



# WEST HARTFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## CHAMBER'S ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE LUNCHEON ANNOUNCED

**WEST HARTFORD, CT** -- The West Hartford Chamber of Commerce will present the 2011 Economic Development Update Luncheon with Rob Rowson, Director of Community Services, Town of West Hartford, on Thursday, March 17, 2011. The luncheon will take place at the University of Hartford's 1877 Club Restaurant in the Gray Conference Center from 12:00p.m. – 1:30p.m. Registration will begin at 11:30p.m. Sponsored by University of Hartford, the Annual Update will address West Hartford's plans and proposed projects for economic growth in the new decade. There will be the opportunity for questions at the end of the program.

Robert Rowson has been involved in local and regional real estate matters for over thirty years. His experiences include consulting on a wide variety of commercial property developments. In 2008, Rob was appointed Director of the Department of Community Services and is responsible for overseeing the office of Planning & Zoning, Building, Engineering, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Communication and all town and school capital projects.

Registration will begin at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at noon. The cost for Chamber members is \$15; \$25 for non-members. For additional information or to register, please visit [www.ExploreWestHartford.com](http://www.ExploreWestHartford.com) and click on the Calendar date for details.

## About Speaker Rob Rowison:



Robert M. Rowison has been involved in local and regional real estate matters for over thirty years. His experiences include consulting on a wide variety of commercial property developments.

Rob was retained by the Town of West Hartford in the mid 1990's to serve as their consultant for economic development. In 2000 the town created the position of Business Development Officer. Additionally, in 2006 Rob was appointed as an Administrator for the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the town. In this activity Rob supports an aggressive income based housing rehabilitation program for the community.

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Rob is the Past President of the West Hartford Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow and a former member of the West Hartford Town Council. Rob currently serves on the Board of Directors of the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He was a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's Noah Webster Award which recognizes individuals for outstanding service to the community. Rob serves on the Design Review & Advisory Board for Central Connecticut State University.

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