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Livable Neighborhoods 2007

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Honorable Mayor & Common Council Members:

As I reported last month we are involving ourselves more with communication than the traditional enforcement methods. We have been successful in building communication channels through the different departments.

This month we had a neighborhood meeting at Broadview Middle School with the residents of Virginia Ave the Mayor and members of the Office of Neighborhood Assistance in attendance. The main topic was traffic and speeding. The main concerns:

- Speed hump
- Speed
- Signage
- Commercial vehicles

The residents that are in the immediate vicinity of the speed hump on Virginia Ave are concerned that the speed hump causes more problems than solves. The humps have been effective in our other neighborhoods (Karen Rd, Fairlawn Ave, Lakeside Rd) and the residents of those neighborhoods are all in favor of the speed humps that we have erected. They have slowed vehicles down and created a safer/friendlier neighborhood. In the case of Virginia Ave a closer look may need to be taken to assess the movement, type of vehicle and volume of this particular arterial road. As a rule these humps are used in a more residential localized traffic scenario. A second look at the hump on Virginia Ave needs to be taken. Possible other speed calming approaches might need to be employed (radar sign with monthly enforcement, better signage and possibly a traffic light) will be taken into consideration by the Mayor. As I have stated the Office of Neighborhood Assistance has been created to solve neighborhood issues and I believe every neighborhood we have engaged has been improved.

A February meeting is slated for Oil Mill Rd to discuss neighborhood concerns.

The UNIT will be involved in the new litter program. A perfect fit for the UNIT since we already engage in the enforcement of rubbish/debris/garbage through our Senior Housing Official Don Melillo and peripheral help from our sidewalk inspector Fran Lollie. We have been successful in the clean up of the parking lots and Still River Greenway behind Lowe's theatre, abandoned gas station near exit 8, downtown businesses (West St to Main St, Danbury Ice Arena) and multiple residential areas. The constant efforts and focused approach for continuing enforcement and education will keep Danbury clean, improve quality of life and increase property values. Do not forget Clean City Danbury Day everyone's help will be needed and the Office of Neighborhood Assistance will work in conjunction with the Mayors' Office to educate our citizenry of the new programs and efforts put forth by our great municipality.

The properties on the corner of Hospital and Osborne are being brought into compliance by the owners. At the present time new roofs are being put on and future work will include new siding and windows.

We received our first citation fees last week and continue to issue them for repeat offenders. I believe the citations will bring more compliance for the simple fact that it carries a monetary penalty. Our first concern is the quality and integrity of our neighborhoods, and collection of fines, is a very nice by product for the individual who after violation notices, tags, cease and desist orders does not comply. We make sure that we give the resident ample time and warning before getting to the citation process.

Included below are some examples of the many inspections we conduct if we can be of any assistance in your wards please give us a call at 796-8026.

Sincerely,



Rich J Ambous Jr

Coordinator Office of Neighborhood Assistance

Summary of UNIT Inspections

UNIT inspections for January 2007 for the purpose of illegal code violations pertaining to the City of Danbury ordinances. These activities were conducted for the integrity of our neighborhoods and the safety of the individuals living in these dwellings.

Violations:

6 Fern St

Two Family

Construction debris

Replacement of cabinets

Painting

New tile

No permit required

Dumpster ordered for debris in side and back yard

140 Padanaram Rd

Single Family

Multiple unregistered vehicles

Livestock on less than 5 acres

Garbage/debris/junk/

10 Corn Tassle Rd 1/8/07

Single Family

Owner has been in to meet with us

Instructed him to explain what exactly is happening on his property

Never complied/Multiple written and verbal warnings

Upon inspection:

Commercial masonry business/residential zone

Non-permitted deck work

Citation will be issued

Re-inspection 1/18/07 Property was added to additional structure no permits after receiving warning/ Citations will be issued

Unregistered Vehicles/Tagged

6 Fern St	1
140 Padanaram Rd	5
3-5 Stadley Rough Rd	2
54 Morris St	1
26-30 Highland Ave	4
26-28 Tamarack Ave	4
1 Oak Lane	1
22 Ivy Lane	1

154 Triangle St 2
28 Town Hill Ave 2
119 Triangle St 3
110 Great Plain Rd 5
18 Padanaram Rd 1

1 Oak Lane

Single Family

Three family occupancy

Non-permitted construction

Unregistered vehicles

Septic questionable/ Septic capacity three bedroom single family

Two weeks to return to dwelling to three bedroom single family/ two and half years to finally get owner into compliance after numerous verbal/written warnings and multiple complaints from the neighborhood.

28 Town Hill Ave

Two Family

Commercial construction business residential zone

Repeated violations after the owner signed agreement that he would bring his property into compliance.

Pile of construction debris, fill, cement, and stumps continues to grow. The pile encroaches our property at South St School on the south and encroaches upon the next property owner to the north.

Commercial trucks parked/stored

Unregistered vehicles

15 Great Pasture Rd

Commercial

CO evacuation of the building required an inspection by the Fire Marshal's office. The UNIT discovered multiple fire code deficiencies and many zoning violations. Non-permitted work has chopped the building into 12 tenants which we will need a new site plan and certain waivers for the gymnastic school. The building will be brought into compliance with the cooperation of the owner.