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**Report to the Woonsocket City Council**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Department of Economic Development**

October - November 2011

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## Department of Human Services

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### *October - November*

- Worked with several city departments and outside agencies in response to housing/homelessness situations, including the Plaza Village fire, involving several interactions with displaced tenants, Woonsocket Housing, EMA.
- Facilitated on behalf of city resident with the Woonsocket Housing Authority for housing for woman who is has severe medical condition. The woman needs housing for her and her two children.
- The Verizon Telephone Pioneers made their yearly contribution of pajamas, stuffed animals and toiletries to the city on behalf of their holiday distribution campaign. We will distribute the items throughout the community in conjunction with our social service agencies, and to needy individuals who come into our office.
- The City Hall “Giving Tree” is once again spearheaded by this office. City employees donate items to be distributed to those in the community such as Family Resources Community Action Program, The Harvest Community Church, Connecting for Children and Families, and Sojourner House.
- Back office support for Senior Center Board; clearance of payment vouchers and review of project needs – kitchen floor

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## Department of Economic Development

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### *October*

- Meeting with Steward executives to discuss pending transaction for Landmark Medical Center; with Mayor, legal counsel, etc.
- Preparation of proposals for Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) submission, including public hearing and internal prioritization process
- Drafting and presentation of legislation to extend terms of Job Creation Incentive Program to 68 South Main Street (Le Moulin)
- Attendance and participation at RIEDC Enterprise Zone Council meeting re: redesignation of Woonsocket zone and parameters of Governor Chafee's Main Street programs
- Beginning work on Enterprise Zone application including collection of Census, business participation data

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## Department of Economic Development

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### *November*

- Main Street / Riverfront Initiative meetings and activities in support of Holiday Stroll and grant seeking
- Meetings to review options for grant funding to support further development in the state-designated arts & entertainment district (Main Street), including façade grants, code compliance grants, etc.
- Ongoing efforts to find suitable space for 4 local businesses seeking to expand / relocate
- Review and discussion of pedestrian plan for City (YWCA grant activity)
- Efforts in support of construction of new sign at Highland Corporate Park – Woonsocket
- Meetings re: re-use of old middle school, with current potential buyer and environmental consultants
- Several discussions re: improving local permitting process / administration
- EZ redesignation application and JCIP administration - ongoing