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First Selectman Announces New Initiatives to Improve Services and Make it Easier to Do Business with the Town

September 15, 2003 ... First Selectman Richard V. Bergstresser today announced several initiatives to improve Town services and to make it easier for Greenwich residents to do business with the Town. They include:

Developing a Long-Range Plan for the Town

"Today, I am laying the groundwork for creating a long-range, strategic plan for Greenwich," said Mr. Bergstresser. "I want to ensure that the budgets we establish each year will support our vision and goals.

"The first step in the identifying long-term goals is to survey our residents to learn what is important to them," said First Selectman Richard V. Bergstresser. "This is something that we have not done before. We want to learn how our citizens rate the quality of the services we provide so that we can determine the services the Town will focus on in the future.

"We also will use survey responses to help us identify key goals and how we can best allocate resources to reach those goals."

The survey is available on the Town Web site at www.greenwichct.org/survey and will be mailed to residents at random from each district and distributed to RTM members.

Adding New Functions to the Town Web Site

"To make doing business with Town Hall even easier," said Mr. Bergstresser, "we have added new Web site functions. Now, you can

Pay your parking ticket with a credit card or request a parking ticket hearing online

Check out dogs and cats available for adoption from our animal control center

Locate a town employee or volunteer quickly if you know just a last name or department.

Find an RTM member even if you know only the district and no name or just the name and no district."

Launching Greenwich Government-Access Channel 79

"Tonight's Representative Town Meeting, held at Central Middle School beginning at 8 p.m., will be the first Town meeting that we will show on our Greenwich government-access channel," said Mr. Bergstresser.

"I am excited that we are using television to show people how our Town works and the issues we discuss. Not everyone can attend a public meeting, but by televising them, our citizens can get ideas about where they want to volunteer. I see this a positive vehicle to get more people actively involved in our government.

"Our intent is that each Town meeting will air on the Cablevision channel on the day following the meeting and will be repeated each day for up to one week."

Other programming elements will include: a Town calendar of upcoming meetings, a welcome from the First Selectman and Town history. You must be a Cablevision subscriber to view Greenwich's government-access channel.

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