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Livable Neighborhoods 2007

"Building a Better Danbury"

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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.

We continue to keep the lines of communication open between the city and our citizenry. The number of re-inspections for compliance is increasing and this takes patience and good communication. We have had several re-inspections and are very pleased with the cooperation. Two examples are 75 Elm St & 1 Oak Lane:

An inspection of the building (Three Family) revealed a model three family dwelling. Everything that we ask for from the outside was taken care of and the inside was almost perfect. The same can be said of 1 Oak Lane. This house was brought back into its original use (One Family). The owner took out the partition that separated the house into two dwellings and removed the upstairs kitchen. This was all accomplished with a clear line of communication between the UNIT and owner.

A mailing of all Main and West Sts property owners were sent out discussing the maintenance of sidewalks and storefronts. The message sent to the property owners stated that they should take care of and be conscious of rubbish/litter and clearing of the sidewalks in a timely fashion. A copy of our sidewalk snow and ice removal ordinance was sent with every letter. We have been working diligently with Fran Lollie, our sidewalk inspector, to maintain a safe passable sidewalk in the downtown district. The UNIT has also been monitoring the maintenance of the vendor/honor boxes and will set up a procedure that we can apply, to keep them viable, yet not become eyesores to the downtown. We will continue to keep a watchful eye on our downtown especially with spring approaching.

Neighborhood meetings regarding many neighborhood concerns will continue in the coming months with the Mountainville Rd neighborhood slated next. The UNIT will be involved with the home show that takes place this weekend March 3rd and 4th. We will assist the permit center in presenting literature from the Office of Neighborhood Assistance and 311 Call Center. The UNIT team will handout brochures that deal with the four departments housed in the UNIT: Fire, Building Health and Zoning.

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 Antous Jr
Coordinator Office of Neighborhood Assistance

Summary of UNIT Inspections

UNIT inspections for February 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:

38 Shelter Rock Rd
Formerly Wiggles Go-Go Bar

Commercial Business

Issued rubbish order from the health department to clean premises
Refrigerator, discarded soft furniture, small appliances dumped in parking

66 Town Hill Ave RMF-4

Two Family

Illegal basement apartment
Non-permitted work

Size of lot does not meet minimum zoning for third apartment
Front yard 65yds/ Min 100yds needed
Side yard setbacks
Lot size approx 10,000 sq ft/Min 12,000sq ft

Reviewed lead paint report for compliance

482 Cowperthwaite St

Single Family

Illegal basement apartment

Non-permitted construction

Illegal electrical

Illegal plumbing

Must remove kitchen and have work inspected

Dumpster pushed back 40 ft off curve/cited rubbish

6 Grove St

Single Family

Illegal Kitchen

Unregistered vehicles

Sprawling single family house

House is not a multi family home/ unique additions

2 Third St

Single Family

Illegal bedroom occupancy

Insufficient window size

Overflowing dumpster

Apartments that have been brought into full compliance

75 Elm St

Model three family house

1 Oak Lane

Multi-family brought back to a one family

10 Corntassle Rd

Permits for pool and electrical

A-2 survey and engineered drawings for retaining wall

Non-permitted structure removed