



**CITY OF DANBURY**  
**OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE**

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Livable Neighborhoods 2016  
*“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.

<b>Time Period</b>	May 26 <sup>th</sup> – June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>Number of Quality of Life Issues</b>	101
<b>Year to Date - 2016</b>	509

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Blighted properties (25)
- Garbage/Debris (20)
- Overcrowding/Illegal Apartments and Construction (15)
- Miscellaneous (12)
- Abandoned/Unregistered vehicles (12)
- Exterior Blight Orders/Notice of Violation (7)

Our department continues to be busy this season as we respond to resident complaints and attempt to resolve them in a quick and efficient manner. In addition to complaint response, the UNIT continues to proactively identify issues within the community and address them as well. Thirty percent (30%) of UNIT activity this last month has been the result of ACTION (Active Commitment Toward Improving Our Neighborhood). This includes the removal of any graffiti around town. Unwanted tags on street signs, bridges, structures, etc are removed at a rapid pace by our department. (see photo below)



The UNIT is currently working with an elderly resident on Saddle Rock Road. His house and property is in disrepair and he doesn't have the means to be able to upkeep his property accordingly. In speaking to him, he is a Vietnam veteran who may be eligible for much assistance that he wasn't aware of. He needs help and our department has teamed with the Welfare Department to see how this gentleman can receive assistance on many fronts, including the improvement of his house and property. The property has been deteriorating for a while, so hopefully, improvements can soon begin.

### **CLEAN START (update):**

The Clean Start Program has been active for a month now and it has been a success. Dozens of bags of litter have been picked up each week, the city parking garages have been cleaned, railings and flower pots downtown have been painted, etc. The UNIT continues to assign tasks for the work crews, while Jericho Partnership has done an outstanding job managing and overseeing them each day.

### **EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS:**

**Orders written by UNIT (YTD): 55 (Includes Notice of Violations)**

Below is a review of the Exterior Blight Citations sent this past period:

#### **Exterior Blight Citations:**

- **15 Crofut Street:** Issued order vacant and foreclosed property to get cleaned up. The grass is high and there is rubbish/garbage in the driveway and around the property. This home is on the corner and is very visible within the neighborhood. Cleanup work has already begun.
- **3 Victor Street:** Issued order for the removal of a small pile of furniture/couches discarded in the back yard. Property was cleaned up within a short amount of time thereafter.

- **26 Filmore Avenue:** Issued order for the care and upkeep of this recently vacant home and foreclosed home. The grass is high, minor rubbish around the exterior of the property, very large tree down in the backyard and an abandoned camper left in the driveway. This house has had issues in the neighborhood over the last few years, so its recent vacancy gives optimism of new and better changes.
- **1 Precision Road:** Issued order for the grass to be mowed and routinely maintained at the vacant business on the corner of Precision and Kenosia. This same problem occurred last year as well.
- **12 Hillside Avenue:** Issued order for the grass to be mowed and routinely maintained. The cleanup of minor rubbish in the rear and the removal of a commercial vehicle from this vacant property.

### **Notice of Violation letters:**

- **8 Crofut Place:** Issued NOV to property owner to mow the rear of the property as the property extends from Lake Avenue to Crofut Place, with the expectation of routinely maintaining as well.
- **44 Miry Brook Road:** Issued order for the property owner to repair and/or replace various sections of broken fencing along the property border. Pieces are missing or are fallen down on both sides of the property and it is an eyesore, prompting neighbor complaints.

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

Sincerely,

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