

## SATURDAY IN THE PARK



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Tracy Hart, of Milford, at right, watches as his son Brett, 9; Efrain Vitali, 10, of Stamford, at left, and C.J. Rivera, 10, also from Stamford, second from right, chase down the ball as they play some basketball at Anderson Park in Milford on Saturday.

## Cities seek to aid businesses during 'economic tsunami'

By Magdalene Perez  
STAFF WRITER

As shoppers continue to cut back on spending, municipalities are taking steps to help small businesses weather the recession.

Westport First Selectman Gordon Joseloff last week announced a government-business partnership. To start, Joseloff won approval to temporarily suspend regulations banning stand-alone signs outside businesses.

"That's a small thing, but I think it's a sign of what local government can do to help local businesses," Joseloff said.

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In Norwalk, Mayor Richard Moccia announced last week the city will roll back parking rates to help businesses attract customers.

Rate hikes, including increases of about \$1 per hour at many city-owned parking facilities, took effect Feb. 1. But the Norwalk Parking Authority agreed to reverse the increases last week at Moccia's urging.

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WESTPORT FIRST SELECTMAN

people to go to the stores and bars and restaurants," Moccia said.

Norwalk is considering launching a campaign encouraging people to "stay local and shop local," Moccia said.

"As elected officials, you always try to promote your town, but especially now, with this economic tsunami we've got going on, it's even more important," Moccia said.

In Stamford, a number of programs to help small businesses have been established for years, Economic Development Director Michael Freimuth said. Among other programs, the city holds quarterly seminars on business trends through the U.S. Conference of Mayors' small-business initiative, which Mayor Dannel Malloy co-chairs.

The city also works with the Community Economic Development Fund, a non-profit lender in Meriden, to conduct classes for small businesses, Freimuth said. Another program, the Women's Business Development Center, is based in the Stamford Government Center on Washington Boulevard.

The city has not launched recession-fighting efforts so far, Freimuth said. Talk among downtown businesses of adjusting parking rates, for example, has not come to fruition.

"We haven't taken new approaches," Freimuth said.

Instead, the city has "focused more on how we can assist small businesses to read the economic marketplace and how they can develop skills," he said.

Malloy said the city is exploring whether it can work with banks to establish "pools of money" to lend to small businesses.

Stamford's sign regulations already are more lenient than other towns, Malloy said.

"We have outdoor cafes and we allow people to advertise those outdoor cafes," Malloy said.

"If things are not specifically regulated, we don't go out of our way to hurt people."

# Boardwalk proposal on hold in Milford

By Frank Juliano  
STAFF WRITER

MILFORD — A long-awaited boardwalk to reconnect Walnut Beach to Silver Sands State Park has picked up a sliver, officials said.

Work was supposed to have begun this winter on the project, in the planning stages for at least five years, but Gov. M. Jodi Rell's plan to withhold most state bond funds for capital improvements until the economy improves has kicked sand on that timetable, said Joseph Garbus, chairman of the Walnut Beach Association.

"To me it is critical to be able to get from Walnut Beach to Silver Sands; it would be good for the merchants down here and it re-establishes a connection we lost when a road was removed to create the [state] park," he said.

"But it seemed like there was a holdup of one kind or another; work was almost ready to start last year and then the plans had to be redone when a piping plover nest was found," said Garbus, a former alderman.

The State Bond Commission hadn't released the funds for that project before Rell's budget message, officials said, putting the boardwalk on hold.

But other neighborhood projects, the creation of 150 feet of new beachfront and the conversion of a former dairy barn into an art gallery, have received funding, said Thomas Ivers, the city's block grant coordinator.

G. Pic and Sons, the Trumbull-based contractor, is doing the \$70,000 worth of work to create Stowe Beach

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in time for the bathing season, Ivers said.

The site had to be cleared of boulders and other obstructions, he said. At least two houses, likely destroyed in the 1938 Hurricane, once stood on the sandy stretch next to the Costa Azzurra Restaurant.

"We've made the first draw-down and written the first checks on that \$1 million in bond funds for neighborhood improvements," Ivers said.

"That money was released to us a few months ago." That money is also paying for plans to be drawn up to convert the large barn at the city-owned Stowe Farm into gallery space and classrooms, he said. The actual renovations to the barn will require additional funding, the city official said.

The total cost of the Stowe Farm Art Center, as envisioned by Garbus and city officials, is about \$7 million. Robert Grego-

ry, the city's economic development director, has said that is a multi-phase project that will take several years to complete.

Garbus first began urging the creation of an arts district in Walnut Beach in 1997, and several projects including the Firehouse Gallery, have been completed since then. "It's just that we've been waiting so long, and working at it so hard that the delays are frustrating," the neighborhood leader said.

Ivers said the federal economic stimulus package will likely add \$140,000 to the city's annual community block grant, which was \$520,000 in 2008.

Most of that additional money will be used to bolster the city's program for first-time home buyers, which helps them make down payments, Ivers said. "With the market softening up, incomes are matching up better with house prices.

"We've done more of these [loans] in the past four months than we've done in two years," he said.

The federal funds are repaid to the city when the home is sold. Ivers said that the city program does not allow subprime mortgages. "We were seen as the bad guy for that, but who's laughing now?" he said.

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Master File No. 02-CV-1138 (AWT)

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February 23, 2009

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