured excellent fire protection.

THE CITY THAT CARES

Mayor Pavia has coined the phrase The City That Cares to capture the spirit of his Administration. The Mayor said that he ran for office because he cares about people, about education, about business, about the arts, about the environment, and he passionately cares about Stamford's future. The City that Cares is a way of life for the mayor, it is the vision and culture that he wants his Administration to aspire to and exemplify.

Mayor Pavia has inherited a cumbersome and difficult sack of compelling and daunting problems in a difficult time but he expects that his can-do, will-do attitude will soon permeate through the city's dedicated employees, the services they provide and the programs the city offers. Our mayor certainly appears to be up for the challenge and he's excited about converting the adversities of this moment into the opportunities of our time.