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Community Service “Project 365” Launches in Hamden **Project Designed to Improve & Revitalize Neighborhoods**

HAMDEN – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng is very excited to announce that “Project 365” will kick off this Saturday, September 12th. Project 365 is an extension of the Town’s annual National Night Out event, in which local volunteers join together to focus on areas of Hamden which are in need of pro-active community support. The goal of the program is congregate volunteers in a genuine effort to improve various locations throughout Hamden, all within 365 days from the conclusion of National Night Out on August 4th 2015. This is the first of three opportunities for volunteers to participate in this program.

The program is sponsored by the Hamden Youth Services Bureau and is led by Volunteer Coordinator, Patunia Medy. Speaking on behalf of the HYSB and the Project 365 program, Ms. Medy said, “I, along with HYSB, am very proud to lead efforts to improve and revitalize neighborhoods throughout the Town. This program is a step in the right direction for all Hamden neighborhoods and will set forward the motions for a more pro-active and engaged community!”

Members of the public wishing to join the efforts to clean up and improve neighborhoods throughout Hamden should contact Petunia Medy at (203) 777-2610 ext. 112. The meet up location for each of our fall dates for Project 365 will be at the

Dixwell Avenue Police Substation, located at 943 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, Connecticut 06514.

Throughout the three days of activity scheduled for this fall, volunteer efforts will mainly be focusing on areas around the Farmington Canal and surrounding neighborhoods. Volunteers will perform such actions as:

- Litter removal (Major department areas. – Home Depot, Burger King, Stop and Shop, & etc);
- Cutting down overgrown branches
- Repairing of fences
- Repainting the over and underpass on Putnam Avenue
- Raking of leaves
- Replacing top soil
- Graffiti removal
- Other revitalization efforts

****All materials will be provided by the Hamden Public Works Department.***

The dates and times for all fall Project 365 sessions are as follows:

Saturday Sept 12th 10:00am-2:00pm: we will be joined by Yale University, Hamden's Children's Center, Hamden Police & their Police Explorers and Hamden Community Members.

Saturday Sept 19th 9:00am-2:00pm: we will be joined by Southern Connecticut State University, Quinnipiac University, Hamden Police and Hamden Community Members

Saturday October 24th 10:00am-2:00pm: we will be joined by Mayor Curt Balzano Leng, Hamden Police, the Clean and Green Commission and Hamden Community Members