



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

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Livable Neighborhoods 2015  
*“Building a Better Danbury”*

**December 2015**

December 28, 2015

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>	November 19 – December 28, 2015
<b>Number of Quality of Life Issues</b>	79
<b>Year to Date - 2015</b>	1160

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (29)
- Miscellaneous (15)
- Abandoned vehicles/parking violations (11)
- Overcrowding/Illegal Apartments and Construction (9)
- Front lawn parking (8)
- Exterior Blight order/Notice of Violation (5)

**ANOTHER BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR:**

Here are just a few of the highlights of 2015:

- Responded to approximately 1200 quality of life concerns.
- Coordinated several major cleanups of city parks, property and waterways.
- Issued over 70 Exterior Blight orders.
- Issued nearly \$4K in parking violation fines.
- Reinstated partnership with FCI and the inmate community service program.

- Utilized community service workers to complete large cleanup projects.
- Continue to proactively clean and rid our city of undesirable graffiti.

Our department continues to show its positive impact on the community year after year, and 2015 was no exception. In July, our department added another team member as Jeffrey Preston joined us from CityLine 311. His administrative and procedure knowledge of how our department works made for a seamless transition, and the UNIT has benefitted from that.

Several cleanups around town have been coordinated by the UNIT, resulting in the removal of large amounts of bulky waste and litter. Many of these areas have been prone to years of illegal dumping and history has shown that if these areas are maintained and kept clean, the dumping occurrences tend to decrease. Graffiti removal is another accomplishment that the UNIT is very proud of. It is extremely difficult to catch the people that perform this illegal act; however the practice that we have of removing it in a quick manner also tends to decrease the occurrences. Perpetrators leave their tags on bridges, power boxes, mailboxes, etc in an attempt to promote their name or their “art” with the hope that the tag will remain there for a long time. With the UNIT quickly removing the graffiti, these individuals realize that our community is not the ideal location to self-promote and they go elsewhere.

### **EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS/NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS:**

**Orders written by UNIT      This period: 5**  
**(YTD):                      75 (Includes Notice of Violations)**

**25 Locust Avenue :** Issued order to the property owner requiring the cleanup of the exterior of the property. Unregistered vehicles, rubbish around the property and on the front and rear deck, a full dumpster that has not moved in quite a while, are the primary issues with the property.

**107 Triangle Street:** Issued order to the property owner for this small strip mall. The dumpster area in the rear of the property was overrun by garbage everywhere. It was spreading out on the neighborhood train track property as well and was an eyesore. The property has since cleaned it and the UNIT has already closed it out as it looks much better.

**22 Gregory Street:** Issued order to the property owner as a result of a neighbor complaint. The exterior of the property, most notably the driveway area, is over run with rubbish, furniture, personal belongings, unregistered/inoperable vehicles and looks terrible.

**2 Old Newtown Road:** Foreclosed property; issued order to the bank to clean up this vacant property at the entrance to Commerce Park. There is a large pile of rubbish in the rear, as well as an abandoned boat and the property has not been maintained. Currently, there is an interested buyer in the property who has put an offer on the property, so hopefully, the area will be restored in the near future.

### **NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S)**

**12 Albert Road:** UNIT sent NOV to property owner upon noting this vacant property that included a large shed structure in the rear that is close to falling over. A tree has fallen on it and

the area around is overgrown. It is an eyesore in this small neighborhood. Upon speaking to the owner, she is selling the property and now has an offer with an anticipated closing in January. The UNIT will follow up accordingly.

If we can be of any assistance to you or residents in your ward please contact us at 203-796-8026.

Sincerely,

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