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Mayor Leclerc encourages residents to get screened for Breast Cancer

(March 8, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia Leclerc is urging East Hartford residents to get screened for Breast Cancer. Research shows that early detection is a key part of stopping breast cancer, and all women should get regular mammograms. The earlier a person is diagnosed with breast cancer, or identified as having cancer risk factors, the more likely it is that treatment leads to a positive outcome.

“It is vitally important that women over the age of 40 get regular mammograms,” said Mayor Leclerc. The rate of positive outcomes in our town is lower than the statewide average, and early detection will save lives.”

A recent report by Susan G. Komen of Southern New England has shown that East Hartford has a lower rate of early or mid-stage diagnosis than many neighboring communities, as well as lower survival rate. Increased screening for breast cancer by East Hartford residents will help reduce late diagnosis and lead to better overall outcomes for those diagnosed.

Many local healthcare providers offer screening services, and there are low and no cost options available. You can find local services at the [Susan G. Komen Connecticut website](#). [First Choice Health Centers](#) offers screenings in town at their 110 Connecticut Boulevard Location. Call (860) 528-1359 for information or to make an appointment. For more information about breast cancer, breast health, and mammograms, visit cancer.org

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