



**CITY OF DANBURY**  
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

**HEALTH AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT**  
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June 27, 2006

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 May 2006 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.

A "Healthy Neighborhood is a Lead Safe Neighborhood" continues the collaborative with the Danbury Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) to provide free blood lead screenings for children under 6 with the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Van. On May 7, 2006, the Health Department offered Lead Poisoning Prevention information to those parents & families that attended Sharefest. Also, seven (7) children were tested for lead that attended Sharefest.

## Additional Topics

In addition to the Department's year round workload, the seasonal issues have changed and added educational and regulatory tasks.

Transition meetings were conducted with Debbie MacKenzie, Patricia Bowen, Paul Schierloh, Dena Diorio, Mayor Boughton and myself to ensure a proper transition of duties and assignments before the end of June, 2006. Additional transition meetings were also conducted with Mr. Dan Barody, Senior Inspector, Mr. Jack Kozuchowski, and me to ensure a proper transition of duties and assignments in the Environmental Health Division before the end of June, 2006.

Additionally, the United Jewish Center of Danbury has offered a donation of \$250.00 for the support of the City's School Based Health Centers. Please refer to the attached letter from Melanie Bonjour concerning this generous donation.

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



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**HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT**

May, 2006

**INSPECTIONS**

**NUMBER**

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	YTD	Last YTD	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	289	242	47	19	2958	3262	(304)	(9)
B.	91	76	15	20	941	830	111	13
C.	102	90	12	13	1284	1283	1	0
D.	91	66	25	38	680	1116	(436)	(39)
E.	150	132	18	14	965	890	75	8
F.	17	26	(9)	(35)	315	231	84	36

- 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 the year-to-date inspection numbers for the housing and food sections resulted from this effort.

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

Food service inspection totals for the year have now surpassed last year's year-to-date totals but remain lower than prior years due to the food inspector position vacancy and the time required for the new public health inspector to obtain the required State certification. The inspector became provisionally certified on January 26 and commenced inspections on January 30. Food service inspection totals have shown a significant increase since then. Housing inspection services have also been adversely impacted this year by an extended leave of the public health inspector assigned to housing inspections.

The Office of the Corporation Counsel processed thirteen housing/health code referrals in May. The housing section made court appearances on six 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 will coordinate systematic inspections with the UNIT program this year rather than conduct nuisance sweeps independently as in prior years. Senior Housing Inspector Don Melillo will be the department's liaison with UNIT and will participate in inspections as needed. 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 receives complaints and service requests through the City's Q-Alert program.

The department 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. 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. There are currently four additional applications under review by LAMPP, three of which had bid invitations conducted by LAMPP in May. The department has also made a total of 10 referrals to LAMPP for lead assessments/education for eligible Danbury families.

Lead Outreach Worker Jennifer Percec continued lead screenings for children under the Lead Safe Neighborhood grant secured by Director of Health Scott LeRoy. She also continued outreach efforts, education and case management services. During May she conducted screenings at Best Friends Pre-School (8 children) and Children's Choice (9 children). Jennifer also participated in Sharefest a community-wide, faith-based event where she conducted screenings of 7 children and distributed educational materials. As of May 31, 2006, a total of 112 Danbury children have been tested for blood lead levels under this program. Jennifer will continue to conduct screenings through the VNA WOW van as well pursue special screening clinics with day cares and community organizations. Screenings are already scheduled in early June at the YMCA child care sites in Danbury.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Housing Partnership and the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer received two fair rent inquiries during May. The officer and the associate director also assisted with re-sale inquiries and monitoring of compliance in connection with three affordable housing projects. The director and associate director began planning for transition of the Housing Partnership to enable it to oversee implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness approved by the Common Council.



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June 20, 2006

TO : Danbury Common Council

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

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RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division  
May, 2006

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Management (hours)</i>	80	79	1	1	1377
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	222	188	34	18	1567
<i>Natural Resource Management (hours)</i>	40	47	(7)	(15)	356
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	98	62	36	58	642
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	157	147	10	7	1670

## Narrative

The status of major project activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for May, 2006 can be summarized as follows.

- **Hazardous Materials Management.** The EHD participated continued in planning and preparedness activities for Bioterrorism. The draft of the Mutual Aid agreement among local Health Departments in the Housatonic Region was finalized. A power point presentation was prepared for the HVCEO Executive Board meeting on June 16.

Project oversight continued on the environmental site investigations on the future Police Station site (Main/East Franklin) and the Senior Center site (Elmwood).

Finally the EHD completed the preparation of the final project report for the Phytoremediation demonstration 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.

The handicap accessway for the Still River Greenway was extended from the trailhead to the pedestrian bridge in Commerce Park. This completes the DEP Recreational grant and provides disadvantaged individuals with a scenic walk along the most bucolic section of the Still River Greenway. The EHD also participated in the Still River clean-up project co-sponsored by EMS and the City of Danbury, on May 20.

- **Natural Resource Management.** The EHD directed the Ives Trail Task Force in preparing for the preview opening hikes on National Trails Day on June 3, 2006. Also, the transition of the Ives Trail project to the Danbury Recreation Department was discussed during with the Recreation Director, the Director of Health and the Mayor.
- **Program Planning and Administration.** The Coordinator of Environmental and Occupational Health Services (CEOHS), the Director of Health, the Finance Director and the Mayor held two meetings to determine the transition of all programs and projects after July 1 departure of the CEOHS.



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**SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTERS (SBHC)**

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Clinic Administrator

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** June 9, 2006

**TO:** Mayor Mark D. Boughton and Honorable Members of the Common Council

**CC:** Scott Leroy, Director of Health

**RE:** **Donation to Danbury's School-Based Health Center Programs**

The United Jewish Center of Danbury has graciously donated \$250.00 to our School-Based Health Center programs to support our health center staff service under and uninsured children, through assistance with prescription medications and select diagnostic testing procedures.

I ask that you accept the donation, and send a letter of acknowledgement to the United Jewish Center. Funds are to be deposited into SBHC Fees 5679 account. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank You.

UNITED JEWISH CENTER OF DANBURY, INC.

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DANBURY, CT 06810-7726



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5/31/2006

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\$ \*\*250.00

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*Danbury Health Center  
Attn: Melanie Bonjour  
155 Deer Hill Ave.  
Danbury, CT 06810*

MEMO:

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*Danbury School Health Center*

5/31/2006

Date	Type	Reference	Original Amt.	Balance Due	Discount	Payment
05/12/2006	Bill		250.00	250.00		250.00
				Check Amount		250.00

*Union Savings - Check*

250.00

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