

Ellington TOWN REPORT 2008-2009



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ELLINGTON HIGHLIGHTS...

Opening of Windermere Bridge

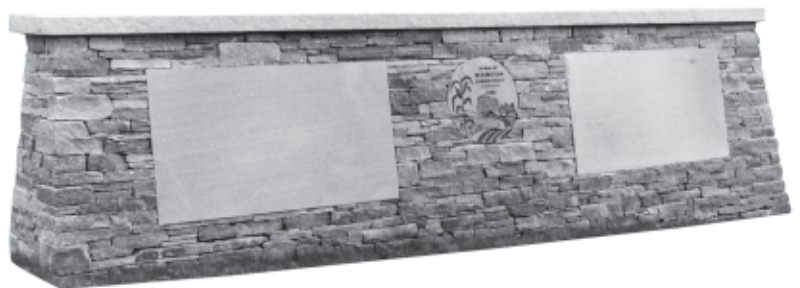


A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the completion of the Windermere Bridge restoration project.

WALL OF HONOR RECIPIENT 2009

NANCY O. WAY
1940-2006

Nancy O. Way settled in Ellington over 25 years ago with her husband Keith where they operated a dairy farm on Frog Hollow Road. Nancy was a community minded individual. She spearheaded CORE and COW, two organizations formed to fight the proposed nuclear waste dump in Town. She was relentless in her crusade to prevent this threat from occurring in her beloved Ellington. Nancy served on the Board of Selectmen for 10+ years and was Deputy First Selectman for over 7 years. As a member of the Board of Selectmen, she served on several subcommittees and played a major role in executing important town business. In addition, Nancy served on the Board of Education and was an active volunteer and Vice President of the Ellington Historical Society.





TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

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Dear Ellington Residents:

The Budget deliberations of this past spring presented some of the toughest choices the Board of Finance has had to face in many years. The revenue side increases (the grand list) were not as big as what we had become accustomed to, state funding was the flat, yet the cost of materials necessary to complete routine infrastructure maintenance (road repairs, salt and sand) continued to rise.

In an effort to treat all town and education department employees equally, the Board of Finance cut an amount equal to all salary increases from both sides of the budget with the request that the bargaining units consider deferring their contracted raises for one year. The intent was to avoid layoffs on either side so that town services would not suffer.

We, the Board of Finance, would like to express our deepest appreciation to the various bargaining units who recognized the financial dilemma facing the town of Ellington this past budget season and put the best interests of the town ahead of their own personal well being.

Every bargaining unit on the town side of government agreed to the deferral and services have been delivered with their usual level of excellence.

On the education side, the administrators and their staff also agreed to forego contracted salary increases and to them we are also grateful. Because of these sacrifices we were able to continue to fund the rehabilitation of the Crystal Lake school house and perform the scheduled maintenance on our roads, buildings and athletic fields.

In times like these one is reminded how dependent we are on the civic mindedness of our dedicated town employees and all the citizens who volunteer to serve on the many boards and commissions without whom we could not deliver the myriad of services we do to the citizens of Ellington.

Recognizing that many of our citizens are suffering through tough economic times also, we will endeavor in the upcoming budget season to continue to make the tough, prudent choices that are necessary to keep the town moving forward while keeping taxes to a minimum. It is important that no one group bears a greater burden than another in this struggle.

We look forward to the continued support of all who have taken part in our budget process and wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and new year.

October 27, 2009

Robert J. Clements, Chairman

Richard J. Cleary
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Barry C. Pinto
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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Selectmen is collectively responsible for the administration of the town offices, the maintenance of the town highways and parks, the public safety of its citizens, the keeping of financial accounts and the appointment of administrative officers, boards and commissions.

The First Selectman is the chief administrative and executive officer of the town, and as such is directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the administration and supervision of all town departments, agencies and officers appointed by the board. The First Selectman is also responsible for the enforcement of all the laws and ordinances governing the town.



Board of Selectmen:

*Seated L-R Peter Charter-Deputy First Selectman, A. Leo Miller, Laurie Burstein, John Turner.
Standing L-R Michael Stupinski-First Selectman, Ann Harford, James Prichard*

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fourteen regular meetings including three special meetings, one of which the Board of Selectmen met in joint session with the Board of Finance. Three public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called eight town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2008-09:

AGREEMENTS

- Renewed agreement with Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT for 2009-2010.
- Authorized First Selectman to execute the Transfer Station Host Community Agreement between the Town of Ellington & Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority.

CONTRACTS

- Ratified the White Collar Employees Union Contract effective July 1, 2007-June 2011
- Ratified the Supervisors' Employees Union Contract effective July 1, 2007-June 2011.
- Amended All American Waste, LLC Contract to remove the provision that the Town will provide the fuel and increase the per unit cost to \$13.
- Renewed Computer Service/Maintenance Contract with the Computer Company, Inc. for another year to March 2010.
- Awarded Contract for 2009 DEDC Small Cities Grant administration to Community Opportunities Group.

- Renewed Resident State Police Contract effective 7/1/09 – 6/30/11.
- Ratified the DPW Union Contract Settlement Agreement re: concessions.
- Ratified the Constables Union Contract Settlement Agreement re: concessions.
- Ratified the Supervisors Union Contract Settlement Agreement re: concessions.
- Ratified the White Collar Union Contract Settlement Agreement re: concessions.

EQUIPMENT

- Awarded contract for EVFD Aerial Ladder Truck to Crimson Fire, Inc. of Brandon, South Dakota for an amount not to exceed \$860,000.

FINANCES

- Awarded the insurance bid for the fire/ambulance insurance to Wilcox and Reynolds of Storrs, CT.
- Set Trash Collection Fee at \$95.
- Awarded bid for the Ambulance Facility Expansion Project to General Builders of Wethersfield, CT.
- Approved year-end transfers, adjustments and additional appropriations for FY 2007-2008.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$20,200 to provide for online version of mandated training needs and common ID tag system for emergency services agencies.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$67,000 for the removal of milfoil from Crystal Lake by suction harvesting methods.
- Recommended to BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2009-2010, net amount \$1,405,776.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$13,400 to replace the heating unit at the Hall Memorial Library.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance the Board of Selectmen approved Town Budget for FY 2009- 2010 Grand Total Amount of \$13,249,145.
- Sent 2009-2010 budget grand total of \$44,153,184, as recommended by the Board of Finance, to Annual Town Budget
- Meeting on May 12, 2009, which was adjourned to referendum set for May 19, 2009. [Approved at referendum].
- Approved \$5,880 Additional Appropriation for EVAC expansion project.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Accepted Historic Documents Preservation Grant from the Connecticut State Library in the amount of \$7,000.
- Applied for DEP grant for removal of milfoil from Crystal Lake. [Grant was not awarded].
- Applied for Federal Transit Administration [FTA] grant through State DOT for Senior Center Bus Replacement. [DOT selected Ellington to receive a cash grant and is recommending that the FTA pay 80% of cost of vehicle. Federal share not to exceed \$40,000].
- Applied for \$300,000 Small Cities Grant for Housing Rehabilitation Program.

LEASES

- Approved entering into a five-year lease for the purchase of the EVFD aerial/pumper in the amount of \$890,000, pending Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval. [approved by BOF & Town Meeting].

POLICY

- Established policy for detention basin maintenance.

PROPERTY

- Approved proceeding with Phase I of the Pinney House Renovation Project.
- Authorized Finance Officer to go out to bid for the EVAC building expansion project.

ROADS

- Accepted as town road:
Ellridge Place (Ellridge Estates Subdivision)
Crystal Ridge, Ridge Drive, Hemlock Trail, Azalea Lane, Highland Oak Drive and Boulder Ridge Drive (Crystal Ridge Estates Subdivision)
Brittani's Way (Sullivan Farms Subdivision)
Accepted Ridge Drive (High Ridge Estates Subdivision)
Barbara's Way (Grant Hill Estates Subdivision)
Released maintenance bond in the amount of \$35,000 to Gasek Farms III, as recommended by Town Engineer and PZC.

STAFF

- Acknowledged resignation of Lynn Hotchkiss, Administrative Assistant, Finance Office.
- Acknowledged resignation of Reanna Goodreau, Land Use Assistant, Planning Department.
- Acknowledged resignation of Noreen Staiger, Assistant the Senior Center Director.
- Acknowledged resignation of Charlotte Adams, Assistant Town Clerk.
- Recognized employees for 10, 20, 30 years of service.
- Granted permanent status to Elizabeth Waters, Assistant Town Clerk.
- Granted permanent status to Lisa Houlihan, Assistant Town Planner.
- Upgraded Jack Rich (DPW) to Assistant Working Foreman (WPCA).
- Granted permanent status to Jill Mannise, Administrative Assistant/Finance Office.
- Granted permanent status to Gail Moran, Administrative Clerk/Town Clerk's Office.
- Granted permanent status to John Colonese, Assistant Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
- Granted permanent status to Jean Baseel, Assistant to the Sr. Center Director.
- Appointed George Fetko as the Director of Public Works.
- Directed the First Selectman to send a letter of thanks to all town employees who opted to forego a salary increase for the FY 2009-2010 in order to meet the financial needs of the town.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Approved annual salary for First Selectman in the amount of \$75,000 for FY 2009-2010.[reflecting no increase.]

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Dorothy Block Cohen as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2008.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of the Pinney House.
- Adopted the Capitol Region Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Abuse Prevention/Youth Services Advisory.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party.
- Re-established Budget Advisory Committee.
- Established Five-Year Goals.
- Authorized the purchase of a Korean War Plaque to be placed at the Crystal Lake Veterans Memorial Park.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee.
- Approved Application for a regatta permit as requested by the

Crystal Lake Sailing Club.

- Established Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee to address milfoil issues at Crystal Lake.
- Granted request of EVFD to use Brookside Park for Annual Carnival.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Design Review Board.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance is Financial Authority of the town. The Board of Finance represents the taxpayer on all matters concerning the receipt or expenditure of taxpayer funds. The Board also represents taxpayer interests in other policy or operational matters which would affect the tax base or impact the future receipt of taxpayer funds. While the Board of Finance's principal responsibility is in the preparation of annual budget, the Board works closely with the Finance Director to establish and enforce fiscal policy, and implement the recommendations of the town auditors. The Board also directs fiscal policy such as the establishment of Reserve Funds, and the allocation of funds among sectors such as departmental budgets, capital expenditures and debt service.

The Board of Finance meets monthly, except during the period of January through April, when it meets weekly toward assembling the annual budget.



Board of Finance:

*Seated L-R Richard Cleary, Robert Clements-Chairman, Joseph Wehr
Standing L-R Barry Pinto, Michael Varney, Mark Joyse*

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public hearings from January through March on submitted departmental budgets.
- Hold the annual Budget hearing in April.
- Deliberate and approve a completed budget for taxpayer approval.
- Upon budget approval by taxpayers, the Board sets the mill rate.
- Authorize/deny expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.
- Authorize/deny the issuance of Municipal Bonds.
- Monitor town revenues and expenditures on monthly basis.
- Interview and engage the outside auditing firm.
- Prepare the Annual Town Report.
- Provide fiscal expertise to other town boards and agencies.
- Observe and consult in labor contract negotiations.
- Represent the town's financial position in contract arbitration hearings.

TOWN ASSESSOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to compile the Grand List, the record of all taxable and tax-exempt property. This is accomplished by identifying and placing value on all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st of each year. Our objective is to ensure that all property is assessed equitably in accordance with applicable law so that every property owner bears the appropriate share of the total property tax burden. Accomplishment of this requires uniform assessments within each category of property. Real Estate assessments are 70% of the market value as established by the October 1, 2005 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2008 Grand List
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Secured a grant to acquire 2008 GIS flight data at no cost to the Town
- Expanded use of technology to improve efficiency

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

The Assessor's Office is also responsible for administering various exemptions and tax relief programs. These programs are targeted to benefit active military servicemen and veterans, the totally disabled, the blind, senior citizens, manufacturers, charitable organizations, farmers and owners of land classified as farm, forest and open space.

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/06	10/01/07	10/01/08
Real Estate	1,051,773,638	1,084,639,621	1,107,712,316
Personal Property	35,168,090	36,474,209	37,849,300
Motor Vehicle	97,427,183	103,557,237	98,776,003
TOTAL	\$1,184,368,911	\$1,224,671,067	\$1,244,337,619

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (Inspection Sec. 7-14) "an inspection of the Land Records of each municipality in this state must be done annually." The Land Records Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year, which commences in September. The Land Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2008 through December 2008, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

Nancy A. Lemek
Land Records Inspector

TOWN ENGINEER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

By resolution of the Board of Selectmen in 1963, James Thompson of the firm of Buck & Buck Engineering in Hartford was appointed as the Town Engineer. In November 1980, the Ellington Board of Selectmen established the policy that the Town Engineer shall be utilized by all town boards and commissions. Upon the request of a town agency, designation of a temporary town engineer for a particular function to be performed may be approved by the Board of Selectmen when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed subdivisions and made recommendations to various land use commissions.
- Reviewed and issued recommendations to land use commissions regarding proposed commercial, industrial, and residential site plans and permits.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Finance Officer is responsible for the accounting and reporting of all financial transactions for the Town of Ellington. Other duties are: investment of Town funds, preparation of financial statements, submission of annual budget to the Board of Finance, preparation of bid documents, purchasing agent, and serving as financial advisor to all boards and agencies. The Finance Officer oversees operations in Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversee Information Technology
- Bonding Resolution-\$2,000,000 for Acquisition of land for Municipal purposes and Open Space
- Assisted WPCA Administrator in close out of Sewer Developer Agreements
- Implementation of recommendations from the Deferred Compensation Committee that was approved by the Board of Selectmen for the 401 (a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Plan
- Town Information Technology report to Shared Services Commission
- Implementation of the Health Insurance plan as approved through union negotiations

The Finance Office requested and/or awarded bids on the following projects:

Bid-Addition to Ambulance Facility
Bid-EVFD 105 Foot Heavy Duty Aerial Ladder Truck
Bid-West Road (Route 83) Sewer Reconstruction
Request for Proposal-Revaluation
Bid-Pinney House Renovations

The Finance Office assisted the Board of Finance in the following areas:

Budget preparation (tables and books) and capital improvement books
Provided historical statistics for maintaining reserve and contingency funds
Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections

The Finance Office assisted the Permanent Building Committee in the following areas:

Steap Grant-Pinney House project
Project accounting
Grant reimbursements

TAX COLLECTOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of the real estate, motor vehicle, personal property taxes, water assessments, trash collection fees, sewer use and assessments. These responsibilities are governed by Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter, and Town Ordinances.

A consistently high rate of collection is the key to fiscal stability for the town and remains the number one priority of the Tax Collector. Balancing the need to maintain a high rate of collection with the sensitivity necessary to deal with the individual taxpayer issues is an integral part of the tax collection function.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2007 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,855	Real Estate
873	Personal Property
15,167	Motor Vehicle
2,545	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$30,175,596.64

COMPARISON	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Current Collections	\$27,610,080	\$28,990,155	\$29,729,595
Back Collections	176,904	124,045	203,583
Interest & Liens	196,616	164,837	216,669
Collection Rate	99.2%	99%	98.5%

There are several statutory methods used to collect past due taxes. Liens are placed on all past due real estate accounts, demand letters are prepared and mailed and non-responsive accounts are referred to the Town Attorney for Tax Sales or foreclosure. UCC liens are filed with the Secretary of State on all past due personal property accounts. All past due motor vehicle accounts are reported to the State Department of Motor Vehicles, which prevents residents from renewing their registration.

The Tax Office provides ongoing technical information and assistance to taxpayers, attorneys, bankers, appraisers, and leasing companies. We deal electronically with escrow services and banks which make it more critical for the customer to ask questions if there is a discrepancy.

TOWN CLERK

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office are numerous and varied, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statute governs duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Statistics. Responsibilities and duties include (but are not limited to) the following.

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and

notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws

- Preparation of absentee ballot election material for all elections, primaries, referenda.
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- Aircraft Registration Official
- Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings

All Town Meeting Minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk also serves as accepting agent for civil actions brought against the Town and is responsible for processing claims and suits and submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

SUMMARY	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Births	124	127	168
Marriages	84	114	112
Deaths	79	77	96
Land Record Recordings	3792	3395	3010
Map Filings	76	74	37
Trade Names	30	50	59
Dog Licenses	2076	2131	2190
Kennel Licenses	12	12	11
Sportsman Licenses	2093 (2006)	1729 (2007)	1735 (2008)
Liquor Permits	16	11	17
Veterans Discharges	40	52	34
Cemetery Deeds	29	24	24

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The planning department services five permanent land use commissions. The commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commission. Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer and a full-time Administrative Secretary.

In addition to carrying out our planning, permitting and enforcement duties, department staff also provides assistance to members of the development community and to the general public. We also coordinate closely with other town, state and federal agencies and their staff. Land use policies are created by the five commissions and then are incorporated into local planning documents. Related policy objectives are then translated into land use regulations and related procedures. Planning Department staff assists elected and appointed officials to achieve these objectives by administering the regulations and procedures.

The department underwent structural changes during the fiscal year due, in part, to the resignation of the Land Use Assistant. Specifically, the department was reorganized to provide for more overlap between positions in an effort to support more long range planning while adding redundancy to keep work flowing in the event specific staff members are out of the office.

TOWN ATTORNEY

The town attorney serves all of the boards, commissions, agencies and officers of the Town of Ellington as their counsel for all municipal activities other than those where a determination has been made that special counsel is either required as where the town insurance company designates and pays its counsel or desirable as in the case of labor issues. The Board of Education makes use of its special counsel although it has access to the town attorney as needed. Generally, the town attorney does not attend meetings of any of the boards unless specifically requested to do so. The greatest amount of time is required by the land use activities that continually raise property issues both for the town and property owners. The past year has required considerable time in court matters in that area and defending claims. A fair amount of time is spent in consultation with town staff in discussing issues and procedures in an effort to avoid litigation and be fair to both the Town and the people involved in each matter.

A significant amount of time is spent preparing bid documents, reviewing, negotiating and approving contracts for the Town both with respect to grants and assistance from other governmental units as well as for the purchase of services and products. Again, it is a continuing pleasure to work with the dedicated elected officials, staff and volunteers as we try to make Ellington government efficient and responsive to its people and a good place to live.

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The PZC is responsible to maintain and update the Plan of Conservation and Development for the town, as well as process subdivision, site plan, special permit and other development applications. These applications are processed in accordance with regulations such as the zoning and subdivision regulations. In addition, the PZC reviews proposed public improvements for consistency with land use goals and objectives and makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the acceptance of proposed public streets and open space areas. Through its staff, the PZC is obligated by law to ensure that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans through the issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.

In 2008-2009, Commission initiatives included pursuing the implementation of the goals and objectives of the recently revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every ten (10) years and the PZC last amended the plan in April of 2008. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the POCD:

- Establishes land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- Encourages economic development and reduces residential development;
- Protects natural, scenic, cultural resources, and promotes quality of life for residents;
- Enhances and preserves the rural character and small town aesthetics;
- Establishes zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Creates more comprehensive and flexible land use regulations to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner.

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the town uses to guide conservation and development practices and are derived from the POCD. Both sets of these regulations are now being reviewed and amended over the next several years in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

Other highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Endorsed a grant application to the state to create an Incentive Housing Zone for the development of "affordable housing" in an effort to provide more opportunities for residents to continue to reside in town in the face of rising real estate prices.
- Initiated a comprehensive residential rezoning effort to better manage growth with an emphasis on preserving natural resources and other sensitive areas.
- Modifications to the zoning regulations including changes to the permitted and specially permitted uses in commercial and industrial zones.
- Modifications to the subdivision regulations aligning Town Highway Specifications to Department of Transportation standards.
- Eight (8) subdivision applications were submitted comprising of either subdivisions or re-subdivisions, resulting in approximately twelve (12) approved building lots.
- Thirty-three (33) zoning applications were submitted comprising of either site plan reviews and modifications, special

permits and modifications, earth excavation and renewals, zonechanges, or zoning amendments.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

The IWA is responsible by state law to protect our inland wetlands and watercourses. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly or very poorly drained, alluvial (found along a watercourse or water body) and floodplain soils. Depending upon the location of the resource, the IWA regulates areas either one-hundred (100) feet or two-hundred and fifty (250) feet away from these resources, as well as direct impacts to wetlands and watercourses. The IWA does this via permits and through enforcement of the regulations by field inspections, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

Highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Reviewed seventeen (17) Agency applications consisting of residential activities (14), statutory notifications (1), timber harvest (2)
- Fifteen (13)-Approved or approved with modifications or conditions
- Two (2)-Withdrawals.
- Two (2)-Notification accepted.
- Reviewed twelve (12) Administrative Agent applications (12-approved with modifications or conditions) consisting of residential (11) and commercial (1) developments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Ellington Economic Development Commission (EDC) is committed to maintaining Ellington's rural residential setting while attracting and promoting the communities' ability to offer high technology industries with an educated labor force, select industrial properties, and planned residential growth.

One of the main goals of the EDC is to promote the most desirable use of the land for commercial and industrial purposes. The protection and preservation of working farmland is always a consideration in order to maintain the rural atmosphere residents have come to appreciate.

Selected highlights of initiatives completed in the past fiscal year include:

- Hired an Economic Development Consultant to develop an economic marketing strategy and to conduct a business inventory project as well as entered into a subsequent contract to continue studies on the Route 83 corridor.
- Adopted goals for the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) update to establish effective policies that reflect Ellington's potential.
- Became a member of the Metro-Hartford Alliance and conducted site visitations to local businesses with commission members and elected officials.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant's claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. The ZBA also hears appeals from people who feel that department staff had made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations, or

if they have been denied a zoning permit from the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO).

Highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Reviewed twenty-four (24) applications of which:
- Eighteen (18) approved (Three (3) with modifications or conditions).
- Five (5) denied.
- Two (2) had portions of the request approved (with modifications or conditions) and portions denied.
- Three (3) withdrawn.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The CC was created by Charter amendment by splitting certain functions off from the inland wetland agency. By doing so, the Town created a single board that can focus on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space. The commission is advisory, and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the PZC, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, and similar subjects.

Highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Reviewed open space proposals for three (3) subdivisions
- Partnered with the Northern Connecticut Land Trust to acquire the 58 acre Moseley Property at 54 Tolland Turnpike.
- Helped initiate the Farmland Preservation Bonding Referendum for the purchase of development rights which was overwhelmingly supported by town residents during the FY 07-08 election cycle.
- Aided in the creation of a ranking system to determine the quality of a property for consideration under the Farmland Preservation Program.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Most notably, the pace of change has slowed down during the past year.

We have been at full occupancy for most of the year. The last tenant moved in November 2008, and there have been no other changes through the end of the year.

During the summer of 2008, with the assistance of local youth workers, we have concentrated on the overall appearance of Snipsic Village. An unattractive berm along the rear edge of the front parking area was removed. A split rail fence was erected around the visitor parking area. The fading front sign was removed, repainted, and reinstalled. Local resident Christina Keuhn, with help from the Girl Scout troop she leads, worked on the front garden, weeding and adding new plantings. Two circle gardens in the center of the complex were redone: low growing evergreens were replaced with an assortment of perennial and annual flowers. Many of the tenants have also made attractive gardens in front of their apartments. Resident Robert Kirby has contributed many hours toward overall maintenance. Two protective sheds were built erected around the mailboxes. Another resident, Brendan McGee, has lent his assistance for several projects.

Commissioner Katherine Cusson was elected Board Chairperson in June 2008 and again in June 2009. She replaces Steven Schindler, who served as chair for many years. Steve does, however, remain a member of the Board. Both Kathy, and another board member, Deborah Stauffer, are very active in other Town activities and programs. Peg Bean, one of our residents, continues many years of service, currently as resident commissioner. In January 2009, Mort Heidari, a long-time Town resident, filled a vacant position on the Board. Mort has served the Town in many capacities.

At year end, we are attempting to access stimulus funds to repave the driveway, replace the siding on our 8 buildings, and to replace all apartment entry doors.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is comprised of five volunteer members. They are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Hockanum Sewer System, the Crystal Lake Sewer System and the guidance of the future of the sewer service areas in Ellington. The Public Works Department maintains the sewerage collection system with the Tax Collector handling the billing and collections for the WPCA.

This past year the WPCA completed the Airport Sewer Extension Project, started the reconstruction of the sewers on West Road and held public hearings on the Crystal Lake sewer service area revisions as requested by the State of Connecticut.

22 new sewer connections were made this year, bringing the total to: 2637 for the Hockanum Sewer System and 338 for the Crystal Lake Sewer System.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars' of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve four-year terms. The current Democratic registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican registrar is Wanda DeLand.

The registrars are responsible for conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for maintaining accurate voter records for the town and other miscellaneous duties.

This past year was a busy one for registrars. A record number of voters, 82%, came out to vote in the Presidential Election. This percentage reflects only registered voters.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 currently has 1,844 registered Democrats, 1,600 registered Republicans, 3,749 registered unaffiliated voters, and 75 registered voters from different political parties. District #2 currently has 517 registered Democrats, 456 registered Republicans, 1,074 registered unaffiliated voters, and 20 registered voters from other political parties. The total number of registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 9,335 which is an increase of 787 voters from last year.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$20,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition and construction of building projects and/or work with construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Permanent Building Committee spent most of the last fiscal year ironing out the scope of the work to be done with the funds available and developing the bid documents for the

Pinney House Renovation in conjunction with the Pinney House Ad Hoc Committee and Moser Pilon Nelson. The Permanent Building Committee met 11 times this fiscal year.

- Anyone interested in joining the Committee may do so by contacting the First Selectman's office.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The purpose of the Board of Assessment Appeals is to hear the appeals of taxpayers who believe they have been unfairly assessed on the valuation of their real estate, personal property or motor vehicles. The three member board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, conducts appeal hearings, researches property records relative to the complaint, conducts on-site reviews and adjusts assessed valuations based on board determinations. Connecticut General Statutes permit appointing additional members to the Board during a revaluation year and the following year.

The Board conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles are held in September. Appeal hearings on the 2008 Grand List for real estate and personal property were scheduled in March based on the appeal applications received in the Assessor's Office by February 20, 2009.

Applicants that submitted the 148 appeals were notified by mail of the date and time to hear the appeals. The Board reviewed the evidence presented in the appeals and mailed the Board's decisions to the appellants within the week of the decision. The Board completed the work required for processing the appeals by February 28, 2009.

Motor Vehicle hearings were scheduled for September 3, 2008. A notification of the hearing schedule was published in the Journal Inquirer on August 23, 2008. Hearings for automobile appeals were heard on a first-come-first-served basis. Three appeals were heard and processed during the month of September.

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police personnel is to protect life and property. This is done by a team consisting of a Sergeant, 4 Resident State Troopers, 10 Town Officers, 2 Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland.

The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads.

HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. Once again, the Resident Trooper's office applied for and received two separate grants totaling \$27,800.00 from the Department of Transportation under the Federal Highway Safety Program, which has allowed for extra DWI patrols during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day and July 4th weekends, as well as weekly speed enforcement on the town roadways. Also, in conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Drug Abuse Prevention Council we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant totaling \$15,000.00 which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.

The Town wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome residents of any neighborhood to contact our office for help in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program.

During the past year the Resident Troopers and Town Officers made numerous presentations to schools and civic groups regarding drug abuse, drunken driving, seatbelt safety, home and business security, careers in law enforcement and various other issues concerning public safety.

The Ellington Marine Officers continue to administer vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake enforcing both State Statutes and Town Ordinances that promote water safety.

Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

On June 30th, Tfc. Michael A. Hesnan retired from the Connecticut State Police after 32 years and 10 months of service as a state trooper, the last 24 ½ years as a Resident State Trooper in the Town of Ellington.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Criminal Cases Investigated	270	229	236
Motor Vehicle Investigations	211	214	189
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	3,318	2,703	2,690
DWI's	37	40	46
Marine Safety Inspections	481	535	523
Calls for Services	5,338	5,056	4,92

BUILDING OFFICIAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Building Official is responsible for the public safety, health and welfare, as it relates to the use and occupancy of all town buildings and structures. The Building Official's office is located in the Town Hall Annex. Building inspections are generally done the next day after notification is given to the Building Official.

ACTIVITY REPORT

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
New Single Family Homes	68	67	30
New Commercial Buildings	6	2	4
New Multi-Family Buildings	5	5	4
Residential Alterations & Additions	74	87	64
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	174	163	174
Mechanical/Electrical	793	688	651
Other	237	249	149
Totals	1,357	1,261	1,076
Field Inspections	1,814	1,468	1,276

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Office of Town Fire Marshal has both an investigative and a code enforcement role within our community. Direct responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes. This investigation work requires determination of the point of origin, the cause and the circumstances of these incidents and necessitates the processing of scenes for evidence, documentation and statements. Search warrant applications are filed and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of almost all buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are also mandated by state statute. This requires enforcement of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, Hazardous Chemicals Code, Explosives Code, Liquid Petroleum Gas and Liquid Natural Gas Codes, Gas Equipment Code, Fireworks and Special Effects Code, Oil Burner Equipment Code, Tent and Portable Shelter Code and numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes. In the course of this inspection work liquor licenses are approved and day care centers, group day care homes, explosives operations, and all trucks transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials are permitted for appropriate state agencies. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning must be permitted, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals must be approved, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1987-1988	1997-2008	2007-2008
Investigations	62	73	57
Criminal	21	20	11
Non-criminal	40	53	39
Suspicious	1	0	0
Undetermined	0	0	7
Fire Casualties	5	0	1
Fatal	0	0	0
Non-fatal	5	0	1
Building Fires	11	13	17
Motor Vehicle Fires	12	12	4
All Other Fires	-	24	10
Hazardous Materials Incidents	5	24	9
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$107.9	\$46.7	\$1,354.5
Criminal	\$11.0	\$1.0	\$0
Non-criminal	\$96.9	\$45.7	\$830.3
Suspicious	\$0	\$0	\$0
Undetermined	\$0	\$0	\$324.2
Value of All Properties Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$1,237.8	\$1,646.5	\$1,927.4
Enforcement Inspections	152	90	936
Commercial	53	17	149
Public Assembly	18	18	70

Educational	6	8	14
Residential (Multi-family)	44	25	636
Hazardous Materials	30	19	36
Other	1	3	23
State Licenses and Permits Approved	42	30	42
Open Burning Permits Processed/ Approved	-	-	15
Enforcement Citations Issued	-	171	272
Arrests and/or Referrals	2	11	2

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Robert F. Levandoski

DEPUTY CHIEFS: John W. Turner, Gary T. Feldman, Sr.

CAPTAINS: Robert Smith*, Jack Rich II

LIEUTENANTS: Vincent L. Gambacorta, Thomas Adams, Brendan Burke

SECRETARY: Jonathan H. Allen

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman

MEMBERS

David Abel	Donald Davis	Daniel Parisi
Valerie Adams	Kevin Gambacorta	Robert Parlante
Clayton Bannock	Sarah Gambacorta	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Thomas Bertini	Mitchell Griswold	Randall Smith
Paul Bigelow	Peter Hany, Jr.	Allison Tambling
Fred Bird	Jae-P Levitan	Kelly Toomey
Bryan Blotniski	Francis Maguire	Regan Toomey
Duane Boston	Don Moore	Susan Trisler
Steven Breault, Sr.	Karl Neubecker	William Trisler
Dominick Cristelli	Dan Novak	Dennis C. Varney
Richard Daugherty	Earl Palmer-Lavoie	Karen Violette
		Frederica Weeks

**2008 Firefighter of the Year*

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Jerry Connors	Allan Lawrence, Jr.
Authur Caldwell	Clyde Cordtsen, Jr.	Robert Morganson
Daniel Connors	Luis DeCarli	Jack Rich
	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Allen Smith

EXPLORER MEMBERS

Brandon Bartell	Melinda Dunn	Blaize Levitan
Justin Bird	Gary Feldman, Jr.	Brendan Norton
Scott Crickmore	David Godek	Caleb Peck
Timothy Daigle	Bradford Hoffman	Robby Pospisil
Christian DeVaux	Kyleigh Johnson	Tanner Tate

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Ted Graziani
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The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud recognize over 80 years of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's mission is the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies in the Town of Ellington; to honor all emergency calls, and to support fire prevention education activities. Currently the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department is rated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) as a class 5/9. During the past several years, the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth, the town has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

The greatest care and concern are given to those who become injured. The most up to date rescue tools and techniques are used to extricate those who have become injured as the result of a motor vehicle or industrial accidents. Our rescue personnel work with

the Ellington Ambulance to provide the best possible care for the injured. For those patients in need of advanced life support or trauma team services, the Rockville General Hospital Paramedic Unit, frequently supported by the LifeStar Helicopter transport team, are requested.

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the state is experiencing shortages of manpower. It is not easy with today's employment and family commitments to be a volunteer firefighter. Many hours of training are required to be a part of our emergency service delivery team.

For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., Visit our award winning website "http://www.ellingtonfire.org" or leave us a message at 870-3190.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. During this period, the department responded to 724 emergency calls, 541 hours, donated more than 5354 man-hours for emergency services.

To report an emergency, enhanced 911 telephone services are available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center. The following outlines the services provided by the department to the Town of Ellington:

Fire, Explosion	36
Structural/Building fire	10
Cooking fire	6
Chimney/Fuel Burner/Boiler malfunction	5
Vehicle/Mobile property fire	7
Forest, brush, grass fires	1
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	7
Rescue Call	426
Emergency Medical Call/ Assist	367
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle.....	50
Lock In	2
Elevator Rescue.....	2
Ice Rescue.....	5
Hazardous Condition Standby.....	75
Hazardous Condition Standby	5
Flammable/Combustible liquid Spill	6
Gas leak (Natural or LP).....	2
Chemical hazard spill or leak	3
Carbon monoxide incident	4
Power line down	20
Arching, shorted electrical equipment.....	5
Accident other.....	6
Vehicle accident no extrication	20
Building Collapse.....	1
Aircraft Standby	3
Service Call.....	62
Service call, other.....	3
Person in Distress	2
Lock out.....	2
Water or steam problem, other	4
Water evacuation, leak	4
Smoke, odor removal	8
Animal Problem/Rescue.....	4
Police or other govt. agency assist.....	18
Public service assistance	5
Unauthorized burning	1
Cover assignment, standby, move up.....	11
Good Intent Call	33
Good intent call, other.....	9

Cancelled en-route, wrong location	4
Authorized controlled burning	4
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor.....	13
Hazardous materials investigation	2
False Call.....	73
False call, other	5
Malicious False Alarm.....	1
Alarm system malfunction.....	25
Unintentional alarm.....	36
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.....	6
Other Type of Incident.....	19
Severe weather standby.....	2
Lightning Strike (no fire).....	2
Wind Storm, tornado assessment.....	11
Other type of incident	4

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year Ellington firefighters spent over 8000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of planning, management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. Training sessions were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rural water Supply and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Response Technician, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews. Several regional response team and association meetings were also held at our station throughout the year.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following skills; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, response to weapons of mass destruction, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, Office of Domestic Preparedness or some other recognized organization/agency accredited all courses attended.

Members of our department also attending specialty courses held at the International Fire Chiefs Conference in Denver, New England Fire Chiefs Conference in Springfield, Mass, State Training Conference in Amherst Mass. and the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

We are very proud of our high levels of training and certifications held by our members in Ellington. Several of our members are adjunct faculty for many of the area regional fire schools as well as the State Fire and Emergency Medical Training programs.

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

Fire Fighter I	19
Fire Fighter II/III	22
Fire Service Instructor I	14
Fire Service Instructor II	2
Fire Officer I	8
Fire Officer II	7
Safety Officer	7
Pump Operator	5
Aerial Operator	1
Hazardous Materials Operational.....	20
Hazardous Materials Technician	15
Emergency Medical Technician	21
Medical Response Technician	14
Emergency Medical Services Instructor	4

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

Several of our officers and members are also very active within regional and state organizations. The officers listed held the following leadership positions in these organizations; Jack Turner; Treasure of Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, Michael Varney, Board member of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and CT Fire Chiefs Associations, Firefighter Freddie Weeks, Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association Treasurer. Chief Varney also serves on the State Urban Search and Rescue Steering Committee among several other regional and statewide workgroups. Chief Varney was also a contributing member IAFC's Emergency Management Committee, Technology Council and Economic Challenges Task Force. These again show the dedication of our members and the respect they receive through the state with their training and leadership.

EQUIPMENT

All safety inspections for apparatus and equipment were conducted as required by DOT, DMV, OSHA and NFPA, It should be noted that extensive efforts are necessary to meet these regulations. Examples of specific annual tests include: Apparatus, Ladder, Hose, Pump, SCBA, SCBA Cylinders, and all Fire Extinguishers.

A FEMA Grant to replace 29 sets of firefighter protective clothing was received this year and this important equipment was issued to members needing it. This year we continued a program with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to consolidate the purchase of our respective agencies emergency medical service equipment and supplies. This promotes standardization of equipment and the leverage of bulk purchases.

FACILITY

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department continues to occupy a second facility through a lease agreement. This additional facility is located in the southwest section of town on Nutmeg Drive. This facility allows our department to respond from a location with a fire pumper, small rescue, hazardous materials response vehicle and trailer as well as store the utility terrain vehicle (gator). The center fire house located at 29 Main Street houses 8 vehicles, several trailers and all dept offices, equipment and records. Department meetings and trainings are also conducted at this facility. During this year we continued with our regular maintenance and safety inspections.

During 2001 we completed the work on a feasibility study for an additional Fire Station in the southern end of town. This station would solve additional space and usage issues, in turn increasing the ability for our organization to better save lives and property. As an organization we have been actively pursuing this project with the Town and hope to have the necessary support to build this new facility soon.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Members are active participants in several regional and statewide teams supporting regional emergency service activities. Members actively participate on The Capital Regional Hazardous Materials Response and Incident Management Teams and the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team

The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard was established to honor the fire service and the firefighters who have given their lives to this honorable calling and their families. Our desire is to see that the highest honor is paid to our fallen brothers and sisters as well as their individual families and their firefighting families. Several members of The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department are very active contributing members to this statewide organization.

As such they have been nationally trained and participated in many events this past year. These include departmental funerals and ceremonies, such as the annual State of Connecticut firefighter's memorial service held in Windsor Locks and the National memorial service in Emmittsburg, Maryland. memorial service held in Windsor Locks and the National memorial service in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. Explorers participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they also engage in their own training and activities. This program continued its affiliation with the National Fire Service Exploring program.

Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization as fully training members.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary Program is open to anyone who would like to support the activities of the fire department. With activities such as the carnival, torchlight parade, open house and rehab services at emergency scenes. The auxiliary also donates their time and efforts to support many town functions and organizations including the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Department Sign, Ellington Community Scholarship Committee, Ellington Safe Graduation Party and the Ellington Human Services Department.

The auxiliary is self funded by holding fund raisers including the Lawn Party, Vernon Historical Society Craft Fair, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Nellie McKnight Tag Sale and face painting, and the selling of cookbooks in addition to the many donations received.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 20 public education presentations were conducted. The majority of emphasis is placed on the younger children trying to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and mind a safety presence. These included visiting the Elementary schools, K through Grade 2, the area nursery schools, Pre-K programs, and the Senior Center and participated as a TRIAD member providing support to this program fun through the Town Social Service office. During the year we also gave numerous tours to groups of our firehouse and spoke to other organizations on fire and safety related issues. Please contact us if you would like to set up an appointment for us to host or speak to your organization.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It is essential that we continue to support the volunteer character of the emergency services that protect our community. To aid in this effort the Town of Ellington's emergency services instituted an incentive program. This program provides funds to run a volunteer incentive program in an attempt to attract new volunteers as well as increase the activity of the current members. Members are paid a monetary stipend based on their activity levels. Since the inception of the program, we believe the program has benefited the town by attracting more members and increasing the activity of the existing staff.

FUTURE PLANNING

The town is experiencing an increased growth rate and we are planning now to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for improved facilities, apparatus replacement and relocation are areas of immediate concern. The town has appointed an emergency services committee and had

previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 80th year of our service to the community a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the Internet at "<http://www.ellingtonfire.org>".

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

This office has several key functions that help to deliver efficient emergency services to the citizens of Ellington. I was appointed Ellington's E911 Municipal Coordinator in July of 1985 by the Board of Selectmen. Since the start of the statewide E911 emergency network your local coordinator has maintained a Master Street Address Guide, MSAG, for the telephone computer database. This insures that all streets and all numbers assigned to properties on those streets are within the parameters of the E911 database guide. In the past year, with Ellington's surge of growth and building, several new streets were added to the database. Existing streets were adjusted for extensions or additional lots. Several times during the course of a year conflicts will arise and need to be reviewed by this office. I also consult with the Planning Department and Building Official concerning street names and house numbering.

In cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers Office, this office insures the efficient handling of all 911 calls for assistance. As a member of a regional dispatch center, the Town of Ellington is able to provide a professional answering and dispatch service at a very economical rate.

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAP's is in place and is distributing funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are distributed to all eligible dispatch centers. The formula for distribution of these revenues now supplements capital improvements and dispatcher training.

A major infrastructure upgrade to the radio hardware was completed during the year adding reliability and redundancy to the system. The dispatch center staff continues to work closely with the towns and the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication to keep the mapping program in our area accurate. Tolland County has become a user of the Quinebaug Valley Communications Center alpha paging network. This adds new depth to the dispatch capabilities. A micro wave system of communicating with select tower sites was implemented.

Increase usage of the system, communications coverage and inter operability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan. Dispatch software upgrades and console equipment will be addressed in the coming year.

Respectfully,

John W. Turner, E911 Municipal Coordinator

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Chris Marks

DEPUTY CHIEF: Bryan Harvell

CAPTAIN: Tim Sietz

LIEUTENANTS: Brian Pippin, Doug Rogala, Bob Ludwig, Tim Seitz

SECRETARY: Annmarie Pease

TREASURER: John Strieber

MEMBERS

James Adkins	John Strieber	Erik Person
Bob Ludwig	Bob Casey	Allen Harvell
Jessica Schillinger	William Morrison	Brian Pippin
Mike Allen	Jason Szemrelyo	Bryan Harvell
Greg Manner	Cindy Crayton	Charles Pippin
Paul Secker	John Paul Olynyk	Mike Kristiniak
John Aubin	Gretchen Thompson	Mike Richie
Ashley Marks	Tom Descheneaux	Shane Lamb
Matthew Seitz	Annmarie Pease	Justin Risley
Melissa Carberry	Joe Thompson	Brian Legare
Chris Marks	Robert Edward	Doug Rogala
Timothy Seitz	Sara Peletier	Rick Legare
Jason Carroll	John Wrynn	
Geralyn Merill	Joseph Glomboske	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell	Cindy Bregoli	David Bregoli
Jessica Harvell	Reka Wrynn	Jennifer Olynyk
	Larry Booth	

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Tommy Trapp
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis

CO-CHAIRMEN: John Wrynn

CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

Town of Ellington

SUMMARY OF CALLS

The Crystal Lake Fire Department responded to a various numbers of calls during 2007 totaling 329 incidents. Listed below is the breakdown of those calls.

Structure Fires.....	12
Brush Fires	10
Vehicle Fires.....	5
Fire/Wires Down/Other	41
Mutual Aid	15
Station Coverage	20
Fire Alarms	15
CO Detectors	2
MVA with injuries	17
MVA without injuries	24
Medical	75
Medical with Paramedic.....	57
Search & Rescue	0
Tolland County Dives	5
Water Rescue	0
Life Star	2
Fatalities	3
Chimney Fires	2
Miscellaneous	26
Hazmat.....	2

The Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department proudly continues to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Crystal Lake

community while providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department is staffed by state certified firefighters, emergency medical technicians and medical response technicians. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of the members that makes the success of the department possible.

With the responsibility of responding to a variety of emergencies, members maintained or advanced required skills through in-house training drills and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Fire School, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercise, thermal imaging camera technology, water rescue, and ice rescue.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has 12 certified divers on the department. Department members certified as divers also participate as part of the Tolland County Dive Team. These members train with the dive team attending drills and meetings each month.

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Medical Response Technicians, work side-by-side with Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. In addition, for serious medical emergencies requiring advanced care they work with the ASM Paramedic and the Life-Star Helicopter. Our members train diligently and routinely to make sure our patients receive the premium pre-hospital care.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has 40 members on our roster. The department is continuously looking to expand its membership with new members. We also offer a junior program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and train and operate with the fire department members under the supervision of an advisor.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-4 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, and most importantly fire prevention.

The department also visits the area day care centers and pre-schools teaching younger children the importance of fire safety and prevention.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support in our efforts as we strive to make our community a safe place to live in. We would also like to thank all the businesses and residents of the Crystal Lake area for their support in the community and all donated monies toward the purchases of old and outdated equipment. We hope for everyone's continued support in the community and hope the best for the community and all the residents.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. We will be utilizing the Town website [www.ellington-ct.gov] and other means of communication to give our citizens early warning on how to be prepared during an emergency, including tips on suggested supply of food, water, and other necessities that will be needed in the time of a disaster. The

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is an independent department of the town.

Our goal to establish a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been accomplished; primarily, due to the efforts of John Streiber Deputy Director of OEM.



As a result of the havoc caused by Hurricane Katrina, the need for communities to become more self reliant in the first 72 hours after a disaster was recognized and the CERT program was established. CERT is supported by Federal and Local Homeland Security Departments. The Ellington CERT is supported and managed by the Ellington OEM.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

In January of this year we started training our team. In March we graduated 26 candidates and in May we graduated four additional members, bringing our total to 30 certified CERT members. In addition to training new recruits with the basic CERT classes, we have been busy learning additional specialties in order to create a diverse team that will be able to handle a multitude of tasks. Within the next two years we would like to form a mountain bike team and solidify our animal sheltering team.

CERT MEMBERS

Diana Chamberland	Corinne Sandberg
Marline Champagne	John Streiber
Don Davis	Kenlyn Streiber
Patricia Davis	Kurt Sullivan
Pete Davis	Kris Picard-Wambolt
Virgene Hany	Harry Wambolt
Rick Henderson	Joesph Wambolt
Ashlee Leone	Weining Wu
Fred Leone	Melissa Ocasio-Willbrant

In Ellington you must be 18 years of age to enroll in the CERT Program. If interested please contact John Streiber @ "mailto:jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov" or leave a message at 860-870-3182.

The Office of Emergency Management also maintains and operates the Town of Ellington Emergency Operations Center from which critical town government functions are conducted during any large-scale emergency situation. In addition, OEM is responsible for the maintenance of an emergency shelter of record, administration of the federally mandated Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and the provision of numerous additional services as necessary.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Terry Shook
SECRETARY: Greg York
TREASURER: Becky York
TRAINING: Bruce Hoffman
SCHEDULING: Debbie Landry-Schiessl
SUPPLY: Jenn Hays
MAINTENANCE: Dan Flanagan
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dawn Gerber

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Renee Cyr	Grant Sampson
Ray Close	Simon Hessler	Krista Schulz
Doreen Connor	Don Lanier	Francine York
Jean-Marie Currier	David Rice	
	Cindy Rivard	

PAID STAFF

Kim Courville	Scott Fine	Kerri Pliszka
Katie Dunn	Tonya Glomboske	Dave Stroiney
	Jon Morisset	

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Frank Poirier	Veronica Bailey
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AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Ray Close	Ashley Hulstein	John Streiber
Vanessa Close	Annalise Hurley	Jim York
Joe Glomboske	Bwn Jones	Diane Turner
	Debbie Messier	
	Andrew Slicer	

VETERAN MEMBERS

Steve Kratzke	Denise Rioux
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LIFE MEMBERS

Angie Sandberg

ACTIVITIES

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) is a dedicated group of volunteers supplemented by paid staff. EVAC is responsible for providing emergency medical services to the Town of Ellington and surrounding communities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During the previous year, responses totaled 873 including 74 responses to the Crystal Lake area. All crews and equipment meet or exceed State of Connecticut requirements and have been fully inspected and licensed.

In order to provide emergency care in the most rapid time possible, EVAC employs an active first responder system. All members are provided with emergency supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever available. Additionally, automated external defibrillators (AED's) are provided to the active members for rapid response in the most critical situations.

EVAC has continued it's commitment to training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conferences to remain abreast of the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision of service. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of providing CPR training and updates to various organizations and individuals in our community. As part of this commitment, the number and locations of AED's in town has been expanded to provide ease of public access to AED's. The process was completed to earn the Heartsafe Community designation for the Town of Ellington.

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Explorer Rescue Post 512. The Post members, all high school students, assist by responding to calls during the daytime hours. They also maintain an active training program which encourages the members to obtain both Medical Response Technician (MRT)

and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications through the State of Connecticut.

As a responsible member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with other departments and the town to streamline services and reduce costs to the taxpayers when possible. In addition to the centralization of the AED program, EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for the fire and rescue services. This funding will be provided by utilizing money generated by ambulance billing and result in a reduction of the town budget.

An addition to the building which will allow the continued provision of services is nearing completion. The approximate \$325,000 cost of this addition will not cost any tax dollars.

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for good members. Prospective members must be committed to providing high quality emergency care at any hour of the day. All costs for required training are reimbursed to volunteers and all uniforms and equipment are provided at no cost.

For additional information contact EVAC or visit the web at "<http://www.ellingtonambulance.org>"

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Animal Control Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control Laws by telephone or by police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as picking up stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officer. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for delinquent owners begins as well as an ongoing search for unlicensed dogs. The Officers are available to assist the police or the public with any animal emergency. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Ashlee Leone. The shelter is open seven days a week between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. To speak with an animal control officer please call 870-3155. Appointments are preferred to view pets for adoption. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. The Animal Control Officer is available for emergency calls by calling the Ellington Resident Troopers Office. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals or wildlife that has had contact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State D.E.P. Wildlife Department and they can be reached at: 424-3011. Routine calls will be handled during the normal shelter hours. Ellington Animal Control provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate on the laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Currently plans have been in motion with the Emergency Management Department in providing information to help incorporate our pets into a disaster plan for the Town of Ellington. We would like to make an extra effort to make sure your pets are considered in the event of a local disaster. Our goal is to prepare and educate people as a precaution and to make sure there is adequate shelter for pets in a desperate time of need. We want to encourage people to take their pets with them if an evacuation is ordered or have another source of shelter prepared for them.

Ellington Animal Control is currently conducting a 'Door to Door' survey in search of unlicensed dogs. This survey is requested by the State of CT. as a way of verifying dog license compliance and the requirement for current rabies vaccinations, as the dog owner must present a copy of the dog's rabies certificate when obtaining a license. Rabies Vaccination of pets is extremely important with the incidents of rabies in the state. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans.

PET ADOPTION

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets. This site is located at: "<http://www.ellingtonaco.petfinder.com>", or through [petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) search by zip code. This free website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes. The adoptable animals are spending less time in the shelter waiting to be adopted. The Internet has offered us greater exposure for advertising these homeless pets for adoption.

Dogs and cats are adopted out under the Connecticut Animal Population Control Program. This program is for pets adopted from a Connecticut municipal shelter and provides low-cost vaccination and assists with the costs of sterilization. The Animal Population Control Program intends to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats and to also reduce the cost and burden to the towns coping with pet overpopulation. The fee for adopting a pet from a pound in Connecticut is \$50 that includes a voucher for vaccinations and sterilization.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

Ellington Animal Control is very grateful for all the donations that have been made to the shelter. It has made a big difference and we would like to say a special, 'Thank You' to everyone that has donated dog and cat food, biscuits, treats and many useful items. Quote by Gandhi says it all, "The Greatness of a Nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it's animals are treated."

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Complaints Investigated	834	963	904
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	56	45	42
Animals Adopted	28	26	41
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	5	10	6
Animal Bites	23	22	23
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	7	10	15
Infractions/Summons Issued	12	22	7
Total Impounded Animals	96	91	100
Licensed Dogs	2088	2131	2199

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

It is the duty of the Department of Public Works to maintain, repair, clean, and remove snow from all public streets and ways; maintain and operate storm sewers and other drains; care for and maintain all town buildings other than those under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education; prepare or supervise the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction or reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, drains, public buildings and other structures and construct or supervise the construction of the same; to care for parks, grassed areas in streets and public grounds, including athletic fields under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission; to plant and care for trees within the street line; to enforce ordinances imposing on owners of property obligations to construct and maintain sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drains; contract with the Water Pollution Control Authority for the maintenance of the facilities and grounds which come under the jurisdiction of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Works Department has had another good year, with funds expended to get the most out of them. The men of the Public Works Department put in an all-out effort to accomplish the day-to-day demands put on the Department and still be able to accomplish other jobs over and above their daily duties.

The biggest change this year for the Public Works Department was the retirement of Director Peter Michaud and the hiring of a new director. Peter was Director of the Ellington Public Works Dept. for 30 years. He retired on February 27, 2009.

On April 6, George Fetko was hired as Public Works Director for the department. He had previously been the DPW Director for the Town of Vernon for 18 years.

NEW EQUIPMENT: This year we purchased a Toro Groundsmaster 5910 mower. This mower is used daily during the mowing season at the fields and parks.

ROAD WORK: This year's road work consisted of drainage and paving on Newell Hill Road. We also took advantage of the reduced cost of asphalt this spring and reconstructed and repaved Upper Butcher Rd, portions of Ellington Ave, and Mountain Street where the Connecticut Water Co. had replaced their lines. The cost of asphalt this spring was half the cost it was last fall. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents in that area for their patience.

The culvert on Middle Road was replaced this winter. We also installed a Stormceptor on Crystal Street which is a storm drain that filters out sediment and collects it for removal.

BUILDING PROJECTS: This year's building projects consisted of replacement of the windows and doors at the Town Hall and installation of a generator for that building. We began the renovation to the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse. The removal of asbestos and lead paint was completed and new windows and doors installed. We received an additional allocation for the 2009-10 budget year and will continue with the renovations as funds are available.

SNOW REMOVAL: The crews went out 24 times for sanding, salting or plowing. We purchased 2,294 tons of salt, 1,892 yards of sand, and 21,738 gallons of Liquid Calcium Chloride.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: The Town of Ellington negotiated a new municipal trash and recycling contract with All American Waste that began July 1, 2008. We began an automated garbage program this year with no increase in cost.

After some of the bugs were worked out, this program has been found to be very successful. We also began single stream recycling this fiscal year which enabled us to implement automated recycling pick up. The recycling is picked up every other week. The Public Works crew assisted All American Waste in the distribution of 4,000 plus containers to residents. We are seeing a trend in increased recycling from residents since the program started and encourage residents to continue to increase their recycling. Additional recycling containers are free of charge to residents that need them.

We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 20, 2008. 312 cars which is equivalent to 253 households, dropped off hazardous waste on this day. Over the last 12 months and including the September 22 collection day, residents dropped off 3,750 gallons of waste oil. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We recycled nearly 14.15 tons of computers are looking forward to implementing an electronics recycling program in the next fiscal year. We picked up 714 Christmas trees this January. The following items can be dropped off at the Town Garage at 21 Main Street: batteries, propane tanks, computer components, fluorescent light bulbs, waste oil, filters and antifreeze.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

1. Continued commitment of the four-year road-resurfacing program.
2. Continued equipment replacement as per Capital Improvements Program.

AUTOMATED GARBAGE

This year Ellington changed over to an automated garbage and single stream recycling service.

All items for recycling are placed in the blue container. With the addition of box board (food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes), recycling has increased over last year. Recycling is collected every other week and additional recycling containers may be requested free of charge from Public Works.

The Public Works employees assisted All American Waste in distributing over 4,000 each garbage and recycling containers to Ellington residences.



Blue containers for automated garbage and single stream recycling service.

Library



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, providing free and equal access to a variety of materials and programs for all residents. The Library plays an active role in the community as a popular materials library, a preschoolers' door to learning, a formal education support center and a community reference source.

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for entertainment and education. The collection consists of items in several formats, including books, periodicals, records, audiotapes, videotapes, compact discs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online reference materials, and equipment, such as tape players and Polaroid cameras. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and Reference non-circulating collection. Also available are computers for word processing and access to the Internet. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, and recommend reading materials using this collection.

The Library also provides a variety of programs for both adults and children. Story hour sessions are run by the Children's Librarian for children from 9 months to 2 1/2 years old, 2 1/2 year-olds, and 3-5 year-olds. Seasonal events for children include the annual summer reading program, movies, craft workshops, and various entertaining and educational speakers and performers. Young adults may participate in book discussions, contests, and their own summer reading program. For adults, there are book discussion series, cultural programs, concerts, and speakers on a range of topics, both informative and entertaining.

For those patrons who are unable to come to the Library, outreach services are provided. At Snipsic Village, the senior housing complex, a rotating collection of library books is made available on a monthly basis, and the Library runs a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 92,306 patrons, circulating 119,490 items and answering 2,982 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story hour sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, story tellers and authors. The summer reading programs "Catch the Reading Bug" for children and "Don't Bug Me I'm Reading" for teens, attracted a record number of participants. A reading incentive program was offered for adults as well. An expanded program of adult events included an evening of readings with the "Memories" writing group from the Senior Center, a

Shakespeare sonnet marathon, visits from character actor Richard Clark as Ernest Hemingway and Ellington author M. William Phelps, and presentations about antiques, the geology of Connecticut, history of the Tolland jail, and health issues. And for all ages, there were book discussions. A most popular ongoing program is the knitting group. It began with free knitting lessons provided by Criations Knitting Shop, of Somers, and now continues as a bi-weekly get-together for knitters of all levels. The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, a card-making workshop, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library, and the Festival of Trees.

As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a "Telebration" story telling program in November 2008 that was attended by over 100 children.

In an effort to better communicate with residents, an area of concern identified in the planning process, the library now writes a two-page contribution to the quarterly town newsletter. Topics include upcoming programs as well as information about library services.

The CD collection received special attention this year, with the addition of many new CDs, new packaging to better protect these items and new shelving to make their arrangement more accessible.

Behind the scenes, new shelving was installed at the adult circulation desk to more efficiently handle the ever-increasing number of items circulated and returned.

The focus of the Reference area this year was, and continues to be, help for patrons searching for jobs. Services included instruction in use of the online job search sites, creation of email addresses and instruction in use of email programs, help with online applications, and general help with resume and letter writing. To better facilitate these services, the public access computers were consolidated to the Reference area, now providing 8 stations for both internet access and word-processing. This arrangement has proven efficient for the job searchers students and general users.

The expanded weekend hours, which include Saturday mornings in the summer and Sunday afternoons during the school year, continue to be popular

All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, once again illustrating its importance in the lives of the citizens of Ellington.

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	43,098
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	6,068
Children's Books and Periodicals	39,777
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>37,645</u>
TOTAL	126,588

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	37,669
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	2,450
Children's Books and Periodicals	17,042
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>8,218</u>
TOTAL	65,379

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	6,422
Young Adults	663
Children	<u>1,647</u>
TOTAL	8,132

Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and recreation staff continues to make a concentrated effort to provide a cross section of quality programming on a year-round basis. An earnest effort has been made to create and offer programs, both on a passive and non-passive basis, for all age groups within the community. Additional special events and "creative" programming continue to be of interest to the residents of the community, providing department staff with the opportunity to plan and implement family oriented activities too.

The recreation department is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 870-3118, and the fax number is 870-3198.

Normal business hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30-1:30 p.m.

Our general email address is: "mailto:recreation@ellington-ct.gov". Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form.

STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. Part-time positions (generated by revenue) include athletic officials, special skills instructors, lifeguards, day camp counselors, and program supervisors. Town of Ellington applications are available at the recreation office during normal business hours. In addition, the recreation and human services departments share the services of (2) part-time support staff.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Those who volunteer are a vital component of the department. We are always indebted to those who have the time, talent, and ability in providing assistance with coaching, transportation, and encouragement.

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 350 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. A person wishing to volunteer must complete a volunteer disclosure form and, once approved, must take part in a National Youth Sports Coaches Association certification program. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to taking part in the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs continue to enjoy increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the "pulse" of the community when arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and/or individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

The department provides indoor and outdoor activities on a

year-round basis, using the following locations: Brookside Park (Route 140), Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake), and both interior and exterior facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include but are not limited to: youth and adult athletic teams sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events.

Extensive efforts have been made to expand summer program offerings in addition to seasonal events. The following is an example of such efforts.

The Sunday evening summer concert series at Arbor Park expanded to 7 this summer. Local businesses were helpful in providing partial sponsorships, and the department created an advertisement booklet.

Pre-school programming has continued to be a very successful component of the department's year-round offerings, specifically for ages 2 through 5.

Enrollment in the spring youth lacrosse program saw a dramatic increase, both male and female. Ellington participated in the Northeast league in grades 4 through 8.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The recreation department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreation teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. The Recreation Commission is proud of the fact that coaches, players and spectators, in general, are well versed in their roles regarding their sport, along with promoting good sportsmanship.

Fall / Winter: To become eligible for selection to a travel team a player must attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics, based on evaluations submitted by the head coach and independent evaluator. Travel teams compete versus surrounding communities while the recreation division teams participate in an in-house program only.

A newly approved and well-defined travel coaches' evaluation form was implemented, creating an up-to-date evaluation and selection process for ALL travel coaches within the purview of the commission/department. Although participation is the key component, providing the coaches with the "tools" for coaching is the number one priority.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency, is taking a serious look at the present and future, both short and long term. The need exists for a long-term athletic facility plan to be formulated. The commission's mission statement still revolves around safe and useable athletic facilities.

Summer day camp has entered its 6th year of full-time hours. Field trips and special events are also part of the program.

The department will continue to publish quarterly newsletters, using the Ellington Connection as the main vehicle for keeping the public informed of current and upcoming programs. The town website, with instant access, will have the same, and in some cases, updated information.

A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ALL of the part-time staff that services town programs. Ellington is fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

Peter Michaud, long-time director of the public works

department, retired in April of 2009. The recreation staff and members of the parks and recreation commission wish to extend their appreciation to “Peter” for his efforts over the past 30 years.

The department/commission is currently working with the Department of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen relative to the following specific (potential) improvements:

Determine the need and location/placement of new tennis courts at either Brookside Park or Ellington High School. Working closely with the “Friends of Tennis,” specifically town resident Jim Maitland, the town has developed a relationship with the United States Tennis Association in reference to its tennis curriculum and hopefully, in the future, support for new tennis courts. The youth and adult tennis programs continue to expand, including a USTA adult program, a ladder type of format and summer lessons/camps.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to show interest in creating and helping sustain town-wide walking or bicycle trails.

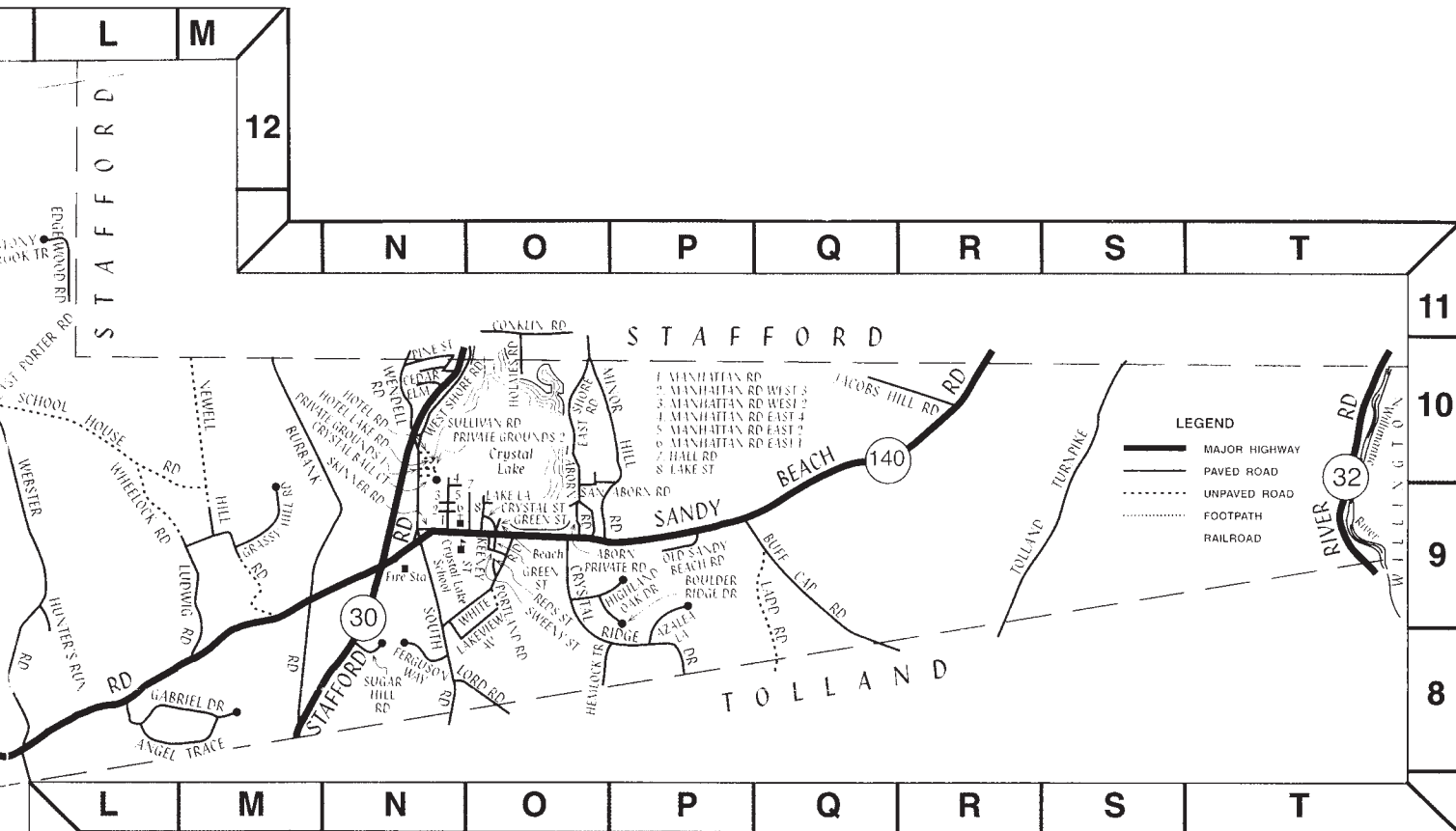
Vandalism has been limited the past year, but increased supervision at the various parks and schools may be part of that decrease.

The Brookside Park finally received a much-needed face-lift on April 26, 2009. Thanks to many volunteers, led by town resident Jill Maznicki, the playground received new pieces of equipment for all age groups. Plans call to create a “brick-walk-way”, residents and businesses have been providing generous donations. Thanks to Cheri Murphy for helping coordinate the buy-a-brick program.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	85	85	75
Beach Passes	218	218	243
Swim Lessons	280	260	336
Open Swim	62 days	61 days	62 days
Boys’ Basketball	290	293	296
Girls’ Basketball	209	214	217
Men's Basketball	70	85	70
Summer Basketball	40	45	20
Instructional Basketball	190	180	154
Men's Volleyball	20	20	20
Co-Ed Volleyball	45	60	75
Women's Volleyball	20	25	25
Girls’ Softball	210	195	180
Instructional T-Ball	240	225	156
Women's Softball	15	20	0
Men's Softball	20	25	0
Junior Soccer	645	652	656
Indoor Soccer	155	170	110
Letters to Santa	40	40	30
Tennis Lessons/Camp	225	275	275
Sports Coaches’ Clinics	75		
Mini Programs	1,740	2,340	2,400
Women's Basketball	55	60	30
Basketball Camps	155	140	140
Red Cross Courses	40	60	75
Integrative Programs	40	45	50
Teen Activities	210	240	220
Track & Field	125	120	110
Adult Fitness	40	60	202
Yoga	65	70	70
Jukido	60	80	55
Little League Baseball	340	320	325
Football League	175	170	125
Lacrosse	110	115	180
Soccer Camps	85	90	70
Vacation Camp			125



STREET INDEX

Abbott Rd	B2 Daisy La	B6 *Hall Rd	O9 Main St	E6-F5 Quarry St	H2 Upper Butcher Rd	G2
Aborn Rd	P9 David Dr	F10 Hamilton Rd	D8 Majus Cir	B1 Quarter Horse Dr	G4-H4 Victorian House	F2
*Aborn Private Rd	O9 Davis Rd	G5 Hare Rd	H6 *Manhattan Rd	N9-N10 Randy Rd	F8 View Point La	H4
Adrian Av	G2 Deborah Dr	E10 Harvest La	F6 *Manhattan Rd East 1	N9 Raspberry La	F11 Viewside Dr	F10
Allen Ridge Dr	C3-D3 *Deer Run	H6-H7 Hatheway Rd	D7 *Manhattan Rd East 2	N9 Reds St	O9 Village St	D2
Amy La	G5 Deer Valley	D2 Hayes Av	B1 *Manhattan Rd East 4	N9 Reeves Rd	A10-C11 Virginia Dr	G6
Andrew Dr	G9 Deerfield La	D7 Heather Rd	D5 *Manhattan Rd West 2	N9 Ridge Dr	H6 Walnut St	G2
Angel Trace	L8-M8 Dogwood La	F10 Hemlock Trail	O10 *Manhattan Rd West 3	N9 Ridgeview Dr	C3, D3 Wapping Wood Rd	A1-C1
Anthony Way	C3-D3 Eagle Dr	A3 High Ridge Rd	F2 Manning Av	G3 River Rd	T9-T10 Webster Rd	K8-K10
Arbor Way	F6 East Cider Mill Rd	H6-J6 Highland Av	F4 Maple St	N9 Robinson Cir	B2 Wells Rd	D8
*Ardsley La	C2 East Porter Rd	K10-L11 Highlands Dr	O9-P9 Maplewood Dr	G7 Rockland Dr	D7 Wendell Rd	N10
Azalea La	P9-P10 *East Shore Rd	O9-O10 Hillside Dr	B1 *Maria Dr	F2 Rosa Ct	G4 West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2 Edgewood Rd	L11 Hilltop Dr	F10 McKnight Cir	F2 Rothe La	A2-B2 West Shore Rd	N9-O10
Barbara's Way	B1-C1 Egypt Rd	F10 Hilltop Dr Ext	G2 Meadow Brook Rd	E7 Ryan Dr	C5 Westland Ter	C1
Benjamin Dr	C8-D8 Elderberry La	F11 Holmes Rd	G2 Meagan Cir	D5 Rye Field Rd	B6 Westview Ter	G3
Berr Av	E6 Elizabeth St	G2 Hopkins Rd	E8-G10 Middle Rd	A4 1776 Townhouses	C2 Wheelock Rd	L9
Birch View Dr	D10 Ellington Av	G2 *Hotel Lake Rd	O10-O11 Middle Butcher Rd	F3 Sadds Mill Rd	A10-E6 White Rd	O9
Blueberry Cir	F11 Ellington Ridge Condos	C8 *Hotel Rd	G7 Miller La	P10 *San Aborn Rd	O10 *Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9 Ellsworth La	C3 *Hotel Rd	N10 Monticello Cir	C2-C3 Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10 Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8 Elbridge Pl	N10 Hubbard La	G8 Moser Dr	F2 School House Rd	L10 Windermere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1 Elm St	F2 Hughes Cir	F2 Mountain St	F5-H4 *Setting Sun Trail	H5 Windmill Rd	C8-D8
Broad Brook Rd	A7 Ertel Dr	F2 *Hunter's Run	L8-L9 Mountain St	H4-F3 Settler's Way	B2 *Windsor Walk	C2
Brockway Rd	D8 Esther Av	G2 Industrial Dr	F8-G8 *Mountainview Cir	D2-E2 Shenipsit St	H3 Windsorville Rd	B2
Bronisz Dr	F4-G4 Eva Cir	F2 Jacobs Hill Rd	R10 Muddy Brook Rd	C8 Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12 Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10 Fairview Av	F3 Jobs Hill Rd	E6 Nile Rd	M9 Shepard Way	A12 Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	D8 Fairview Av Ext	A3 Joel Dr	E8 North Park St	F10 Skinner Rd	N9, C1 Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	A2-B2 Fairway Dr	F2 Jolly Rd	F5 Nutmeg Dr	G2 Snipsic Lake Rd	G5 Woodside Dr	F10
Buff Cap Rd	Q9 Farmstead La	F2 Jonathan Dr	A1 Oak Hill Farms Rd	D2 Snipsic Ter	H3 Zimmerman Way	B6
Burbank Rd	M8-M10 Ferguson Way	N8 Justin Dr	C5-D5 Oakwood Cir	G4-H4 Somers Rd	F6-G12 * Private	
Cantor Knoll	C3-D3 Field Dr	C2 Katherine Way	E2 Old Country La	F10 South Rd	N9 Springwood La	F6
Carolyn Cir	A1 Fieldstone Village	A2-B2 Keeney St	E2 Old Reeves Rd	B2 Sprucewood Dr	A10 Sprucewood Dr	E10
Cedarwood Dr	E10 Flanders La	F2 Kenneth Dr	O9 Old Sandy Beach Rd	P9 Stafford Rd	M8-N10 Standish Rd	B3
Cedar St	N10 Florence Av	G9 Ketchbrook Ct	G9 Olde Farms Rd	D5 Steeple View Dr	F6 Stein Rd	G4
Chapin Av	G3 Foster Dr	E2 Ketchbrook La	B2 Orchard St	F2-F3 Steeple View Dr	L11 Stony Brook Trail	G11
Charter Rd	F2 Forest Hill Rd	E2 Kibbe Rd	A2-B2 Orchard Av	G2-G3 Overhill Rd	F11 Strawberry Rd	N8
Chase Hollow Rd	D2-E2 *Forestview Cir	G2 Kibbe Rd	G8 Overlook Pass	D7 Sugar Hill Rd	N10 *Sullivan Av	E2
Cherrywood Dr	E10 Francis Av	E9 Kressig Rd	Q9 Patriot Cir	F6-G5 *Summit Cir	H4 Sunset Rd	F5
Chestnut St	G2 Francis Av	A5 Ladd Rd	O9 Pease Farm Rd	G5 Sweeny St	N10 Teaberry Ridge Rd	K8
Christopher Ct	E2 Franlee Dr	L8-M8 *Lake La	O9 Penfield Av	D1 *Pine Dr	D8 Timber La	G9
Church St	E6 Frog Hollow Rd	G6 J6 Gail Dr	O9 Percheron Way	G5 Pine St	F10 Tolland Tpk	S9
Cider Mill Rd	G6-J6 Gabriel Dr	C3 Lakeview Av	E11 *Pine Dr	N10 Pine Cone Rd	G5 Tomoka Av	D6
Cider Mill Condos	F7 Gasek Farms Rd	C1 Lanz La	H7 Pine Ridge Dr	G9 Tree Top Rd	G9-G10 Tripp Rd	A2
Cindy Rd	E8 Gasek Farms Rd	F10 Laurel Rd	D7 Pine Ridge Dr	D7 *Tyler Dr	H2	
Cliff St	G2 Gem Dr	F10 Lee La	F2 Pinewood La			
Cornfield La	F6 Geraldine Dr	D6 Lewis Cir	G6 Pinnacle Rd			
Country Farm La	D5 Geraldine Dr So	F9 Linden Dr	G2 Pinney Rd			
Courtney Dr	E2-E3 Glenwood Rd	B1 Lookout Landing	F11 Pinney St			
Cranberry La	F11 Gloria La	M9-M10 Lord Rd	O8 Pioneer Dr			
Crane Rd	A5 *Grand Blvd	C8 Lower Butcher Rd	E2 Porter Rd			
Crescent Cir	C1 Grant Rd	O9 Ludwig Rd	M8-M9 Portland Rd			
Crystal St	O9 Grassy Hill Rd	A10-B10 Lyons St	F2 *Private Grounds 1			
Crystal Ball Ct	N10 Green Rd		*Private Grounds 2			
Crystal Lake Rd	G7-M8 Green St		Punkin Dr			
Crystal Ridge Dr	P8-O9 Greencycle Dr					
Clydesdale Cir	G4-H4 Griswold Rd					

Information Guide

AREA

Ellington is located 16 miles, northeast of Hartford with 34.8 square miles of area.

ALTITUDE

The altitude ranges from 200 feet to 950 feet above sea level. Most of the town is approximately 450 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE

The average temperatures in the town are 74 degrees during the summer months and 25 degrees during the winter months. Wind directions are south to southwest in the summer, and north to west in the winter.

POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2008, the population was approximately 14,426.

GOVERNMENT

The Town has a Selectman form of government, which operates under a charter adopted in 1975. The Town Meeting serves as the legislative arm of the government. The Board of Finance recommends the annual budget to the Town Meeting for approval and sets the tax rate.

STREETS

The Town has 94 miles of municipally maintained roads. The State of Connecticut maintains 24.62 miles of state roads which intersect the town. These are Routes 140, 286, 83, 30, 32 and 74.

TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 25.0 mills applied to the 2008 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate and personal property was completed in 2005.

SEWERS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority manages three major sewer systems: Longview, Hockanum River and Crystal Lake. Approximately 90% of the commercially zoned land has direct access to the sewer system. Windermere Industrial Park has either direct or reasonable access to the sewer system.

WATER

The Town is serviced by CT Water Co. which have the capacity of accommodating approximately 70% of the commercial and industrial zoned land. Shenipsit Lake is the largest local water source which spans the borders of two adjoining towns. Crystal Lake is located in Ellington and stretches over an area of 175 acres. The Hockanum River runs north-south and is located in the southern part of town.

SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of August 2009 is 2,690 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State College, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$71,335 as of the 2006 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2007 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,158 housing units, including 462 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes, one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

The Town has a privately-owned airport that is centrally located to provide air carrier service to both New York and Boston. The airport can accommodate both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

RECREATION

The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. Brookside Park Pavilion was completed in 1991. The building, equipped with restrooms and a concession stand, is available to local groups by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation Office. Arbor Park, located on Main Street, contains a walking course and 2 gazebos, picnic tables, and Sunday evening concerts sponsored by the Recreation Department.

LOCAL BUSINESS

The Ellington business community is currently a blend of agriculture and small commercial and industrial enterprises. The dairy industry has long been the major producer of goods, but Ellington also provides products in the fields of packaging, pharmaceuticals, sporting goods, automobiles, industrial designs and printing. The Farmers Market runs Saturdays from May - October; 9am -12:30 in Arbor Park.

SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located in the Center Plaza, 16 Church Street. The hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the Human Services Commission is to identify and provide programs that meet the social services needs of the community. These basic needs of food, shelter and health improve the quality of life for all residents. We oversee these resources in a cost effective and efficient manner.

PROGRAMS

The Human Services Commission monitors the social service, health care, and transportation needs of the community. It reviews funding requests from various service providers to determine the best possible services to meet resident needs. Residents are provided direct service or referred to community-based programs. These supportive services of short-term case management, counseling, information, and referral are provided for adults, elderly and disabled residents. These services are summarized below:

DIRECT SERVICES

BENEFIT COUNSELING: Assistance is provided to individuals and families in applying for state and federal programs. Staff will advise applicants of the appropriate program and its guidelines. Programs include Social Security Benefits, Title XIX, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as the Food Stamps Program, Veterans Benefits, ConnPACE, Renters Rebate, and the HUSKY program.

DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM FUNDS: Limited funds are available through donations to assist residents with non-recurring emergency needs. Households must meet certain income guidelines. Maximum benefit: \$300 per calendar year. Funds are used to provide rental payments, heating and utility cost, and prescriptions for individuals and families who lack other resources.

FOOD BANK: Non-perishable food items and food vouchers are available to individuals and families in need. Referral and assistance is available to apply for WIC and Food Stamps. Participants are required to register and provide income verification.

The Food Bank operates year round and distributes baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Major donors to the food bank include the Boy Scouts' annual food drive in the Fall and the Postal Carriers' annual food drive in May. Individuals, churches, school parent-teacher organizations and social / civic groups contribute to the food bank year round.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: Ellington Human Services is an in-take site for the State Energy Program (CEAP). This program assists eligible households to pay their winter heating bills. Households must meet income guidelines based on the Federal Poverty Level. This program annually accepts applications from late August through April. Limited financial assistance is available from the Tri-Town Fuel Bank and Operation Fuel. Similar eligibility guidelines apply.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS: Holiday food baskets and new toys and clothing are collected and distributed to individuals and families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Households must meet Federal Poverty Level guidelines. Individuals, churches, and community groups participate in an adopt-a-family program for the holidays.

HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM: Funds are available to make no interest loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties.

Funds for the program come from a Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development. To be eligible, low and moderate-income residents must live in the housing units. Landlords owning buildings in Ellington with up to seven units whose tenants meet the income guidelines are eligible for assistance. Typical repair work address building code and serious maintenance problems.

These no-interest loans do not have to be repaid as long as the applicant lives in the home. When the home is sold in the future the loan must be repaid to the Town. Community Opportunities Group (COG) manages this program for the Town.

SALVATION ARMY: The Human Services Department acts as the local agent for the Salvation Army. Funds are available through the Salvation Army Service Unit to meet emergency and supplemental needs of individuals and families. Funds are used to provide food, clothing vouchers, rental / mortgage assistance, heating and utility costs, and prescription costs. The Salvation Army offers a week of fun-filled activities and swimming for children ages 7 to 12 at Camp Connri in Ashford, CT. Applications can be obtained from Human Services. Boots N' Shoes is a back to school program that provides shoes and boots to school age children from national retailer, Payless Shoe Source. Parents/guardians are given gift cards to purchase shoes for back to school.

FAIR HOUSING: The Director of Human Services is also the Fair Housing Officer for the Town of Ellington. Some of the services provided include receiving and reviewing housing complaints, complaints of housing discrimination. Providing residents information regarding their rights and responsibilities under Connecticut State Law. Providing information on housing programs available state wide including local housing rehab programs.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: Health care services are provided by local agencies. Home health care is available through the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut. VNHSC offers a comprehensive range of in-home health services. Services are available on a fee for service basis. Programs promoting good health, public education, and community awareness of early prevention and detection of diseases are sponsored by the home health care agency and the North Central District Health Department.

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY: Information, referral, advocacy and counseling is provided on a telephone and appointment basis to area residents through local mental health providers in the area. In times of crisis or stress there are 24-hour hot lines available to the caller. Limited counseling for youth and their families is available through Ellington Youth Services Bureau.

TRANSPORTATION: Dial-A- Ride service is available to elderly and disabled residents for employment, medical appointments, and local recreation and socialization within Tolland, Vernon, and Ellington. Vans are wheel-chair accessible. Advance reservation is required. For rides outside of the Tri-Town area, ADA Transit service is available. Rides are available Monday through Friday from Hockanum Valley Community Council's Transit Program.

The senior Center also provides door-to-door service to the center and to shopping and medical appointments. Medical appointments are scheduled through the center's E-MATS Program.

HIGHLIGHTS

During this economic downturn the year end statistics speak for themselves.

The numbers continue to increase in request for heating assistance, rental assistance and food bank. Despite lower donations our resourceful and dedicated staff along with caring and committed volunteers have been responsive to community needs. Some of the highlights of this year include:

- The senior center receiving a cash grant in May for the purchase of a replacement bus. Our current bus is over 5 years old and has accumulated many miles and repairs.
- The grant funded prevention coordinator's position is now a part of the Human Services Budget. The coordinator works with youth services and the schools to identify risky behavior associated with alcohol and substance abuse. Programs and activities are introduced to curb this behavior. RISE ABOVE a student led high school group plans and organizes activities to peers and middle school students to reduce under age drinking and substance abuse.
- The senior center has begun the process to receive national accreditation.
- The senior center added two part-time transportation secretaries to their staff along with a telephone line dedicated to transportation

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	32	22	14
Operation Fuel	0	7	50
ACCESS Fuel Program	140	177	298
Salvation Army Vouchers	8	7	4
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	45	50	50
Salvation Army Camp Connri	7	3	2
Thanksgiving	56	72	96
Christmas	58	81	121
Renters' Rebate	86	69	87
AARP Tax Program	118	109	55
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	60	53	65
Food Pantry	63	69	82
Notary Services	18	5	3

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The North Central District Health Department provides Ellington with full-time health department services and is on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day for emergencies.

The Department is governed by a Board of Directors (Board of Health) in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. John Golon (currently Board Chairman) serves as one of Ellington's two representatives to the Board. The Town has one Board vacancy. The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services (both registered sanitarians), a Health Educator, nine sanitarians and a support staff of 2.5 clerical workers and a part-time bookkeeper. The Department has a Medical Advisor and contracts for auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of the NCDHD is disease prevention, surveillance and health promotion in the district's population. The District is responsible for programs in a number of areas including:

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases; undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.
- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations follow-up and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.
- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.
- Water quality testing of bathing areas.
- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for system repairs and/or expansion.
- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples such as insects and birds as may be necessary in the investigation of outbreaks and illnesses.
- Investigation of complaints in regard to public health hazards, nuisances, rodent or insect control.
- Inspection of housing units in response to physician's positive lead blood tests in children.
- The provision and support of health education and prevention programs.
- Monitoring the health status of the population.
- Assistance to the Department of Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.
- Development and exercising plans for emergency response and mass dispensing of medications, anti-virals, and or vaccines in response to natural and/or man made outbreaks.

HIGHLIGHTS

The director continues to review all communicable disease reports from labs, physicians and hospitals pertaining to residents of Ellington and follows up on any cases that need to be followed to stop any potential transmission. Ellington is served out of the Enfield office at 31 North Main Street, the Stafford office and the Vernon office at 375 Hartford Turnpike.

Health Education programs continue in the District. The districts health educator continues to work on new health education programs. Two Nutrition Education programs were held in Ellington this year with excellent registration numbers. The four week class had 25 registrants, one of our best attended programs, and the six week class had 13 participants. These programs are made possible in part through funding from a state grant. Furthermore, an asthma Home inspection and education program continues in Windham and will soon be expanded to more towns. The intent of this program is to reduce triggers and significantly reduce emergency room visits and after hour calls. Grants are being sought in order to expand these programs so that they can have a sustainable presence in each of the eight towns represented by the North Central District Health Department.

West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease and rabies are subjects of continued surveillance by the department with advice to the public on prevention on our web site ("<http://www.ncdhd.org>") along with application forms for permits, links to related sites on Public Health and other information about our services and current public health news.

As stated last year, we continue to meet our Emergency Response/Bioterrorism Grant requirements for equipment support, planning activities, exercises and drills. During the year, most staff attended such training as the Red Plan, MEDSAT satellite communications and other Bioterrorism orientated training.

Major drill exercises this year included the participation,

including each phase/step, within an H1N1 outbreak emergency called Autumn Storm. Regional coordination and an ice storm have been the focus of the drill to include some other injects. This training and participation began in April 2009 and will be finished early 2010 with a functional.

North Central District Health Department will also be hosting its own drill which will be focusing on Points of Dispensing and the logistics of the process. The planning stages began last May with collaboration from Yale University. Local stake holders and health department employees will be included in this drill and table top exercise. This drill will also encompass the release of the revised version of our Mass Dispensing Plan for Region 3.

New efforts to recruit clinical and non-clinical personnel in all participating towns will always be a priority throughout the year. This year alone, we have recruited approximately 30 new volunteers adding to the already growing list of 280.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2008-2009 indicates that while the economic downturn affected the housing industry, Ellington continued to be one of the most active towns in the District in the area of single family homes with septic systems and/or wells; however, all phases of development activity of new lots throughout the entire District have slowed.

While construction activities have slowed, the enactment of new/revised regulations by the State of Connecticut and the subsequent enforcement of the same by the District have kept the environmental staff busy with other work:

- Virginia Graeme Baker Act passed by the federal government went into effect in late 2009. This required all public swimming pools to install anti-suction drain covers and automatic shut-off systems to prevent entrapment of bathers.

- Lead Paint - New regulations pertaining to lead paint took effect in 2008/2009.

- Day Care Facilities located in older buildings are now required to do a comprehensive lead inspection to identify potential sources of lead. Subsequent mitigation or abatement of the source is required with follow-up inspections.

- Blood Lead Levels - New regulations took effect requiring all children under the age of six years have their blood tested for lead. This regulation lowered the action level of the blood=lead level where the local health department must start an epidemiological investigation and conduct follow-up inspections of the possible source of the lead poisoning.

- Technical Standards - The Connecticut Public Health Department, Sewage Disposal Section, revised the technical construction standards for the installation of septic system. Staff attended training sessions.

- Farmer=s Markets - Connecticut Department of Public Health, Food Protection Program, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Consumer Protection jointly sponsored a 2009 Farmer=s Market Reference Guide for local health departments to use when reviewing food service operations at Farmer=s Markets.

- Barber Shops, Beauty & Nail Salons - The Health District enacted Barber Shop, Beauty Salon and Nail Salon Regulations pursuant to state statutes to license and inspect these salon facilities.

- Staff personnel have also reviewed plans for new Asalons@ in the District to ensure compliance with the regulations and licensing requirements.

- The resurgence of bed bugs has resulted in the need for staff to conduct more thorough hotel/motel inspections. A number of complaints from rental units have been received from throughout the Health District jurisdiction.

The District inspects complaints related to housing, trash, rodents and insects, sewage and water quality, and the food service industry (restaurants, etc.).

During the past year, the staff within the food service division, reviewed and approved construction projects for new food service operations in Ellington. We received 30 temporary event permit applications during this past year. Each temporary event application received by our office is evaluated by a staff inspector. Depending on the complexity of the proposed food service, our department will inspect evening and weekend events as needed such as Ellington on the Green, the Ellington Fire Department Carnival, and others.

In addition to routine food service inspections, well water supply reviews for food service and other related food service inspections, we respond to and investigate food related complaints and possible food borne illness reports received by the department. The department also responds to, and provides follow-up to certain food recalls.

The water quality (bacteria levels) at the town beach on Crystal Lake is monitored by our Department. Water samples taken at the beach are sent to the State Health Department Laboratory for testing. The water samples again have tested satisfactory for swimming.

The inspections and investigations are listed on the following pages. It should be noted that raw numbers are no indication of time spent or the relative complexity of inspections; therefore a comparison is only possible in the most general sense.

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Soil Tests (Total)	45	29	32
New	31	17	18
Repair	14	12	14
Septic Permits			
New	24	22	23
Repair	17	13	16
Septic Inspections	136	154	150
Well Permits	53	40	19
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	145	143	119
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	44	35	40
New Plot Plans	53	62	26
Repairs	23	15	27
Wells Only	19	17	8
Well Water Test Reviews	56	33	27
Permits to Discharge	34	32	23
Food Licenses Issued	37	38	36
Temporary Food Permits	21	19	30
Food Service Inspections	62	87	61
Plans Reviewed for Food	4	3	4
Food Orders Issued	3	11	6
Complaints (Total)	16	26	20
Garbage & Refuse	-	6	3
Housing	8	14	9
Rodents & Insects	1	2	3
Sewage Overflow	3	1	2
Water Quality	1	-	-
Food Complaints	1	3	1
Miscellaneous	2	-	2
Complaint Orders Sent	4	3	2
Swimming Pool Inspections	-	-	3
Day Care Inspections	-	-	4
Blood Lead Level Case Reviews			

0-10 ug/dL - 4
10-19 ug/dL - 1
20+ ug/dL - 0

Barber Shops, Hair & Nail Salons

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HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. is a multipurpose social service agency located in Rockville/Vernon. The mission of HVCC is to assure that the social service needs of low income and/or disabled residents of the Tolland County area are met. Services available include:

TRANSPORTATION: HVCC provided over 35,916 rides to area residents during FY 2008/2009 covering over 164,370 miles. We serviced over 25 registered Ellington residents totaling 728 rides.

COUNSELING: HVCC's counseling department is a full service out patient clinic serving area residents experiencing emotional, behavioral or substance related disorders with individual therapy, family therapy, medication management, assessment, evaluation and group therapy.

Over the past 12 months HVCC's counseling department has provided the following services to area residents; individual services (including medication management) 10,437 appointments of group, individual, family, couples, medication management and evaluations. We have provided assessments and evaluations to 1,068 new clients during the past 12 months.

FOOD PANTRY: One thousand six hundred twenty-two families are registered for food in 2008/2009. In average 462 bags of food were distributed a month. Families consisted of 200 seniors, 953 adults and 642 children. During the holiday 900 families received food baskets and toys, donated by area businesses, churches, schools and individuals. Forty-six Ellington families received food from the pantry in the past year.

ELDER SERVICES: Our goal is to help seniors remain living in their homes as long as possible. We do this by meeting with them in their homes to discuss challenges they may now face managing their daily lives. We then help arrange for the services they need. Examples include aiding in a search to find appropriate housing; initiating health and home care services; organizing social or educational activities, coordinating transportation services and completing forms or making phone calls that are too overwhelming.

We currently have about 300 clients. During the past year, with one full time staff person, two part-time staff people and about 50 volunteers, we provided 367 hours of chore assistance; 1,311 reassurance phone calls; 576 hours of social support; 2,151 hours of personal assistance; 179 hours of counseling and 556 rides.

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: The HVCC Thrift Store continues to mentor high school students with special needs. We provide a forum for them to showcase their talents while learning a skill and giving us some much needed help in return. We also provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. In fact, if someone is without funds a gift certificate is provided for him/her to shop in anonymity. Good Cents continues to receive donations and volunteer assistance from a very generous community. Volunteers are always welcome to join our team. The excess income generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs of HVCC.

On behalf of the Board and staff, let me thank everyone who supported us this past year. I encourage others to come join us in volunteering to see that the mission of HVCC is accomplished as we go forward.

As always, I extend my gratitude to our financial supporters; United Way of the Capital Area, DCF, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, NCAAA, and Greater Hartford Transit District, the towns of East Hartford, Ellington, Manchester, Tolland and Vernon. I truly would be remiss if I didn't thank our local supporters, which include local businesses, individuals, religious organizations, charitable foundations and social service organizations. Without everyone's financial help, we could not exist.

David A. Engelson, Executive Director

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. offers Home Health, Hospice and Wellness Services to residents of twenty-five communities in Eastern and North Central Connecticut. VNHSC is part of the continuum of care that communities depend on to provide services to their elderly, frail and disabled residents.

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech Therapy
Medical Social Work
Home Health Aide

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

Routine Hospice Home Care
Inpatient Hospice Care
Respite Hospice Care
Continuous Hospice Care
Hospice Volunteers
Pastoral Care
Bereavement Services

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

Alzheimer Support Groups
Cardiac Rehabilitation
Diabetic Nursing
Enterostomal Therapist
Intravenous Therapy Services
Nutritional Counseling
Ostomy Support Group
Palliative Care
Psychiatric Nursing
Rehabilitation Nursing
Stroke Support Groups
Tele-Health Monitoring

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

Corporate Wellness
Elder Wellness
Flu Immunization
Lifeline
Meals-On-Wheels

V. A CARING HAND, LLC

Companions
Home Care Aides
Homemakers
Live-Ins
Personal Care Attendants

VI. ADULT DAY CARE

VII. ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCY

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE

Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech Therapy
Medical Social Work
Home Health Aide
Total Visits

VISITS

3,656
1,235
154
23
126
1,755
7,144

HOSPICE

Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Chaplin
Medical Social Work
Home Health Aide
Total Visits

VISITS

273
1
0
2
20
378
674

ADULT DAY CARE	1,018 Days
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	2,372 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	284 (Residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	209 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families, help them reclaim responsible control over their lives, and to reenter society as productive citizens.

STATISTICAL

Tri-Town Shelter Services, Inc. provides emergency shelter for fifteen residents, either individuals or families and is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Given our 15 bed occupancy, we have the capacity to provide shelter for a total of 5,475 evenings. During the past year we provided shelter for 277 clients. Of these, 109 / 39% were un-duplicates. This means that they were first time consumers of our services within this time period. Of the un-duplicated clients 65% were White, 31% Black and 3% Hispanic. On an average day 66% of clients are in recovery from substance abuse, inclusive of alcohol use, 44% had mental health challenges, 2% were physically disabled, and 1% were HIV/AIDS sufferers. This year we had 5,275 bed nights occupied with a 96% utilization average. We also provided referral services to 2,480 callers, an average of 206 calls per month.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the intake process with a client the contributing factors resulting in a person being homeless are identified and addressed through intentional case management and effective collaboration with other service providers. Individualized Service Plans are created and residents meet weekly with the Service Coordinator to ensure that they are complying with program rules and their Service Plans. By addressing these contributing factors and adopting an empowerment model, we decrease recidivism. As a function of case management, clients are assessed to determine their eligibility for legitimate entitlements. Information is then accessed, applications are processed, and follow-through becomes an integral part their Service Plans. House meetings can be called by either staff or residents. These give the clients an opportunity to share and resolve issues together to ensure a harmonious co-existence. This also promotes communication, negotiating, problem-solving, and resolution skills building.

PROGRAMS

We help our clients navigate through the oftentimes complex landscape of the service delivery systems that are available. Together we examine the eligibility requirements, obtain applications, help them fill these out, along with the necessary support documentation, submit them, and ensure that they follow-up. This entire process requires numerous adult life skills, not the least of which are: planning, being organized, self-determination, being proactive rather than reactive, detail-oriented, focused, purposeful, and thorough.

We are fortunate to have a multi-purpose room. It is here that we coordinate case review meetings with other service providers that are involved in our clients lives. This is done with the intent to minimize redundancy and to maximize effectiveness. In our multi-purpose room, clients have access to educational and informational materials. Through our membership with the Connecticut Clearing House and our affiliation with numerous other providers, we have material on these relevant topics: substance abuse, recovery, mental health conditions and their mgmt., budgeting, decision-making models, skills assessment instruments, the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE), Workforce Readiness and Retention, Social Skills Training, and an assortment of Adult Daily Living (A.D.L.) skills curriculum.

In an effort to ensure that our services are client-centered, we get their feedback via a Client Satisfaction Survey, which is administered every month. This gives the clients an opportunity to evaluate us and to make suggestions on how we can improve

our support and services. They can also suggest other educational and informational materials to be incorporated in our learning lab so that they and future clients can benefit.

We have strengthened our relationship with the lab at Rockville General Hospital. Since we have a zero tolerance for being under the influence of any substance, when we have sufficient reason, we request that our clients provide us with the results of a drug screen. Thanks to one of the physicians at R.G.H., he has provided us with a template that serves as a "standing order" so that clients can go directly to the lab rather than the emergency room, thus reducing their costs and expediting our need. River East and Hockanum Valley continued to provide important services to our clients. HVCC's "Good Cents" store has provided us with numerous items at affordable cost and they have become one of the local locations that we share our student volunteers with who are studying human services and/or social services. Around the Clock Healthcare is our newest addition to our provider database and we have fostered a stronger relationship with Perception Program. Monthly they sent a trained team to provide free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing, informational workgroups, and private counseling and referral services.

Thank you for your continued financial support and, on a more personal note, I would be delighted to give your readers a tour of our facility. On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and the clients entrusted to our care, thank you for your partnership.

Kindest Regards, Pieter Nijssen, Executive Director

YOUTH SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

As a department of Ellington Human Services, Youth Services mission is to provide programs and services, while building relationships which bond youth in a positive way to their families, schools, peers and community.

The staff of Youth Services is here to support and assist children from birth to 18 years old through their life transitions. Youth Services provides programs that strengthen and develop life skills needed to succeed in the many challenges facing the youth of today. The staff of youth services consists of a full-time director, a part-time assistant program coordinator, prevention coordinator and volunteers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community services activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2008-2009 year, Youth Services had a total of approximately 3,900 children and their families participate in the following programs:

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, 38 children and families were provided this service.

Querks and Bucket Fillers: A six week in-school program for kindergartners and 1st graders which teaches the students social skills and self-esteem. This program was provided to Center, Windermere and Crystal Lake Schools.

Team Builders, conflict resolution for 2nd graders: A six week in-school program for second grade which teaches recognizing and appropriate ways of dealing with emotions particular anger. Also the children learn ways to work as a team and handle conflict. The program was provided to Center, Windermere and Crystal Lake Schools.

Peace Makers, 3rd graders: The main goals are to develop an understanding on how our actions affect ourselves and others, coping with feeling, and learning to set goals. The program was provided to Center, Windermere Schools.

All Star Communications: The program is for 4th graders and runs for six weeks are facilitated in the classrooms. The main goals for the program are to increase positive peer relationships,

teach and reinforce the use of conflict resolution skills and recognize and cope with feelings. All the 4th grade classrooms in Windermere and two classrooms in Center school participated in the program.

123 I am me: Another new program at Youth Services was a very successful 123 I am me. This program was created by a high school volunteer. The high school volunteers facilitated recess social skills programs for 1st and 2nd graders at all three elementary schools.

Community Leadership Program: Another program created by high school volunteers, this program worked with 4th grade students in created a community service project. The group raised approximately \$400.00 for the local animal shelter by doing penny war in the 4th grade classrooms at Windermere.

Internet Safety Night: This year Youth Services partner with Ellington Middle School to present a parent workshop on internet safety.

Safety Town: A summer program for children beginning Kindergarten which expands the children's knowledge of safety as it relates to fire prevention, personal safety, bus and car safety, stranger awareness and playground safety.

Safety Day: Family Day of learning about Fire Safety, Bike Safety, Stranger Safety etc.

Join Ellington Fire Department, Ambulance, Police, Youth Services and other local agencies for a fun day of activities and learning. About 200 people participated in the activities.

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance life skills including dealing with feeling, communication, and social skills. This program ran for four sessions. This year we started a Girl Circle Group at the Middle School about peer pressure, body image, relationships and friendships. In partnership with the schools, youth services co-led discussion groups on topics of divorce at Windermere. At Crystal Lake School we ran a social skills group for 1st graders. Also this year Youth Services consulted and co-facilitated a GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) group at the high school and funded a trip to the True Colors Conference in Connecticut.

Journey Adventure Program: A two day a week program for 6th grade students that teaches responsibility and respect for self, others and surroundings along with building self-esteem. Children have a fun and rewarding time in active game playing while learning and laughing. We offered two sessions this year in the fall and spring.

Homework Club: This year we expanded homework club to include program at Center School for 3rd and 4th grade students and at Windermere 1st thru 4th grade students participated in the program. We had middle and high school students volunteer their time in working with the students. Once again we ran our successful 5th and 6th grade homework club at Windermere. We hire high school students to work from January to May with students.

The Zone, Middle School after school program: This our second year of the program, Youth Services partnered with Board of Education and Recreation Department and received a two-year grant from the State Department of Education. This innovative after school program for middle school students provides a safe place to play sports, get homework help or explore new interest. We ran three sessions of the program and for a total of 156 students.

The Ellington Drug Abuse Prevention Council (DAPC) is a long standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for the youth of Ellington for more than ten years. Membership includes key stakeholders in the community, including Ellington Youth Services, Ellington Human Services, Ellington Public Schools, Ellington Recreation Department, Resident State Troopers and student representatives. The DAPC received a \$255,000 grant for three years to be used for the prevention of underage drinking in Ellington. This was year three. In the past two years, two subgroups formed and continued in their efforts to bring awareness and education to both the student and adult community.

The Parent Connection, a group formed in February of 2007 of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community of the dangers of underage drinking sponsored psychologist and author Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D to speak to parents on raising tweens and teens in today's

world. They also published a quarterly newsletter and mailed it to parents of middle school and high school students.

Rise Above, a group formed in the fall of 2007 of Ellington High School students with a mission of being role models and encouraging those students around them to make positive choices doubled in size this past year. They continued to be a presence and encourage alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly during most of the school year and sponsored two dodge ball tournaments; one for high school students and one just for middle school students. They also sponsored an event called March Madness for middle school students and produced two shows at the Community Voice Channel, one in the fall and one in the spring. Both aired on Comcast channel 5. In addition, the group visited the police during a spot check in November of 2008 and presented them with cookies they baked to thank them for their work at keeping Ellington safe.

The DAPC also sponsored motivational speaker Matt Bellace who spoke to students at Ellington High School and Ellington Middle School in October of 2008. A website was created as well as a resource for parents and students. The web address is "<http://bethechange.ellington-ct.gov>"

DAPC also funded assemblies at Windermere School, Middle School and High school and trips for peer advocates and peer mediators to leadership conferences. Other programs are funded through DAPC including Alcohol and Drug Students Survey taken by students 6th grade to 12th grade.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach Social Worker serves as a link between the Ellington senior residents and/or families/caregivers to programs and agencies that can enable the resident to access services that are beneficial to them in the community. The Elderly Outreach Social Worker serves as an advocate for Ellington senior residents and their families, providing information and counseling on service options/interventions, and long term care issues. The Elderly Outreach Social Worker also functions as the Municipal Agent for the Town of Ellington.

SERVICES

- Conducts in home visits and individual need assessments, then provides detailed information on care options
- Assist in making referrals to appropriate agencies for services
- As needed assistance with completion of Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D applications, Food Stamps, Tax credit programs, Adult Day Health Centers, Renters Rebate, Energy Assistance, caregiver support groups, grant programs, nursing and psychiatric services.
- Collaborates with other town departments (Senior Center, Tax Assessor, Fire Marshall) to facilitate services for Ellington Senior residents
- Works with Protective Services for the Elderly to assist at risk individuals in our community who have issues of fraud, neglect, or abuse.
- Works with the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program to provide programs and services to Ellington senior residents to reduce the incidents of fraud or exploitation

HIGHLIGHTS

- Annual TRIAD Senior Safety Day program held on July 11th on "Getting the Scoop on Senior Safety" attend by 44 persons. Presenters were from the State of CT Office of the Victim's Advocate & State Police officer Richardson on local burglaries. The TELOS Youth Group from the Ellington Congregational Church helped serve refreshments and gave an informative program on their community service projects.
- Coordinated a Caregiver Support Education program with the State of CT Dept of Developmental Services and the North Central Area Agency on Aging that met for 4 weeks and gave information on services, trust, and housing for developmentally disabled persons & supportive programs for their families
- Promoted "National Health Care Decision Day" by organizing a presentation by Probate Court Judge O. James Purnell on how to

complete a Living Will and 47 persons attended

- Facilitated informational program with Senior Center Director with the American Cancer Society, "Seizure Smart"/Epilepsy Foundation, the Commission on the Deaf & Hearing Impaired, Fire Marshall's office, Medicare Advantage plans, & The CT Home Care program for Elders
- Assisted 89 clients with ConnPACE applications
- Received 40 calls regarding transportation & referrals made to EMATS & Dial a Ride
- Assisted 31 clients with Elderly Homeowner Tax credit forms; 17 with Additional Veteran Tax credit forms; and had 28 contacts regarding the Renters Rebate program
- Assisted 50 clients in applying for the Access Energy Assistance program & 25 clients in applying for Operation Fuel program
- Had 27 client contacts regarding Social Security benefit; 110 contacts regarding Medicaid/Title 19; 13 contacts regarding Medicare; 91 call about Medicare Part D prescription drug programs; 79 calls about Medicare Advantage plans; 27 inquiries on medicare supplemental insurance plans; assisted 19 clients with enrolling in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program;
- Received 341 calls regarding home care/nursing services; made 9 referrals for support groups; 10 contacts about Adult Day health centers ; assisted 41 clients with information/applications for the Connecticut Home Care program for Elders
- Received 44 calls about senior housing option; assisted 6 persons in applying for Sect. 8 lottery program; 5 request for information on Reverse Mortgages; 2 seniors sought information on foreclosure prevention; gave 4 senior households information on USDA grants for furnace/roof repairs
- 147 seniors attend the annual Flu shot clinic
- Assisted 6 with psychiatry appointments; 4 clients with information on dental programs; 4 clients with the Dept of Handicap services; and 3 referrals to the Lifeline Emergency call system; and 3 persons regarding the monthly Podiatry clinic at the Ellington Senior Center

STATISTICS

Month	Calls	Office	Correspondence	Home
Visit				
July	200	32	57	40
August	133	19	25	35
September	188	27	16	25
October	214	36	41	50
November	175	34	21	50
December	193	26	20	48
January	213	23	37	26
February	226	47	24	32
March	225	40	40	44
April	250	28	47	37
May	243	23	43	37
June	203	27	20	47
TOTAL	2443	362	391	471

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The role of the Municipal Agent is to advocate the needs of residents age 60 and older in the community. The Municipal Agent for the Town of Ellington is currently the same person who has been hired by the town to be the Elderly Outreach Worker.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center first opened its doors in April 1997. Within the past 12 years we have seen the senior center grow in participants, volunteers, expansion of space, and services offered.

The Ellington Senior Center offers programs to enhance the lives of individuals who are age 60 years old and older. Programs include social outings, transportation, and health and wellness services.

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2009, the Ellington Senior Center applied for (2) grants through the Department of Transportation and Capitol Council

Region of Governments and North Central Area Agency on Aging.

We are pleased to announce both grants have been awarded to the Town of Ellington. The Department of transportation, Bureau of Public Transportation and the Capitol Council Region of Governments has awarded grant funds to replace our current 12 passenger (2 wheelchairs accessible) van.

The other grant award is given by North Central Area Agency on Aging funded in part by the Older Americans Act for the Ellington Senior Center Medical Transportation Program (EMATS). "Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services"

STAFFING

Director – Full Time position. Supervisor to the following part-time employees: Assistant to the Director, (2) Van Drivers, (2) Transportation Secretaries, and (2) Receptionists. One receptionist position is Town sponsored under the Easter Seals Employment Program. The other receptionist is a volunteer position.

The Ellington Senior Center is grateful to have (60) volunteers who perform various tasks during the day time hours and evening hours for conducting programs, making crafts, gardening, dancing instructors, working in the kitchen, greeting participants, and organizing fundraisers (i.e., Variety Show, Holiday Bazaar, Spaghetti Suppers).

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Ellington Senior Center is fortunate that the Budget Proposal for 2009 – 2010 was approved to include an increase in van drivers' hours and to maintain the position for Transportation Secretary. Both of these positions are instrumental in the success of our Transportation Department.

Social Activities: Since 2001, the Ellington Senior Center has offered transportation services to senior center participants, shopping venues, and social outings. These events are scheduled monthly in our "Town Crier" newsletter/calendar.

Ellington Medical Transportation Services: (EMATS) Since 2004, the Town of Ellington has been a recipient of a grant from North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA). This grant is funded in part by the Older Americans Act to provide transportation services to residents for non-emergency medical appointments.

To obtain transportation services and/or a transportation packet, please call the Ellington Senior Center at the Transportation Departments phone number (870-3137). Hours of operation are 9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday – Friday. Senior Center transportation number: 870-3137

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

- Weekly exercise classes, tai-chi classes, line dance classes, and social dance classes
- Monthly "Lunch & Learn" programs that combine a healthy lunch with a discussion about health and economic topics presented by guest speakers*
- Bi-monthly blood pressure clinics and monthly diabetic screenings provided by the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Inc.
- Monthly podiatry clinic held on the first Wednesday of the month by a registered nurse

The Municipal Agent, Elderly Outreach Worker and the Senior Center Director work together to bring various informative programs held at the Ellington Senior Center. Example: The annual "Flu Shot Clinic" held in the Fall Time at the Ellington Middle School provided by the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. is collaboratively worked on.

For information on programs and activities held during the day and evening hours, call the main phone number or visit the town website: "http://www.ellington-ct.gov", click "Our Town News", select "Newsletter", select "Senior Center" to receive your monthly newsletter and calendar.

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 16 Church Street. Regular hours of operation are: Monday (8:30am - 6:00pm); Tuesday - Thursday (8:30am - 4:00pm), and Friday (8:30am - 1:30pm). Phone numbers are as follow: Ellington Senior Center main phone number (870-3133); Transportation Department (870-3137).

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION INTRODUCTION

The 2008-2009 school year began as a year of transition with the 2008 retirements of the district's three elementary principals. Replacing these excellent administrators was not an easy task, but at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year, the Board of Education announced the appointment of two new elementary principals.

Joining Mr. Michael Larkin, who replaced Dr. Joyce Dwyer as principal of Crystal Lake School in January of 2008, was Mrs. Trudie Luck Roberts. Mrs. Roberts was hired effective July, 2008 as Center School's new principal, replacing Mrs. Carole Schloss. Mrs. Roberts comes to us from West Hartford where she served as a classroom teacher for four years and for the past eight years as a curriculum specialist. Prior to moving to Connecticut, Mrs. Roberts served as an elementary teacher in Chesterton, Indiana; a middle school reading resource teacher in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and a classroom teacher in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Mrs. Roberts holds a BS in elementary education from Ball State University, an MA in liberal studies from Wesleyan University, and a CAGS in educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University.

In July, Mr. Steven Moccio was appointed principal of Windermere Elementary and Windermere Intermediate Schools replacing Mr. Frank Milbury. Mr. Moccio had been serving previously as assistant principal of Ellington High School since July of 2005. Prior to coming to Ellington Mr. Moccio served as vice principal for academic affairs at West Springfield High School. Previously, Mr. Moccio served as a physics, general science and earth science teacher in Newington and Windsor. Mr. Moccio received his BA in physics from Hartwick College, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and his MS and CAGS in educational leadership from Central Connecticut State University.

Once the principal searches were completed, the district began searches for two assistant principals. Mr. Moccio's move to Windermere created an opening for an assistant principal at the high school. In addition, the Board of Education determined that a new administrative position should be established to meet the needs of our growing student enrollment. With a student population of over 800 at Windermere, it was no longer possible for one administrator to properly supervise the school and meet the needs of students and staff. At the same time, due to state and federal mandates, special education and pupil personnel requirements have significantly increased. To meet these district needs, the position of assistant principal of Windermere School/special education supervisor was created.

After another extensive search, Mrs. Kristy LaPorte was hired as the district's new assistant principal of Windermere School/special education supervisor. Mrs. LaPorte began her career as a special education teacher in Providence, RI. Prior to coming to Ellington, Mrs.



Windermere Immigration Day 2008

LaPorte served as special education supervisor for the Manchester Public Schools. She is a graduate of Rhode Island College, with a BA in sociology /elementary education and an MEd in special education. Mrs. LaPorte is also currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Hartford. With her strong special education background, Mrs. LaPorte was an ideal selection for this unique position.

Lastly, in August, 2008, Mr. Liam O'Reilly was hired to fill the assistant principal vacancy at Ellington High School. Mr. O'Reilly began his career in education as a special education teacher in Columbia. Prior to coming to Ellington, Mr. O'Reilly served as the assistant principal at Pulaski Middle School in New Britain.

Mr. O'Reilly holds a BA in English from Boston College and an MA in humanities from Wesleyan University. He has also obtained a Professional Certificate in special education from Central Connecticut State University and a CAGS in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut.

In summary, there were five major changes in school leadership in 2008. The Board of Education is please to report that the new members of the administrative team have quickly taken over the reins and have dedicated much of their first year to making a smooth transition by meeting with staff, parents and students.

Each year, the Board of Education identifies two or three priority goals to improve education and student performance. For the third consecutive year, the Ellington Public Schools continued its ambitious and highly focused process to address improved student achievement though the development of both District and School Instructional Plans. In August, the administrative team again analyzed school and district student achievement results and established three goals for 2008-09 which became the primary focus for the school year. The first and second goals were to increase student achievement in reading and mathematics as measured on the Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMTs) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). The third was to increase community support for the Ellington Public Schools through a better understanding of student achievement in the academic and extracurricular programs offered by the district. Each district and school goal is supported by multiple actions, strategies, and interventions with corresponding timelines, means of evaluation and person or persons responsible.

School goals are aligned with the District Instructional Plan and at least one Professional Growth Objective for each administrator and teacher is aligned to the school focus goals. Each school produces a monthly instructional report that provides detailed information on 1) the status of initiatives 2) next steps and 3) recognitions. The Superintendent produces a similar report each month for the entire district that is presented to the Board of Education and is published on the district website, "<http://www.ellingtonschools.org>". The recognitions section contains information about excellent work completed by students, staff and parents.

In alignment with the school and district instructional plans, several curriculum and assessment initiatives were expanded this year. A continued area of focus was the development and implementation of common assessments to measure student achievement. At the elementary level, teachers implemented common unit assessments in mathematics



Crystal Lake students love to read

that are aligned with the Trailblazers program and target key objectives from the Connecticut Framework; data teams at several grade levels used the results to identify patterns of student performance and to develop effective instructional interventions.

In language arts, teachers completed the second year of full implementation of reading workshop in grades 5 and 6 and began expansion of this model to K-4. At the middle school, language arts and social studies teachers continued work on common assessments aligned with their curriculum, and science teachers refined the use of common assessments to guide instruction. At the high school, teachers began the process of reviewing curriculum documents in preparation for the NEASC review and identified priority areas for summer curriculum development work.

To support implementation of these initiatives, many professional development opportunities for staff members were offered. During the fall professional development series, more than 200 certified staff members participated in 34 courses, focused on reading workshop, curriculum development, differentiated instruction, and technology literacy. Approximately 34 teachers and administrators supported our professional development initiatives by presenting workshops or facilitating professional study groups or curriculum development work with their colleagues. Over the course of the year, 24 teachers and support staff personnel were trained in First Steps mathematics, a systematic approach to administering diagnostic tasks and planning differentiated instruction in mathematics.

Eighty-five teachers and administrators received training in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams. By using district staff as trainers nearly all certified staff have now been trained. The district continued to provide common planning time for all staff either by grade level or by department so as to be able to implement the Data Driven Decision Making/Data Teams model. In addition, study groups for special education teachers provided ongoing opportunities for special services staff members to learn and to share best practices.

Middle School principal David Pearson, facilitated training on Common Formative Assessments for language arts, unified arts, social studies, and health/physical education teachers from Ellington Middle and High Schools. Dr. McGurk, Director of Educational Services, presented a session on formative assessment to the staff at Ellington High School. Ellington High School teachers began participation in the SERC Best Practices in Differentiated Instruction Initiative. Ellington received a grant of \$6,000 to support implementation of differentiated instruction at Ellington High School.

The Connecticut Academy and its partners, Ellington, Windsor and Windsor Locks, were awarded a grant of \$195,000 over the next three years to improve science instruction. Funds will be used to support professional development, curriculum development and the development of common assessments through collaborative work across the three districts.

Significant focus continues to be given to the achievement of special education students as well as all students performing below expectation in reading and mathematics. Special workshops relating to CMT and CAPT skills were presented to special educators. Study groups of special educators to support our initiatives were formed at each building. The process of reviewing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to ensure that objectives were aligned with CMT/CAPT objectives continued. In addition, district staff has been developing Tier I, II, and III Interventions for use with the Scientific Research-Based (SRBI) Intervention model. Seven teachers and administrators participated in SRBI training sponsored by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Much planning, organization and training has been dedicated to the use of co-teaching models in several of our schools which will be instituted in the 2009-2010 school year.

Ellington hosted a three-day Wilson Reading Workshop. Reading and special education teachers from Ellington participated in the training with colleagues from Somers, Suffield and East Windsor.

Windermere School was accepted as a member of the National Affiliate Network of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project has been a premier provider of professional development in New York City Schools and across the nation for over two decades. The Reading and Writing Project is a research and staff development organization housed in Teachers College in Columbia University, whose mission is to support expert literacy instruction through research, collaboration, and professional development. Through this affiliation, two staff developers worked with teachers at Windermere for a total of 14 days of professional development and coaching over the 2008-09 school year. Ellington hosted the third Collaborative Sharing Session with East Windsor and Windsor Locks in early December at Windermere School. Eleven Ellington teachers worked with their colleagues to develop a stronger understanding of the features of texts at various levels and to share ideas for Reading Workshop. Administrators from Ellington, East Windsor and Windsor

Locks met to discuss successes and challenges in the implementation of Reading Workshop and to share strategies for providing administrative support for this initiative. Ellington also hosted its first Summer Institute for Writing facilitated by Dr. McGurk, Mr. Larkin, and Mrs. Roberts.

Twenty-one teachers chose to participate in sessions on launching writing workshop, author's craft, word study and to work collaboratively on designing units of study for the fall.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

On September 19, Center School PTO sponsored a whole school assembly, entitled Fire and Ice. The program by Mad Science aligned with the second and third grade science curricular content of the effects of heating and cooling on states of matter.

Ellington Middle School was recognized for the development of the "Hands-Up" student support program in the 2008 Connecticut State Board of Education's Comprehensive School Counseling Publication.

Programs have evolved over the years in order to serve specific needs to improve learning opportunities. An example is Windermere Intermediate School's Immigration Day program that was created after 9/11 when Ellis Island was closed for an extended period of time. A team of teachers designed and created this program using selected community volunteers and staff members who provide students with a realistic version of what immigrants experienced as they entered this country. Arrangements for various cultural activities, along with plans for a catered multi-cultural meal are a few of the responsibilities assigned. This year the spring open house was scheduled on the evening of Immigration Day. Parents and teachers were very pleased with the quality of displays along with the level of understanding and appreciation students developed. This program has grown in popularity and continues to improve in providing a realistic sense of immigration. In addition, this year was the third time since the 9/11 tragedy that our grade 6 students visited Ellis Island.

EMS media specialist Lisa Garofalo sponsored several "Family Fun Night" events. Two books were issued ahead of time to the participating families for reading prior to the event. Everyone met to share a pizza dinner and then held a group discussion about the books. The evenings are designed to encourage families to interact with their students to promote reading at home.

All Center School teachers have completed training in the protocols of Data Driven Decision Making. Teams of teachers completed two full cycles, establishing team norms, identifying clear instructional goals, selecting a pre-/post-assessment, determining what constitutes mastery, and planning for instruction. Areas of focus throughout the grades included letter/sound relationships, sight word recognition, editing and revision, estimation, multiplication, fraction equivalence, animal habitats, and an inquiry study on force and motion concepts.

Windermere's most involved event in terms of planning and coordination is the Career Day Program. A committee of seven individuals works to create this program. The goal is to design a program that will acquaint students with a range of possible careers along with the education and skill requirements individuals must possess for each. At least 20 practicing professionals are scheduled each year. Students select and attend four career programs that interest them. Through written assessment and observation, each presentation is evaluated for effectiveness. This process allows the committee to make necessary changes for program improvement. Students have experienced a wide variety of professional as well as skilled trade careers through these experiences.



Students learn pottery in a middle school art class.



Ellington High School Marching Band

Center School teachers, Sandy Suib-Dutcher, Carol Connolly, Esther Boucher, and Jodi Smith along with Dr. Gene Zanol, Ansia Petropoulos, and Emily Maloney, hosted four playgroups in March to select typically developing children from the community to integrate into the district's Early Childhood Special Education Program to act as role models in this reverse mainstream special education program. There was, as always, tremendous interest and support from the community and 22 children from the 63 who registered for the playgroup sessions were placed in the program. Three and four year old children who display good language and social skills are eligible for selection.

Ellington continued its participation in the Open Choice Program where students from a more diverse community enroll in Ellington schools. This year, eighteen Hartford students attended Center and Windermere Schools. Support was provided to make sure these students had a successful academic year. The program was quite successful and we anticipate these students will return again next year along with new students wishing to participate.

Steve Moccio, Kristy LaPorte, Marcia Kupferschmid, Trudie Luck Roberts, and Michael Larkin attended the Open Choice registration evening at CREC Coltsville in Hartford. The evening provided a chance for parents and administrators to meet and share information regarding their children, the Ellington community as well as prepare them for the transition from Hartford schools to Ellington schools.

At Center School, each Hartford family is paired with a Center School "mentor" family. Through this family mentorship, the Hartford students are given opportunities to stay in town and have dinner with their mentor families whenever there are evening school events scheduled. Each Open Choice student also has an "adult mentor" within the faculty who meets periodically with the student to discuss any issues that the student may have. Similar arrangements exist for Windermere Open Choice students.

From Windermere School, Steven Moccio, Kristy LaPorte, Andrea Dziadul, and Nancy Pagani were invited to attend the Project Choice Appreciation Luncheon where they were presented with the "Unsung Heroes" Award. Rudy Thomas, Project Choice's Intervention Specialist assigned to the Ellington School System named the four his "Dream Team" because of their patience, persistence, and determination.

Principal Trudie Luck Roberts registered seven new Center School students at the CREC Open House for the Project Choice program to begin in the fall. She was honored also with an "Unsung Hero" Award from CREC liaison Rudy Thomas for her dedication to the families who choose to participate in the program.

On January 29, library media specialist Lisa Garofalo and library assistant Laurie Brookes organized a Nutmeg voting lunch for ten grade 4 students who have read five or more of the Nutmeg Award nominated books. Language arts consultant Louise Kelly helped facilitate the discussion. Students discussed the books and voted for their favorites. There was no clear consensus on a favorite at Crystal Lake, as there was a four way tie for first place!

The Center School Recess Mileage Club began in October with parent Dixie Prouty setting up parent volunteers on the playground to help children track their laps and building physical fitness and stamina.

Ellington Middle School counselors Joyce Agnew and Beth Shaw accompanied 47 students to Eastern CT ST University as part of the "College Bound" Zone program. The program is designed to educate students that college is a reachable goal both academically and financially

for those students who may not think they qualify. The students participated in an orientation program and toured the campus hosted by current college members.

Another example of an outstanding ongoing program is Windermere Intermediate's Civil War Day. Teachers work closely with volunteers and members of various historical societies to provide students with authentic experiences of how soldiers dealt with military life. Food, clothing, medical needs, battle strategies, and the music of the day are all presented to fifth grade students by specially trained individuals. This event has continued to grow in scope as more ideas and activities are added to the program. At this point, Windermere's PTO has assumed a large support role in scheduling various speakers and designing programs. It is an outstanding learning experience.

On September 22, Center School library media specialist Pat McAuley coordinated a celebration for students who had read over the summer for the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Congratulations to the one hundred sixteen student readers who read a total of 3,101 books this summer!

Special Persons Days are held at each of our elementary schools. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings and other special guests are invited to join their student(s) on a special day. Guests tour the building, meet teachers and staff and have refreshments or lunch with their student(s). This annual event has become a big hit with both students and guests.

On September 5, Crystal Lake language arts consultant Louise Kelly coordinated a celebration for students who had read over the summer for the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. More than 80 readers discussed their favorite books, favorite genres and made their own sundaes at the celebration.

Eileen Fuellhart and Dave Kozlowski, grade 8 math teachers, challenged their students to express Pi in something that interested them outside of school. There was a large variety of projects turned in. First and foremost were pies of various flavors, but the students also expressed Pi in poetry, short stories, jewelry, wood shapes, a monologue, photos with items such as bats displayed in the shape of Pi and one student even used the number Pi as a phone number and called but got no answer.

Center School students hosted a Young Authors workshop program. The PTO arranged for Mrs. Jones, a pantomime artist, to introduce students to the art of miming a story. Mrs. Jones visited classrooms to support students in story writing assignments, and at the end of the day, she mimed the students' stories, bringing them to life on stage.

Alexis Stolarun, EMS band director, took her students to "Fantastic Festivals" music adjudication held at East Hartford Middle School where they performed their spring concert pieces for a panel of judges. All of the performing ensembles received a Gold status and plaque from the judges.

At Center School, first graders in Christine Feeney's class were recognized by Scholastic "Care Where you Are" challenge for reading 100 books. They were chosen from nearly 16,000 entries! The class received ten 50-Book Libraries—a total of 500 books. The children in her class decided where to donate the books within our community and experienced first-hand how good it feels to share the gift of reading with others.

Joyce Agnew, school counselor, and Debbie Slattery, family & consumer science teacher, accompanied 21 middle school students to a



Middle school principal David Pearson gets duct taped to the gym wall as part of homework incentive program, "Stick It to the Principal."

student leadership conference entitled "PAWS," Peers are Wonderful Support. At the conference, students took part in small workshops designed to teach support strategies for helping peers to make positive decisions.

On March 31, Crystal Lake School celebrated Family Reading Night. Students and their families were invited to spend the evening celebrating reading. There were activity stations in the gym including make your own bookmark, a favorite genre pictograph and a character quilt. Principal Michael Larkin conducted a read aloud of *The Principal's New Clothes*. Ten lucky winners went home with a Barnes and Noble gift card. Over 100 people attended the event.

Beth Shaw and Joyce Agnew, school counselors, prepared 13 Peer Mediation middle school students to help with the cross-age teaching program presented to sixth grade students at Windermere School. The middle school students spoke to the sixth graders about classes and programs available at EMS and also shared information regarding after-school activities.

Second grade Center School students in Katie Gelsomino's class experienced a powerful lesson in authentic letter writing activities. The children sent letters to President Barack Obama and Ellen Ochoa, Deputy Director of the Johnson Space Center, and the first Hispanic woman to go into space. They were rewarded with autographed pictures and letters.



Crystal Lake students jump rope

In conjunction with Ellington's Youth Services Coordinator Diane Lasher-Penti, an evening workshop for parents and their students was held regarding Internet safety. Three state police officers presented a very informative and eye-opening program. Parental feedback was very positive.

Bob Monk, social studies teacher, Don Emery, science teacher, Rachel Dio-Rand, social studies teacher, and Eileen Fuellhart, math teacher all donated a Saturday afternoon to accompany 40 middle school students on a visit to Vernon Manor. The students prepared small gifts for the residents, played games with them and generally shared conversation and life stories as part of our ongoing community service practices. This program continued throughout the year with Krista Brogle, Edie Vibert-Johnson, other teachers also volunteering.

Throughout the month of October, members of the Crystal Lake School community donated non-perishable food items to be contributed to the Crystal Lake food pantry. Students filled boxes with the donated items and maintained a graph of the donated items in the school's foyer. Each day, third grade students counted the donated items and added to the graph. Upon completion of the food drive, donated items were placed on carts and wheeled across the street by staff members to be presented to the food pantry staff.

A parent/teacher workshop was held in the evening in January at Windermere to increase teacher, parent and caregivers knowledge about Autism. Parent feedback was positive. Plans to present this information next year will include the opportunity for regular education teachers to participate in the workshop.

The Crystal Lake School PTO Sponsored a science assembly, High Touch, High Tech: Extreme Matter on November 17, 2008. Students in grades K-4 had the opportunity to learn about the three different states of matter and observe several "explosive" experiments!

Jennifer Larkin, seventh grade language arts teacher, has been teaching her class the finer points of persuasive writing by having her students send letters to local merchants trying to convince them to



EMS track meet

provide their products to the students for free. As a result of the students' excellent persuasive writing skills, Mrs. Larkin's classes have received products and/or coupons from nine different businesses so far.

Kindergarten teachers Cate Hatt, Katie D'Addona and Aimee Boehm organized a Hundred's Day Math Lab for the students at Center School. Fourth graders worked alongside their kindergarten buddies as partners in learning centers.

On December 23, Crystal Lake's Annual Pancake Breakfast was held. This is the thirty-fourth year a pancake breakfast has been held. Teachers Valerie Gagnon and Matthew Murphy helped coordinate this year's breakfast. CLS staff members arrived bright and early to make and serve the pancakes. The breakfast was followed by a sing-a-long in the gym led by music teacher Tim Adams with support from Lisa Garofalo. What a wonderful tradition this is!

EMS language arts teacher Jen Larkin created a book blog for her students in an effort to encourage them to read more currently published books, learn about writing a review, and then blog making at least one comment about someone else's review. As a result, Larkin's Book Bloggers are now featured on the Blog roll of a well-known teen literature blog "<http://blogs.ellingtonschools.org/larkin/>". In coordination with Youth Services Coordinator Diane Lasher-Penti a Homework Study Center has been set up for one day a week after school at Center School. Teacher Renee Sherriffs works with middle school students to provide learning support for third and fourth graders in a free six-week program designed to have middle school volunteers offer homework support as well as peer mentoring. After homework has been completed, students play educational games with their middle school helper to build peer relationships and communication skills.

To celebrate African-American History Month at Crystal Lake School fourth grade students were invited to participate in some independent research on the countries of Africa. Students selected a country, decorated the country's flag and researched the country. Students who completed flags then made morning announcements each day to teach the school community facts they had learned about their country. The students shared information about Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Namibia, Madagascar, Ghana, Burundi, Malawi and Djibouti.

Middle school band director Alexis Stolarun and choral director Bobbi Angelica held a Friday evening of "Music All Night." Seventy-five students participated in this overnight event, raising funds through pledges for charity. The students rehearsed and played music, ate pizza, played gym games and watched a movie. Eighteen parents also volunteered to chaperone for the overnight hours. The students raised \$465 which was donated to the ASPCA.

Windermere's new cafeteria rewards program which was started this past September provided the students with a more positive and relaxing setting during lunch time. Students were encouraged for their good behavior rather than singled out for their bad behavior. Students earned positive behavior tickets toward daily, weekly, and monthly rewards with the highest honors going to those who accumulated the most tickets in a month. A total of 144 students earned the monthly award of lunch with the principal.

On Thursday, April 2 the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored visiting author Dana Meachen Rau, a Connecticut author of numerous children's books. Ms. Rau shared with students how she gets ideas for the stories that she writes and the extensive revision process she undertakes with each of her books. She met with each grade level

throughout the day and students were able to purchase copies of her books which she autographed for them.

Ellington Middle School Principal David Pearson introduced an incentive program that encouraged students to improve homework completion. The incentive was "Stick It to the Principal", an opportunity to duct tape him to the gym wall. As a result of this incentive program, 61% of our students achieved Student Society, an effort-based designation, and six out of seven students completed homework assignments on time and never got three strikes.

English Language Learner (ELL) staff members Colleen Palozej and Joan Penders organized a multicultural evening at Windermere School with entertainment and the presentation of various dishes from around the world. ELL students and their families were invited to participate in the evening.

The annual Father-Daughter Dance at Ellington Middle School was once again an overwhelming success. Sponsored by the language arts department, funds raised were used to purchase incentives for the summer reading program.

The Center School PTO provided a visit of the Earth Dome, a 22 foot diameter by 19 foot high globe constructed from 24 panels of fire resistant Dacron material. Each panel represents one of the time zones that make up the 24 hours of each day. The outside of the Earth Dome is a series of photographs shot from our satellites of the surface of the world on cloud free days. Students had the opportunity to learn about continents, oceans, mountains and rivers, along with plate tectonics, latitude and longitude, and the locations of major cities.

Roy Gurnon and Don Emery, EMS science teachers, along with their students raised Salmon eggs for the sixth year in a row. All eighth grade students participated in the release of the Salmon into the Connecticut River. The entire project is designed to educate our students about endangered species and the fragility of our environment along with teaching the students solutions to some of the problems.

Jennifer Pohlman, student council advisor and language arts teacher, guided our eighth grade students in a flag raising ceremony to honor Ellington veterans. Several of the students read essays praising the bravery, valor and dedication of the veterans, and several of these poems were published in the Connecticut Guardian which is a publication for the National Guard. Eighth grader Anthony Velazquez played taps and music teacher Mrs. Angelica conducted the choral ensemble in singing "America." Following the ceremony, students and staff spent time with the veteran's in attendance.

ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

At its September 28, 2008 meeting, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' (NEAS&C) Commission on Public Secondary Schools reviewed the special report of Ellington High School and continued the school's accreditation. The report described many positive aspects of the school and the commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- The purposeful planning toward improving personalization for students culminating in a pilot advisory program to be implemented in the fall 2008;
- The plan to use advisories to monitor achievement of the school's expectation;
- The addition of a .4 FTE lead teacher to share disciplinary responsibilities and allow for the assistant principal and principal to increase the time dedicated to supervision and evaluation of professional staff;
- Successful budgeting to increase staff, fund previously unfunded programs and to update technology.



Ellington students at Windermere prepare for Harvest Day

The commission also asked that school officials submit a pre-self-study report in the spring of 2009 to document that Ellington High School is appropriately prepared for its upcoming self-study. The entire faculty and staff at Ellington High School as well as the principal's student advisory and parent advisory groups identified specific indicators in the NEAS&C Standards for Accreditation in which the school needs to take action in preparation for the 2012 decennial evaluation.

The commission reviewed the report on June 23, 2009 and continued the school's accreditation. The commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- The serious consideration given to the review and revision of the mission and expectations;
- The establishment of seven focus group to analyze the school's adherence to the Standards of Accreditation;
- The thoughtful and collaborative approach used to review the standards and to discuss the school's ratings.

Ellington High School is scheduled for an evaluation visit in the calendar year 2012. In preparation for this evaluation visit, Ellington High School will need to review and, if necessary, revise its core values, beliefs about learning, and 21st century expectations for student learning to ensure that the document meets the requirements of the Commission's Standard on Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations. In addition, the school's academic, civic, and social expectations should be measurable and accompanied by analytic rubrics. EHS will also need to ensure that the curriculum is aligned to the school's 21st-century learning expectations and have process in place to assess the progress of all students, in the aggregate and individually, in achieving these expectations using school-wide rubrics. The school's accreditation status will be reviewed when the commission considers the evaluation report resulting from the decennial visit.

At Ellington High School, a new student advisory program was implemented. The purpose of the advisory program is to: provide multiple opportunities between healthy student development and academic success; help ensure that all students have at least one adult who knows them well; create stronger bonds among students, cutting across social groups that form in schools; provide an ideal setting to teach and practice important life skills and encourage a student voice on school-wide issues; establish a forum for academic, college and career coaching, and advising that cuts across subject areas; and assist students in achieving the school-wide expectations for student learning by developing a student portfolio. Student advisory groups were established and assigned to all certified staff members. This program also featured student run advisory sessions for each grade level. Members of the advisory committee served as advisory leaders for each grade. Committee members are in the process of revising the program for the coming school year based on data received from the faculty advisory, the parent advisory and the principal's student advisory. During the 2009-2010 school year EHS will pilot a process to report student progress on achieving the school's expectations for student learning to parents.

Ellington High School students continued to do very well on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, our statewide high school assessment. The 2008 CAPT results show improvement in all four areas, reading, writing, math and science. In reading, 94.8% students scored at or above proficiency (the state standard) and 73.8% are at or above goal. In writing, 97.4% of students scored at or above proficiency and 77.4% scored at or above goal. In math, 93.1% of students scored at or above proficiency and 74.1% of students scored at or above goal. In science, 95.2% of students scored at or above proficiency and 68.6% scored at or above goal. Twenty-three Ellington High School students received letters of recognition from the Commissioner of Education Mark McQuillan to commend their achievement of performing at the Advanced level on all four of the CAPT subtests.

Ellington High School welcomed a foreign exchange student in August. Marie Barocci of France resided with the McCabe family throughout the school year. Marie became an active member of the school community and participated on the soccer and lacrosse teams.

National Chemistry Week was celebrated during the week of October 20-25 with this year's theme "Having a Ball with Chemistry." Mrs. Avram's honors chemistry students conducted a series of classroom demonstrations to show how much of a ball, literally, they can have with the subject. The demonstrations helped to focus students' attention on chemical behavior and chemical properties, and to increase students' knowledge and awareness of chemistry. They included: flame tornado, underwater fireworks, elephant toothpaste, zinc pyrotechnics, chemiluminescence, copper to silver to gold, thermite and oscillating reactions.

On November 10, over 800 students, staff and guests gathered in our gymnasium to honor our veterans. The Veterans' Day ceremony was

organized, planned and implemented by the Student Council under the direction of Mrs. Cynthia Fontanella. Hayley Palozej greeted guests and Kelsey Masterson served as Master of Ceremonies. Highlights of the ceremony included the playing of Taps by Rachael Allinson and the reading of an original essay by Alyssa Toth which was dedicated to all of our veterans. State Representative Ted Graziani, Senator Gary LeBeau, Senator Tony Guglielmo and Ellington Board of Education chairman, Dale Roberson, all provided remarks on the significance of Veterans' Day. Hayley provided the closing commentary for the ceremony and the Student Council hosted breakfast for all of our veterans in the cafeteria. The vocal ensemble provided musical entertainment for the ceremony and breakfast. This annual event aligns with our Mission and Expectation that all EHS students meet the responsibilities of citizenship.

The EHS Marching Knight Band performed at Connecticut Day at The Big E in September. The band performed on the Storowtown Green and then marched in the parade. The EHS music department raised a total of \$1,474 at the Four Town Fair cake booth in September. The cake booth was a great success and we thank all of our students and chaperones that helped run the event. On November 20, selected students from the music department performed in the NCCC Band and Chorus Concert at Suffield High School. The EHS music department presented winter and spring concerts. Both sets of concerts featured our chorale, vocal ensemble, jazz band, concert band and wind ensemble groups.

The Opening Knight Players (OKP) had another very active season presenting *Dead Man Walking* written by Tim Robbins and based on the Pulitzer Prize nominated book by Sister Helen Prejean on November 6, 7, 8. An Evening of One Acts was presented on February 6 and 7. This year's "One Acts" were all comedies including *Going to School* directed by senior Alayna Graziani. Seniors Megan Marusak and Jess Hiestand shared the same duties for David Ives' comedy *Sure Thing*. Junior Kendra Wright directed *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls* while juniors Amber Krasinski and Samantha Skeels co-directed *The Diary of Adam and Eve*.

The OKP participated in the Connecticut Drama Association's State Play Competition on March 27 and 28 at Ridgefield High School in Ridgefield, Connecticut. EHS students presented the comedy "15 Reasons Not to Do a Play" by Alan Haehnel. Furthermore, as part of the festival, students had the opportunity to witness the works of 12 other schools from across the state, discuss the plays presented, and attend various theatrical workshops. On May 14-17, the OKPs presented the classic musical *The Fantasticks*, by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

For the first time ever a Unified Sports™ basketball program was launched at Ellington High School. Unified Sports™ is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines approximately equal numbers of athletes with and without disabilities, on sports teams for training and competition. All Unified Sports™ players, both athletes and partners, are of similar age. Unified Sports™ teams are placed in competitive divisions based on their skill abilities, and range from training division (with a skill-learning focus) to high skill competition.

Mardi Gras or "Fat Tuesday" was celebrated at the Ellington Middle School on February 24th. Eleven students from Mr. Klinkowski's French V class spent the day at EMS to introduce the culture of Mardi Gras to Mrs. Newell's seventh and eighth grade French classes. Through a PowerPoint presentation, students were exposed to the origins and customs of Mardi Gras, as well as, were taught the significance of the holiday's presence in our country and in many francophone countries. In the spirit of Mardi Gras, the high school students presented traditional activities including decorating masks and the crowning of the Mardi Gras king and queen in each class. This was a rewarding cross-age experience for both the middle school and the high school.

Students in Mr. Waine's TV/video production class during the first semester all successfully completed news stories that were submitted to Fox 61 Student News. Congratulations to Hayley Wolverton, Dannea Reali, and Alyssa Chase for their story on the Rise Above group and to Janese Pike, Sam Hubbard, and Zach Iverson for their story on the dodge ball tournament that was held at EHS. Congratulations to Brad Hoffman, Bhrihde Kehoe, and Kelly Hayes for their story on the Ellington Rescue Post and to Colin Milligan, Erick Brunelle, Kelsey Villanova, and Austin Agnew for their story on the construction of the Windermere Avenue Bridge.

The family and consumer sciences department at Ellington High School had a busy year. Students in the early childhood education class opened the Little Kids Big Kids Experiential Childcare Lab on March 2. Acting as the management team for this preschool program, these students developed lesson plans that fit state and national curriculum standards as well as taught seven preschoolers from our Ellington community. In addition, these same students interned at Center School

and worked twice a week with first and third grade classrooms. Child growth and development students went on field trips to the Silver Lane School, EHS's sister school, as part of an exchange program called the Pupils Partners Partnership Program. This program is funded by a grant awarded to EHS from the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC). These students worked with three kindergarten classes, taught these students various subjects and provided assistance to the teachers.

On April 2, the Honors Latin IV class took a field trip to New York City to visit the Greek and Roman galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Students spent a couple of hours touring the galleries, viewing various art and artifacts from the Ancient World. Afterwards, the class enjoyed an Italian lunch a few blocks from the museum at Caffè Grazie.

For ten weeks in the months of February, March and April, 68 students from Mrs. LaDuke's personal finance classes participated in the Stock Market Game sponsored by the Connecticut Council on Economic Education. In addition to learning how to research stocks, follow price trends, and create diversified portfolios, the students worked in teams to invest a fictitious \$100,000. They quickly learned that it was not going to be easy to make gains in these tough economic times. In the end, 18 of the 23 EHS teams came out ahead. The top team at EHS ranked 49th in the state, out of 1,043 teams, with a capital gain of \$35,067 on their stock portfolio. The team included Heidi Beutel, Brittany Boscarino, and Katelyn McDonnell. Congratulations to the winning team and all the prospective investors!

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Windermere students led a variety of service projects during the year. Josh Fraser and Ian Chandler held a penny drive to benefit injured soldiers and raised \$485. Kristen Breen, Katie Hany, Ashley Kuehn, Macy Luginbuhl, Marisa Sensano, and Madison Unterstein sold Polar Bear Bracelets to benefit the World Wildlife Foundation and raised \$303. Basudha Chaudhuri, Ben Kloter, Danny Okun, Kahled Suede, Isabella Viegas, and Ryan Willis collected more than 650 books for the homeless and shelters.

Students from Center School, Crystal Lake School, Windermere School and Ellington Middle School were chosen to participate in the annual "Art at the Capitol" program. The students received a tour of the capitol building including both the senate and state representative chambers. The students exhibited their work at the Congressional District Art Exhibition in the Legislative Office Building. State Senator Gary LeBeau spent time with the students asking questions about each piece of art. Center School students were Isabella Kupferschmid, Amanda Laneri, Allison Hill and Emily Wheeler. Representing Crystal Lake were Alicia Russell and Logan Terry. Windermere students were, Anthony Chamberlin, Alexa Bellezza, Sarah Nedwick, Erica Ruitto, Jacob Berardo, Hamza Suede, Leah Mangold, Emma Dolen, Aaron Virkler, Jack Connelly and Megan Nicoletti. Middle school students included Danielle Hubley, Gabriella Rubino, Kiera Stone, Angie DiBacco and Blairst Herter. Following the exhibition period a reception was held for all participants.

Windermere students, Ashley Kuehn and Hayley McDonald, were awarded third place in the Patriot's Pen essay contest. The contest is sponsored by the Ellington Veterans of Foreign Wars.

EHS athletic programs continue to excel. The boys' soccer team won its second consecutive Class M state championship; the girls' cross country team and boys' soccer team earned the NCCC championship; and the baseball and softball teams were co-champions of the NCCC this year. The baseball team advanced to the state semi-finals. Congratulations to all our athletes!

Alexis Stolarun, EMS band director, worked with six students who qualified for the Eastern Regional Concert Orchestra at the Eastern Regional Trials held in South Windsor. Barbara Angelica, EMS choral director had eight students qualify for the Eastern Regional Choir, two of whom qualified for the Treble Choir.

We are very fortunate to have strong and supportive PTOs and booster clubs in our district. They are an integral part of our school community. Through their fund raising events, these volunteer groups help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. We wish to thank the officers and coordinators of these groups, as well as, the parents who volunteered their time and talents to help support the many activities and programs offered to our students.

A school-wide coin drive to benefit the Crystal Lake food pantry netted over \$700 being donated by the CLS community. The food pantry directors were overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community and were able to provide meals and holiday gifts to area families in need.

EMS media specialist Lisa Garofalo has been recognized for

excellence by the Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) for website development. Ms. Garofalo's EMS library site was the "CASL Website of the Month" for December 2008.

Sheryl Wang, a Windermere fifth grader in Ms. Palasek's class, was a county winner in the 2008-2009 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest. In recognition of the achievement, Sheryl was presented with her award at a luncheon at the Cromwell Courtyard by Marriott where the state poster winner was announced.

On Martin Luther King Day, Crystal Lake School fourth grade teachers Christine Marshall and Matthew Murphy coordinated a volunteer event at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Stafford. Fourth graders and their parents turned a day off into a "day on," answering a call for volunteer service in the spirit of Dr. King's legacy.

Rachel Dio-Rand and Scott Raiola, seventh grade social studies teachers, conducted a school-wide National Geographic geography test with the top twenty students qualifying for a Geography Bee held the day before Christmas break at an all-school assembly. Students were provided with a website where they could continue to hone their geographic skills. Stefan Amundarain, an eighth grader, was the school winner and participated in the state qualifying test.

In December, Windermere's K-4 classes sponsored four families through the Hockanum Valley Community Council Adopt-a-Family. Special education teacher Sara Varga organized and collected \$1,429 which was used for gift cards for the families to purchase food and gas at local stores. This has become a yearly tradition at Windermere.

The President's Education Award was awarded to 24 sixth grade students for their educational excellence and academic achievement based on CMT scores and academic performance. The recipients received a congratulations letter from President Obama, certificate of achievement and pin. The recipients include: Kerri Bergeron, Brandon Bogrette, Emily Breen, Erin Breen, Kristen Breen, Basudha Chaudhuri, John Connelly, Emily Costanzo, James Costanzo, Paul Gresh, Daniel Hayes, Katherine Lee, Derek Litty, Thomas Mackintosh, Megan Nicoletti, Megan Niger, Jennifer Roy, Pilar Sandoval-Moberg, Holly Schipper, Lilia Shea, Katherine Snyder, Isabella Viega, Kyle Wesley, and Jonathon Wing.

Seniors Tyler Cleverdon and Brian Francolini received the distinction of being named All-American Soccer players. Tyler was also honored as the top boys' soccer player in the state and Brian was named the MVP of the Class M State Tournament.

For the second year in a row, Ellington Middle School was recognized by the State of Connecticut as a top performing school in the 2008 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Language arts teachers, Jennifer Larkin and Alison Fetta accompanied students Hope Myers, Nick Schipper and Jacobb Sgro to an awards ceremony where they met Governor Jodi Rell. Our school advanced to second in the state, up from third last year.

The Ellington High School fine and performing arts groups continued to be the pride of our community. Alayna Graziani and Jason Neeson were selected by Ellington High School to be honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Twelfth Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts. They were recognized at a banquet at the Aqua Turf on April 8.

Robert Monk, social studies teacher, once again encouraged his students to participate in the American Legion's Patriot's Pen essay contest. Over 150 students participated in the contest and Ellington Middle School had students who received first, second and third place awards.

EHS senior Emily Savino reached a milestone scoring her 1,000th point in basketball at Woodstock Academy on December 30. Emily received special recognition for this outstanding feat before the start of the home game on Tuesday, January 6.

At the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year, the district saw the retirements of Nancy Parciak, school psychologist at Windermere School; Nancy Wargo, speech pathologist at Windermere and Ellington Middle School; Nancy Mamunes, physical education/health teacher at Windermere School; Christine Keenan, language arts consultant at Windermere Intermediate School; Phyllis Cohen Bishop, special education teacher at Windermere Intermediate School; Nancy Pagani, third grade teacher at Windermere School; and Robert Monk, social studies teacher at Ellington Middle School. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their more than 242 years of combined service.

EHS senior Michael Gordon was featured on the cover of the March/April issue of NextStep Magazine. Mike was selected from hundreds of applicants. The magazine focuses on the college process, careers, and every day life.

Robert Monk, grade 8 social studies teacher, once again coordinated and chaperoned the annual fund raiser, "Hoops for Hearts" which raises

funds for the American Heart Association. Eighty-five students participated in this year's event raising over \$2,750.

Wednesday, May 6, was Connecticut State Latin Day. CSLD was held at Holiday Hill in Cheshire and is organized by the Classical Association of Connecticut. Latin teacher Amy White and chaperone Sheron McCallum took 40 EHS students to Latin Day this year where they took part in academic and athletic contests with over 2,000 Latin students from 63 Connecticut middle and high schools. Students also enjoyed hands-on workshops such as Roman-style "Iron Chef," ancient astronomy, and making laurel wreaths and sculptures. Awards won during the day include: second place photography project by Latin I student Christen Tamuty; third place teaching display by Latin IV student Nathan Van Wyck; fourth place Latin IV Latin mottoes test by Toby Zheng; and second place Latin II Derivatives test by Kevin Lapointe. For the first time ever, Ellington entered a chariot, built by Latin IV students, and won third place in the girls' chariot race. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and a fun time was had by all!

Fourth grade Center School student Nicholas Schickner placed first in the poster contest for the Elks Club Drug Awareness committee. This came with winning a \$300 savings bond. His careful artwork carried the message, "Don't Monkey with Drugs."

Kelly McPartland and Adam Sawamura were named Ellington High School's recipients of the Connecticut Association of Schools Twenty-Sixth Annual Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete Awards. They were recognized at a banquet held at the Aqua Turf Club on May 3.

Justin Markowski represented Ellington High School at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar. Sophomores from across the state spent a weekend engaged in activities designed to further develop their leadership and communication skills.

Ellington's Youth Services Coordinator Diane Lasher-Penti worked in classrooms and behind the scenes to support students in Interpersonal Skill development. She also supported Ellington High School student Kara Stauffer in presenting a highly successful social skills program 1-2-3 I am Me! designed for Kara's Girl Scout Gold Award project.

Four Center School students were named award winners for the Fire Safety Poster Contest. Jack Paul, Lily Bannock, Megan Abbruzzese, and Catherine Bedson accepted their awards at the December Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Jack Paul's First Place entry was also celebrated at the County Level at an Award Presentation Luncheon with teachers Loretta Donovan, Nancy Digeress and Principal Trudie Luck Roberts in attendance.

In February, 33 EHS Latin students joined over 149,000 other students from all 50 states and several other countries who participated in the 2009 National Latin Exam. Awards on this exam are given according to the student's score on the exam, with summa cum laude being the highest level of achievement, then maxima cum laude, magna cum laude and finally, cum laude. This year, EHS had eight winners, and these students who are listed below received their awards at the Academic Awards Ceremony on June 8. Congratulations to them and to all who participated in the exam. Latin I: Christen Tamuty, maxima cum laude with silver medal award; Victor Viega, magna cum laude; Daniel Griffin, Emily Parker, and Rachel Cowan, cum laude. Latin II: Emily Baker, magna cum laude. Latin III: Nate Herter, cum laude. Latin IV: James Viega, magna cum laude.

Jennifer Pohlman, grade 8 language arts teacher, recently had a submitted manuscript accepted by the on-line publication New England League of Middle Schools' Journal. The piece is entitled, "Getting Boys to Write."

Catherine Piotrowski and Christopher Tempelman were nominated to attend the 46th Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in March at the University of Connecticut. The symposium recognizes students who have demonstrated intellectual achievement and promise, and a genuine interest and enthusiasm in science courses.

EMS student council advisor Jennifer Pohlman guided students in the collection of new and gently used coats for donation to the Button-Up Connecticut campaign. More than fifty coats were collected. Students and staff also donated care package items for several former Ellington Middle School students now overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At Crystal Lake School, Matthew Murphy's grade four class won the Journal Inquirer's annual Limerick Contest. Students wrote poems in the limerick form in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Chakardhar Pellakuru and Nathan Van Wyck were named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Chakardhar and Nathan placed

among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

Ryan Downing, Catherine Piotrowski, and Kristyn Piotrowski took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and met requirements to enter the 2010 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Ryan, Catherine, and Kristyn were among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million program entrants. Of the more than 50,000 students, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program semifinalists and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Seven Center School fourth grade students were recognized for their poetry writing. Poems by Megan Abbruzzese, Valerie Courtemanche, Addison Dean-Schneider, Ariana Mason, Ryan Sherba, Jacob Swan, and Kaitlyn Tarbox were accepted for publication in Creative Communication.

The Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society elected officers for 2008-2009: President: Karalyn Stauffer; Vice President: Elizabeth Harding; Treasurer: Timothy Larew; Secretary: Alyssa Fianza. The following students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society during a special ceremony at Ellington High School on June 15: Courtney Carver, Marin Cleary, Rachel Cowan, Sara DeConti, Alyssa DeLand, Megan Edwards, Kerrin Ewing, Elena Gayton, Jillian Golon, Lindsay Grim, Mallory Honda, Heather Hulstein, Amber Krasinski, Anastasia Kuryatenko, Kristina Landry, April Loteczka, Kelsey Masterson, Taylor Mills, Rachel Muszynski, Emily Parker, Jessica Peck, Catherine Piotrowski, Kristyn Piotrowski, Ajay Raghavan, Allison Ramsdell, Emily Reed, Kerry Sawamura, Stephen Schirra, Kaylee Thibodeau, Brianna Unsworth, Demetri Voukounas, Katherine Walker, Deanna Wambolt, Brendon Willis, Kendra Wright, and Jason Zylberman.

World Language teachers, Patricia Overton and Elizabeth Overton have instilled in their students a valuable lesson about the power of community involvement and commitment. Through their encouragement, Ellington Middle School students have raised over \$2,000 for "Kids Helping Kids in Guatemala." Spanish classes have been sponsoring "Henry," a student in Guatemala for the past seven years through the organization "Common Hope." Funds raised have allowed Henry to continue his education long enough to graduate from high school. Only one in twenty students ever attends high school and even fewer graduate. Of the money raised, \$1,180 will be used to pay for Henry's continuing college education. The remainder will pay for "Jacqueline's" education, textbooks for classrooms, providing legal titles to land for five families, and breakfast and formula for 200 children and infants.

Ellington High School's Class of 2009 held its commencement ceremony on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. on the school's athletic field. Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan presented the diplomas. We are pleased to announce that ninety-two percent of the graduates plan to continue their education and will go on to two or four year colleges and technical schools. Congratulations to the 184 graduates of the Class of 2009! We are proud of our senior class scholars for their commitment to academic excellence throughout their years at Ellington High School. This year's scholars are: Nathan Van Wyck, Chakardhar Pellakuru, Kelly McPartland, Joshua Boscarino, Jennifer Spartz, James Viega, Adam Sawamura, Jason Neeson, Alyssa Pallotti, Christopher Binkowski, and Patrick Rabus. These students represent the top 5% of their class.

The Class of 2009 valedictorian is Nathan Van Wyck. Nathan is a National Merit Commended student, a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. Nathan achieved a perfect score of 800 on the SAT chemistry subject test and a SAT combined score of 2210 out of a possible 2400. He was a finalist for the Connecticut Valley in the 2008 US National Chemistry Olympiad and a Governor's Scholar semifinalist. Nathan is the recipient of the Rensselaer medal Award, the Good Citizen Award from the Captain Noah Grant Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Student Leadership Award from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. Besides his excellence in academics, he has participated in Boys' State sponsored by the American Legion and is a current member of peer advocates. Nathan will be attending Messiah College in Pennsylvania majoring in mathematics and secondary education.

This year's salutatorian was Chakardhar Pellakuru. In addition to attending EHS, Chakardhar attends the Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science Magnet School for half of his school day. Chakardhar is also a National Merit Commended student, a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. Chakardhar was a member of the 2008 and 2009 Kombat Robotics Team, which won the first-ever international search and rescue robot challenge. He has received

numerous awards including the Presidential Academic Award, the Rising Start Award for Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry and Excellence in AP history and the Holy Cross Award. Chakardhar will be attending Boston University majoring in business administration. Chakardhar Pellakuru and Nathan Van Wyck took the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and met requirements to enter the 2009 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Chakardhar and Nathan are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million program entrants. Of the more than 50,000 students, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program Semifinalists and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. .

DISTRICT NEEDS

As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite larger class sizes and spending less per student than similar or comparable school systems. This is documented through information published in the Connecticut State Department of Education's annual Strategic School Profiles Report (SSP). Student achievement across all measures (CMT, CAPT, SAT, AP and ACT) is most favorable. Academic awards and achievements listed throughout this report demonstrate that the students in the Ellington Public School continue to excel in a variety of venues.

The 2008-2009 budget process addressed some needs related to increasing enrollment. Also, through the budget process, the Board of Education was able to implement year one of an Athletic Restoration Plan for our secondary schools. The mill rate impact of the 2008-2009 budget was a decrease. The Capital Improvement Plan brought forward by the Board of Education for 2008-2009 directly addressed energy issues, with the addition of dual fuel burners at Ellington Middle School and Windermere Elementary/Intermediate School. Unfortunately, the 2009-2010 budget which was passed in the spring of 2009 represented a dramatic decrease in all accounts and the elimination of a number of teaching positions. The Athletic Restoration Plan implemented in 2008-2009 was eliminated as part of the 2009-2010 budget reductions. Failure to restore educational services to students in the near future will hinder efforts to continue to increase student achievement as outlined in the District Instructional Plan.

A significant need for the town continues to be upgrading school facilities. Student enrollment continues to increase and this growth remains a major concern for our schools and presents a challenge to the community. Ellington continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in the State and, as a result, additional classroom space will be required. Crystal Lake School, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in the spring of 2007, is in need of its first renovation. Due to the economic downturn, the Board of Education delayed bringing forward plans for renovation and expansion. However, the continuing rise in enrollment will present the town with some significant decisions in the near future.

The changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neil settlement continues to unfold and the financial impact upon local communities continues to evolve. The Ellington Board of Education has significantly increased its participation in both the Hartford Choice and the various magnet school programs. However, without a significant increase in state aid, continued growth will be most problematic.

2009 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Erica Begin **VICE PRESIDENT:** Jillian Kuraska **SECRETARY:** Melissa Martin
TREASURE: Jillian Rancourt **SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON:** Samantha Pernal

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 Rachael Christina Allinson
 Chelsea :Nicole Alves*
 Michael R. Antunes
 Kenneth J. Auyeung
 Jessica L. Ballasy
 Danielle Nicole Beaudry
 Matthew Benjamin Becker
 Brian S. Bedford
 Michael Frost Bedson
 Markie J. Bedus
 Heidi L. Beutel
 Christopher Joseph
 Binkowski+*
 Jessica M. Blair
 Amanda Susan Blanchard
 Joshua L. Boscarino+
 Katie B. Boucher
 Megan Lee Bronson
 Taylor Sydney Brown*
 Erick David Brunelle
 Taylor Kate Buchanan
 Rachel Lyn Bureau
 Ian Lüdwig Burke
 Aaron Burstein*
 Austin C. Campbell
 Kimberly A. Carsky
 Jordan Daniel Chamberlin
 Shelby R. Champagne
 Dylan Chesworth
 Sarah Marie Chouinard
 Tyler Cleverdon
 Jocelyn Elizabeth Close*
 Samuel P. Close
 Tyler M. Coles
 Charlotte N. Condit
 Andrew J. Conklin
 Ethan T. Conklin
 William Michael Conley
 Kinsey Leigh Daly
 Sabrina Helen Delasco
 Michael Ryan Demarest
 Jessica Lynne Dennis*
 Jessica L. DiGiacomo
 Richard F. Dorman III
 Alicia Dawn Dreyer
 Michelle Rhae Ducharme
 Robert Dunn
 Kari Ann Ekstrom
 Dale Sebastian Fabrycki
 Jason M. Ferreira
 Alyssa Marie Fidanza*
 Nicole Elise Fillion*
 Ashley Lyn Foley
 Andre Thomas Foote

Sean Peter Ford
 Jeffrey T. Fortier
 Christopher Robert Francis*
 Brian D. Francolini
 Craig David Gamage
 Brittany Ann Garnelis
 Elena Irene Gayton
 Michael H. Giard
 Jillian M. Golon
 Michael E. Gordon*
 Kathleen C. Gorritti
 Jessica Ann Gosselin
 Julianne Louise Gottier
 Alayna Kimberly Graziani
 Spencer LaMar Guidotti
 Mariah Sue Hall
 Elizabeth Marie Harding*
 Patrick Kevin Harte
 Donald John Hartman III
 Shane Christopher Hatheway
 Timothy Ryan Heintz*
 Jessica Linde Hiestand
 Samuel J. Hubbard
 Ian Patrick Hunter
 Annalise Nicole Hurley*
 Zachary Iverson
 Erika Jean Joensuu
 Anthony N. Jones
 Corbin Taylor Jones
 Laura Ann Kelliher
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 Amanda Elizabeth Keune
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 Alexis Marie Leonard
 Jeremy Scott Loretz*
 Patrick David Luce
 Lisa Renee Mackintosh
 Cody Allen Madore
 Joshua K. Madore
 Ashley Ann Maitland
 Carley Josephine Marholin
 Kyle C. Marquis
 David A. Martin

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 Amanda L. McAllister
 Cody Dane McIntire
 Kelly Reneé McPartland+*
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 Jessica M. Mertens
 Derek J. Michaud
 Bridget Millane
 Colin Andrew Milligan
 Ashley Nichole Mitcheltree
 Ryan Mocadlo*
 Kara Marie Modzelewski
 Chelsea Moskites
 Stephanie Melissa Mulka
 Matthew James Naumec
 Jason Robert Neeson+*
 Taylor Nicholas
 Chad Nixon
 Jacob Cody Ouellette
 Alyssa Rae Pallotti+*
 Hayley Rae Palozej
 Karalyn Wood Palozej
 Allison Sabrina Parker
 David James Patrick
 Danielle Brittany Peake
 Chakardhar Pellakuru+
 Jeffrey Michael Perron*
 Shannin A. Pierce
 Janese Alexandra Pike
 Whitney Ashley Plourde
 Raymond Ronald Poulin
 Nicholas Tyler Printy*
 Amanda N. Purnhagen
 Patrick Harper Rabus+*
 Stephen Ramisk
 Kyle A. Ridzon
 Eric Lawrence Romeo
 Casey Alan Roncaioli
 Michael R. Rusich
 Jack T. Russell
 Holly Marie Sander
 Jack Thomas Savage
 Emily Grace Savino
 Adam Michael Sawamura+*
 Christian Daniel Schirra
 Syed Osama Shoaib
 Ian Skeels
 Shaune Eric Sousa
 Jennifer Lynn Spartz+*
 Karalyn Grace Stauffer*
 Erin C. Stavens
 Holly Jean Steinmetz
 Benjamin R. Streib
 Jeffrey N. Tarascio
 Jessica Marie Tarascio

Scott Patrick Tiernan
 Jenna Grace Toohey
 Morgan Ann Margaret Trotter
 Brianna Lee Unsworth
 Peter J. Vamvilis
 Nathan Robinson Van Wyck+*
 James V. Viega+
 Kelsey A. Villanova
 Rachel Elizabeth Virkler
 Tyler B. Vokey
 Derik Ware
 Sean M. Webster
 Rachal A. Weems
 Stephen D. White
 Olivia Rose Wick-Bander
 Benjamin S. Wilcox
 Hillary Roseanne Wormstedt
 Matthew Alexander Yost
 Allison Kristine Yourie
 Michael Zethner
 Toby Zheng
 Samuel Joseph Ziter

HONORARY DIPLOMA –
Foreign Exchange Student –
Marie Barocci

† Class Scholar

* Attained Honor Roll status each quarter during his/her high school career.

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ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Michael P. Stupinski

Executive Assistant: Carol York

Executive Assistant: Marie Sauve

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach

Assistant Animal Control Officer: Ashlee Leone

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Rhonda McCarty

Deputy Assessor: Kevin Longergan

Administrative Assessment Technician: Kimberly Bechard

Assessment Aide: Mary Thiesing

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official: Peter Rafe Williams

Secretary: Maureen O'Neil

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Program Assistant: Diane Fiore

Rehabilitation Specialist: Peter Kenefick

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Donald Davis

Deputy Director: John Streiber

Deputy Director: Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.

Accounting Assitant/Deputy Treasurer: Andrea M. Caldwell

Administrative Assistant: Jill Mannise

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: Allan Lawrence

Deputy Fire Marshal: Robert DaBica

Deputy Fire Marshal: James York

Burning Officials: Allan Lawrence and James York

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton

Admin. Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino & Felician LaPlante

Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani

Asst. To Senior Center Director: Jean Baseel

Senior Center Van Driver: Margaret Anderson

Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Susan Shepard & Florence Brennan

Senior Center Receptionist:

Mary Ann Mandell (*Green Thumb Enrollee*)

Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner

Director of Youth Services: Diane Lasher-Penti

Assistant Program Coordinator: Chantal Haracsy

Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Anna Turner

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director: William Blitz

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Robert A. Phillips

Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer: John Colonese

Secretary: Kristin Michaud

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:

Sgt. William Konieczny

TPR Veronica Carpenter

TFC Ron Richardson

TFC Robert Given

TFC Keith Timme

Road Constables:

Bart Alexander

Michael Bard

Aaron Blank

Arthur Carlson, III

Michael Caron

Martin Dorey

Joseph Grayeb

Robert Hoffman

Maureen Lowe

Sebastian Magnano

Marine Constables:

Allen Bump

Thomas Davenport

Police Support Administrator:

Maureen Lowe

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director: George Fetko

Administrative Assistant: Lori Smith

Foreman: Robert Willis

Assistant Foreman: Leonard Descheneaux

Assistant Foreman: Jack Rich

Crew Chief: Rosario Raia

Mechanic: Barry Glazier

Maintainer II: Franz Redler

Maintainer II: Jon Godek

Maintainer II: Joshua Hebert

Maintainer II: Ronald Moser

Maintainer I: Mark Lavoie

Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki

Maintainer I: Kevin Gambacorta

Laborer: Benjamin Pare

Laborer: Charles Bengston

Laborer: Shawn Bull

Laborer: Richard Daugherty

Laborer: Rebecca O'Brien

Custodians: Kim Gallicchio and Lisa Robinson

Laborer: Richard Daugherty

Laborer: Rebecca O'Brien

Custodians: Kim Gallicchio and Lisa Robinson

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Robert Tedford

Recreation Coordinator/Supervisor: Mary Bartley

Administrative Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino & Felicia LaPlante

TAX DEPARTMENT

Tax Collector: Ann Marie Conti

Deputy Tax Collector: Brenda Strong

Tax Clerk: Dawn Stavens

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk/Registrar Of Vital Statistics: Diane McKeegan

Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Elizabeth Waters

Administrative Clerk: Gail Moran

TOWN COUNSEL

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(Negotiations Counsel for Board of Education)

Patrick McHale

(Negotiations Counsel for General Government)

TOWN ENGINEER

James Thompson, Buck & Buck Engineers

TREE WARDEN

George Fetko

WPCA ADMINISTRATOR

Peter Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman

Peter J. Charter, Deputy 1st Selectman

Laurie E. Burstein

Ann L. Harford

A. Leo Miller, Jr.

James M. Prichard

John W. Turner

TERM EXPIRES

December 2009

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, Chairman

Richard J. Cleary, Jr.

Mark A. Joyse

Barry C. Pinto

Michael D. Varney

Joseph E. Wehr, Jr.

December 2011

December 2009

December 2009

December 2009

December 2011

December 2011

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dale C. Roberson, Chairman

Gary J. Blanchette

Maurice W. Blanchette

Howard Friedman

William Harford

Ann Marie Hayes

Daniel C. Keune

Tracey Kiff-Judson

Sean Millane, Sr.

William Trisler

November 2011

November 2009

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November 2011

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November 2011

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan Luginbuhl (*Democrat*)

Wanda Deland (*Republican*)

January 2011

January 2011

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Halloran Jr., Chairman

Mary E. Blanchette

Mary K. Clements

James M. Stoughton

Miriam N. Underwood

Janet Wieliczka

December 2011

December 2011

December 2011

December 2009

December 2009

December 2009

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, Chairman

William Hogan

Robert G. Hoffman

Geraldine R. Kupecky

Lori L. Spielman

Carol A. Strom

Emery L. Zahner

December 2009

December 2009

December 2011

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December 2011

December 2011

December 2009

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, Chairman

Arthur G. Aube

Kenneth M. Braga

William F. Harford

Adam LaFleche

Mark R. Spurling

December 2011

December 2011

December 2009

December 2009

December 2009

December 2011

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TERM EXPIRES

AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term through 2009-10 budget season

Daniel Crawford

Paul Potamianos

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

David Arzt

Jean Burns

Monique Burns

Rodger Hosig

William Merson

May 2010

May 2010

May 2010

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May 2010

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 yr.)

Michele Beaulieu

Robert M. Dawson, III

Janet Marshall

Kevin Zahner

Vacant

June 2010

June 2010

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June 2010

AD HOC DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL/ YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (1 yr.)

Mary Bartley

Yale Cantor

Doris Crayton

Chantal Haracsy

Lisa Kelly

Diane Lasher-Penti

Erin McGurk

Nancy Netherwood

Liam O'Reilly

Deborah Stauffer

August 2009

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AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Laurie Burstein

Robert Clements

Donald Davis

Bryan Harvell

Peter Hany

Robert Levandoski

Edward Ludwig

Terry Shook

John Turner

Michael Varney

Vacant

December 2009

February 2010

February 2010

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December 2009

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February 2010

AD HOC PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (1yr.)

David Hurley

A. Leo Miller

Laura Sherman

Lori Spielman

Carol Strom

Joe Wehr

July 2009

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AD HOC PINNEY HOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(1 yr.)	
Dale Roberson, Chairman	July 2009
Gary T. Feldman	July 2009
James Gage	July 2009
Gerry Gillung	July 2009
Marcia Kupferschmid	July 2009
Debby Wallace	July 2009

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

Marie Bedor	January 2011
John Rachek	January 2012
Thomas Stack	January 2010

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 yrs.)

James Alexander	April 2010
Thomas Connelly	April 2011
Donald Gobeille	April 2012
Howard D. Reckert	April 2013
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2014

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2011
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COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL

(2 yrs.)	
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

David Hurley, Chairman	March 2012
Jesse Amsel	March 2010
James Gage	March 2011
Mark Maciolek	March 2010
Walter Moody	March 2013
George Nickerson	March 2013
Rebecca Quarno	March 2011

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL

(1 yr.)	
George Shaw	August 2009
ALTERNATE – <i>Vacant</i>	August 2009

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Roberta Printy (<i>Republican</i>)	December 2011
Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	December 2011

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Laura Sherman, Chairman	July 2009
Maureen Lowe	July 2010
John Luginbuhl	July 2012
Aaron Olmsted	July 2010
<i>Vacancy</i>	July 2010

ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Noah Forrest	January 2011
Rosario Motisi	January 2011
Christopher Todd	January 2011

ETHICS COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Ronald Hull, Chairman	January 2013
Elizabeth Feldman	January 2014
Phyllis McConnell	January 2012
Elaine Pont	January 2010
Maya Smith	January 2011

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yrs.)

Katherine Cusson, Chairman	June 2013
Margaret Bean	June 2014
Mort Heidari	June 2010
Stephen Schindler	June 2012
Deborah Stauffer	June 2011
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Yale Cantor, Chairman	January 2010
Melinda Ferry	January 2010
Helen Filloramo	January 2012
Dennis Frawley	January 2010
Susan Hannigan	January 2012
Anne Nickerson	January 2012

Susan Stack	January 2012
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2010

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, Chairman	January 2011
Ron Brown	January 2013
Jean Burns	January 2013
William Correia	January 2011
Steven Hoffman	January 2011
Fred Leone III	January 2011
Donald McConnell	January 2013

ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Robert McMullen	January 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2010

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.)

Audrey Kubas, Chairman	April 2011
Jonathan Allen	April 2013
Lisa Howard	April 2011
Diane O'Hagan	April 2013
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2011
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer (Ex-officio)	

LAND RECORD INSPECTOR

Nancy Lemek	September 2009
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15

Beryl Cantor	January 2010
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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)**

John P. Golon	June 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2010

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Gordon Oliver, Chairman	January 2012
Thomas Boscarino	January 2012
Cynthia Costanzo	January 2012
Hunter Giroux	January 2010
Kevin Hayes	January 2010
Robert Larew	January 2012
Thomas Neeson	January 2010
Michael Pantuosco	January 2010
Thomas Stauffer	January 2010

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 yrs.)

Peter Welti, Chairman	February 2010
Thomas Adams	February 2010
Gary Feldman	February 2010
Katherine Heminway	February 2010
Gary Magnuson	February 2012
Paul Shupe	February 2012
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2012
Leo Miller (Board of Selectmen Rep)	December 2009
Gary Blanchette (Board of Education Rep)	November 2009
Mark Joyse (Board of Finance Rep)	December 2009
Lori Spielman (Planning & Zoning Rep)	December 2009
George Fetko, Public Works Director (Ex-officio)	

PLANNING & ZONING ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

James Prichard	September 2009
Joseph Wehr	September 2009

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 yrs.)

Carol Cook	October 2011
William Enes, Jr.	October 2010
June Lyons	October 2009

SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION (3 yrs.) (2 yrs. for Reps)

Clayton Bannock, Chairman	March 2011
Timothy Derby	March 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2012
Ann Harford (Board of Selectmen Rep)	December 2009
Dale Roberson (Board of Education Rep)	November 2009
Joe Wehr (Board of Finance Rep)	December 2009

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)
Michael Young June 2011
Vacant June 2010

**VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT., INC.,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (1 yr.)
Renee Irvin June 2010

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)
Daniel Parisi , Chairman April 2013
Edward Duell April 2010
Timothy Kiessling April 2011
Shawn Koehler April 2012
Joe Stimac April 2010

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)
Ronald Brown August 2009
Ronald Stromberg August 2010
Michael Agranoff August 2010

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT	TERM EXPIRES
Yale Cantor	Jan. 2013
Thomas J. Connelly	Jan. 2013
Thomas J. Dzicek	Jan. 2013
Dennis W. Frawley	Jan. 2013
Vaughn E. Gerber	Jan. 2013
Frank C. Graziani	Jan. 2013
John M. Halloran, Jr.	Jan. 2013
Marion W. Hoffman	Jan. 2013
James R. Josephiac	Jan. 2013
Edwin M. Lavitt	Jan. 2013
Mark D. Leighton	Jan. 2013
Dennis Milanovich	Jan. 2013
Thaddeus J. Okolo	Jan. 2013
Mark R. Spurling	Jan. 2013
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow	Jan. 2013

REPUBLICAN	TERM EXPIRES
Clifford Aucter	Jan. 2013
Maurice W. Blanchette	Jan. 2013
Peter J. Charter	Jan. 2013
Robert J. Clements	Jan. 2013
Dale T. Cunningham	Jan. 2013
Ann L. Harford	Jan. 2013
Leonard A. Johnson	Jan. 2013

UNAFFILIATED	TERM EXPIRES
Bettie Rivard-Darby	Jan. 2013
James Darby	Jan. 2013
Richard J. Sabonis, Sr.	Jan. 2013
Elizabeth C. Waters	Jan. 2013

Ellington Public Schools

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2009-2010 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 27

Last Day of School** Jun 15

** Tentative

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Convocation Aug 24
 Teacher Inservice Aug 25-26
 Labor Day Sept 7
 No School Oct 9
 Columbus Day Oct 12
 Teacher Inservice Oct 13
 Teacher Inservice Nov 3
 Veterans' Day Nov 11
 Thanksgiving Nov 26-27
 Christmas Recess Dec 24-Jan 1
 Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 18
 Presidents' Day Feb 15
 Winter Recess Feb 16-19
 Good Friday Apr 2
 Spring Recess Apr 19-23
 No School May 28
 Memorial Day May 31

October

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○ ○ **EARLY DISMISSALS** ○ ○

7-8 Conferences Nov 18-20
 ½ Day - All Schools Nov 25
 K-6 Conferences Dec 2-4
 7-8 Conferences Feb 10-12
 K-6 Conferences Mar 24-26
 Last Day ** June 15
 High School Exams T.B.D.
 (4 days in January & June)

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Graduation June 18

** Tentative

NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 15th. If more than eight school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the last day of the week. This decision will be made by March 5, 2010.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

NON EMERGENCY CALLS		TOWN HALL	
AMBULANCE:	870-3170	55 Main Street, PO Box 187; Ellington, CT 06029	
FIRE: Crystal Lake Fire District	870-3174	Website: www.ellington-ct.gov	
Center Fire Department	870-3190	Hours: Monday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER:	875-1522	Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
STATE POLICE – TROOP C:	896-3200	Friday – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	

ADMINISTRATION:		POST OFFICE:	875-6391
Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman	870-3100	PROBATE COURT:	872-0519
General Information:		PUBLIC WORKS:	
Carol York/Marie Sauve	870-3100	Peter Michaud	870-3140
Selectman's Office Fax	870-3102	Public Works Fax	870-3147
TDD/TT Phone for Hearing Impaired	870-3196	RECREATION:	
ANIMAL CONTROL:		Robert Tedford	870-3118
Barbara Murdach	870-3155	Recreation Office Fax	870-3198
ASSESSOR:		RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR:	
Rhonda McCarty	870-3109	Peter Michaud	870-3140
Assessor's Office Fax	870-3197	Bulky Waste Disposal	289-7850
BUILDING PERMITS:		SCHOOLS:	
Peter R. Williams	870-3124	Superintendent's Office	896-2300
Building Office Fax	870-3122	Superintendent's Office Fax	896-2312
BURNING PERMITS:		Special Services	896-2300
Allan Lawrence	870-3126	Center School	896-2315
CEMETERIES:		Crystal Lake School	896-2322
Rachel Dearborn	875-8204	Ellington High School	896-2352
COMMUNITY SERVICE:		Guidance Office	896-2352
Hockanum Valley Community Council	872-9905	Ellington Middle School	896-2339
DEP CONSERVATION OFFICER:		Windermere School	896-2329
Ed Pyznar	424-3333	SENIOR CENTER:	
ELDERLY OUTREACH CASEWORKER:		Erin Graziani	870-3133
Anna Turner	870-3131	Sr. Center Fax	870-3136
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:		SEWER ADMINISTRATION:	
Donald Davis	870-3766	Peter Williams	870-3145
FINANCE:		SEWER MAINTENANCE:	
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer	870-3115	Peter Michaud	870-3146
Bills And Accounts: Andrea M. Caldwell	870-3115	STATE ROADS:	
Finance Office Fax	870-3158	East Windsor Garage	623-4473
FIRE MARSHAL:		Vernon Garage	875-4993
Allan Lawrence	870-3126	TAXES:	
Fire Marshal Fax	870-3122	Ann Marie Conti	870-3113
HEALTH:		Tax Office Fax	870-3704
North Central District Health Department:		TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATS:	
Director: William Blitz	745-0383	Diane McKeegan	870-3105
Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc.	872-9163	Town Clerk Fax	870-3158
HOUSING AUTHORITY:		TOWN PLANNER:	
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director	872-6923	Robert A. Phillips	870-3120
HOUSING REHABILITATION:	870-3132	Planning Office Fax	870-3122
HUMAN SERVICES:		TREE WARDEN:	870-3140
Doris Crayton	870-3128	Peter Michaud	
Human Services Fax	870-3198	VOTING:	870-3107
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL:		Susan Luginbuhl/Wanda DeLand	
Susan Phillips	870-3160	YOUTH SERVICES:	870-3130
MUNICIPAL AGENT:		Diane Lasher-Penti	
Anna Turner	870-3131	ZONING AND WETLANDS	
POLICE:		ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:	
Resident Troopers' Office	875-1522	Lisa M. Houlihan	870-3120
Resident Troopers' Fax	870-3152	Zoning & Wetlands Fax	870-3122

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TEL: 870-3160 – FAX: 870-3163 – E-mail: hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov

93 Main Street, PO Box 280

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Fri: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Saturday in July & August 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Sunday: 1:00 PM to 5 PM September through May

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 872-6923

20 Main Street, PO Box 416 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9:00 AM to Noon