



CITY OF DANBURY OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

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Livable Neighborhoods 2015
“Building a Better Danbury”

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Honorable Mayor Boughton and City Council Members:

Below is a table highlighting UNIT activity from the time of last month’s City Council report. This does not include any UNIT activity regarding follow up and re-inspection work from previously noted issues. The UNIT works to ensure that each and every issue is resolved as quickly as possible.

Time Period	April 27 – May 21, 2015
Number of Quality of Life Issues	95
Year to Date - 2015	397

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (20)
- Blighted property (20)
- Miscellaneous (20)
- Front lawn parking/Parking violations (13)
- Exterior Blight order/Notice of Violation (7)
- Overcrowding/Unsafe living conditions/Unpermitted construction (5)

Our department continues to maintain on full speed as we respond to a variety of resident complaints. On average, 65% of the UNIT’s caseload is based off of resident complaints, while the remaining 35% is pro-active enforcement by our department. This past month, 80% of the activity was the result of resident complaints. Historically, this is a direct correlation to the change of the season, and residents coming outside to work on their properties for spring cleaning and preparing for summer.

Residents really appreciate the impact that is provided by our department, considering that most communities do not offer this type of service. We are happy to help our residents however we can.

PARTNERSHIP WITH FCI IS BACK:

The UNIT has once again partnered with the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and will soon begin hosting residents from FCI, bringing them around the city to complete various tasks all with the goal of improving our community. Litter pickup, painting, graffiti removal are just some of the many assignments that will be completed by these group of ladies who are eager to contribute however they can.

GRAFFITI CLEANUP:

On Thursday, May 14th, Officer Ken Utter and I took to the streets to remove graffiti tags from bridges, walls and underpasses around our city. It's hard work, but worth the effort as these unwanted tags and graffiti markings are erased. Staying on top of the removal of these tags, help prevent further occurrences.



EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS/NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS:

Orders written by UNIT This period: 5
(YTD): 32 (Includes Notice of Violations)

11 West Wooster Street: An exterior blight order was sent to the property owner as a result of continued front yard parking. As a result, the area of lawn where there would be grass, is nothing but dirt and tire ruts. Several warnings have been issued in the past and the behavior continues. The order specifies to discontinue with the practice of parking on the lawn, but additionally, for the lawn to be repaired and grass planted.

9 Mountainville Avenue: This property is a mess. Rubbish and garbage everywhere, even blowing out into the street. Two unregistered/inoperable vehicles. Commercial landscape equipment in the rear, as well as unpermitted, shanty storage sheds that were built and placed in

rear with no approvals. Everything must be cleaned up, vehicles removed, equipment removed and sheds taken down.

15 Meadow Street: An exterior blight order was sent as a result of an abundance of commercial activity at this residence. Commercial vehicles and equipment is stored in the rear of the property, and there is plenty of rubbish associated with the business as well. Property owner was advised to have everything removed.

106 Westville Avenue: An exterior blight order was sent to the property owner as a result of vehicles that are parked on his front lawn that haven't moved in many years. Property owner had been advised in the past to remedy the issue, but hadn't done so.

1 Weindorf Lane: An order was sent to the owner of this lot due to unpermitted storage of commercial vehicles and equipment, and the removal of related rubbish as well. Many residents of this small road have been complaining.

11 Downs Street: A structural blight order was sent to the property owner requiring for the front corner of the house to be repaired due to a vehicle driving into it. It had been in disrepair for several years and the property owner had been previously advised to repair it, but hadn't.

3 Moody Lane: A notice of violation was sent to the property owner to remove a commercial excavator from the residential property.

7 Moody Lane: A notice of violation was sent to the property owner to remove a commercial excavator from the residential property.

If we can be of any assistance to you or residents in your ward please contact us at 796-8026 or 311.

Sincerely,

Shawn Stillman
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