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October 21, 2005

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Department of Health & Housing Monthly Report to the Common Council

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The September 2005 Department of Health & Housing monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for both the Housing & Food Service and the Environmental Health Divisions which identify specific inspections and hours provided by our staff. Should you have any questions regarding these issues, feel free to contact myself or each Division Head directly.

Main Topics

The Food Service Inspection summary scores are continuously posted for public information on the City of Danbury web site. Current inspection results are available for public review, these results area added to the web site by City staff.

Meetings were conducted with the State Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Public Health Foundation, and the City of Danbury Health & Housing Department to initiate the lead poisoning prevention program titled "A Healthy Neighborhood is a Lead Safe Neighborhood." Formal agreements are finalized and the "kick-off" meeting for all the municipalities involved in the program was planned for October 20th, 2005.

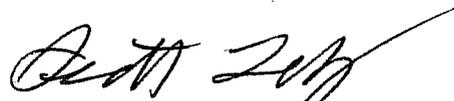
The Department of Health & Housing staff practiced their emergency response training through a practice session of the Community Emergency Response Plan. This will help clarify their roles in an emergency response, as well as facilitate a group discussion concerning the issues with gaining experience and confidence on how to implement the City's response plans.

Additional Topics

In addition to the Department's year round workload, the seasonal issues have changed and added educational and regulatory tasks. Example, while outdoor pools have closed and inspections ceased the Flu season is now upon us and the Departments' public information effort on Flu Prevention and Clinics for Flu Vaccine have increased (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu>). The Danbury Visiting Nurse Association has initiated the Flu Vaccine program and is offering vaccine according to the CDC recommendations. Anyone wishing to have more information on the Flu vaccine or Clinics should call the DVNA FLU HOTLINE at 730-5239 (see attachment).

You are encouraged to review all the information for each Division, as it provides details concerning ongoing activities. Also, I thank you for giving the Department of Health & Housing the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Danbury and feel free to contact the Division Supervisors or myself with any questions you may have.

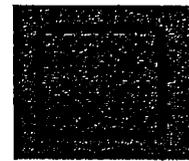
Sincerely,



Scott T. LeRoy MPH, MS
Director of Health

Cc: Dena Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel

Danbury Visiting Nurse Association 2005 FLU CLINICS



DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Fri	Sept 30	12-8 pm	Danbury Fair Mall	7 Backus Ave, Danbury
Sat	Oct 1	12-8 pm	Danbury Fair Mall	7 Backus Ave, Danbury
Wed	Oct 5	10-12 pm	Newtown Senior Center *Age 65 & up Call 203-270-4315 to pre-register.	14 Riverside Dr, Newtown
Thurs	Oct 6	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Wed	Oct 12	10-1 pm	Danbury Senior Center * Age 65 & up Call 203-797-4687 to pre-register	10 Elmwood Hall, Danbury
Thurs	Oct 13	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Sat	Oct 15	10-1 pm	Drive - Up Clinic *Stay in the car and get your shot. In case of rain, inside school.	21 Memorial Dr, Danbury Rogers Park Middle School
Wed	Oct 19	10-12 pm	War Memorial	1 Memorial Dr, Danbury
Thurs	Oct 20	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Fri	Oct 21	10-12 pm	New Fairfield Senior Center *Age 65 & up Pre-registration from available at the NF Center.	28 Route 39, New Fairfield
Sat	Oct 22	10-1 pm	Danbury Hospital, Auditorium	24 Hospital Ave, Danbury
Wed	Oct 26	4-6 pm	War Memorial	1 Memorial Dr, Danbury
Wed	Oct 26	10-1 pm	Danbury Senior Center * Age 65 & up Call 203-797-4687 to pre-register.	10 Elmwood Hall, Danbury
Thurs	Oct 27	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Fri	Oct 28	1-3 pm	Brookfield Senior Center *Age 65 & up Brookfield seniors only.	100 Pocono Rd, Brookfield
Tues	Nov 1	10-12 pm	Newtown Senior Center *Age 65 & up Call 203-270-4315 to pre-register.	14 Riverside Dr, Newtown
Thurs	Nov 10	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Sat	Nov 12	11-2 pm	Borders	110 Federal Rd, Danbury
Thurs	Nov 17	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Fri	Nov 18	10-12 pm	C-Town Supermarket (formerly Deep's)	45 North St, Danbury
Sat	Nov 19	11-2 pm	Wal Mart	67 Newtown Rd, Danbury
Thurs	Dec 1	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Thurs	Dec 8	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Thurs	Dec 15	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury
Thurs	Dec 22	10-12 pm	Police Athletic League	35 Hayestown Rd, Danbury

Cost:

Flu \$30

Pneumonia \$46

<p>Insurances accepted:</p> <p>Medicare part B Anthem Blue Cross Health Net Connecticare</p> <p>If covered by above insurances, there is no charge. Insurance card must be presented.</p>	<p>DVNA FLU HOTLINE 203-730-5239.</p> <p>More clinics are being scheduled. Visit our website: www.danbury.vna.org</p> <p>For more information call the Danbury VNA at 792-4120.</p>
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HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT

September, 2005

INSPECTIONS

NUMBER

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	YTD	Last YTD	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	206	251	(45)	(18)	819	881	(62)	(7)
B.	79	78	1	1	273	180	93	52
C.	95	112	(17)	(15)	367	288	79	27
D.	31	60	(29)	(48)	171	406	(235)	(58)
E.	54	52	2	4	174	363	(189)	(52)
F.	51	66	(15)	(23)	151	73	78	107

- A. Total Housing Inspections
- B. Total Housing Inspections Common Areas
- C. Total Housing Inspections Dwelling Units
- D. Total Housing Inspections Nuisance
- E. Total Food Service Inspections
- F. Total General Nuisance/Miscellaneous Inspections



Paul Schierloh
Associate Director

NARRATIVE FOR MONTHLY REPORT

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES SECTION

Field activities for housing and food service functions conducted during the reporting period are reflected in the statistical summary attached. In addition to the normal administrative, inspection and enforcement activities associated with these functions, the section undertook the initiatives outlined below which would be deemed to be of special interest or importance.

Four members of the housing and food section continued to participate in bioterrorism and hazmat response training as part of the department's initiative to expand its capability to respond to emergency incidents. A slight decrease in inspection numbers for the housing and food sections will be more than offset by the increased flexibility offered to the department to respond to unexpected events. Two staff members as well as the associate director participated in Danbury's annual emergency plan exercise simulating a waterborne disease outbreak.

Section personnel completed training in pool inspections to join Environmental Health Section personnel in implementing a comprehensive pool inspection program. Four members of the section received in-house training this year which will provide the director additional flexibility in implementing the program next year.

Food service inspection totals for the month were lower than prior years due to the food inspector position vacancy. The new public health inspector started employment on May 23. The inspector cannot conduct food service inspections until successfully concluding field certification by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The inspector has passed the State written exam and is now receiving site training in preparation for field certification. The inspector has also commenced training in other disciplines within the department and has been conducting housing, nuisance and pool inspections. Housing inspection services have also been adversely impacted by the extended leave of the public health inspector assigned to housing inspections. This leave extended through the end of September.

The department has almost completed the food service license renewal process for fiscal year 2005-06. The department continued to hold hearings for non-compliant establishment through September. An additional four closure orders were issued. As of October 1, all but two of the approximately 550 food establishments in Danbury had submitted applications and been issued licenses. Actions are pending against the two outstanding establishments.

The Office of the Corporation Counsel processed five housing/health code referrals in September. The housing section made court appearances on two cases while several other cases were

resolved prior to court appearances. Every effort is made to encourage cooperation in making needed improvements, but non-compliance leads to court action and possible penalties for contempt of court orders.

The department has continued nuisance sweeps in downtown neighborhoods. This effort also involves distribution of pamphlets on mosquito control and prevention of West Nile Virus. The Department continues to investigate complaints throughout the city referred through the Mayor's Blight Hotline and from other departments in addition to complaints made directly to the department. The department also participates in investigations by the Unified Neighborhood Inspection Team (UNIT). The department has also received complaints and service requests through the City's Q-Alert program and the CityScan program.

The department has also continued working with the LAMPP Project, the entity sub-contracted by the State to administer lead poisoning prevention and remediation funds awarded to Connecticut by the Federal government. The City has been working with LAMPP to identify tenants and property owners who would be eligible to receive risk assessments as well as funds to abate lead hazards. This enables Danbury property owners to access funds available to abate lead paint, replace windows, doors and perform other repairs to make units lead safe. Danbury has had two projects consisting of seven total units funded through LAMPP or LAMPP partners.

The department has made a total of 7 referrals to LAMPP for lead assessments/education for eligible Danbury families since LAMPP opened up the referral process. One referral was made in September and resulted in an application being submitted by the property owner to LAMPP for assistance to identify and correct lead hazards. LAMPP Program activities will be coordinated with the screening and education efforts to be undertaken under the Lead Safe Neighborhood grant secured by Director of Health Scott LeRoy. LAMPP funds will be available to pay for lead inspections and lead hazard abatement in homes of children identified through the new screening effort as having problematic lead blood levels.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Housing Partnership and the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer handled one housing discrimination inquiry, received three fair rent inquiries, processed two formal complaints, conducted one site investigation and attended one formal hearing. The fair housing officer also attended a meeting of the Fair Housing Association of Connecticut. The associate director conducted an annual review of deed restricted affordable housing developments under City jurisdiction and the fair housing officer reviewed application materials for a new development for compliance with fair housing requirements.



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October 17, 2005

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Jack Kozuchowski, Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services

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RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division
September, 2005

Key Indicators	This Month	Last Month	# Difference	% Difference	YTD
<i>Hazardous Materials Management (hours)</i>	164	171	(7)	(4)	495
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	86	101	(15)	(15)	262
<i>Natural Resource Management</i>	45	27	18	67	83
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	53	56	(3)	(5)	147
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	164	102	62	(61)	438

Current Projects

Name	Status	Next Steps	Finish date
Hazardous Materials Management	<p>1) Bioterrorism (BT) Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Incorporated final changes to design of Bioterrorism / chemical emergency response exercise. Orchestrated the execution of exercise on 9/26/05. <p>2) Brownfield Assessments:</p> <p><i><u>Barnum Court:</u></i> Coordinated the collection of 2006 soil samples.</p> <p><i><u>345 Main Street:</u></i> Participated in progress meeting with Consumer petroleum, their consultants, and owner of 345 Main Street and their consultants regarding status of clean-up of soil / groundwater contamination plume</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct annual exercise of City's Community emergency Response Plan and prepare update for 2005 • Participate in regional planning for BT preparedness and response; Initiate goals for 2005-2006 contract year preparedness planning. • Continue training EHD in Bioterrorism preparedness and response. <p>Oversee air monitoring, soil sampling/analysis, analyze all results and prepare manuscript for publication of results.</p>	<p>September 2005</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>December, 2005</p>
Water Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacted DEP regarding feasibility of grass carp introduction in Lake Kenosia • Screened applications for Environmental Impact Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue staff liaison work with Kenosia Commission • Continue staff liaison work with EIC 	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>
Natural Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted meeting of Ives Trail Task Force. Prepared for presentations at DEP and for community unveiling of blueprint design at Tarrywile mansion in October. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work toward implementation of 1 trail design and management/maintenance structure. • Construct trail. 	<p>May, 2006</p>

Future Projects

Name	Rationale	Effect
None	Complete current projects before taking on new undertakings.	No new projects to be taken on – except for emergency assignments – due to program overload

Narrative

The major project activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for August, 2005 can be summarized as follows.

- **Hazardous Materials Management.** The EHD orchestrated the exercise of the City’s Community Emergency Response Plan and its Public Health Emergency Plan on September 26. Several months of planning for this event took place, with input from the City’s Fire and Police Departments. The exercise was designed as a “semi-functional-tabletop hybrid” event, with limited role-playing on the theme of interdepartmental communications and coordination. The exercise design simulated an outbreak of gastrointestinal illnesses in City Hall and along Deer Hill Avenue that was eventually tracked to a terrorist cell introducing a biological contaminant to the City’s distribution system. Coincidentally, the terrorist cell threatened to blow up an anhydrous ammonia tank at a local industry in Danbury. Each emergency response department of the City was staged in a separate room of the Emergency Operations Center, and the exercise was rolled out with phone calls to the various departments from citizens, City employees, the Hospital emergency room, the media and the terrorist cell. Each Department received the calls and acted independently until a decision was made to open the Emergency operations Center, which then convened emergency department heads at the table of the Center in a Unified Command System. The exercise was deemed to be a success, in that communications were practiced and evaluated, at a particularly timely moment, as 4 of the 5 emergency department heads participating are newly appointed. As occurs in actual emergency events, the City departments worked harmoniously as a team. However, lessons were learned, vulnerabilities were identified and recommendations will be made to improve the communications and coordination among response agencies during emergencies.

The EHD continued to manage several Brownfield and subsurface contamination projects including the studies at the proposed Police Station on Main/East Franklin, the expanded Senior Center on Elmwood Place and the Barnum Court phytoremediation project.

- **Water Resource Management.** The EHD continued its management of multiple water resource projects, including Lake Kenosia, the Still River, Tarrywile Lake and Rogers Park Pond. Finally, the Division continues its staff support of the EIC, which will continue as best as it can, until the Senior Environmental Inspector position is appointed.
- **Natural Resource Management.** Work continued on planning for the Ives Trail. In September, the “Task Force reviewed the draft of the “Management / Maintenance Handbook” for the Ives Trail presented by the National park Service, as a completion of their deliverables.