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March 30, 2012

TO: Mr. President and Members of the City Council

Councillor Michael Hart would like to request that Saturday, April 28th be recognized as Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill, Inc. Day and also that all fees, but not inspections, be waived.


City Councillor Michael Hart *SSA*



To: City Council President, John Michitson

From: Joan Parah, Program Manager

Dated: March 16, 2012

RE: Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill, Inc. /Annual Rebuilding Day Program

Dear Council President Michitson,

On behalf of Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill, Inc., board of directors, volunteers and homeowners we serve, I am respectfully requesting that Councilor Michael Hart be placed on the City Council's Agenda for the Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 meeting. This year Rebuilding Day will be Saturday, April, 28th.

As in the past, the purpose of a representative of Rebuilding Together coming before the Council is to request 1) the endorsement of the City Council for our 20th year (First Rebuilding Together Day was in 1993), and invite all of the elected city officials and the members of the community to participate in the event. 2) the waiving of municipal building licenses and permit fees (*keeping inspections*) relative to work during this year's program, and 3) the waiving of dumping fees for disposal of white goods (appliances), tires and leaves, relative to the program and 4) if approved, notifying the City of Haverhill, Public Works and Health & Inspection departments of the Council's action to ensure full cooperation. We will provide a list of approved Rebuilding Together projects and addresses in advance.

Each year we coordinate a community Rebuilding Day that nearly 200 volunteers participate in making repairs and modifications to nearly 20 homes of those in greatest need. The event creates an opportunity for local companies and organizations to come together with members of the community to help their neighbors. The logistics of directing volunteers to each location efficiently is always a challenge. In addition to government grants, we receive foundation funding from local and national corporations, like Lowes, Sears Holdings, and Jackson Lumber; local foundations and service organizations, like the George C. Wadleigh Foundation, and the Griffin-White Foundation, whose mission is to ensure the quality of life for all Haverhill citizens. We also rely on local sponsorship for support, such as Pentucket Bank and Haverhill Bank. The "heart" of our organization is the volunteers and smaller local businesses that donate their skills, time, building materials, supplies, food and beverages. There are hundreds of human resources that come together to help out each year to make the program a success that we wish to acknowledge and thank.

Please go to our web site: www.RebuildingTogetherHaverhill.org for more information about our programs and to view our many participating and supporting organizations and community groups. We thank you for your interest and we hope to continue a partnership that is beneficial and rewarding to meet the mission of our organization, the City of Haverhill and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Parah".

Joan Parah, Program Manager

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