An aerial photograph of the Ellington Senior Center. The building is a long, single-story structure with a brown shingled roof and white siding. It features a small cupola on the roof. To the left of the building is a large asphalt parking lot with several cars parked. To the right is a playground area with a blue safety mat and various play structures. The building is surrounded by green grass and some trees.

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**The Senior Center
opened at its
new location
on Maple Street
in January 2014.**

Groundbreaking NEWS



Crystal Lake School expansion and renovation project ground breaking ceremony, June 3, 2014. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2016.

Wall of Honor Inductee 2014 RACHEL LEE WHEELER-ROSSOW

Rachel Lee Wheeler-Rossow lived in Ellington from 1970 until her death in 2013. She was deeply involved in her community serving on the Board of Education, Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen and as the Chairwoman of the Democratic Town Committee.

Ms. Wheeler-Rossow dedicated her life to helping people less fortunate. As President and co-founder of Alpha and Omega, Inc., she raised and cared for more than 50 children and adults born with seriously challenging health conditions.

A formal induction ceremony was held on September 6, 2014 at the site of the Wall of Honor located in Arbor Park.



Front cover: The Senior Center opened at its new location at 40 Maple Street in January 2014. On January 6, 2014, a "soft opening" took place for residents to visit the 10,600 square foot building. On April 5th, the Grand Opening officially opened the Senior Center.



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Dear Ellington Residents:

Ellington continues to make progress in addressing the Town's need for expanded facilities to serve a growing population. The Crystal Lake School addition/renovation program is well on its way as is the Windermere School renovation. In addition, over the past year the Town has accepted a STEAP Grant to construct an addition to the Human Services Building and the project was completed on time and budget.

Ellington has also applied for and accepted a \$500,000 STEAP Grant to finance the long overdue expansion to the Town Hall to accommodate the need for more vault space for town records. Finally, Ellington appropriated \$500,000 for the Town's portion of the cost related to constructing the much needed athletic fields on the Pinney Street Town-owned property. The Board of Finance reduced the original request of \$605,000 to \$500,000 which was approved at a Town Meeting.

The Town continues to make improvements to the facilities to improve service to the residents and expand its capabilities. All this is being accomplished with minimal impact on your local real estate taxes.

We await the current budget season with the usual apprehension about how the State will handle the ECS (education cost sharing) program, hoping they will send Ellington what it deserves and what it needs to continue to provide a first rate education to the youth of Ellington.

We want to express our gratitude to 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. We look forward to the continued support of all who have taken part in our budget process.

October 22, 2014



Robert J. Clements, Chairman

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HIGHLIGHTS

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.



Board of Selectmen:

Back Row (L-R): Melinda M. Ferry, James Prichard, A. Leo Miller, Lori Spielman
Front Row (L-R): John Turner; Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman; Ronald F. Stomberg

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of 15 regular meetings plus 7 special meetings. Four public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called nine 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 2013-2014:

REFERENDA:

1. Town of Ellington increase by \$900,000 the \$21,040,000 appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of renovations, additions, alterations and improvements to crystal lake school and to windermere school" [Passed - vote yes: 360 / no: 258]
2. May 20, 2014 – "Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the Board of Finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a.k.a. budget grand total for the fiscal year 2014-2015, the sum of \$51,577,732" [Passed - votes: yes: 381 / no: 223]

AGREEMENTS:

- Adopted a resolution to execute and deliver to the State a personal service agreement regarding extending the sanitary sewer on Route 30/Contract amount \$75,000
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the lease agreement with Nutmeg Park, LLC commencing 4/1/2014 through 3/31/2015 for the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department truck bay space
- Authorized a four-year lease agreement for the purchase of BOE system-wide technology equipment for Windermere School and Ellington Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$285,455
- Authorized the agreement between Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT, Inc. for another year
- Authorized a four-year lease agreement for the purchase of a street sweeper replacement for the Public Works Department amount not to exceed \$170,000

CONTRACTS

- Waived the bid for snow plowing services for 2013-2014 and awarded contract to Barber Utilities, LLC of Ellington
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to subscribe to Facility Dude, a maintenance management online tool
- Awarded Contract for Lead Paint Inspection Services for Housing Rehabilitation Program to Enviroplan, LLC of West Hartford, CT
- Waived the RFP-Actuarial Valuation of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) and awarded the Actuarial valuation of Other Post Employment Benefits to USI Consulting Group
- Awarded Cleaning Services Contract to Adams and Adams Building Services, Inc. under a one-year option to renew
- Renewed the current HVAC Mechanical Services contract with Action Air Systems, Inc. under a one-year option to renew
- Approved the 2014-2017 Board of Education Administrators' Contract
- Renewed the contract for the Town's computer system with the Computer Company of Cromwell for 1 year
- Renewed the electrical services contact with Ellington Electrical Contractor, LLC under a one-year option to renew.
- Awarded the contract for the FY2014-15 Small Cities Grant Application Preparation and Program Administration to Community Opportunities Group
- Renewed the contract with Mountain Tree Service, Inc. under a one-year option to renew
- Adopted a resolution to accept from the State reimbursement regarding the American Rock Salt Contract Default

EQUIPMENT

- Approved an additional appropriation for \$70,000 for the DPW Mini Excavator
- Approved an additional appropriation for \$11,000 for improving backstops, fencing and other related items on playfields
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to dispose of the 1998 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup Truck
- Authorized the sale of the 2006 Ford Ambulance to Ambulance Service of Manchester, LLC for \$37,500
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to send to auction the following equipment: Lincoln air greaser, over seeder, hydraulic saw/sheer, Toro mower parts, boat trailer, oil tanks and calcium tanks
- Authorized the Director of Public Works to trade in the 2006 Elgin Broom Bear sweeper and credit \$30,000 to the price of the new Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper

FINANCES

- Recommended appropriation of \$500,000 for Town's cost related to constructing athletic fields on the Pinney Street Town-Owned property, after the BOF reduced the requested \$605,000/ Approved at Town Meeting
- Set Trash Collection Fee at \$110
- Closed out the Ellington High School project and the Center School Project with balance of \$1,078,392.40
- Approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$11,318 from the 2013-2014 unassigned general fund to the Town Fire Marshal's part time payroll account
- Recommended to the BOF a Capital Improvements Budget for 2014-2015 (\$1,395,092 less grants and reimbursements of \$126,768 for a total net amount of \$1,268,324
- Granted an abatement of taxes as requested by West Road Associates [Earthlight Technologies] 88 West Road for a period of three years at 50% of the increased assessment/ Approved at Town Meeting
- Granted an abatement of taxes as requested by DESCO Professional Builders, Inc./Ellington Property Management,

- Inc., for a period of five years at 100% of the increased assessment/ Approved at Town Meeting
- Recommended to the Board of Finance the Board of Selectmen Town Budget for FY 2014-2015 of \$51,577,732/ Approved at Town Meeting
- Recommended an additional appropriation of \$900,000 related to the furnishing and equipping of renovations, additions, alterations and improvements to Crystal Lake School and Windermere School; approved at referendum
- Granted an abatement of taxes as requested by The Barn Yard Enterprises, Inc. (Village Properties Associates) for a period of two years at 75% of the increased assessment

GRANTS

- Accepted STEAP Grant to construct an addition to the Human Services building (\$250,000)
- Accepted Community Development Block Grant for Multi-jurisdictional Housing Rehab Program and approved at 9/16/2013 Town Meeting (\$450,000)
- Accepted DUI Enforcement Program Grant (\$33,750)
- Accepted the CT State Library Historic Document Preservation Grant (\$5,000)
- Accepted STEAP Grant for Town Hall Addition (\$500,000)
- Accepted the Office of Policy Management Grant - Police and Youth Services Side by Side Program (\$10,000)
- Accepted the Library Services and Technology Grant (\$5,000)
- Accepted the Nutmeg Network Grant: Broadband Fiber High Speed Internet (\$33,000)
- Applied for the Drug-free Communities Support Program federal grant (5 years at \$125,000 each year)
- Endorsed the change scope for the \$200,000 STEAP grant awarded in 2010 to construction and modifications to the EVFD building at 29 Main Street to update and improve safety and efficiencies to support training and operations

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- Approved the Town of Ellington Code of Ethics
- Adopted revisions to Ellington Personnel Rules & Regulations on August 26, 2013
- Approved the Return-To-Work Policy on July 15, 2013
- Revised the Purchasing Procedures
- Approved the Statement of Interest Form for Student Representatives [ages 14-17] to serve on ad hoc committees and adopted guidelines for Ad Hoc Committees with Student Representatives
- Revised procedures for Selling Town-owned land, Accepting Donations of Real Estate and Purchasing Real Estate
- Approved the revisions to the Electronic Messages Record Retention Policy

PROPERTY

- Accepted Courtney Drive as Town Road/Courtney Acres Subdivision
- Accepted Angel Trace and Gabriel Drive as Town Roads/ Angel Trace Subdivision

STAFF

- Accepted the resignation of Robert Phillips, Town Planner
- Appointed Lisa Houlihan, Acting Town Planner
- Reclassified Rebecca O'Brien from the position of Maintainer I to WPCA Technician/Maintainer II
- Acknowledged the retirement of Michael Caron, Police Officer
- Acknowledged the retirement of Mary Thiesing, Administrative Assessment Technician
- Acknowledged the retirement of Peter R. Williams, Building Official and WPCA Administrator

- Acknowledged the resignation of Elizabeth Waters, Assistant Town Clerk
- Acknowledged the appointment of John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer
- Acknowledged the appointment of Daniel Whitman, Maintainer I
- Appointed Raymond F. Martin III as the Building Official
- Acknowledged the appointment of Troy Ciesco as the Land Use Technician
- Acknowledged the appointment of Diane Cassano as the Finance Office Clerk
- Acknowledged the appointment of Donna Hosey as the Administrative Clerk, Town Clerk's Office
- Acknowledged the appointment of Nicholas Delorme, Senior Center Custodian
- Acknowledged the appointment of Claire Rich, Senior Center Custodian
- Acknowledged the resignation of Thomas Modzelewski, Lead Mechanic
- Reclassified Taylor Olsen from Mechanic I to Lead Mechanic
- Acknowledged the resignation of Kimberly Courville, EMT/ Driver
- Acknowledged the retirement of Robert Willis, Foreman, DPW
- Acknowledged the notice of retirement from Maureen O'Neil
- Acknowledged the appointment of Perry Dikeman, Mechanic I
- Acknowledged the appointment of Christine Kiessling, Assessment Aide
- Acknowledged the appointment of Deborah Landry-Schiessl, Full-Time EMT/Driver

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted the resignation of Ted C. Graziani, Selectman
- Appointed Melinda M. Ferry, BOS member to fill a democratic term to December 7, 2015
- Acknowledged the passing of Rachel Wheeler-Rossow, former Selectman, with a moment of silence
- Accepted the resignation of Richard Cleary from the Board of Finance
- Appointed Douglas Harding to the Board of Finance to fill an unexpired Republican term

OTHER ACTIONS

- Issued a Special License to Brent Moser for September 14, 2013 Jeep Show
- Issued a Special License to Brent Moser for September 21, 2013 Mud Bog
- Selected Homer Peckham as the 2013 Wall of Honor Recipient
- Heard and acted on two citation appeals regarding zoning violations at 159 Jobs Hill Road and 406 Somers Road
- Approved the request of Nikolas Turano, Boy Scout, Troop 223, to construct an information kiosk at the north end of the Hockanum River Trail near the Windermere Avenue Bridge as part of his Eagle Scout project
- Recommended to the State Department of Transportation that the Waiver to Permit Delayed Parachute Jumping at Ellington Airport be renewed for one year
- Acknowledged the retirement of Atherton B. "Joe" Ryan, Town Attorney
- Acknowledged the retirement of Michael Varney as Chief of EVFD
- Acknowledged Gary T. Feldman, Sr. as the new EVFD Chief

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, John Racheck
Standing L-R: Barry Pinto, Mark Joyse, Michael Varney

*Douglas Harding was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Richard Cleary in February 2014.

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 in the Town of Ellington). 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. The 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, 2010 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.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2013 Grand List
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Implementation of the new Farm Building Exemption

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/11	10/01/12	10/01/13
Real Estate	1,100,236,325	1,113,939,027	1,126,320,506
Personal Property	39,086,761	40,317,050	44,157,235
Motor Vehicle	116,838,137	117,200,796	121,673,858
TOTAL	\$1,256,161,223	\$1,271,456,873	\$1,292,151,599

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 2013 through December 2013, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

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 include the 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

- Staffing changes during the year
- Hiring of Finance Clerk

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversees Information Technology
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects –Senior Center/ Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation/Windermere Alterations/Human Services/Recreation Building Improvements
- Completion of the close out of the Ellington High School Project Number 048-0050, and Center School Project Number 048-0051 for final state grant reimbursement
- Bonding Resolution for Athletic Fields on Pinney Street \$500,000
- Bonding Resolution for additional appropriation to Crystal Lake School Renovation/Addition and Windermere School Alterations \$900,000
- Moody's presentation for Bond Issue \$4,205,000 – Aa3
- Bond Issue \$4,250,000 –Senior Center, DOJO Farm Acquisition, Library HVAC System, Windermere School Heating System, Property Acquisition-59 South Road- Twenty year Bond Issue, interest rate 3.1853%
- Commence Lease for DPW Replacement Street Sweeper - \$170,000
- Commence Lease for BOE System-wide Technology Equipment for Windermere School and Ellington Middle School - \$285,455
- Assisted in the implementation of the upgraded telephone system for General Government Buildings
- Continue implementation of upgrading Payroll system
- Worked on Ordinance Concerning Competitive Bidding Requirements
- Revised purchasing procedures
- Grant submission for Nutmeg Network Grant; Broadband Fiber high Speed Internet

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

- Bid-To Provide Electrical Services
- RFQP-Local Official Reviewer (Code Consultant)-Services Addition and Renovations Like New at Crystal Lake Elementary School and Windermere Elementary School Renovation Project
- Bid-Roof Replacements-Brookside Pavilion and Town Hall Annex
- Bid-Upper Butcher Road Sewer Construction
- Bid-Windermere Elementary School Alteration Phase 1
- Bid-Crystal Lake Elementary School Expansion & Renovate as New Phase 1 of 3
- Bid-Center Sewer Extension, Main Street (RTE 286) Parking Lot, Arbor Way
- Bid-To Provide Contractor Services & Equipment Rental
- Bid-CCM Energy
- RFP-Onsite Construction Clerk of the Works
- RFP-Special Inspector and Materials Testing Services
- Bid-Phase One, Site Work, Pinney Athletic Fields
- Bid-To Provide Food Services at Town beach
- RFP-Actuarial Valuation for OPEB, waived by BOS

The Finance Office assisted the BOF 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 PBC in the following areas:

- Senior Center Building Project
- Crystal Lake School Renovation, Addition, Alterations and Improvements Project
- Windermere School Renovations, Alterations, and Improvements 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 2012 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,854	Real Estate
900	Personal Property
15,673	Motor Vehicle
2,548	Supplemental Motor Vehicle
Totaling \$36,440,625	

COMPARISON	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Current Collections	\$33,887,727	\$34,866,838	\$35,893,052
Back Collections	359,188	309,220	355,220
Interest & Liens	306,471	351,896	319,824
Collection Rate	98.7%	98.7%	98.8%

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 consist of the following, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statutes govern the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Records.

- 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On-line Dog registration is available through the Town website.
- Awarded Historic Document Preservation Grant for \$5,000 for land record preservation.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to public. Land record images are available at a nominal charge.
- All recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerks office.

SUMMARY

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Births	108	137	148
Marriages	84	87	81
Deaths	73	86	96
Land Record Recordings	2855	2983	2803
Map Filings	38	37	35
Trade Names	67	51	34
Dog Licenses	2328	2329	2360
Kennel Licenses	8	8	10
Sportsman Licenses	295	496	521
Liquor Permits	10	10	16
Veterans Discharges	27	38	27
Cemetery Deeds	24	21	41
Aircraft Registration	31	25	29

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Planning Department serves five permanent land use commissions and one Ad Hoc commission. The commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and the Design Review Board. Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner Wetland and Zoning Officer, a full-time Land Use Technician and a part-time Administrative Secretary.

In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, the department staff also provides assistance to members of the development community and to the general public. The planning department also coordinates closely with other town, state and federal agencies and their staff. Land use policies are created by the commissions and then 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.

TOWN ATTORNEY

The Senior Center building is complete and in use; the renovations to Crystal Lake and Windermere Schools and Pinney Street Fields construction are underway and hopefully the work of the town attorney on those projects is complete. On Line availability of meeting agendas, minutes, assessments, taxes and mapping with MapGeo makes information concerning the town readily available to all of us. Soon a new permitting program will streamline the building process across all of the departments and the public. Ellington has progressed with the times and is



Robert Willis, DPW and Atherton "Joe" Ryan, Town Attorney. Both men retired in 2014, and between the two of them they had 90 years of service to the Town of Ellington.

in stark contrast to the early 1960's when I became involved and the town hall consisted of two offices, an auditorium and a meeting room, no copiers but electric typewriters. It has been my privilege to have served this town since then. We have discussed issues, even argued, listened, decided, shook hands and gone on with the business at hand. May that tradition continue.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (PZC)

The PZC is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development for the town, as well as processing 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 improvement and open space areas. Through its staff, the PZC is obligated by law to ensure that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans. This is accomplished through plan review and site inspections and the issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.

In 2013-2014, commission initiatives included pursuing the implementation of the goals and objectives of the 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;
- Protects natural, scenic and 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:

- Two (2) zoning regulation amendments.
- One (1) subdivision application approved, resulting in two (2) new building lots.
- Twenty-nine (29) other zoning applications were reviewed composed of site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes or statutory referral reports.
- Three (3) administrative actions were processed including extensions, release/reduction in bonding and changing approval classifications.
- Two (2) applications were withdrawn.
- One (1) application was denied without prejudice.
- Commenced a study on Route 83, Ellington's main commercial corridor, reviewing land-uses, zoning, and future build out.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY (IWA)

The IWA is responsible by state law to protect inland wetlands and watercourses. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly drained, 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, notices, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven (7) Agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Seven (7) Administrative Agent applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Three (3) Requests for Notification of Permitted & Non-Regulated Uses.
- One (1) Amendment to the Inland Wetland Regulations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

The EDC is committed to fostering a pro-business environment which encourages a growing, sustainable and diverse tax base. The EDC continuously looks to facilitate communication between businesses and town officials. The EDC adopts policies consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development and strives to improve the quality of life in Ellington.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to support tax abatement/incentive programs such as C-PACE, a commercial property assessed clean energy program.
- Supported legislation to facilitate greater availability of natural gas for Ellington homes and businesses.
- Established an online business directory in support of a shop-local, buy local program.
- Supported tax abatement for Earthlight Technologies for the construction of a 2,100 square foot addition to an existing building for solar installation services.
- Supported tax abatement for Ellington Property Management for the construction of a new 16,000 square foot building for manufacturing and retail.
- Supported tax abatement for Barn Yard for the construction of a new 12,000 square foot manufacturing and office facility.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

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. In addition, the ZBA 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 designated Enforcement Officer(s). The ZBA also currently approves locations for an applicant who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Although this authority given to the ZBA has been the subject of many statutory revisions in recent years, it is subject to change during any upcoming state legislative session.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed eleven (11) applications of which:
- Nine (9) variances approved five (5) with modifications or conditions).
- Two (2) locations approved with conditions for dealing in and repairing motor vehicles.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space and farmland preservation. 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, acquisition of farmland development rights and similar topics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed two subdivisions for open space or fee-in-lieu of open space. Recommended that a portion of property adjacent to state forest be set aside for open space.
- Continued to support three (3) properties for consideration under the town farmland preservation program. During this fiscal year the Charter Farm received final approval for permanent preservation of approximately seventy-seven (77) acres of which approximately thirty-four (34) acres are in Ellington.
- Worked on revising and updating the Ellington Plan of Conservation. The current Plan of Conservation was last updated in 2006.
- Continued to support the Hockanum River Trail Association in their efforts to create and maintain trails in and around the Hockanum River.
- Created and supported events designed to encourage public participation in hiking and walking on trails.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

The DRB is advisory and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the PZC regarding design elements for commercial and industrial developments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed six (6) site development plans and provided advisory recommendations to the PZC.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

During the past year, nothing of significance has changed at Snipsic Village. We have been fully occupied throughout the year. Two older tenants moved out to live with family members. There are more than 100 people on the waiting list.

Much of the board's attention has been focused on the possibility of constructing additional elderly housing units to serve strong demand. To that end, several board members attended a series of 8 daylong training sessions from October 2013 through March 2014 to learn about the process of putting together a successful proposal. Once the scope of the proposal is determined, the next, and crucial, step is to obtain financing. Due to a short supply of State and Federal grant funds for such purposes, it is necessary to look to other sources. This involves, for example, private equity (tax credit) investment, bank loans, local contributions and direct tenant subsidies.

In May 2014, the Housing Authority met with representatives of the Town's Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning, and related staff to present the current status of the proposal and to discuss participation and approvals that will be required from various Town agencies.

The next steps are to locate a suitable site and submitting an application to the State for predevelopment funding. It is expected that this will take place during the next year.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five-member board with the responsibility for the administration and maintenance of the two sewer systems in the Town, the Hockanum Sewer System that collects residential and commercial sewage for treatment at the Vernon Sewer Plant and the Crystal Lake Sewer System that collects residential sewage for treatment at the Stafford Sewer Plant. All town sewer maintenance is handled by the Public Works Department, by agreement with the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Peter Williams retired as WPCA Administrator
- Timothy Webb appointed as WPCA Administrator
- Ellington Avenue Sewer Extension completed
- Upper Butcher Rd sewer extension completed
- Main Street Extension bid awarded to Spazzarini Construction
- Set 5-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Granted Addition Flow Requests to Country Pure Foods and Windermere Village
- Set Hockanum Benefit Assessment Rates and Sewer User Fees for Hockanum and Crystal Lake Systems
- Sent Letters to Crystal Lake Sewer users regarding water softening systems
- Waived Benefit Assessments for Senior Center and Crystal Lake School
- Hired AppGeo to include sewer layer on the town GIS mapping

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars' of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve four-year terms.

The Democratic Registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican Registrar is Wanda DeLand.

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

This past year, the Municipal Election was held. In District #2, there were 2,136 voters with 619 actually voting, which is 29% of total voters. In District #1, there were 7,458 voters with 1,786 actually voting. This was the first election for same day registration. There were four newly registered and actually voting persons on that day. The percentage of persons actually voting in District #1 was 24%.

The town is divided into two districts. As of June 30, 2014, District #1 has 1,719 registered Democrats, 1,658 registered Republicans, 3,631 registered unaffiliated voters and 89 registered voters from other political parties. District #2 has 513 registered Democrats, 480 registered Republicans, 1,062 registered unaffiliated and 29 registered voters from other political parties. The total number of registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 9,181 which is a decrease of 397 registered voters from the preceding 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

- During fiscal Year 2013-14 the focus of the Permanent Building Committee was and continues to be the Crystal Lake School Renovation/Addition, Windermere School Alteration project and the Senior Center Project. The Committee met 12 times.
- The Senior Center project received approval for occupancy in January 2014 with the grand opening occurring in April. There continues to be minor ongoing punch list items and purchases.
- The Crystal Lake and Windermere School projects went out to bid and came back over budget. Ellington taxpayers approved additional funding to complete the projects. Contracts were signed with Enfield Builders for Crystal Lake School and All

Phase Enterprises for the Windermere School project. The Permanent Bldg Committee interviewed and hired a Clerk of the Works for the projects. Groundbreaking and site work began at Crystal Lake School before the end of the school year and when school was closed for the summer, work began at Windermere School.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (BAA)

The purpose of the BAA is to hear appeals of taxpayers who believe there is an error in the assessed value of their real estate, motor vehicle or personal property. The three member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen conducts appeal hearings and adjusts assessed values, if necessary, based on the board's determinations.

The BAA conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles in September. Shortly after the appeal, the BAA deliberates and the applicant is notified by mail prior to the first day of either April for real estate and personal property or October for motor vehicles of the Board's decision.

Taxpayers who feel their property is incorrectly assessed should visit the Town Assessor's Office and complete an appeal application prior to the cutoff date of February 20th. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing scheduled in March. Motor vehicle appeals held in September may be completed on the night of the hearing and are heard on a first come first heard basis.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

Northeast Aquatic Research (NEA) conducted an aquatic plant survey in June of 2013. Milfoil was found in the Dam Area, in the vicinity of Northeast Cove, within Aborn Cove and near the entrance to Aborn Cove. Red-leaf and large-leaf pondweed were found in the vicinity of Northeast Cove. New England Aquatic Services provided divers that removed plants during July 2013 in the following areas: Northeast Cove: 11 hours; Dam Area: 30 hours; Aborn Cove: 68.5 hours; and placement of benthic barriers along Aborn brook for 2.5 hours for a total of 112 hours.

NEAR conducted another aquatic plant survey in October of 2013 and recommended the following for the 2014 season: continue to monitor the open water and the hot spots near Northeast Cove and near Aborn Cove for red-leaf pondweed, long-leaf pondweed and milfoil and remove as funds are available. The open water portions of the lake should take priority. Then, if funding allows, consider additional work in Aborn Cove and the Route 140 Pond. Conduct a lake-wide plant survey in the fall to verify the contractor work performed in the summer and to develop a plan for plant removal in 2015.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE

We are pleased to announce that we finally received a 501 (c) (3) designation from the IRS in Dec., 2013. The Friends of the Pinney House, Inc. is the name that we have given to our private charitable organization. We are able to accept donations and apply for various grants since we now have tax-exempt status. We are in the process of applying for grants at the present time. At our first meeting on 2/17/ 2014, we elected officers for the Friends of the Pinney House, Inc.

President: Gerry Gillung

Vice President: Dale Roberson

Secretary: Debbie Wallace

Treasurer: Jim Gage

Chairperson for Fundraising: Marcia Kupferschmid

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police is to protect life and property. The team consists of a Sergeant, four Resident State Troopers, twelve Town Officers, three 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. Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

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. In conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture, we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking. We also continue to establish working relationships with the youth of the town through the Side by Side grant program.
- 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.
- The Resident Troopers' Office in conjunction with the Board of Education conducted safety audits of the schools and established a full-time SRO position shared by two Town Officers. We are attempting to establish two full-time SRO positions for the Ellington School System.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The following is a brief summary of the Police Team's Major Activities:

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Criminal Cases Investigated	243	302	349
Motor Vehicle Investigations	187	174	215
Motor Vehicle Arrests / Warnings	2,736	3,318	3,353
DWI's	26	18	38
Marine Safety Inspections	780	759	687
Calls for Services	7,071	11,420	10,857

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

	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
New Single Family Homes	40	21	35	40	46
New Commercial Buildings	0	0	0	2	2
New Multi-Family Buildings	3	0	8	0	4
Residential Alteration & Additions	66	51	49	44	41
Repairs / Replacements to Existing	168	173	200	158	158
Mechanical / Electrical	600	541	707	669	692
Other	126	132	152	149	131
Totals	1,003	919	1,151	1,062	1,074
Field Inspections	1,198	976	1,305	1,291	1,261

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Department of Town Fire Marshal performs both investigative and code enforcement roles within our community. Direct responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. Administrative and criminal search warrant applications and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed with the court system when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of all buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are mandated (more than 2,500 inspections) by state statute. This requires enforcement of the following State of Connecticut codes: Fire Safety, Fire Prevention, Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Hazardous Chemicals, Explosives, Liquid Petroleum Gas, Liquid Natural Gas, Gas Equipment, Fireworks and Special Effects, Oil Burner Equipment, Tents and Portable Shelters. Numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes are also enforced. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes and arrest warrants are prepared when appropriate. In cooperation with the appropriate state agencies, permits are processed for all liquor establishments, day care centers, group day care homes and explosives operations. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed and approved prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning is regulated, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals are regulated, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary. Of the more than three hundred enforcement citations issued, many resulted in the issuance of construction permits for abatement work, with those fees reflected in the Building Department revenues.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

<i>Selected statistics covering past 20 years</i>	1993-1994	2003-2004	2013-2014
Investigations	61	64	43
Criminal	14	24	10
Non-criminal	46	40	31
Undetermined	1	0	2
Fire Casualties: Fatal	0	0	1
Non-Fatal	4	4	0
Building Fires	14	26	15
Motor Vehicle Fires	6	8	5
All Other Fires	15	23	14
Hazardous Materials Incidents	7	7	8
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$ 1,307.6	\$ 411.2	\$ 224.4
Criminal	\$1.0	\$ 19.0	\$.5
Non-criminal	\$ 1,306.6	\$ 392.2	\$ 223.9
Undetermined	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)	\$ 1,806.4	\$ 2,679.4	\$ 4,988.2
Enforcement Inspections	79	528	996
Commercial	8	99	112
Public Assembly	17	51	42
Educational	6	13	18
Residential (Multi-family)	8	310	801
Hazardous Materials	40	24	5
Other	0	31	19
State Licenses and Permits Approved	49	44	43
Open Burning Permits Processed / Approved	N/A	26	11
Enforcement Citations Issued	72	690	202
Arrests and/or Referrals	5	6	1

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Gary T. Feldman, Sr.

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Brendan L. Burke

DEPUTY CHIEFS: Jack Rich, II, Karl S. Neubecker

CAPTAINS: Robert Smith, Thomas Adams

LIEUTENANTS: Valerie Adams, Peter Hany Jr., Kim Gambacorta

SECRETARY: Jae-P Levitan

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman



MEMBERS

Jonathan Allen	Sarah Gambacorta	Bryan Platt
Clayton Bannock	Vincent Gambacorta	Keith Ruff
Brandon Bartell	Mitchell Griswold	Andrew Slicer
Fred Bird	Peter Hany, Jr.	Randall Smith
Bryan Blotniski	Bradford Hoffman	Kelly Toomey
Steven Breault, Sr.	Blaize Levitan	Regan Toomey
Dominick Cristelli	Jae-P Levitan	Dennis C. Varney
Richard Daugherty	John Meigel	John W. Turner*
Donald Davis	Debra Messier	Frederica Weeks
Robert Federigan	Andrew Nelson	
Gary Feldman, Jr.	Earl Palmer-Lavoie	
Kevin Gambacorta	Daniel Parisi	
Kim Gambacorta	Jeff Parent	

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Jack Rich
Arthur Caldwell	Allan Lawrence, Jr.	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Daniel Connors	Robert Levandoski	Allen Smith
Jerry Connors	Robert Parlante	

CADET LEVEL I & II MEMBERS

Timothy Bahler	Mathew Moser	John Vogel
Kevin Gilson	Doug Parent	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Robert Federigan	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 5/8B. During the past several years, the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth in 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 Life Star Helicopter transport team, are requested.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. formally signed a multi-year agreement in 2009 to provide services to the Town of

Ellington as outlined in the Town of Ellington Charter as revised.

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. or visit our award winning website at www.ellingtonfire.org, message us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ellingtonfd](https://www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd) or leave us a message at 860-870-3190.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. During this period, the department responded to 711 emergency calls, equaling a donation of more than 4400 man-hours for emergency services. Significant incident activity for the year included single family home structure fires, and several a large mutual aid fires.

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 emergency activity and related services provided by the department to the Town of Ellington:

Fire, Explosion.....	40
Structural/Building fire.....	13
Cooking fire	3
Chimney/Fuel Burner/Boiler malfunction	8
Vehicle/Mobile property fire	7
Forest, brush, grass, crop fires	5
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	3
Outside Equipment fire	1
Excessive heat, scorch with no ignition	1
Rescue Call	400
Emergency Medical Call/Assist.....	345
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle	54
Search for Person on Land	1
Hazardous Condition Standby.....	81
Flammable / Combustible liquid spill	6
Chemical hazard spill or leak	5
Carbon monoxide incident	11
Power line down.....	8
Arching, shorted electrical equipment.....	11
Accident other	4
Aircraft Standby	2
Vehicle accident no extrication	34
Service Call.....	59
Service call, other.....	7
Person in Distress, other.....	3
Lockout	3
Water or steam problem, other	2
Smoke, odor removal	7
Police or other govt. agency assist	3
Public service assistance	7
Assist Invalid	4
Unauthorized Burning	2
Cover assignment, standby, move up	21
Good Intent Call	45
Good intent call, other	6
Cancelled en-route, wrong location	14
Authorized controlled burning	8
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor.....	11
EMS Call party transported prior to arrival	1
Hazardous materials investigation	5

False Call	86
False call, other	13
Alarm system malfunction.....	22
Unintentional alarm	45
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	6

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year Ellington firefighters spent over 7500 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, Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following skills; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, or as well as other nationally recognized organizations/agencies accredited all courses attended.

Members of our department also attended specialty courses 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.

Live burn exercises were conducted regionally by EVFD personnel for area departments and using the Departments Live Burn Trailer, that was funded by a federal grant.

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	14
Fire Fighter II/III	21
Fire Service Instructor I	10
Fire Service Instructor II	5
Fire Officer I	8
Fire Officer II	5
Safety Officer	6
Pump Operator	6
Aerial Operator	12
Hazardous Materials Operational	20
Hazardous Materials Technician	19
Emergency Medical Technician	10
Emergency Medical Responder	20
Emergency Medical Services Instructor	3

ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Several of our officers and members are also very active within regional and state organizations including: the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the CT Fire Chiefs Associations, the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association, Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Planning Committee, the Volunteer Combination Officers Section Strategic Planning Task Force, IAFC Technology Council and Economic Challenges Task Force as well as the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service. These again show the dedication of our members and the respect they receive through the state with their training and leadership.

EQUIPMENT

A new service vehicle was purchased with capitol funds and placed in service to fill a need for an additional vehicle capable of towing our trailers.

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.

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 that location with a ladder / pumper truck, fire pumper and a small rescue, as well as store the utility terrain vehicle. 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.

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 Ellington Volunteer Fire Department also actively participates on several State Fire Rescue Disaster Plan; Strike Teams and Task Forces. Responses of our members of these teams included several incident management team activations around the state, hazardous materials incidents in the capitol region, dive team responses throughout the Tolland County area and Strike Team and Task Force deployments in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. Cadets participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they engage in their own training and activities. 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 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 safety. These included visiting the Elementary schools, K through Grade 2, the area nursery schools, Pre-K programs, and the Senior Center as well as participating as a TRIAD member providing support to this program funded through the Town Social Service office. During the year we also gave numerous tours of our firehouse to groups 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 a program to provide 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 as we have seen with the expansion of many of our town's agencies facilities to address the needs of the community. 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 86th 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 www.ellingtonfire.org or www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd.

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 street numbers assigned to properties on those streets are within the parameters of the e911 database guide. New streets are added to the database at time of construction. Existing streets are 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 that serves as our Primary Service Answering Point, PSAP, the Town of Ellington is able to provide a professional answering and dispatch service at a very economical rate. During FY 13-14, 1,238 911 calls were received from the Town of Ellington. This does not include the cell phone calls that may have been transferred by other area dispatch centers for an Ellington service.

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAP's distributes funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are distributed to all eligible dispatch centers across the State of Connecticut. The funding formula for distribution of these revenues supplements operating expenses, capital improvements and dispatcher training. That funding has been held to FY 09-10 funding levels. Any increase in operating expenses, salary or capital project costs are passed along to the member towns of the regional center. The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications is reviewing the content of a report on the operations of Primary Service Answering Points across the state. It is of the greatest importance that any adjustments to the funding formula continue to support the regional concept of shared services.

Efforts have continued to further develop the use of the Computer Aided Dispatch, CAD programs to further benefit the user agencies.

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, base radio replacements and compliance with the FCC narrow banding requirements have been addressed. A redesign of the dispatch center was completed this

past year. Plans have begun to upgrade the radio console equipment and the microwave link to the radio tower facility.

The process of upgrading all Connecticut PSAP's to the next generation of 911 equipment will take place during FY 14-15 statewide.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Chris Marks

DEPUTY CHIEF: Brian Pippin

CAPTAINS: Rob Edwards, Timothy Seitz

LIEUTENANTS: Bryan Harvell, Britney Edwards, Erik Person

SECRETARY: Lois Goodin

TREASURER: John Strieber



MEMBERS

Mike Allen
John Aubin
Shannon Bennett
Jessica Casey
Brandon Clark
Dannielle Decina
Tom Descheneaux
Britney Edwards
Rob Edwards
Bryan Harvell

Brian Legare
Richard Legare
Bob Ludwig
Sam Ludwig
Elaine Lupoletti
Ashley Marks
Chris Marks
Erik Person
Brian Pippin
Chuck Pippin
Stephanie Pratt

Cindy Rivard
Doug Rogala
Paul Secker
Annemarie Seitz
Timothy Seitz
Kyle Sorant
John Streiber
Bryan Sutton
Susan Trisler
John Wrynn

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell
Reka Wrynn
Sarah Rogala

Jessica Harvell
Larry Booth
Frank Sutton

Cindy Bregoli
David Bregoli
Lois Goodin

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison

Paul McDonald

Thomas Trapp

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis

CO-CHAIRMAN: John Wrynn

CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

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 emergency medical responders. 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 has certified scuba divers

on the department. Department members certified as divers may 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 Emergency Medical Responders, 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 we work with the ASM & AMR Paramedics and the Life-Star Helicopter. Our members train diligently and routinely to make sure our patients receive excellent pre-hospital care.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has over 30 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 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 purchase of equipment. We hope for everyone's continued support and hope the best for the community and all the residents.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Structural fire.....	10
Brush fire	10
Vehicle fire	2
Wires down/Fire/Other	15
Mutual Aid.....	8
Station Coverage	10
Fire Alarm	8
CO Alarm	10
MVA	30
Medical.....	48
Medical with Paramedic	45
Tolland County Dive Team	6
Water Rescue	4
Search & Rescue	1
Life Star	1
Chimney Fire	3
Miscellaneous	36
Hazmat	3
TOTAL	251

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 web site to give tips on preparing an Emergency Communications Plan, an Emergency Supply kit, plans for Persons with Special Needs and more. Also, we will be installing a new Emergency Notification System

(ENS) that will alert the citizens in time of emergencies or other significant events in town. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

The Community Emergency Response Team (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 are able to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when regular emergency 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. We ran another basic training class this year and have four new members in our group. This brings our total to 30 members. Congratulations to Angela, Darlene, Natalie, and Rich.

Our CERT reached a milestone on March 9, 2014 by celebrating our fifth anniversary as a Team. You all know the last few years were quite eventful and our team was a major factor in sheltering our citizens, providing a place for our citizens to get a warm/hot shower and a hearty meal for nine days. Our shelters were manned 24 hours a day for the entire time.

On March 9, 2009, 16 Ellington residents received their certificates as members of the Community Emergency Response Team. 16 people graduated that day and 13 of them are still active members of the Team. To recognize these loyal members they were presented name tags to wear on their green shirts. The name tags were presented by First Selectman Maurice Blanchette and former First Selectman Michael Stupinski. First Selectman Blanchette also presented the Team with a Proclamation. Those people are: Diana Chamberland, Pat Davis, Pete Davis, Ashlee Leone, Fred Leone, Diane Reese, Melissa Ocasio-Willbrant, Alan Shulz, Kenlyn Streiber, Kurt Sullivan, Weining Wu, John Streiber, Team Leader Dep EMD, Don Davis, EMD

If you would like information on how you can help your families, neighbors and fellow citizens by joining the Ellington CERT, please call the Emergency Management office at (860)870-3182 or email the Deputy Director of the Emergency Management Office, John Streiber, at jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov.

The Office of Emergency Management maintains and operates the Town of Ellington Emergency Operations Center, from which critical town government functions are conducted during any large scale emergency situation, maintenance of an emergency shelter of record.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dan Flanagan

TRAINING: Brandon Bartell

SECRETARY: Matt Lontz

TREASURER: Nancy Stillman

SCHEDULING: Doreen Connor

SUPPLY: Don Lanier

MAINTENANCE: Mark O'Donnell

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Wendy Pospisil



ACTIVE MEMBERS

Doreen Connor
Nancy Stillman
Renee Cyr
Paige Flanagan
Cassandra Smith
Annalise Hurley
Don Lanier
Wendy Pospisil

Dan Flanagan
Alexis D'Aloisio
Andrew Slicer
Eric Thepsiri
Brandon Bartell
Joe Glomboske
Peter Hany Sr.
Jennifer Rice
James Brazdionis

Matt Lontz
Ben Johnson
Gregory York
Laura Lakenbach
Simon Hessler
Katelyn Martel
Rachel Oakes
Bruce Hoffman

PAID STAFF

Kim Courville
Bryan Goulet
Kristin Fries

Tonya Glomboske
Kerri Pliszka
Debbie Schiessl

Brittany Martin
Thomas Dillon
Christie Mason

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Krista Schulz

Becky York

Diane Turner

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Allison Jenkins
Alisa Smith

Bryan Evans
Nora Young
Daniel Hunt

Dorota Gdula
Kyle Sorant

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault
Ray Close

Jean-Marie Currier
Angie Sandberg

John Watts
Denise Rioux

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc. (EVAC) has been providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities for the past 52 years. EVAC responded to 1111 EMS requests during the 2013 calendar year, 89 of which were in the Crystal Lake district. EVAC also responded to 78 mutual aid calls to the towns surrounding Ellington. All crews and equipment meet or exceed the State of Connecticut requirements and remain fully licensed through examination and inspection.

An active first response system allows EVAC and both fire departments to render immediate lifesaving care when it is needed most. All members are provided with emergency medical supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever possible. Additionally, automated external defibrillators (AED's) are provided to most active members for rapid response to victims in acute cardiac arrest.

EVAC continues its commitment to current and ongoing training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conferences. This allows EVAC members to remain educated concerning the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision and delivery of emergency medical services. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of first aid and CPR training 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 and maximize the chance of survival during cardiac arrests. As a result of this effort the Town of Ellington was designated a Heartsafe Community by the American Heart Association.

As a responsible municipal 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 whenever possible. In addition to the centralization of the AED program, EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for town wide fire and rescue services. Funding for this is provided by utilizing money generated by ambulance billing resulting in a reduction of the town budget.

EXPLORER RESCUE POST 512

Alisha Albee
Megan Chamberland
Jenny Boudreau
Gabriela Ewald
Logan McDonald
Shannon Jones

Julia Busky
Julia Mack
Megan Chamberland
Zack Fuska
Morgan Gill
Julia Scavetta

Halie Glowacki
Alyssa Walters
AJ Otero
Aaron Virkler
Holly Schippe
Taylor Setzler

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Ellington Rescue Post 512. All of these high school students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as EMR's or EMT's and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition to the rigorous medical training they must excel at. The Rescue Post is one of only two programs in the State of Connecticut that allows students to ride on ambulances and has been active in Ellington for over 45 years. In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year that benefit both the community and EVAC.

Rescue Post 512 could not function without the adult advisors who volunteer their time and knowledge.

Tonya Glomboske, Head Advisor; Joe Glomboske; Kristin Fries; Bryan Goulet; Debbie Schiessl; Kim Courville; Laura Lackenbach

HIGHLIGHTS

EVAC continued the tradition of awarding scholarships to graduating Rescue Post members who planned to continue their education in the medical field.

Earlier this year the Corps recognized several members for their years of service. Simon Hessler and Joe Glomboske received five year awards. Bruce Hoffman, Becky York and Greg York received ten year awards and Krista Schulz marked fifteen years as an EVAC member. Life member Angie Sandberg was honored for forty years in the Corps. Matt Lontz was named Volunteer of the Year 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

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. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education and equipment at no cost to all members.

For additional information call us at (860)870-3170 or visit us on the web at www.ellingtonambulance.org.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Ellington Animal Control is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to domestic 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 impounding 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 unlicensed dogs on our delinquent list begins. The Officers are available to assist the police or the public with any animal emergency. This department also works closely with Emergency Management to ensure a plan is in place to provide temporary shelter for residents and their pets together, in the event of a disaster. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to ensure 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 to the public Monday - Friday 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M and Saturday - Sunday from 10:00 A.M.

- 12:00 P.M. To speak with an animal control officer please call 860-870-3155. Appointments are required to visit pets available 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 after hours emergency calls by contacting the Ellington Resident Troopers Office. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals and wildlife that has had contact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. Wildlife calls are handled through the State of CT D.E.E.P. Wildlife Department and can be reached at: 860-424-3011. All routine calls for our department will be handled during our normal office 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 about laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control will be conducting the yearly 'Door to Door' survey in search of unlicensed dogs. This survey is requested by the State of CT. per Section 22-347 of the CT. General Statutes. The completed survey allows the town to keep a larger percentage of the revenue from the dog license fees. The Survey is also a way of verifying dog license compliance and the requirement for current rabies vaccinations, as the dog owner must present a copy of their dog's rabies certificate when obtaining a license. Rabies Vaccination of pets is extremely important with the increasing incidents of Rabies in the area. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans and pets.

Join Ellington Animal Control's Facebook page to stay up to date on news, lost & found animals and pets available for adoption. Our Facebook page has been a great asset to our department, to spread word fast and efficiently. We are very grateful for the support and help we get through our network of friends. Keeping the community involved and up to date on current events and news is extremely important for our department. We do ask that you please contact our office directly by telephone for complaints and reports of lost & found animals, so we can attend to them promptly.

The State of CT Animal Population Control Program, is currently offering a Low-Income Pet Sterilization voucher. This program helps CT low-income residents by providing vaccination/sterilization vouchers for their pets. An application must be completed and submitted to the CT State Animal Control Division. Applications are available at our office. To qualify, the applicant must already qualify for one of six low-income state assistance programs listed on the application. For more information, please call (860) 713-2507.

This past June, we coordinated our 3rd Annual Rabies Clinic with the Ellington Center Animal Clinic and the Ellington Farmer's Market. Dr. Prichard, Dr. Farney and Dr. Brown all attended this year, along with several volunteers to administer Rabies vaccines and implant Microchips. All proceeds from the microchips and vaccines were donated to our shelter to help impounded animals in need of medical attention. We were able to raise a total of \$2323.00! Thank you to the Ellington Farmer's Market for allowing us to be there and partake in the festivities, as well as the Ellington Center Animal Clinic for donating their time, resources and to help to coordinate such a great fundraiser for the shelter. This past year we were able to use some of the donated money to help out with some medical bills for two different injured cats that were impounded. Without the funds from our Rabies & Microchip clinic last year, we would not have been able to treat them.

PET ADOPTION

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets. This site is located at: <http://www.ellingtonaco.petfinder.com>. This website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes, as well as post found animals in search of their owners. 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 two free vaccinations 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.

Adopted dogs will continue to be micro-chipped, at a minimal cost to the adoptee. This is made possible from the help of Home Again Microchips. The reason behind microchipping, is to be able to reunite lost pets back to their owners and for animals to spend minimal time in a shelter. Ensure that your pet will be returned to you and contact our office or your local veterinarian, to have your pet microchipped. If your pet is already microchipped, please make sure it is registered with your current address and phone number.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

We are always grateful for the donations that are brought to us throughout the year. The dogs especially love the treats, toys, and rawhides. Our most used items that we are always in need of is dog food and bleach.

As some of you may know, our facilities are a little outdated. Our department is planning on pushing forward with researching our options for building a new facility. As the town grows around us, unfortunately the animal facilities are being forgotten. As the population of people grows, so does the amount of animals in town. Our limited hours here and outdated resources are a concern. In the future, please support our efforts for having a new animal control facility constructed.

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.." ~Anatole France

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Complaints Investigated	1068	1126	1077
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	46	39	41
Animals Adopted	27	36	22
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	5	5	8
Animal Bites	34	42	24
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	9	6	20
Infractions/Summons Issued	8	13	9
Total Impounded Animals	88	81	91
Licensed Dogs	2315	2328	2360

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.



Public Works Open House held on May 23, 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Works Department has had another good year, with funds expended to get the most out of them. 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.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: In 2013-14 the department purchased a Freightliner Dump Truck with Plow, a mini excavator and a new line striper for the parks maintenance crew.

ROAD WORK: In the fall of 2013 the reconstruction of Hayes Ave, Hillsdale Dr, and Field Dr was completed and restoration done. The following streets that were shimmed last year were chipsealed this fiscal year: Jacobs Hill, Minor Hill, Newell Hill, and Ludwig. Catch basins were repaired or rebuilt on Ellridge Place, Fairway Dr, Sugar Hill Rd, Wendell Rd, Amy Lane, Laurel Rd, Crystal Ridge Rd and Teaberry Ridge. The following roads were cracksealed in preparation for paving; Ketchbrook Court, Ketchbrook Lane, Rothe Lane, Flanders Lane, Forest Hill Rd, Robinson Circle and Brookmeadow Lane. These roads were paved this spring. We used a hot in place paving process on Windermere Ave and applied a chip seal over it this spring. We accomplished a large number of road projects and we appreciate the cooperation of the residents in these areas for their patience.

BUILDING PROJECTS: The sidewalks at Arbor Park were repaved. We assisted the Senior Center with their grand opening, a new gas boiler was installed at the DPW Office Bldg and we worked with Yankee Gas to run the line to this building as well as to the Arbor Commons and Center Fire buildings. The Human Services building project was started under a Design Build with Fuss & O'Neill and progressed nicely through the early spring with occupancy in June. We completed the new storage area at our garage for road construction equipment and materials. A new key

fob access system was installed at the Town Hall, Annex and Police Dept. The High School Track was resurfaced this year and we implemented the Facility Dude work tracking program for work order monitoring.

SNOW/DEBRIS REMOVAL: Last winter we received 56" of snow. The crews went out 28 times for plowing or treating of roads for ice. We purchased 3,233 tons of Clear Lane and 700 tons of salt. This winter season was unusually cold and long which resulted in a shortage of ice melt and salt. We were fortunate that our contract with the State enabled us to receive our allotment.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: The automated garbage and recycling system continues to be working well in Ellington. Ellington residents recycled 1,405 tons of materials in 2013-14. Additional recycling containers are free of charge to residents that need them. In 2013, the Town joined the MidNEROC group and Ellington residents have begun to bring their household hazardous waste to the Willington drop off facility. We have found this program to be working well and saving the Town money. Residents can continue to bring electronics, waste oil, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and propane tanks to the shed at the Public Works Complex. NO paint is to be dropped at the Public Works shed; paint goes to the MidNEROC facility. This shed is only open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM and on the MidNEROC schedule which is the first and third Saturday of the month from 9-12. The town website has all the details on this program. Over the last 12 months and including the collection day, residents have dropped off 1,650 gallons of waste oil and 47.97 tons of electronics.

WPCA: This fiscal year the Public Works Director became the WPCA Administrator and the office became responsible for the administration of the Water Pollution Control in town. This department is responsible for determining the assessments for all newly serviced properties. We are continuing to monitor the H2S4 levels at the Vernon Pump Station and have been meeting with Country Pure Foods on these levels. We are continuing our grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake. Sewer lines are being flushed out on a continuing basis as time permits. The sewer extensions on Ellington Ave and Upper Butcher Rd were inspected and completed. We started scanning our sewer maps to the computer and disc for easier access in the field. We assisted the Town of Stafford in cleaning the lines on Route 140. It was found that homes with water softening devices are contributing to settlement that was clogging the lines. This is being worked on to prevent it from happening in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS: We held an open house at our facility on May 22. We had 50 people come through. The children were able to climb into the equipment and have truck rides in our yard. We hope to have another one this year. We also participated in Safety Day at the High School and Truck Day at the Hall Memorial Library.

RECREATION: The Public Works Department installed another new scoreboard at Brookside Park. We have also been working to preserve the playing fields with turf maintenance items including overseeding and aerating. The Public Works Department working with the Town Engineer worked through the permits and details and went out to bid for the construction of two playing fields at the Pinney Street open space area. The contract was awarded to All Phase Enterprises LLC.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

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

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 a preschooler's door to learning, a formal education support center, as a popular materials library, and a community reference source and gathering place.

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for education and entertainment. The collection consists of items in many formats, including books, periodicals, newspapers, eBooks and digital audiobooks, music and audiobooks on CDs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online databases and reference materials, and equipment, such as ereaders and mp3 players. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and Reference non-circulating collection. For materials not found in this collection there is interlibrary loan service that facilitates loans from libraries around the state or the country, including multiple copies of titles for book discussion groups and materials for genealogy research. Also available are computers for word processing and Internet access, black and white and color photocopiers and printers, digital scanner, fax machine, digital microfilm reader/printer, a computer lab, notary service, exam proctoring, and meeting space for formal and informal gatherings. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, recommend reading materials, and assist with use of computers.

The Library also provides a variety of programs for residents of all ages. Story time 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, creative projects and their own summer reading program. Through the Young Adult Advisory Board, Hall Memorial Library provides Ellington High School teens with a place to perform community service hours as part of their graduation requirement. For adults, there are book discussion series, reading programs, cultural programs, concerts, movies, 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. There is also a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 117,902 patrons, circulating 140,594 items and answering

3,226 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop, and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers and truck day. The "Read to the Dogs" program continued to draw many children to the Library on Saturday mornings. These biweekly sessions provide an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to read aloud to specially trained "book loving" dogs. As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted two story telling programs, both of which were attended by over 100 children. The summer reading program "Dig Into Reading!" featured a variety of performers and arts and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes for all ages, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

For teens there were book discussions, including two intergenerational programs with members of the senior center, a read-a-thon, craft programs, and a creative writing group. The Young Adult Advisory Council sponsored a bus trip to New York City in the spring.

Programming for adults was once again expanded due to a grant from the Connecticut State Library and the Federal Institute for Museum and Library Services. The position of Reference/Programming Librarian was created to handle this increased activity. Programs covered cultural, historical and educational topics, featuring Pysanka Egg-Making, Classic Diners of Connecticut, Female Spies in the Civil War, The Gentle Art of Decluttering, Lizzie: From Slavery to the White House, and other presentations on financial management, retirement planning, college funding, healthy eating and cooking, cake decorating, painting and drawing, computers and technology, author talks, and book discussion groups, including the newly formed Jane Austen Book Club. Bi-monthly movie showings of newly released DVDs continued to be a hit and a new popcorn machine provided a tasty treat. Multiple copies of selected titles were provided to 13 library and community-based book discussion groups. Several programs were joint ventures with the Ellington Senior Center and were held there. Others were with the Ellington Historical Society, which holds its meetings at the Library.

The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, the Fourth Grade Choruses from Center and Crystal Lake Schools, and the 6th grade Windermere Instrumentalists. The annual holiday "Not-Just-Trees" Festival once again transformed the library with imaginative seasonal decorations created by community members and groups.

The Library hosted groups and programs from the Senior Center during the transition to the new building and hosted 63 Recreation Department programs throughout the year. Over 1300 meetings of community groups were held in the Library's meetings rooms, including 58 meetings for community sports groups, 93 meetings of Boy and Girl Scouts, the weekly Tamil language instruction sessions, the monthly gathering of the Ellington Mom's Club, and dozens of tutoring sessions. The Library served as a location for Access Health registration and welcomed training sessions for the Fire Department and area CERT teams. The Recreation Department and youth sports teams used the computer lab for Base-line Concussion testing for their players. A variety of local artists displayed their work in the exhibit area in the main hallway and children shared their varied collections in the display cases in the Children's Department. Displays in the Nellie McKnight historic area were provided by the Ellington Historical Society.

In cooperation with the Ellington Public Schools, the Library presented another series of workshops for parents to help them prepare their children for kindergarten. Entitled "Investigations, Activities & Explorations Around Early Literacy & Numeracy

Skills”, the sessions were presented by Children’s Librarian Pat Grundman, K-8 Language Arts Coordinator Robin Kline and K-8 Math Coordinator Leslie Mancuso. Also in support of early literacy training, the Library purchased six early literacy backpacks, each of which contains books and other materials for use by parents with their children to aid in developing the skills necessary to be ready to read. These backpacks were funded by a grant from a generous benefactor who is an avid supporter of the efforts of Connecticut public libraries to support and promote early literacy.

Several years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in a plan that included goals for improvements to the library facility and services, such as expansion of the young adult area, rearrangement of the audio room, the addition of a computer lab and classes, Sunday hours, Saturday hours in the summer, the new webpage, more materials, and more programming for adults. The projects in that plan have been successfully completed. In keeping with the continuing goal of providing a clean, safe, and inviting library space for the citizens of Ellington, the Hall Memorial Library Board has chosen to focus the Long Range Plan for 2012-2017 on upgrading the physical facility. The addition/renovation project was completed over 20 years ago and since that time over 2 million patrons have visited the library. While a conscientious maintenance plan has generally kept the building in good condition, several areas now need more in-depth attention. The major capital improvement projects that have been identified are roof repair to the original building, restroom upgrades, carpet replacement, and interior painting throughout the building. Other repairs and improvements will be addressed as they are identified.

In response to the extreme weather emergencies of the past few years, a generator has been installed at the library. This will

insure that the library will be prepared to serve as a place of refuge for those seeking warmth, electricity to charge phones and laptops, computer access, water to take home, and the camaraderie and support of friends and neighbors, even when the power is out.

The Friends of the Library continue to be an integral part of the library operation, funding the summer reading programs, refreshments for Winterfest, subscriptions for passes to area cultural attractions, maintaining the armillary planter, and providing seed money for new and exciting projects. Their funds are raised through two large book sales, the Book Cellar used book store and the holiday cookie sale. New members are always welcome!

All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, serving as an important community resource for the citizens of Ellington.

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	44,152
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	5,552
Children's Books and Periodicals	46,218
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	44,227
TOTAL	140,149

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	36,383
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	3,161
Children's Books and Periodicals	20,277
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	7,882
TOTAL	67,703

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	9,071
Young Adults	807
Children	2,070
TOTAL	11,948

Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and recreation staff continue 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 860-870-3118, and the fax number is 860-870-3198.

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: 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 380 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 newly approved volunteer disclosure form. 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. In addition, the Recreation Department provides pre-season certification in: CPR/ FIRSTAID / AED classes (NO fee) for all volunteers that contribute to the town’s programming needs. All coaches/ volunteers must complete a background check form and receive clearance before becoming a member of the department.

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 team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events. A hiking program formed two years ago has been well-received and meets on Tuesday mornings at Arbor Park (9:30am) before heading out to the defined location.

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

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 continued to increase, both male and female, including the K-2 instructional program.

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 independent evaluator. Travel teams compete versus surrounding communities while the recreation division teams participate in an in-house program only.

Although participation is the key component, providing the coaches with the "tools" for coaching is the number one priority.

SHARED SERVICES

The Recreation Department continues to interact, on a daily basis, year-round, with Board of Education's business office/school staff, and in particular, the Board of Education's custodial staffs, whose dedication and assistance are greatly appreciated.

The every-day assistance from the Department of Public Works does not go unnoticed, the parks crew takes special care in keeping up both park and school facilities.

The support and in-kind services that are provided by both agencies are greatly appreciated, as the continued, behind the scenes support helps identify Ellington as a quality community.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency continues to support the need for a long-term athletic facility plan to be formulated. The various boards and agencies have continued to review the short and long term needs of the community and this will be an ongoing process. The commission's mission statement still revolves around safe and useable athletic facilities.

Summer day camp has entered its 12th year of full-time hours.

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.

The Town of Ellington implemented (spring-2012) a program to enhance the safety of the children that participate in contact athletics, specifically soccer, lacrosse and football. The program, ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized evaluation system.

The Pinney Street Athletic Fields' renovation/construction project has been underway since May of 2014 and will accommodate new lacrosse and soccer fields for the respective youth programs.

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

The Ellington Little League Boys baseball and girls softball programs have continued their "traditional" approach to enhancing the athletic facilities at Brookside Park.

CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE (OLD)

The major renovations on the Crystal Lake Schoolhouse have been completed (across from Sandy Beach). The parks and recreation department has begun regular use of the schoolhouse, offering middle school and pre-school programming.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to show interest in creating and helping sustain town-wide walking or bicycle trails, as well as potential new athletic fields to support the current strain on the existing facilities.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Two valuable pioneers in Ellington parks and recreation, Norman Scheuy and John Furphey, passed away within the last year. Both individuals were instrumental in helping 'start' youth and adult programs on the local level, starting in the mid-60s.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012
Summer Day Camp (avg. / day)		75	70
Beach Passes	204	227	243
Swim Lessons	157	243	336
Open Swim	63 days	62 days	62 days
Boys' Basketball	362	346	315
Girls' Basketball	189	200	245
Men's Basketball	85	65	90
Summer Basketball	60	70	40
Instructional Basketball	156	147	175
Men's Volleyball	14	0	25
Co-Ed Volleyball	40	25	65
Girls' Softball	135	140	165
Instructional T-Ball	110	97	160
Co-ed Adult Softball	100	75	80
Junior Soccer	475	423	674
Indoor Soccer	40	50	90
Letters to Santa	55	45	30
Tennis Lessons/ Camp	210	194	255
Sports Coaches' Clinics	70	60	40
Mini Programs	1,850	1,650	2,550
Basketball Camps	75	80	160
Red Cross Courses	60	30	50
Integrative Programs	21	15	30
Teen Activities	190	175	240
Track & Field	85	76	95
Adult Fitness	110	40	240
Yoga	39	40	65
Jukido	27	63	70
Little League Baseball	220	225	340
Football	150	150	135
Lacrosse	210	201	183
Soccer Camps	137	144	70
Vacation Camp	78	75	80
Triathlon-Summer	192	179	190
American Heart Association	62	50	75
Afterschool Bowling	114	117	80
CPOHeart Babysitter	22	30	40

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 2011, the population was approximately 15,856.

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 28.9 mills applied to the 2013 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate was completed in 2010.

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 2013 is 2,482 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$83,132 as of the 2012 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2012 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,415 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

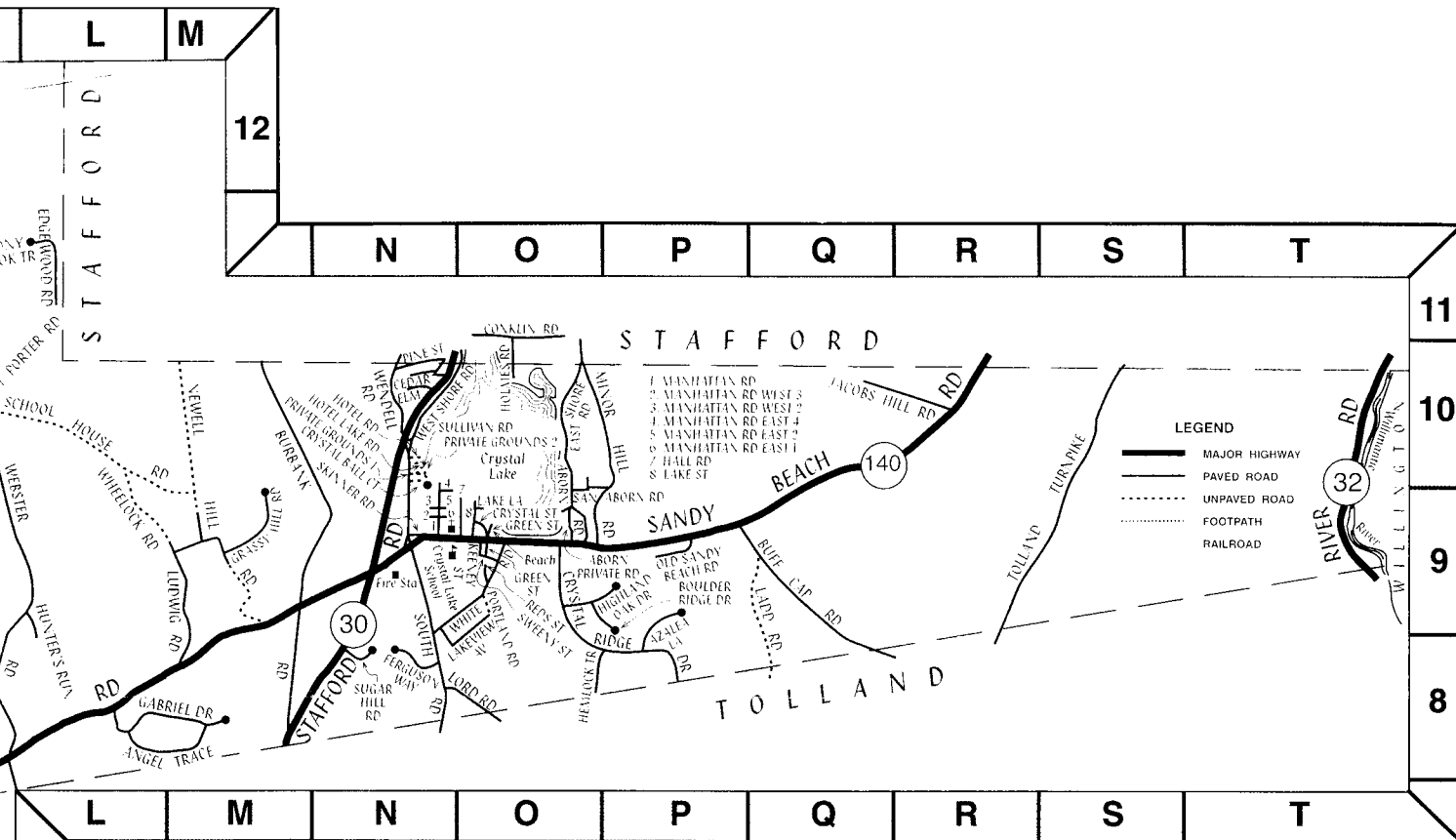
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a 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. In 2012, four new tennis courts were completed at Schwartz Field next to Ellington High School.

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 -12:00pm in Arbor Park.

SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 40 Maple 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.



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 Dr	T9-T10	Webster Rd	K8-K10
Arbor Way	F6	East Cider Mill Rd	H6-J6	Highland Av	F4	Maple St	E6-G7	Robinson Cir	B2	Wells Rd	D8
*Ardsley La	C2	East Porter Rd	K10-L11	Highland Oak Dr	O9-P9	Maplewood Dr	F10	Rockland Dr	D7	Wendell Rd	N10
Azalea La	P9-P10	*East Shore Rd	O9-O10	Hillsdale Dr	B1	*Maria Dr	G7	Rosa Ct	G4	West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2	Edgewood Rd	L11	Hillside Dr	F10	McKnight Cir	F2	Rothe La	A2-B2	West Shore Rd	N9-O10
Barbara's Way	B1-C1	Egypt Rd	F10	Hilltop Dr	G2	Meadow Brook Rd	E7	Ryan Dr	C5	Westland Rd	C1
Benjamin Dr	C8-D8	Elderberry La	F11	Hilltop Dr Ext	G2	Meagan Cir	D5	Rye Field Rd	B6	Westview Ter	G3
Berr Av	E6	Elizabeth St	G2	Holmes Rd	E8-G10	Middle Rd	A4	1776 Townhouses	C2	Wheelock Rd	L9
Birch View Dr	D10	Ellington Av	G2	Hopkins Rd	O10-O11	Middle Butcher Rd	F3	Sadds Mill Rd	A10-E6	White Rd	O9
Blueberry Cir	F11	Ellington Ridge Condos	C2	*Hotel Lake Rd	N10	Miller La	P10	*San Aborn Rd	O10	*Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9	Ellsworth La	C8	*Hotel Rd	N10	Monticello Cir	C2-C3	Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10	Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8	Elm St	C3	Hubbard La	G8	Moser Dr	F2	School House Rd	L10	Windemere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1	Elm St	N10	Hughes Cir	F2	Mountain Rd	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	C1	Jacobs Hill Rd	R10	Muddy Brook Rd	C8	Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12	Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10	Fairview Av	F2	Jobs Hill Rd	E6	Newell Hill Rd	M9	Shepard Way	A2	Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	D8	Fairview Av Ext	F3	Joel Dr	E8	Nile Rd	F10	Skinner Rd	N9,C1	Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	A2-B2	Fairway Dr	A3	Jolly Rd	F5	North Park St	G2	Snipsic Lake Rd	G5	Woodside Dr	F10
Buff Cap Rd	O9	Farmstead La	F2	Jonathan Dr	A1	Nutmeg Dr	D2	Snipsic Ter	H3	Zimmerman Way	B6
Burbank Rd	M8-M10	Ferguson Way	N8	Justin Dr	C5-D5	Oak Hill Farms Rd	G4-H4	Snipsic View Hgts	H3	* Private	
Cantor Knoll	A1	Field Dr	C1	Katherine Way	E2	Oakwood Cir	F10	Somers Rd	F6-G12		
Carolyn Cir	E10	Fieldstone Village	C2	Keeney St	O9	Old Country La	B2	South Rd	N9		
Cedarwood Dr	N10	Flanders La	A2-B2	Kenneth Dr	G9	Old Reeves Rd	A10	Springwood La	F6		
Cedar St	G3	Florence Av	F2	Ketchbrook Ct	B2	Old Sandy Beach Rd	P9	Sprucewood Dr	E10		
Chapin Av	F2	Foster Dr	G9	Ketchbrook La	A2-B2	Olde Farms Rd	D5	Stafford Rd	M8-N10		
Charter Rd	D2-E2	Forest Hill Rd	A2	Kibbe Rd	G8	Orchard St	F2-F3	Standish Rd	B3		
Chase Hollow Rd	E10	*Forestview Cir	E2	Kreyssig Rd	A10	Orchard Av	G2-G3	Steeple View Dr	F6		
Cherrywood Dr	G2	Francis Av	G2	Ladd Rd	O9	Overhill Rd	E10	Stein Rd	G4		
Chestnut St	E2	Frankie Dr	E9	*Lake La	L8-M8	Overlook Pass	F11	Stony Brook Trail	L11		
Christopher Ct	E6	Frog Hollow Rd	A5	Lake St	G6	Patriot Cir	D7	Strawberry Rd	G11		
Church St	G6-J6	Gabriel Dr	L8-M8	Lakeview Av	C3	Pease Farm Rd	F6-G5	Sugar Hill Rd	N8		
Cider Mill Rd	F7	Gail Dr	G6	Lanz La	C1	Penfield Av	D1	*Sullivan Rd	N10		
Cider Mill Condos	E8	Gasek Farms Rd	C3	Laurel Rd	F10	Percheron Way	H4	*Summit Cir	E2		
Cindy Rd	G2	Gem Dr	C1	Lee La	D6	*Pine Dr	G5	Sunset Rd	F5		
Cliff St	F6	Geraldine Dr	F10	Lewis Cir	D2-E2	Pine St	N10	Sweeny St	O9		
Cornfield La	D5	Geraldine Dr So	F10	Linden Dr	B1	Pine Cone Rd	G9	Teaberry Ridge Rd	K8		
Country Farm La	E2-E3	Glenwood Rd	D6	Lookout Landing	M9-M10	Pine Ridge Dr	D8	Timber La	G9		
Courtney Dr	F11	Gloria La	F9	Lord Rd	C8	Pinewood La	F10	Tolland Tpk	S9		
Cranberry La	A5	*Grand Blvd	D2-E2	Lower Butcher Rd	O9	Pinnacle Rd	G5	Tomoka Av	D6		
Crane Rd	C1	Grant Rd	B1	Ludwig Rd	M8-M9	Pinney Rd	B2	Tree Top Rd	G9-G10		
Crescent Cir	O9	Grassy Hill Rd	M9-M10	Lyons St	F2	Pioneer Dr	C1-D6	Tripp Rd	A2		
Crystal St	N10	Green Rd	C8			Porter Rd	D7	*Tyler Dr	H2		
Crystal Ball Ct	G7-M8	Green St	O9			Portland Rd	G9-J10				
Crystal Lake Rd	P8-O9	*Greencycle Dr	A10-B10			*Private Grounds 1	O9				
Crystal Ridge Dr	G4-H4	Griswold Rd	B10			*Private Grounds 2	N10				
Clydesdale Cir						Punkin Dr	E8				

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES/ ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center was established in 1997 with its first location at 16 Church Street. The rented space limited activities and programs. In November 2010, the town formed the Senior Center Steering Committee with the goal to research and open a facility that met the needs of residents age 60 years and older. The highlight for the year 2014 is the opening of the new Senior Center!

The Ellington Senior Center is a place that provides an environment for an individual age 60 years and over to enhance a healthy lifestyle that maintains independence, dignity, self respect and productivity through participation in recreational, social, educational, informational and healthy activities and programs.

With sincere appreciation we acknowledge the volunteers on the Senior Center Steering Committee as dedicated members with the goal reached to build a Senior Center that grows with the community needs for its residents. The members are Wayne Reynolds, Chairman, Susanne "Sue" Hannigan, Vice-Chairman, Thomas "Tom" Dzicek, Morris "Moe" Webber, Amelia Kurpat and M. Estelle Williamson. We thank this special committee and all the taxpayers for the support given.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center opened at its new location at 40 Maple Street in January 2014. On January 6, 2014, a "soft opening" took place for residents to visit the 10, 600 square foot building. The Senior Center is an accessible, practical building that allows for space to have more programs and activities. The new facility enables staff to offer new and diverse programs and activities. Participants can enjoy activities in the arts and crafts room, technology room, games room, activities room, multi-purpose room and the great room. Or, residents can have a quiet corner to relax and read a book in the library nook. The café offers a place for folks to sit in a cozy and active spot. The Senior Center has a full services kitchen that is 70% close to being certified. The health room offers privacy for blood pressure clinics and diabetic screenings, podiatrist, hand massage therapy, audiologist screenings and flu shots.

On April 5th, the Grand Opening officially opened the Senior Center with a formal ceremony and guided tours of the new facility. A program catalogue was distributed to attendees that included a listing of an additional 15 new activities. Residents are invited and encouraged to join in on a variety of activities; cut-up carving, decorative painting, sew and so crafts, knitting, dominoes, shuffleboard, mahjongg, billiards-instruction and play, canasta, setback, Wii bowling, ballroom and polka dancing, exercise classes, line dancing, simple circuit fitness training, tai chi, yoga, walking club, co-ed golf league, men's club, computer classes one on one, basics of Microsoft Office, memories and creative writing, musical insights, conversational German classes and chess.

STAFFING: Town employees consist of a full-time director; part-time employees are an assistant to the director, program/activity coordinator, lead driver, two drivers, two transportation secretaries and two custodians. Two new positions were required for the new Senior Center (1) Lead Driver and (2) Custodians for the new building for custodial care and maintenance.

The town sponsors a part-time receptionist funded by the Easter Seals of Connecticut, Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. awarded two grants funded in part by the Older Americans Act to the Senior Center (1) Ellington Medical Appointment Transportation Services (EMATS) for \$3,750 and (2) Ellington Nutritional Partnership Program (ENPP) for \$5,250.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: The Senior Center is extremely fortunate to have many volunteers who share their expertise and give enormous amount of their time to do many activities and programs. Volunteers from the age of 14 and older are most welcome.

PARTNERSHIPS: The Senior Center partners with Hall Memorial Library, UCONN Health Education Program and Best Buy to offer intergenerational programs, nutritional programs and technical programs. The newly Food Services Program consists of partnering with Ellington High School, the Farmers' Market and volunteers to the newly formed "Food Services Team".

CLUBS: The Better Age Club offers its members social and informative programs held twice a month. The Better Age Club was formed in 1975 with meetings held at the Crystal School under the Recreation Department. In 2008, the club transitioned under the Human Services Department/Senior Center.

The Ellington Men's Club members meet twice a month for programs focused on health and financial programs and social activities.

The Garden Thyme Club formed in 2006 remains in existence at the new location. Members work together as an intergenerational activity under the direction a master gardener. The new location has made it possible to have a larger vegetable garden.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS: The Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc., staff provides an informative program on health promotion and regular blood pressure and diabetic screenings twice a month. Annual flu shots clinic is held at the Senior Center.

A series for healthy eating was presented by health educators associated with UCONN. This presentation was highly recommended to be a continued program.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: Transportation services have existed since 2001 primarily for social purposes. Transportation services expanded in 2003 to offer residents rides for medical appointments, non-emergency medical assistance under the Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services (EMATS). The EMATS program continues with it being partially funded by a grant awarded by North Central Area Agency on Aging funded in part by the Older Americans Act. Transportation services are all pre-scheduled rides to the medical facilities, shopping and Senior Center programs.

FUNDRAISERS: The weekly Sew & So crafters have a yearly holiday bazaar held on the first Saturday in November. A beautiful display of hand-made items from jewelry to knit ware is ready to be purchased for holiday gifts.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation we acknowledge the members on the Human Services Commission for the support given to have a new Senior Center built at 40 Maple Street.

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. Jamie Woodside and Ed Kramer serve as Ellington's representatives to the Board.

The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services, a Director of Food & Institutional Services (all Registered Sanitarians), a part-time Emergency Response Coordinator, a part-time Health Educator, six full-time sanitarians and two part-time sanitarians and a support staff of approximately 2.5 clerical workers. The Department has a medical advisor and a part-time bookkeeper and contracts for auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of the NCDHD is disease prevention and 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 septic system repairs and/or expansion.
- Review of laboratory testing of well water for approval of new wells for homes.
- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples 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 Energy and Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.
- Development and implementation of Regional Points of Dispensing (POD) clinics to dispense medications or vaccinate for post exposure to biological agents, pandemic influenza or other natural outbreaks; all hazard emergency response plans to respond to, mitigate and recover from, natural and manmade disasters to protect the populations of the District.

HIGHLIGHTS

The North Central District Health Department tests bathing waters at Crystal Lake. The areas tested satisfactory during the past summer; however, in the past, rain events have resulted in elevated bacteria counts which necessitated the closure of the beach for a few days. Geese congregating on the beach have also caused elevated bacteria levels. The cleaning of the beach and monitoring of the goose population has resulted in good water quality.

In general, building activity is down throughout the District. Ellington is still one of the District's busiest towns for septic related work. No new subdivision soil test applications or plans were received for review.

- 17 Permits to Discharge were issued through June 30, 2014.
- 15 Well Permits were issued.
- 15 New septic system permits with corresponding soil tests and plan reviews.
- 9 Repair septic system permits with corresponding soil tests and plan reviews.
- 79 Building additions (decks, pools, sheds, garages, etc.) were reviewed.

The Health District enacted Barber Shop, Beauty Salon and Nail Salon Regulations pursuant to state statutes to license and inspect these salon facilities. In Ellington, 11 salons were inspected and licensed this past year with reinspections conducted as necessary.

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

One of our main functions in Ellington is the licensing and inspection of food service facilities providing protection against food borne illness to the public. There were 45 facilities including five public schools licensed during this period with 91 inspections, 6 re-inspections and 10 other food inspections conducted. Three plans were submitted for review for new or renovations to existing food service facilities along with their related inspections.

We received 40 temporary event permit applications including the Ellington Farmer's Market. 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.

The Health District is responsible for conducting follow-up interviews and on some occasions, follow-up inspections related to possible food borne illness. The food borne alerts form (for single cases) and the enteric disease interview form (for confirmed cases) are both confidential and are submitted to the State Health Department for review once completed by our staff.

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.

Each year, six public swimming pools are inspected and the pools are licensed.

NCDHD inspected two day care facilities for annual safety and environmental health issues.

Health Education Annual Report

The North Central District and Eastern Highlands Health District worked together to develop a smoke-free tool kit for multi-unit housing complexes and for parks and recreation facilities. These tool kits highlighted the benefits of creating smoke-free areas by endorsing policies in which people are not permitted to smoke. Ellington was the first town in our District to create an Ordinance where people are not allowed to smoke at town parks and recreation facilities. With this in mind, we were able to offer Ellington 25 no smoking signs that will be posted throughout the town. We also contacted five multi-unit housing facilities in Ellington and offered them the tobacco-free tool kit and hand delivered to those who were willing to display the kit in the office. Three out of the five multi-unit housing facilities we contacted accepted the tool kit. We included a display stand so that the information is visible to new renters as well as those who are already living in these facilities.

Emergency Response/Bioterrorism Section

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has continued its strong relationship with the Town of Ellington and in particular the Office of Emergency Management Director.

This year's relationship and team building culminated in NCDHD's participation in the Statewide Exercise Hurricane Special Needs Sheltering on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Using the Ellington Ambulance Complex as an EOC, NCDHD participated in the half-day exercise in concert with the Town of Ellington Emergency Services and the State of Connecticut to assure that those community members who are in need of special services receive those services in a timely and professional manner.

NCDHD welcomes the opportunity to work with the Town of Ellington and its Office of Emergency Management to assure the health and safety of all citizens in the event of a public health emergency.

Environmental Health

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.

YEAR END REPORT 2013-2014

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Soil Tests (Total)	9	29	17
New	3	17	3
Repair	6	12	14
Septic Permits			
New	14	15	13
Repair	14	9	12
Septic Inspections	90	80	88
Well Permits	17	14	15
B-100 Reviews (on well and/or septic)	-	-	74
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	1	-	11
New Plot Plans	23	35	24
Repairs	18	9	12
Wells Only	7	2	2
Well Water Test Reviews	8	10	12
Permits to Discharge	15	17	18
Food Licenses Issued	41	42	41
Temporary Food Permits	31	50	40
Food Service Inspections	111	135	91
Food Service Re-inspections	-	-	6
Other Food Service Inspections	-	-	10
Plans Reviewed for Food	8	3	3
Food Orders Issued	5	8	8
Complaints (Total)	40	23	23
Garbage & Refuse	3	2	3
Housing	24	8	9
Rodents & Insects	5	-	-
Sewage Overflow	3	5	7
Water Quality	2	1	1
Food Complaints	1	3	2
Salon Complaints	-	-	-
Food Related Illness Complaints	1	3	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	1
Complaint Orders Issued	6	2	1
Swimming Pool Inspections	6	6	6
Day Care Inspections	5	4	7
School Inspections	-	-	5
Salon Inspections	10	11	12
Bathing Beach Sampling:			
East Windsor Reservoir	<i>approximately 12 samples per season</i>		
Blood Lead Level			
Case Reviews	0-9 ug/dL - 249*	0-9 ug/dL - 250*	0-4 ug/dL - 269
	10-14 ug/dL - 1	10-14 ug/dL - 0	5-9 ug/dL - 2
	15-19 ug/dL - 1	15-19 ug/dL - 0	10-14 ug/dL - 0
	20+ ug/dL - 0	20+ ug/dL - 0	15-19 ug/dL - 0
			20-65 ug/dL - 0

The Health Department monitors the blood lead level test reports through the State Health Department monitoring system, MAVEN. Blood lead levels above 5 ug/dL start to receive varying degrees of attention.

- 5-14 ug/dL - Receive a letter with educational material and a request for a follow-up venous blood test within 90 days.
- 14-19 ug/dL - Receive a letter with additional material and require a follow-up venous blood test with a home visit to evaluate potential lead hazards.
- 20+ ug/dL - Require epidemiological investigation and home environmental inspection for those children with positive results following confirmed venous blood test results.

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC. PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

I wish I could say that 2013-2014 was an easy year for HVCC. Due to contract shortfalls, snowstorms, we have the challenge of not enough money to cover the very large increase of clients using all of our services and less donor income. For those of you who know David Engelson, I will just have to try harder.

We are giving out 7,000 food items each week with only 3,500 donated items coming in. You now can see the problem. Again, HVCC has been in business for 44 years and we are still growing and expanding our services. Yes, we will get through this difficult economic time. Please continue to have confidence in our endeavors.

Our Mission

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. is an independent non-profit human service agency. It is dedicated to meeting the needs of residents of the Tolland County Area. HVCC provides services to individuals and/or families in a manner which will promote independence while assuring that basic needs are met regardless of ability to pay.

ELDER SERVICES: Our primary goal continues to be to help seniors obtain services that enable them to live in a safe, stable home environment as they age. In addition to our traditional services, this past year we took on two new initiatives. The first initiative was the formation of a network of Vernon service providers who support the elderly. The Vernon Multi-Disciplinary Team (VMT) is an impressive team comprised of social service agencies, senior housing representatives, healthcare providers, Emergency first responders, Vernon Police and EMS, Legal Aid, the Health Board, home care service coordinators, transportation service providers, probate court – all meet monthly to cross educate and brainstorm to help solve complex client situations. The second, was to offer Educational workshops for seniors from our new location and feedback has been very favorable. In collaborative arrangements with other service providers, seniors enjoyed learning ways to keep their memory sharp, reasons and ways to eat healthier and to recognize signs of depression.

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: After serving our community for at least 25 years, we unfortunately had to close the doors of our thrift store in June 2014 due to economic constraints.

TRANSPORTATION: The Dial-a-Ride program has provided over 24,984 rides to area residents during FY 2013/2014 covering over 135,202 miles and averaging 444 unduplicated riders a month. The Dial-a-Ride program in Ellington, Tolland and Vernon started collecting \$2.00 donation each way per ride. We have taken on a courier service, and now have 4 full time courier routes and 7 part time courier routes contracted through Eastern Connecticut Health Network. The courier department delivered 3,237 medical specimens that were of urgent need to the ECHN health network. Next year we plan on expanding our territory.

COUNSELING: HVCC's counseling department is a licensed outpatient clinic serving area residents experiencing emotional, behavioral and/or substance abuse issues. Services available are individual, group, and family therapy, couples counseling, and medication management.

HVCC's counseling services has been very busy over the past year. The clinic has added additional hours per week of staffing hours due to the increased need. From July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, the clinic had acknowledged 13,147 appointments (this includes all services). From July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014, the clinic has acknowledged 14,138 appointments (this includes all services). HVCC has increased the number of Family Violence Education Program (FVEP) groups per year. The Parenting Education Program (PEP) also has increased the number of cycles and the number of participants. HVCC has a HIV/AIDS Prevention program funded by the Department of Public Health, and prevention staff has seen over 100 clients. Our ASIST program brings in about 30 clients on average per month.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES: In July 2012, HVCC initiated case management services – a natural outgrowth following continual requests from clients trying to solve basic need problems beyond the scope of services provided by our Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic and our Food Pantry. Clients who sought us out tended to be facing problems causing serious instability in their lives. Difficulty finding work, eviction or foreclosure, shortage of food, inability to pay rent or utilities, loss of health insurance and unreliable transportation were the most common problems they were struggling to overcome.

Implementing the LAST model (Link, Advocate, Support and Teach), each client was teamed with a resource knowledgeable case manager. Together, they developed goals and objectives that gave the client a structure from which to operate. The Case Manager acted as guide, mentor and advocate as clients were encouraged to carry out the tasks associated with their personal plan.

One case manager assessed the first-year program this way, "Income was increased due to careful economic strategizing. Resumes were built from scratch or polished resulting in increased earning power. Employment was secured by efforts taken from the meetings, or after linking to employment specialists. Persons acquired health insurance or optimized their existing plan following benefits counseling. Countless persons have been linked to varying services to pinpoint specific needs like clothes, transportation, baby items, furniture and house wares. Evictions and foreclosures were averted at the zero hour. Supplemental food was provided to thousands at our Pantry and connections were made to much needed mental health and substance abuse counseling. In each case, unique needs of the consumer were considered." This program was described by an agency funder as one for which other agencies could use as a model.

In conjunction with the pantry, the Case Management department has helped over 4,000 people to obtain food, including deliveries to home-bound seniors every week. During this FY, a total of 500 unduplicated clients have received case management support for a total of 1,600 appointments.

FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is an emergency food source for Vernon, Tolland and Ellington. It's a free service. Our primary focus is providing nutritious food items along with opportunities to access additional internal and external social services.

The Pantry is supported by acquisitions from Foodshare, the regional food distributor, and donations of food and services received throughout the year from Vernon schools, local businesses, area churches and individuals.

There were 17,363 visits this year. A total of 2,100 families were served and during the 2013 Holiday Season 1,462 holiday baskets were given out during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In addition to food from the Pantry, clients could take advantage of the following workshops and services:

- Haircuts
- Pet Vouchers for free spaying or neutering
- On site representative from East Hartford Community
- Healthcare (Access Health, Dental care)
- Seventy-five school-aged children received backpacks filled with back- to-school supplies.

We have over 50 dedicated volunteers working for the pantry. While some are visible, others work behind the scene on special projects picking up food from local grocery stores or dropping off food to our homebound seniors. If it were not for our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to provide the services we do. We appreciate their dedication to our clients and agency.

PANTRY HOURS

Monday 9 - 12, Tuesday 10 - 1, Wednesday 9 - 1 and 4 - 6:30,
Thursday 9 - 1, Friday 9 - 12

COUNSELING HOURS

Monday through Thursday 8:30-8, Friday 8:30-4

Administration: 860-872-7727 Fax: 860-870-6644

Counseling: 860-872-9825 Fax: 860-870-9384

Elder Services: 860-872-9825

Good Cents Treasures: 860-871-1959

Pantry: 860-872-7727

Transportation: 860-870-7940

Web Site: www.hvcchelps.org

Email: hvcc@hvcchelps.org

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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 Therapy
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

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE

Skilled Nursing	2,780
Physical Therapy	1,093
Occupational Therapy	498
Speech Therapy	26
Medical Social Work	94
Home Health Aide	1,521
Total Visits	6,012

HOSPICE

Skilled Nursing	204
Physical Therapy	0
Occupational Therapy	0
Chaplin	12
Medical Social Work	11
Home Health Aide	93
Total Visits	320

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

1,610 (2 Meal Packets)

ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

21 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

MISSION

Our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter for the displaced, along with the services needed for them to move towards increased self-sufficiency.

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. During the past year we provided shelter for 270 clients. The trend of serving more families and children continues. Of these 270 residents, 129 / 48% were un-duplicates. The trend of serving adults who are more educated, fall within a higher age bracket, have been in the workforce longer, have more marketable skills continues. We have also noticed that more clients have come from stable housing, but due to the inability to make their rents, they have been displaced. Of the un-duplicated clients 81/63% were White, 31/24% Black, and 17/13% Hispanic. On an average day 49% of clients have substance abuse histories and are in recovery support services and 66% have mental health challenges for which they receive local provider services. We have noticed a gradual change in those struggling with substance abuse and mental health challenges. Previously, the higher percentage was on the substance abuse side, whereas now it is on the mental health side. These conditions, along with the contributing factors resulting in their homelessness, mitigate against their ability to function according to their potential. This year we had 4,735 bed - nights occupied with a 86% average monthly utilization. We also provided referral services to 2,118 callers, an average of 177 calls per month.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the intake process with a resident, the contributing factors resulting in their homelessness are identified and addressed through intentional and directive case management, along with collaboration with other local and area 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 ISP's. By addressing these contributing factors and adopting an empowerment model i.e, Empathetic Care + Encouragement + Effective Life Coaching + Education + Equipping, we decrease recidivism and increase a residents self-resiliency, self-regulation, and self-determination. Staff model and mentor residents in the development of the adult life skills needed to overcome their unique challenges and thereby break the self-sabotaging cycle of dysfunction. During the intake process, residents are assessed to determine their eligibility for legitimate support services and their follow-through becomes an integral part their Individualized Service Plans.

PROGRAM

We help our residents 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-through. This entire process requires numerous adult life skills, not the least of which are: planning, being organized, selfdetermination, self-resiliency, being proactive rather than reactive, detail-oriented, focused, purposeful, and thorough.

In our multi-purpose room we coordinate case review meetings with the other service providers that are involved in our residents lives. This is done with the intent of minimizing redundancy and maximizing effectiveness. Residents also have access to educational and informational materials here. The multi-purpose room also houses our computer lab. Each of the computers are internet capable and residents can job search and receive one-on-one computer instruction thanks to local volunteers. The multi-purpose room also has numerous assessment instruments, curriculum, and the Dept. of Health and Human Services TAP & TIP Series, as well as Addiction and Prevention materials relevant to the population we serve. Through internal and external sources, we offer workgroups on a wide range of pertinent topics, inclusive of Adult Daily Life Skills and Job Readiness and Retention.

In an effort to ensure that our services are resident-centered, we get their feedback via a Client Satisfaction Survey. This gives the residents an opportunity to evaluate us and to make suggestions on how we can improve our support and services.

Thanks to Rockville General Hospital, we have a locally reliable lab to provide drug testing when needed in order to maintain a zero tolerance for substance use. River East provides our residents with an assortment of services ranging from assessment, individual therapy, group sessions, and psychiatric and clinical supports. The Cornerstone Foundation provides a community kitchen and clothing bank that they frequent often. The Perception Program provides a team of trained staff to conduct in-house workgroups, along with free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and private counseling and referral services. The parishes and churches represented by the Greater Rockville Clergy Council have provided us with countless practical forms of help. There are numerous local venues that offer 12-Step meetings and Tri-Town Shelter now has a weekly, closed in-house 12-Step meeting that is facilitated by a former client who is pursuing his Licensed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counseling Certification. There are occasions when we need the assistance of the Vernon Police Department and we are fortunate that they have been so responsive. Over the years we have established an excellent working relationship with them. Finally, we maintain an ever expanding database of local and area providers that we can access.

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 residents entrusted to our care, thank you for your valued support.

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 youth worker, 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 2013-2014 year, Youth Services and The Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) had a total of approximately 5,000 children and their families participate in the following programs in school assemblies, afterschool programs and other events.

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 to families. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, approximately 60 children and families were provided this service.

123 I am me: During the summer we have an evening 123 I am me for pre-k to 3rd graders.

Rachel's Challenge: This year Youth Services partnered with Windermere Intermediate School to present a parent workshop on bullying and facilitated an after-school program for 5th and 6th grade students on positive peer interaction and community service.

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.

Finding the Leader in Me: 5th and 6th grade students joined Ellington High School student leaders in a fun-filled group setting to explore the following "habits" of effective leaders: Being Responsible, Having a Plan, Balancing Time, Prioritizing, Listening before Talking, Working Together, and Thinking Win-Win

Side By Side: This year we received a grant from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to provide a program with a main goal to engage and encourage youth to achieve their full potential through community support and increase opportunities to develop responsibilities and make positive choices. This program is in partnership with resident state troopers and Rise Above student leadership group.

Just Girls: Designed and led by high school girls, this program gives middle school girls an opportunity to hear from guest speakers and share ideas on a variety of topics with a goal of cultivating self-confidence, self-respect, and self-worth.

Discover Art: This program was created by two high school students who wanted to mentor younger students in developing their art skills.

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance life skills including dealing with feelings, communication, and social skills. The 6th grade students had the opportunity to participate in Journey Adventure Program. We also worked with Ellington High School on Outdoor Adventure Club and Gay/Straight Alliance. Also in partnership with Ellington Schools, we ran a group on divorce, provided childcare for parent events and preschool literacy programs at the library.

Parenting Programs: Youth Services facilitated three parenting program this year, Stranger you Know program, Positive Parenting Series and Parents of Special Needs Children speaker series.

Homework Clubs: We provided over 20 weeks of tutoring to more than 75 students in grades 1st to 6th grade afterschool at Windermere and Center School.

The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) is a long standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for the youth of Ellington for over fifteen years. The group's mission is to create and sustain a positive youth culture for Ellington's youth through collaboration among the community, schools and town agencies. Membership includes key stakeholders in the community, including Ellington Youth Services, Ellington Human Services, Ellington Public

Schools, Ellington Recreation Department, Resident State Troopers, faith and business community leaders and student and parent representatives. The DPYC finished a five-year \$325,000 grant in 2014 called Partnership for Success (PFS) that was used for the prevention of underage drinking in Ellington. A newsletter was published and distributed three times a year to parents of children in grades 6 through 12 in town. Reusable shopping bags with information and incentives were also distributed at all open houses in the fall. Additional grant money was awarded to Ellington in 2013 to address prescription drug misuse. Three Prescription Drug Take Back days were offered to residents in collaboration with Ellington Resident State Troopers in January, April and June of 2014 with success and positive feedback from residents. An informational fact sheet was created with a logo and made available as well as a postcard mailing to all Ellington residents in May.

The Parent Connection, a group that was formed in February 2007, and consisted of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community of the dangers of underage drinking was incorporated into DPYC in 2013 and continued to seek interested parents to join.

Rise Above, a group of high school students in Ellington with a mission of offering high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills along with being role models to their peers and youth continued in its seventh year with over 50 members. They remain to be a presence in the community through service as well as encouraging alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly throughout the school year in the evening. A Core Group of 12 members served as the executive board for the group.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach Social Worker (EOSW)/Municipal Agent serves as a resource of information to elderly town residents for details on programs, services, and agencies that enable the elder to remain independent in their home environment. The EOSW can assist elders in learning of local housing options or short/long term care services as needed. The EOSW serves as an advocate for Ellington elders and their families to provide information and counseling on service options/interventions and educational information.

SERVICES

- Conducts home visits and individual needs assessments for programs and services. Works in collaboration with local visiting nurse agencies to coordinate in-home care services to benefit the elder.
- Works with the Emergency Management Team regarding preparedness for community emergencies, & meets with Ellington senior residents to review location of shelters and/or "sheltering in place" preparations
- Make appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/case management on an as-needed basis
- Assists clients and/or family in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to Medicare and supplemental health insurance, emergency call systems, the Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid/Title 19, USDA SNAP (food stamp) benefit, Veteran's Health Services, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, the Geri-psychiatric Day treatment program, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications, legal aid services, and information on funeral & burial service options
- Works with the Protective Services for the Elderly Program to assist elders and/or family members who have concerns or issues of neglect, abuse or fraud.
- Works with the Tax Assessor's office on the State of CT Office of Policy & Management tax credit programs for elderly re

homeowners & eligible veterans; assist elderly & disabled renters with the State of CT Office of Policy and Management Renters Rebate program applications.

- Assist eligible seniors in applying to the ACCESS Energy assistance program & for additional heating assistance benefits with Operation Fuel & the Citizens Oil program
- coordinator of the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program which this year provided public programs attended by 151 persons. Topics included: Medicare updates; a presentation by Ellington Rescue Post 512; the annual flu shot clinic; information on probate issues with Attorney Joe Ryan; and an informational booth at the Safety Day event
- facilitator of monthly Parkinson's Disease support group

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted annual "April is Parkinson's Awareness" month program attended by 60 individuals, with information presented by Dr. Toni DeMarcaida
- Delivered monthly food bank items to 9 homebound Ellington residents; and had 51 contacts about SNAP/food stamps
- Reviewed housing options with 75 callers & home repair/modification questions with 30 clients
- 52 contacts about legal issues and 26 calls regarding Living Wills
- Addressed 44 inquiries regarding the Elderly, Totally Disabled, and Additional Veteran's tax relief program
- Provided information to 113 contacts about the Medicare Savings program; 41 contacts about Medicare Advantage plans; 66 calls regarding Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits; 52 contacts on Medicare; 37 inquiries about supplemental health insurance; and 4 contacts regarding COBRA
- Advised 54 callers on programs and services to assist those with Alzheimer's Disease/dementia and support groups; 35 calls on nursing home issues; and 214 calls on in-home care options. Provided information to 43 contacts regarding the CT Home Care Program for Elders
- Received 137 contacts on energy assistance/utility savings program issues
- Did 397 home visits with Ellington residents to address in-person their questions/concerns and assist with applications for various programs of benefit to them
- Met with 310 persons in office to review and discussed their concerns/service questions and made referrals to appropriate programs
- Gave information on dental services to 13 clients; 6 contacts on hearing aids; 11 vision care contacts; 35 questions regarding durable medical equipment; 25 clients called about emergency call systems; and 50 inquiries about transportation

STATISTICS

Month	Calls	Office	Correspondence	Home Visit
July	129	30	40	39
August	121	19	46	31
September	157	21	53	36
October	219	42	67	36
November	204	27	60	38
December	201	24	53	48
January	159	8	34	22
February	161	15	40	23
March	198	24	73	35
April	225	65	40	33
May	144	14	44	31
June	126	21	40	25
TOTAL	2,044	310	590	397

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 also serves as the Elderly Outreach Worker for the Town of Ellington.



In celebration of Arbor Day 2014, Mountain Tree Service did some complimentary tree trimming on the Center Green.



PAYMENT DUE CALENDAR

JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Estate 1st installment • Personal Property 1st installment • Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer Usage Fee
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Collection Fee
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Estate 2nd installment • Personal Property 2nd installment • Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax <i>only if applicable</i>
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer Usage Fee
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee • Dog License Fee

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

During the 2013-14 school year, the district continued implementation of the Common Core State Standards, with curriculum revisions in many areas. Intermediate report cards were revised to allow the grading key used in grades K-4 to be expanded to grades 5-6, creating a unified approach to performance reporting across grades K-6. The middle school staff began reporting student progress on standards identified for specific courses, rather than letter grades only, in updated report cards for grades 7 and 8.

Ellington's affiliation with the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project continued, and three Teachers College staff developers worked with teachers in grades K-8 for a total of twenty-three days of professional development and coaching over the 2013-14 school year. Sessions included both study groups on reading and writing workshop and job-embedded coaching for individual teachers and teams. In order to support students in meeting the expectations of the Common Core State Standards in reading and writing, sessions with teachers at the middle school were expanded to include a focus on discipline-based literacy strategies. Ellington High School welcomed Christopher Lehman, a noted author and presenter, to work with teachers in the English and social studies departments to support development of instructional strategies to support literacy achievement.

Many professional development opportunities for staff members were offered. During the fall professional development series, certified staff members participated in training related to the new teacher evaluation system and the rubric based on Connecticut's Common Core of Teaching. Across the year, teachers participated in sessions focused on curriculum development and strengthening instructional and assessment practices. The new district curriculum supervisors supported our professional development initiatives by leading workshops, facilitating professional study groups, and undertaking curriculum development work with their colleagues. Twenty-nine teachers who were new to the district received training in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams. Study groups for special education teachers provided ongoing opportunities for special services staff members to learn and to share best practices, including new learning about aligning IEPs with the Common Core State Standards and new special education regulations.

At Ellington High School, course offering were expanded to include Advanced Placement Biology, Advanced Placement Latin, Treble Chorus, Journalism in the 21st Century, and Screenwriting. These new courses reflect the commitment of the Board of Education to provide a comprehensive program of studies supporting high levels of student engagement and achievement.

Starting in the fall of 2013, the district's curriculum supervisors began assessing options and programs available to extend learning opportunities for students beyond the school day. An initial interest survey was distributed to parents and students in

grades 1-8. As a result of the survey data, afterschool Lego and theater programming was offered to students in grades 1-8 during both the winter and spring of 2014. A partnership was established with Hartford Stage to bring a visiting artist to Ellington to run theater workshops for students. Six theater workshops were offered at Windermere School, Center School, and the middle school to students in grades 3-8 with a total of 96 students participating. In addition, a total of eight Lego programs were offered to students in grades 1-8 at each of the elementary schools as well as the middle school with more than 150 students participating. Summer programming was also expanded to include a variety of interest-based programs for students in grades 1-9. Programs offered included a mini-Shakespeare theater program, Adventures in Learning (math and reading support for students in grades 1-2), Summer Science, Books and Crafts, Clay Camp, Summer Band, Books and Movies (grades 7-8), and Legos. A total of 290 students participated in the summer programming.

In February 2014, Ellington Public Schools became a Google Apps for Education district. This new system provides Gmail accounts for students in grades 3-12, as well as a suite of other products such as Google Docs and Sites, that will enable us to better communicate, share, and collaborate. Ellington joined over eight million other students and teachers using Google Apps at schools around the world. This represents an important step towards developing a 21st century approach to curriculum and learning. These tools will support the high levels of collaboration that are required in today's classrooms to prepare students with the skills they will need as they navigate educational and professional aspects of their lives. Using local and grant funds, the district purchased more than 1000 Chromebooks this year, helping us to make the most of our new wireless infrastructure and markedly increasing access to technology for our students and staff.

Lastly, after much planning the long-awaited Crystal Lake School expansion and renovation project finally broke ground on June 3, 2014. The Permanent Building Committee awarded the contract for the Crystal Lake project to Enfield Builders Inc. and the contract for the Windermere Project to All-Phase Enterprises Inc. Work at Windermere School began at the close of school. The Ellington Permanent Building Committee continues its excellent oversight of both projects. At present, it is anticipated that both projects will be completed for the opening of school in the fall of 2016.

STRONG ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

Center School implemented its third year of *Positive Behavior Intervention System* initiatives. The objective of the school's PBIS committee is to "facilitate a consistent common core of values and behavior expectations throughout the school community, fostering a safe and respectful environment in which all children can learn." Behavior expectations focused on safety, respect and responsibility in all areas.

As the new school year began at Windermere, staff welcomed students into their classrooms and spent the first few days



Crystal Lake School Building Project Groundbreaking

learning more about their students as learners and individuals. Classroom teachers taught students the behavioral expectations delineated within the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports framework. The Windermere PBIS team provided information describing the framework to new parents within the school including all kindergarteners and grade 5. The team also sent an informational packet to all parents entitled "PBIS at Windermere School and how it can work at home, too."

Firefighter Brendan Burke presented the Fire Prevention Assembly during Fire Prevention Week where children were able to review home safety procedures and observe the firefighters wearing full equipment for familiarity and assurance. Each student received a hat, badge and take home materials to promote home engagement.

Study Island accounts have been created for all Windermere fifth grade students and sixth grade student accounts were updated from last year. Students were provided with their username and password and have begun to utilize the CMT preparation package. The program allows for students to have the ability to log on from anywhere and work on CMT preparation materials built from the CT Curriculum Frameworks.

The Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored a visit by children's author Alexis O'Neill on October 10. Ms. O'Neill led assemblies for all students and did writing workshop sessions for students in grades 3 and 4.

Library media specialist Becky Wentworth coordinated a celebration for students who had read over the summer for the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Center School had 120 students enrolled in the Reading Challenge, and collectively these dedicated readers read a total of 2,275 books.

Marilyn Toback-Reveley and Jessica Marshall met with fifth and sixth grade social studies classes during the year. Students learned how to "cool down" when angered or upset, how to use active listening to understand both sides in a conflict, and how to communicate how they felt to the other disputant using "I Messages." The students also learned about how to brainstorm and develop "Win/Win" solutions to conflicts. In addition, they learned how to respond assertively when teased by others and how to identify bullying behaviors and respond if they witness bullying or are bullied themselves.

In coordination with Diane Lasher-Penti from Ellington Youth Services, both Center School and Windermere School continued their Homework Clubs. At Center School, middle school students assisted teachers by serving as tutors for students in this valuable after-school program. Windermere expanded its program this year with a total of five different homework clubs using high school students to assist the teachers as tutors.

Over the last few years, Ellington Middle has hosted many schools from around Connecticut who came to EMS to learn 'Best Practices' in the areas of literacy construction, effective use of instructional technologies, effective teaming practices and the development of standards based feedback. A sample of visiting districts includes Granby, East Granby, Monroe, Wallingford, Stafford, Hartford, Suffield, West Hartford and South Kingstown, RI.

Center School's Reading for Fun store opened in October supporting student reading. Center students will be able to attend the 'store' as reward for logging hours of at-home reading time. Students log their total minutes of at-home reading each month and are then awarded by selecting from a variety of books in celebration of their reading habit.

Sixth grade teacher Nancy Powell will be working with Chantal Haracsy from Ellington Youth Services as part of the Journey Program. The Journey Program is for sixth grade students, and it teaches responsibility and respect for self, others and surroundings.

The very successful Center School Recess Mileage Club began in October with parent volunteers on the playground to help children track their laps while building physical fitness and stamina. Students showed lots of enthusiasm in running laps at recess, tracking on a United States map and trying to be the first grade to reach California.

Rachel's Challenge returned to Windermere School and featured Dana Scott who presented the story of Rachel Scott, the first person killed at Columbine High School. All grade 5-6 students listened to the Rachel's Impact assembly which shared Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries that have become the foundation for a school program inspiring students to spread a chain of kindness. Both sets of students attended a 60-minute assembly and a select grouping of fifth and sixth grade students also attended a 90-minute Chain Links training session. The day was concluded with a community event that evening at Ellington High School for parents to hear a similar message.

Windermere school counselors Marilyn Toback-Reveley and Jessica Marshall organized and ran Rachel's Rally which highlighted the wonderful work being done by students within the Rachel's Challenge Friends of Rachel Clubs. Each of the student clubs highlighted their acts of kindness throughout the year and many provided multimedia presentations. The clubs are: Senior Center Superstars, Fantastic Fundraisers, Cross-Age Caring Coaches, Positive Impact Publishers, Elderly Outreach, Acts of Kindness, Media Mania, Wall of Famers-5th grade, and Wall of Famers-6th grade.

School counselors Marilyn Toback-Reveley and Jessica Marshall have organized cross-age teaching groups where fifth and sixth grade students take time from their recess to assist first grade teachers. The program continues to grow and this year over 30 students volunteered to meet with the younger age students and teachers.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Windermere School recognized the week by distributing pencils to every student with the 2013 message of "Life is an adventure, live it drug free."



Windermere 2014 Veterans Day

All Ellington schools recognized Veterans Day this year in meaningful ways. There were assemblies and ceremonies, flag raisings, refreshments and breakfast, student readings, classroom presentations, sharing of photos, music and singing, slide presentations, speeches, and many, many stories told and experience shared by our veterans. It has quickly become a well attended event with large number of veterans and family members attending. This new tradition has provided our entire school community the opportunity to honor our veterans and to show our appreciation for their service.

Crystal Lake School first grade students celebrated the publishing of their very own How-to Books on November 21 with a shared reading celebration in the gym. Students took turns reading aloud to each other as well as to invited guests. Teachers Lisa LaForte and Michelle Patenaude organized the writing celebration.

The Center School's traditional Harvest Parade was held on the afternoon of Halloween. Many families, residents and local business folk lined the pathways around Arbor Park with cameras and smiles all around.

Ellington Youth Services' Diane Lasher-Penti spends time in kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms providing a fun interactive learning experience in character education that carries several themes through the K-4 curriculum including conflict resolution, self-esteem, team building, communication skills, stress management and recognizing and coping with feelings.

Windermere Intermediate's sixth grade's annual Immigration Day was, once again, a huge success. It was wonderful to see all of the hard work that the students and teachers put into this project. Students and staff dressed the part and the halls were lined with artifacts, posters, and pictures depicting the time period.

Music teacher Tim Adams led fourth grade students from Center School and Crystal Lake in a chorus performance of holiday songs during the Winterfest celebration on the Town Green, as well as the winter concert at Center School.

The 39th Annual Crystal Lake School Pancake Breakfast was held December 17. Students were served pancakes in the cafeteria upon their arrival to school. Retired teachers Valerie Gagnon and Florence Robert coordinated the annual breakfast with the assistance of Crystal Lake School teachers and staff, past and present. Tim Adams led the sing-along in the gym after the breakfast.

School counselors Marilyn Toback-Reveley and Jessica Marshall updated faculty regarding requirements surrounding the Connecticut State Department of Education Student Success Plan. This will be the second year that students will be required to create SMART goals that are entered into the Naviance online computer program. Homeroom teachers will be monitoring the academic goals while the counselors will continue to discuss career goal-setting with students.

Crystal Lake fourth grade students culminated their biography unit of study with the annual Living Wax Museum where students dress in costumes to portray a famous person that they had researched. When visitors to the Wax Museum approached, the statues came to life and told their life stories. It was a powerful, engaging way for our students to share their understandings and practice their public speaking skills.

The Crystal Lake School CARES groups met on February 27. CARES groups are small (8-9 students) multi-age groups that meet periodically throughout the year to do activities centered around Responsive Classroom character standards, Cooperation, Advocacy, Respect, Empathy, and Self-Control. At the meeting the groups learned a strategy to advocate for themselves, using an I-message. All groups practiced using I-messages to respectfully advocate for themselves. The Crystal Lake Safe School Climate committee created the lesson for the groups.

Center School students participated in Read Across America, Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 2. Classrooms decorated their doors with themes from popular Dr. Seuss books. Rep. Christopher Davis and other guest readers read Dr. Seuss books in classrooms across the building.



Center School staff on Read Across America Day

Crystal Lake School celebrated Read Across America Day on March 3. The day started with a school-wide assembly. Mr. Larkin read aloud a Dr. Seuss favorite, Hooray for Diffendoofer Day, a slideshow of students "caught reading" was shown, and there was a period of whole school silent reading. Students in each classroom also did a door decorating project in honor of Read Across America. Classes chose a favorite book and decorated their doors to represent the book.

The preschool program staff again hosted four playgroups in March to select typically developing children from the community to integrate into the Early Childhood Special Education Program. There was, as always, tremendous interest and support from the community. Selection to the program is based on children who display good language and social skills; enrolling a range of 3 and 4 year old children to help balance the classes for the coming year.

In March, young adult fiction author Neal Shusterman visited EMS and spoke to students about his upcoming novel, Tesla's Attic, co-authored with Eric Elfman. Mr. Elfman joined Mr. Shusterman on his visit to EMS and held a Writer's Workshop with students selected by their language arts teachers. Mr. Elfman demonstrated different writing strategies, giving the students new inspiration to complete their own creative writing projects.

Over 750 parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and other special persons enjoyed the musical performances at Center School's Grandparents and Special Persons' Day. Students performed to a packed house with presentations featuring grade levels singing, dancing, and playing recorders.

Crystal Lake School celebrated Family Math Night on April 3. Students and families were invited to an evening of math activities throughout the school. Math teachers Martha Terrior and Leslie Mancuso coordinated the annual event with the assistance of Crystal Lake School teachers and fourth grade student helpers.

Crystal Lake School students were treated to a performance by the Ellington High School Opening Knight Players on April 10. A series of plays based on popular children's books were performed.

Windermere Intermediate's sixth grade got a feel for some possible future occupations during Career Day. Career Day caps off a month long career awareness program. The students were provided with a list of 20 different professionals and signed up for those that were of most interest. The results were tallied and the professionals volunteered their time to speak with the students regarding what it is they do for a living and what schooling was necessary to qualify. Each gave two 30-minute presentations to students who attended four different presentations in total. Students were asked to evaluate each presentation and the results are used to plan for the following year.

The Board of Education approved a new breakfast program to begin at Center School after the April vacation. As part of Connecticut's 'No Kid Hungry Campaign', the breakfast program was piloted for the remainder of the school year. The district believes that a nutritious breakfast is an important key in starting the learning day off right. Students were able to pick up a "Grab and Go" breakfast packet from the cafeteria at the beginning of the day. The breakfast packets include a cereal and milk selection. All cereal selections were whole grain, reduced sugar, and include a gluten free choice. Breakfast also includes a whole grain cracker or bar, a fruit selection and 100% fruit juice. The breakfast program was available also as part of the free and reduced lunch program. This pilot program turned out to be a success for the Center School students and consideration is being given to the possibility of extending the program to other schools within the district.

April 24 was National Poem in Your Pocket Day. For the third annual celebration of this exciting day, all Center School students wrote their own poetry, crafted class poems together, or read poetry books to find their favorites. Students and staff carried these much-loved poems throughout the day and eagerly shared

them with others. Pockets of poems were posted through the hallways for students to select and read. Students read poems to their book buddies, heard authors read their poems aloud via the SMART Board, and/or engaged in poetry circles.

Center School participated in the National Hat Parade sponsored by the Heavenly Hats Foundation. For a one dollar donation, students had the privilege of wearing their favorite hat to school for the day. The school collected \$558 to donate to The Heavenly Hats Foundation, which provides brand new hats of all kinds to children who lose their hair during the treatment of Cancer or the many other medical conditions which may cause hair loss. The parade was held in Arbor Park with all students participating.

Windermere Intermediate's fifth grade held the annual American Revolutionary War Day encampment outside. Students transitioned between various stations including marching exercises, medicine, games, candle making, militia, music, codes, debate, and journal writing. The day was collaboratively organized between the WPTO and the fifth grade teachers. The day was an experience the students will never forget and culminated with the reading of a portion of the Declaration of Independence.



Legos After-school Program at Windermere School

Tara Kelly and Colleen Palozej held the 8th annual ESL Potluck Supper. The cafeteria was filled with parents, siblings, and family members of students involved in the ESL program. Each family brought a sampling of ethnic food representative of their culture and enjoyed a night of conversation and dances performed by both students and an outside performer.

Center School families gathered for seven weekly Parenting with Love & Logic Evenings with principal Trudie Luck Roberts. Conversations evolved around solving typical family problems with the families discussing many ideas and strategies for working with children, including allowing children to own (and learn from) their own problems, diffusing arguments, and the power of the empathy response.

The fourth grade at Windermere School held their fourth annual Reading Olympics Opening Ceremony. The opening ceremony included a procession of classes by class color and flag. Activities as part of the Opening Ceremony were opening remarks by Superintendent Steve Cullinan who shared books related to not only his love of golf, but also United States history, specifically his knowledge of the presidents. At the conclusion of the ceremony, each class pledged that they would read during the month long Reading Olympics and keep track of the number of minutes read in their log. Principal Steve Moccio challenged the fourth grade class to read more than 150,000 minutes.

STRONG ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

The beginning of the EHS school year got off to a great start with an opening day welcoming 802 students including a new student from Kodiak, Alaska and a foreign exchange student – Junyi “Claudia” Zhang from China.

In alignment with the EHS Core Values and Beliefs, the high school's first advisory session was held on September 12. Every advisory group grades 9 through 12 viewed a video about the high school's “one read” book *Outcasts United* by Warren St. James. The advisory leaders then conducted discussions about the book and how it related to this year's high school theme of Building a Community.

The advisory program at Ellington High School continues to be an excellent program as identified by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). This year Mr. David Helmin volunteered to serve as an Advisory Coordinator to keep the activities and communication up to date. After reviewing student advisory recommendations, a decision was made to complete the junior portfolios by the end of the junior year which will allow juniors to use their portfolios during the college admission process if needed. Another major revision was reducing the number of community service hours from 30 to 15 based on the data and feedback from students and parents.

The EHS Marching Knight Band marched in the Firemen's Parade on September 7 and the Four Town Parade on September 14. The music department sponsored the annual cake booth at the Four Town Fair which is always a popular booth and a successful fundraiser. The band also performed at The Big E on Connecticut Day.

In November, selected students from the music department performed in the NCCC band and chorus concert. The music department presented winter and spring concerts. Both concerts featured the chorale, vocal ensemble, jazz band, concert band and wind ensemble groups. The high school band ended the year with performances at Memorial Day services where Jonathan Wing read the Gettysburg Address, Alison Letizia read Logan's orders, and the band participated in the parades and recognition ceremonies at both Crystal Lake and at the Town green.

The high school continues to develop individualized Students Success Plans (SSPs) by using the software program Naviance. This past year Naviance was used to track and monitor the completion of Ellington High School student portfolios. Teachers, students and parents were able to log in to Naviance and instantly see what portfolio elements were completed to date and what remains to be done. In addition to each task listed, all of the requirements for completing portfolio tasks could be viewed simultaneously.

Members of the EHS student council, under the leadership of advisor David Helmin, prepared and presented their annual Veterans' Day Assembly on November 11. New this year, students participated in the American Red Cross, “Holidays for Heroes” program by signing cards that were delivered to injured service men and women who were in recovery. Student council president Jamie Choate welcomed students, staff, and guests. The vocal ensemble sang The Star Spangled Banner. Allison Letizia, assembly chairperson, gave the assembly address. Many members of the American Legion Hatheway-Miller Post No. 62 and American Legion Auxiliary VFW Post 10689 and other veterans in attendance were recognized for their service to our country. Kyle Fitzgerald read his essay, “War Wounds All.” Special guests who provided remarks were Mr. Daniel Keune, Chair, Ellington Board of Education; Mr. Christopher Davis, State Representative; Mr. Tony Guglielmo, State Senator; and Mr. Ted Graziani, Dept. of Defense Appt. CT Chair, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Other special guests in attendance were Mr. Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman; and Mr. Gary LeBeau, State Senator.

The music department hosted the NCCC Music Festival at the high school on November 21. Selected instrumentalist and vocalists collaborated from twelve NCCC schools to put on an outstanding concert program for the parents, friends and relatives from twelve different communities.

The high school continued its work on responding and

implementing most of the NEASC recommendations from the accreditation visitation in September of 2012. A committee is developing the required two-year progress report as part of the 10 year accreditation process. Mr. Rinaldi plans to finalize and share the Two-Year Progress Reports in December 2014 with the faculty, central office, and the Board of Education. As part of the 10 year accreditation process, NEASC expects that all of the commission's recommendations be acted upon and reported out by the five year report due in 2017.

Annually NEASC requires that the high school report out to the public student progress on achieving the schools 21st Century Learning Expectations. The following table indicates our progress for the 2013-2014 school year:

2014	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	1.1%	98.9%
Creates or performs effectively	0.0%	100.0%
Reads effectively	0.5%	99.5%
Think critically & solve problems	0.5%	99.5%
Utilize technology effectively	5.9%	94.1%
Writes effectively	1.5%	98.5%
2014 Total	2.0%	98.0%

2015	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	1.0%	99.0%
Creates or performs effectively	1.5%	98.5%
Reads effectively	2.0%	98.0%
Think critically & solve problems	0.0%	100.0%
Utilize technology effectively	5.9%	94.1%
Writes effectively	1.5%	98.5%
2015 Total	2.0%	98.0%

2016	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	1.4%	98.6%
Creates or performs effectively	62.3%	37.7%
Reads effectively	28.5%	71.5%
Think critically & solve problems	3.9%	96.1%
Utilize technology effectively	50.2%	49.8%
Writes effectively	4.3%	95.7%
2016 Total	10.5%	89.5%

This year's Openings Knights Players' programming began with the production of 30 x 60. For this event, drama students were challenged to write, stage, and perform thirty plays in sixty minutes. In December, the OKP performed a production of, "It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play." Audiences were invited to attend a "live" 1944 radio broadcast of this holiday favorite, complete with holiday music, era commercials, and numerous holiday surprises. In the spring, The Players performed "Snow Angel," a funny, eerie tale of discovery and the power of believing. Snow Angel was also performed at the Connecticut Drama Festival due to their successful performance. The OKPs were one of two schools to represent Connecticut at the New England Drama Festival in Vermont. The final play of the season was "Time Flies." This was an evening of short plays by David Ives. Each year OKP strives to provide a theater experience that both the students and the community find rewarding and enriching.

The Connecticut Association of Schools awarded Ellington High School an Endowment and Flanagan Grant for a "multicultural author/illustrator program." The grant funded an author(s)-in-residence for a week-long program for all students. Guest artists included a storyteller, a children's book illustrator, and a memoir novelist. All three of these presenters have a diverse background and shared their many experiences and accomplishments with the EHS students. Artists in Residence included: Len Cabral, a celebrated storyteller; Eric Valasquez, an author/illustrator and Alephonsion Deng, one of three authors of a book called, They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky.

Last year, 88 EHS students took 130 advanced placement exams in Calculus AB, English language, U.S. History, psychology, environmental science, U.S. Government and



EHS 2014 Presidential Award Winners

Politics, statistics and chemistry. Seventy-five of the 88 students, or 85.2%, received scores of 3 or better.

Two students were named AP Scholars for taking three or more exams and scoring a 3 or better on each. Six students were named AP Scholar with Honor for receiving average scores of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

For the second consecutive year, Ellington High School was named to the 4th annual AP Honor Roll for expanding opportunities and improving performance of AP students. Ellington High School is one of 477 school districts in the U.S. and Canada that was honored by the College Board with placement on the 4th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP[®] course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams.

Ellington High School awarded diplomas to 186 seniors and one Certificate of Achievement on June 13. Mr. Rinaldi praised the seniors' accomplishments stating, "I have admired your team spirit, your loyalty, your willingness to do things for others and, perhaps above all, your positive attitude in everything you do." Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

The statistics for the Class of 2014 as of July 1, 2014 were as follows: The total number of graduates was 186 (95 males, 91 females). Ninety-one students plan to attend four-year colleges, fifty-seven students plan to attend two-year colleges, ten students plan to enter technical schools, seven students plan to join the military, twenty students plan to enter the workforce, and one student remained undecided. One Certificate of Academic Achievement was also awarded. EHS said goodbye to this year's foreign exchange students: Junyi "Claudia" Zhang of China.

The Ellington Safe Graduation Committee provided an evening of safe, alcohol and drug free, fun activities for all graduates at the Ellington Middle School which was well attended. This year's attendance was approximately 85%, which was similar to last year's participation rate. The community appreciates the work the many volunteers and contributors who provided this opportunity for our graduates.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Windermere Intermediate School was honored recently during the Connecticut State Department of Education's most recent "Schools of Distinction" breakfast. Dr. Kristy LaPorte and Steve Moccio represented the school which was recognized for Highest Overall Performance and Highest Performing Subgroup as measured by the School Performance Index. The classification serves to identify schools as exemplars of best practices.

Windermere School nominated ten students to join future young leaders from more than 140 countries in attending the People to People Leadership Ambassador Program: the 2014 World Leadership Forum. The forum is designed to fulfill U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's vision of fostering world

citizenship. The students nominated are currently in grades 5-7 and are: Lauren Lagasse, Rudraksh Nathan, Mitchell Whelan, Joey Champeau, Samantha Curtis, Clara Mattson, Matthew Tebbetts, Tina Ma, Christie Wang, and Theresa Wu.

The annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners were announced for the district. All Ellington fourth graders made a poster to reflect the theme, "Fire Prevention; Everyone, Everyday." Working under the guidance of their art teachers, students learned how to present important information graphically using pictures and few words.

Fourth grade winners were: First Place – Isabelle Hoyt (Windermere); Second Place – Matthew Pierson (Center); and Third Place – Amaya Williams (Windermere). In fifth grade, winners were: First Place – Claire McMenamin; Second Place – Faith Luginbuhl and Third Place – Joshua Roy. The students were awarded their prizes at the December Selectmen's Meeting. Congratulations to all of the winners.

EMS faculty and staff hold monthly 'dress down days' to benefit many different charities. The largest donation was for Common Hope. In addition to donations from the staff, teachers Pat Overton and Liz Overton collected student donations resulting in a total of \$1,256, which will be used to educate Guatemalan students and to help their families with the purchase of stoves, seeds, and livestock for self sustenance.

Windermere School was well represented in the Fall Connecticut Scholastic Chess Tournament over Columbus Day weekend. Windermere students won a total of eight games with grade 3 student Ryan Dieterle coming in First Place. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

Music teacher Tim Adams served as Task Leader for the Connecticut Common Arts Assessment Initiative, creating and piloting statewide assessments for students of music.

In December, through the generous support of the Crystal Lake School PTO, the Crystal Lake school mascot was brought to life! A contest was held to name the tiger – and the winning name was Stripes! A very special thank you to music teacher Tim Adams and Joseph Levandoski, a 2013 Ellington High School graduate and CLS alumnus for helping to bring Stripes to life at special events.

Over the 2013-14 school year, EMS is proud to have donated well over \$2000 to organizations like the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, The Betty-Rae Memorial Scholarship Fund, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

The tradition of jumping in freezing cold water continues at Windermere as the following staff participated in the fourth annual Ellington Penguin Plunge. Keith Arvisais, Shannon Bostiga, Rebecca Derby, Kathy Fitzgerald, Martha Malone-Reiss, Matt Murphy, and Nancy Powell all braved the chilly waters of Crystal Lake. The group raised over \$3,000 to benefit Special Olympics.

Music students attended the CMEA Music Festival at UConn on January 10 and 11. The CMEA Music Festival includes schools from Eastern Connecticut who participated in a band & orchestra concert and jazz, treble and mixed chorus concert on the afternoon of January 11 at the Jorgenson auditorium at the University of Connecticut. Participating students were Erin Breen, Nicholas Cantin, Basudha Chaudhuri, Jessica Jones, Thomas Kindall, Rebecca Lindblom, Ryan Michaud, Jennifer Potamianos, Erin Schirra, and Colby Villeneuve.

Center School teacher Tomi Raver participated in a research study with UConn to gain a better understanding of how teachers can use the Direct Behavior Rating scale to describe and rate student behavior. The data collected with this tool can be used to create, implement and evaluate behavior interventions.

In February, 43 EHS Latin students joined over 150,000 others from all 50 states and several other countries in taking the 2014 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 honor, followed by maxima cum laude, magna cum laude and finally, cum laude. This year, we had the largest number of award-winners ever! Congratulations to the

following 18 students, as well as to all who participated in the National Latin Exam this year.

Latin IV: Nicholas Greika - cum laude

Latin III: Isabella Viega - magna cum laude

Albert Tebbetts - cum laude

Latin II: Justin Berak, Rebecca Lindblom - cum laude

Latin I: Jenny Boudreau, Lukas Merkouriou, Lilia Shea - maxima cum laude, silver medal

Kayla Bonanno, James Costanzo, Grace Hinckley, Maria Savona - magna cum laude

Thomas Arbeiter, Emily Costanzo, Pilar Sandoval-Moberg, Donovan Shea, PJ Sideris - cum laude

On February 22 the EMS Jazz Band traveled to Enfield to participate in the 23rd Annual Enrico Fermi High School Jazz Festival. There students performed for both an audience and a set of judges. When they finished their performance, they got the unique opportunity to watch other school jazz groups, as well as the Westfield State University Jazz Ensemble and the Navy Show Band. The EMS Jazz Band put on an excellent performance that earned them a silver rating. Tessa Webb was recognized as an outstanding musician for her baritone saxophone solo.

In March, the following students auditioned and were selected to participate in the New England Music Festival Association Concert Festival held in Vermont: Jeremy Baouche, Erin Breen, Thomas Mackintosh, Sean Millane, Jenny Potamianos, Kurt Schafer, Erin Schirra and Emily Walder.

Distinguished Ellington Veteran and VFW representative Mr. Bruce Warkentin presented the 2013 Patriot's Pen Awards to two exceptional eighth grade students in March. Lindsey Bourque and Nicholas Willett submitted patriotic essays in the fall and were selected as the top two entries. The theme for the 2013 Patriot Pen was "What Patriotism Means to Me."

On March 31 several middle school teachers presented at the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) 33rd Annual Conference in Providence, RI. Presenting were school counselor Joyce Agnew, science teacher Nicole Bolduc, media specialist Lisa Garofalo, language arts teacher Jennifer Larkin, and social studies teacher Michael Nash.

In April, Erin McGrath and Jennifer Potamianos were selected by Ellington High School to be honored at a banquet at the Aqua Turf by the Connecticut Association of Schools 17th Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts.

In April several Ellington students had the opportunity to attend Art at the Capitol with their art teachers Steve Bernard and Amy Dymkowski. Center School students Bradley Sawka, Cadence Pincince, and Anna Bocchino as well as Windermere students Ainsley Armstrong, Grace Dubiel, and Madison Vale attended, toured the State Capitol and met with their State senators. The students, their parents and teachers were invited to a reception on May 17 and they had their art work displayed at the capitol building in May.

The Ellington High School wind ensemble performed at the Connecticut Music Educators Conference on April 4. Nationally known conductor Mr. Glenn Adsit led the wind ensemble through a series of demonstrations on how students could create, compose and perform literature without using standard notation. Over 30 Connecticut music educators attended the session with rave reviews.

In May middle school language arts teacher Christina Roy presented a writing project inquiry research presentation to the New England Association of Teachers of English. NEATE is an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Crystal Lake School faculty and staff continued to support the Ellington Community Scholarship Association with a \$500 donation. The donation was given to a graduating senior at Ellington High School who attended Crystal Lake School. The money for this scholarship was donated by CLS faculty and staff members through weekly Dress Down Friday contributions.

In May Principal Neil Rinaldi presented Winston Chow and Elizabeth Collin to the Board of Education as the Connecticut

Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Award winners for distinguished leadership in school activities and daily life.

In May EMS school counselors Joyce Agnew and Beth Shaw presented an award-winning teaming model developed at EMS called, "Hands Up" to the members of the CT School Counselor Association. This teaming model has been recognized by the Connecticut State Department of Education as a "Connecticut Best Practice."

Windermere physical education and health teacher Diane O'Brien was recently awarded a grant through the United States Tennis Association. The grant covers purchases of tennis equipment up to \$1,000. The equipment sent by the USTA supplements current equipment and includes a variety of ball types, racquets, nets, and removable lines to create courts within the gymnasium.

In May teachers Lisa Garofalo and Christina Roy chaperoned five EMS students to the Connecticut State Library in Hartford. The students represented EMS at the 2013 Summer Reading Challenge Awards Program with Governor Malloy. Ellington Middle School was one of seven Connecticut middle schools to receive the 2013 Winners certificate.

The following students were nominated by faculty members to be EHS's representatives to the 72nd American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. The Boys State delegates were Brandon Bogrette, Nicholas Topor, Jonathan Wing, and James Costanzo. The Girls State delegates were Katherine Lee and Allison Letizia.

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 continuing efforts and fund raising events, these volunteer groups help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. Over the last few years, the PTOs have been extremely supportive in helping expand our technology program. We wish to thank the officers and coordinators of these groups, as well as, the hundreds of parents who volunteer their time, talents and resources to help support the many activities and programs that are offered to and benefit our students.

Four eighth grade social studies students, and advisor Edith Vibert-Johnson, worked with a group of WW II veterans from Ellington, interviewing them about their experiences during the war. The students then read the personal stories at the town's Memorial Day ceremony at Ellington High School. The students were Lindsey Bourque, Ryan LaDestro, Hugh McKenzie, and Nicholas Willett.

At Ellington High School the President's Award for Educational Excellence was awarded to: Jamie Choate, Timothy Daigle, Sarah DiResta, Amy McDonnell, Erin McGrath, Nicholas Pigeon, Katie Remenik, Kelly Savage, Nicholas Schipper, Erin Schirra, and Sailesh Simhadri.

The Windermere PTO announced the winners of the Winter Reading Classroom Challenge. The elementary winner this year was Mrs. Varga's grade 2 class with the runner-up being Mr. Pechie's grade 4 class. The intermediate school saw a tie between Mrs. McKeegan's and Mrs. Strols's grade 5 classrooms, with the runner-up being Mrs. Donovan's grade 6 class. Each classroom was provided with book fair gift certificates.

This year, the Ellington Community Scholarship Association awarded over \$62,000 in scholarships to 63 members of this year's graduating class.

Center School teacher Tomi Raver was one of the one hundred talented teachers from across the state accepted into the Connecticut Dream Team of Common Core Ambassadors. Mrs. Raver attended "TeachFest" the last weekend in April alongside other select Connecticut teachers and Common Core coaches from around the country. Connecticut Dream Team Teachers will become statewide ambassadors for Common Core and help to lead a Common Core Fest in July.

Isabelle Hoyt, a grade 4 student in Mrs. Purcaro's class, was a county winner in the 2013-2014 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest. In recognition of the achievement, Isabelle

attended an award presentation luncheon at the Cromwell Courtyard by Marriott. Her poster will be included in next year's Fire Prevention Calendar and will be displayed next October in the walkway connecting the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building.

In just its third year, the EHS Mock Trial has become one of the premier programs in Connecticut and one of the most popular clubs at the high school. This year Ellington was able to fully field three separate mock trial teams (Red, White, and Blue) in a state-wide competition consisting of 68 teams. The competition is sponsored by Civics First, a private, non-profit association that promotes and conducts law-related education programs and projects in Connecticut's public and private schools, and compels students to argue the same case in a simulated trial. Ellington won five of six trials in the first round and advanced two teams to the semi-finals of the state tournament. In the semi-finals, on January 28, the red and blue squads faced intense competition amongst the 16 remaining teams in the state. Again, the blue team argued its way to a victory and advanced to the final eight, where it lost in an intense battle against Trumbull High School. To date, this is the furthest that Ellington has ever advanced. Congratulations to all who participated.

From left to right: Dan Joy, Kyle Fitzgerald, Shaun Lavey, Kelly Gorman, Alexia Merkouriou, Nick Pigeon, Madison Milanovich, Sailesh Simhadri, Kyle Wesley, Emily Costanzo, Dan Barrett, Alyssa DelPiano, Ryan Browne, Rachel Wardrop, Ali Letizia, Ben Kloter, Lilia Shea, Tom Arbeiter, Lizzie Collin (Capt.), Jon Wing, Nicole Papanian, Kyle Ross, Cailey Browne, Katie Remenik (Capt.), Megan Milliken, Mike Dixon, Devonney Waters, Nick Bennett, Twisha Shah, Leah Gervin, Danielle DelPiano, Caitlin Wing, Harrison Waltman, Tim Ross. Absent: Jaylene Acevedo, Bob Brisson, Nick Cantin, Cody Welti.

The following students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society on May 14: Justin Berak, Lynsey Blanchette, Emily Breen, Erin Breen, Kristen Breen, Basudha Chaudhuri, Emily Costanzo, James Costanzo, Kelly Gorman, Shannon Jones, Benjamin Kloter, Ashley Kuehn, Grace Kuraska, Katherine Lee, Allison Letizia, Thomas Mackintosh, Hayley McDonald, Megan Milliken, Jessica Moadlo, Megan Nicoletti, Spencer Plourde, Sarah Riley, Albert Tebbetts, Nicholas Topor, Lesley VanDeventer, Isabella Viega, Rachel Wardrop, and Jonathan Wing.

The following students were recognized at the annual high school athletic awards ceremony: Erin Schirra received the Gordon C. Getchell Scholar-Athlete Award, given to the varsity athlete with the highest scholastic standing, who has earned two varsity letters in CIAC-sanctioned sports in the current school year. Daniel Gagnon and Erin Schirra received the Sportsmanship Award presented to the boy and girl who have earned two varsity letters in the current school year, perform well and demonstrate sportsman-like traits under all conditions. Trevor Printy and Rachel Ziter received the Coaches Award given to those students who have earned two varsity letters in the current school year and who, in the opinion of the coaches, have set an example by their character, tenacity, determination, leadership, and improvement. Jonathon Bassett and Karlee Alves received the Thomas W. Hartman Athlete of the Year Award, presented to the outstanding boy and girl athlete, who have competed in three sports in the current school year. Joseph Leslie and Karlee Alves received the Outstanding Athlete Award that is given to the boy and girl who have excelled both athletically and in terms of their character in a minimum of three sports over a four-year period.

Jennifer Roy was nominated by the high school principal and appointed by the Board to serve as the student representative on the Board of Education for the 2014-15 school year. Jennifer will serve this one-year term during her senior year in a non-voting capacity.

The high school athletic program completed a very successful school year. The Knights were the NCCC Champions in cheerleading, boys' cross country and boys' indoor track. Seventy times this year students were identified as a Scholar

Athlete maintaining an academic average of 88 or better while participating in a high school sport.

The following class scholars represent the highest five percent of the Class of 2014: Erin Schirra, Nicholas Pigeon, Jamie Choate, Timothy Daigle, Spencer LeBel, Amy McDonnell, Katie Remenik, Nicholas Schipper, and Sailesh Simhadri.

Erin Schirra, the daughter of John and Rosana Schirra, was the Class of 2014 valedictorian. Erin was recognized as a class scholar and has achieved high honors and scholar athlete recognition for all four years of her high school career. Erin received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizen Award and was the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State delegate sponsored by the American Legion. Erin is a Harvard Radcliff Book Award recipient and was also a Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award recipient. Additionally, Erin has been the class president for the past three years, was a 2013 graduate of the CREC Capital Region Inter-district Leadership Academy, and is the Connecticut State Representative in the 2014 America's Homecoming Queen Pageant.

Erin has been a major contributor to the Ellington High School athletic and music program. She has participated on the girls' soccer and lacrosse teams and track and field. She is a recipient of the EHS Gordon C. Getchell Scholar Athlete and the Sportsmanship Award. Erin was recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools as a Scholar Athlete. She co-chaired and actively participated in Ellington High School's Relay for Life. Musically, Erin participated in the Connecticut Music Educators' Association Regional Festival being selected to the Honors Chorale by audition since her sophomore year. She also was selected to the NCCC Music Festival since her freshman year, participated in the New England Music Festival Association since junior year and was awarded the National School Choral Award by EHS. Erin plans to attend Quinnipiac University and will pursue a course of study to become a physician's assistant.

Nicholas Pigeon, the son of Edward and Kelly Pigeon, was the Class of 2014 salutatorian. Nick consistently achieved high honors at Ellington High School; receiving awards for excellence in English, ECE American studies, AP Government (receiving the highest AP test score of 5), ECE European history, biology, earth science, Algebra II and an Outstanding Project Award in Latin IV. He participated in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at UConn. Nick contributed writings to the Ellington High School literary magazine, Knight Writer. He was a plaintiff's attorney for the EHS Mock Trial Team that advanced to the semi finals. Nick also served as a member of the Principal's Student Advisory Council for four years. He received the Governor's Scholarship Program Award, the Gordon C. Getchell Scholarship, and UConn's Presidential Scholars Award. Nick plans to attend UConn and is undecided on his major.

At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, the district saw the retirements of the following staff members. From Center School – Marita Francis, third grade teacher; Marie Hurley, first grade teacher; and Ellen Levesque, second grade teacher. From Center/Crystal Lake School – Pam Schlechtweg, physical education/health teacher. From Ellington Middle School – Lorraine Dunn, secretary; Cheryl Gerstenlauer, secretary; and David Kozlowski, math teacher. From Ellington High School – Michael Campbell, special education teacher; Anthony Capobianco, world language teacher; Mary Donohue, special education aide; Peter Jean, custodian; and Sharron May, special education aide. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators and support personnel whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their more than 361 years of combined services.

DISTRICT NEEDS

As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite spending less per student than every district in the state of Connecticut. For the past five years, Ellington has ranked last in Connecticut in spending per pupil. 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 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.

During 2013-2014 the Ellington Public Schools were the successful recipients of a State of Connecticut Technology Grant in the amount of \$206,871. This grant, along with other funding, allowed the district to infuse more than 1,400 Chromebooks into the instructional process. These additional devices were also instrumental in meeting the requirements of the new state mandated on-line testing program for its 2013-2014 pilot year. The district was also the recipient of a State of Connecticut Security Grant in the amount of \$270,412 (\$169,983 State & \$100,429 Local). Funds from this grant, along with local funding, allowed the district to implement the recommendations of the School Security audit completed by Resident State Trooper Patrick Sweeney and members of the Critical Infrastructure Unit of the Connecticut State Police. Numerous security improvements were undertaken at all schools in the district. Among the security measures implemented were: a significant increase in the number of video cameras at all schools; single point of entry; repair and replacement of doors; new door locks; window and door shades; improved lighting; additional signage; fencing around critical infrastructure; off-site monitoring of cameras; adequate curbing; locked gates; bollards and planters; card-key access for staff; identification badges; revised emergency plans; continued emergency training; and the addition of a School Resource Officer position. The entire community should expect that school security will continue to be a significant area of focus in the years ahead with the various town boards and agencies taking all appropriate measures to keep our children safe.

The Board of Education updated its Multi-Year Academic Support Plan which addresses the following nine areas: Technology Infrastructure; Technology Supporting Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment; Appropriate Level of Resources/Class Size; Administrative Capacity; Extended Day/Year Opportunities; Full-Day Kindergarten; Job-Embedded Professional Development; Board of Education Marketing Plan; and Career Planning. This detailed plan which includes Actions/Strategies/Interventions; Timelines; Persons Responsible; and Means of Evaluation/Results Indicator may be found on the district website and will be reviewed, evaluated and revised each year.

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 again increased its participation in both the Hartford Choice and the various magnet school programs. State mandated costs for magnet school tuition are beyond the control of the Board of Education and have risen dramatically. The current funding structure for magnet schools has placed an onerous burden on many towns including Ellington.

2014 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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 Bethany Paige Crocker
 Aubrey Lynn Cycenas
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 Alexis Aleshia Daley
 Tyler M. Daly
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 Rachel Ann Ziter*
 Vincent R. Zullo
 Honorary diploma:
 Junyi Zhang

+ Class Scholar

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

Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society wore Gold Honor Cords.

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Fire Inspector: Scott Cunningham

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Scott Cunningham, Craig Stevens

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 Thomas Clark
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 Martin Dorey
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Maintainer I: Richard Daugherty
Maintainer I: Bob Ouellette
Maintainer I: Benjamin Pare
Maintainer I: Paul Prouty
Maintainer I: Patrick Roy
Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki
Maintainer I: Daniel Whitman
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Administrative Assistant: Lori Smith

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Maurice W. Blanchette, *First Selectman*
 Ronald F. Stomberg, *Deputy First Selectman*
 Melinda M. Ferry
 A. Leo Miller
 James M. Prichard
 Lori L. Spielman
 John W. Turner

TERM EXPIRES

December 2015
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BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, *Chairman*
 Douglas Harding
 Mark A. Joyse
 Barry C. Pinto
 John Rachek
 Michael D. Varney

December 2015
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Daniel C. Keune, *Chairman*
 Gary J. Blanchette
 Howard S. Friedman
 Ann Marie Hayes
 Tracey J. Kiff-Judson
 Andrew McNamar
 Kristen Picard-Wambolt
 Michael Purcaro
 Dale C. Roberson
 Michael Young

November 2015
 November 2017
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan J. Luginbuhl (*Democrat*)
 Wanda Deland (*Republican*)

January 2015
 January 2015

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John M. Halloran Jr., *Chairman*
 Mary E. Blanchette
 Mary K. Clements
 C. Peter Nickerson
 Richard Petrucci
 Janet Wieliczka

December 2015
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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, *Chairman*
 William R. Hogan, *Vice Chairman*
 Carol A. Strom, *Secretary*
 Douglas Harding
 Ricci Hirth
 Robert G. Hoffman
 David Stavens

December 2017
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, *Chairman*
 Arthur G. Aube
 Kenneth M. Braga, *Vice Chairman*
 Robert Sandberg
 Mark R. Spurling

December 2015
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 December 2017
 December 2017
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APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

(1 year to May 2015)

David Arzt, *Chairman*
 J. Albert Breton, Jr.
 William Merson, *Vice Chairman*
 Jean Burns
 Rodger Hosig

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 year to June 2015)

Robert M. Dawson, III, *Chairman*
 Michele Beaulieu-Dzen
 Gary Chaplin
 Janet Marshall
 Kevin Zahner

AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING

POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (1 year to August 2014)

Mary Bartley
 Yale Cantor
 Doris Crayton
 Lisa Kelly
 Tom Kindall
 Kathleen Larew
 Diane Lasher-Penti
 Erin McGurk
 Nancy Netherwood
 David Pearson
 Ron Richardson
 Nick Schipper
 Deborah Stauffer
 Daniel Uriano

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 Michele Beaulieu-Dzen
 Gary Chaplin
 Janet Marshall
 Kevin Zahner

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

(1 year to February 2015)

John Turner, *Chairman*, Board of Selectmen Representative
 Brendan Burke, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative
 Robert Clements, Board of Finance Representative
 Donald Davis, Director of Emergency Management
 Robert Edwards, Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative
 Gary T. Feldman, Sr., Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Representative
 Peter Hany, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative
 Douglas Harding, Board of Finance Representative
 Bryan Harvell, Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative
 Simon Hessler, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative
 A. Leo Miller, Board of Selectmen Representative

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE*(1 year to December 2014)*Wilson D. Flynn, *Chairman*J. Wiley, *Vice Chairman*

David Grim

Alan Lewandosky

Jeffrey Martin

James Stemmerman

John M. Takach

Michael D. Varney

Bruce N. Warkentin

**AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE
PINNEY STREET TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY***(1 year to March 2015)*Gordon Oliver, *Chairman*

Dominic Cristelli

Gary Feldman, Sr.

David Grim

Lisa Houlihan

Joan Kovel

Mark Miller

Lori Spielman

Timothy Webb

Michael Wylie

**AD HOC PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE
COMMITTEE***(1 year to July 2014)*Gerry Gillung, *Chairman*

James Gage

Marcia Kupferschmid

Dale Roberson

Debby Wallace

Vacant

TERM EXPIRES**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS** *(3 years)*John Rachek, *Chairman*

January 2015

Charles Jackson

January 2016

Vacant

January 2017

Alternates (2 years)

Joel Nadel

January 2016

James Knurek

January 2015

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS *(5 years)*

James Alexander

April 2015

Donald Gobeille, Jr.

April 2017

Dennis Milanovich

April 2016

Howard D. Reckert

April 2018

Vacant

April 2019

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT *(3 years)*

Galen Semprebon

June 2017

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL*(2 years)*

Christopher Moyer

June 2016

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL*(1 year)*

George Shaw

August 2014

Alternate – Vacant

August 2014

CONSERVATION COMMISSION *(4 years)*Rebecca A. Quarno, *Chairman*

March 2015

David Bidwell, *Vice Chairman*

March 2017

Sean Dwyer

March 2018

James Gage

March 2015

Joan Kovel

March 2018

George Nickerson

March 2017

Vacant

March 2016

Alternates (2 years)

Walter Moody

March 2016

Ann Harford

March 2015

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS *(4 years)*Roberta Printy *(Republican)*

January 2015

Debra A. Riley *(Democrat)*

January 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION *(4 years)*Sean Kelly, *Chairman*

July 2016

Christopher Todd, *Vice Chairman*

July 2015

David Hurley

July 2014

Gilbert J. Gamboa, Jr.

July 2017

Stanislav Moline

July 2014

Alternates (2 years)

Stefanie Cunningham

January 2015

Donna Resutek

January 2015

Vacant

January 2015

ETHICS COMMISSION *(4 years)*J. Wiley Dumas, *Chairman*

January 2016

Brett Shanaman, *Vice Chairman*

January 2017

Paul Cosgrove

January 2015

Wilfred A. Duchesneau

January 2018

Vacant

January 2016

HOUSING AUTHORITY *(5 years)*

Timothy Collins

June 2015

Donald J. Gessay

June 2019

Judith Plantier

June 2017

Robert C. Ohrt

June 2018

Albert Wachsman

June 2016

Ted Yampanis, *Executive Director***HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** *(4 years)*Susan Stack, *Chairman*

January 2016

Susan Hannigan, *Vice Chairman*

January 2016

Hocine Baouche

January 2018

Yale Cantor

January 2018

Teresa Cavanagh

January 2018

Helen Filloramo

January 2016

Richard F. Petrucci

January 2018

Vacant

January 2016

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY *(4 years)*Kenneth Braga, *Chairman*

January 2015

Ron Brown, *Vice Chairman*

January 2017

Hocine Baouche

January 2017

Joseph Boucher

January 2015

Jean Burns

January 2017

Steven J. Hoffman

January 2015

Mary Beth O'Neill

January 2015

Alternates (2 years)

Vivian Sovinsky

January 2016

Vacant

January 2015

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)

Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2015
Jonathan Allen	April 2017
Mark Boone	April 2015
Diane O'Hagan	April 2017
Vacant	April 2015
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., <i>Finance Officer/Treasurer (Ex-officio)</i>	

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)

Nancy Lemek	September 2014
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 years)

Vacant	January 2016
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**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 years)**

Jamie M. Woodside	June 2016
George F. Apel	June 2016

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 years)

Gordon Oliver, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2016
Thomas Boscarino	January 2016
Cynthia Costanzo	January 2016
Shay Diwinsky	January 2018
Kevin Hayes	January 2018
Robert Larew	January 2016
Matthew Maznicki	January 2018
Thomas Stauffer	January 2018
Christopher Weitz	January 2018

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 years)

Peter W. Welti, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2018
Gary Magnuson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	February 2016
Thomas Adams	February 2018
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	February 2018
Dale Gerber	February 2016
Katherine Heminway	February 2018
Lori Spielman	February 2016
Ronald Stomberg (<i>BOS Rep</i>)	December 2015
Gary Blanchette (<i>BOE Rep</i>)	November 2015
John Rachek (<i>BOF Rep</i>)	December 2015
David Stavens (<i>Planning & Zoning Rep</i>)	December 2015
Timothy Webb, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES (2 years)

F. Michael Francis	September 2015
James M. Prichard	September 2015

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 years)

Carolyn Cook, <i>Chairman</i>	October 2014
William H. Enes, Jr.	October 2016
June N. Lyons	October 2015

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL

(2 years)

Vacant	June 2016
Vacant	June 2015

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT, INC.**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1 year)**

J. Renee Irvin	June 2015
Alternate: Vacant	June 2015

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 years)

Daniel J. Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2017
Edward Duell	April 2018
Jeremy T. Galeota	April 2015
Paul F. Gilbert	April 2018
Shawn Koehler	April 2016

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 years)

Ronald Brown	August 2015
Rodger Hosig	August 2014
Ronald F. Stomberg	August 2014

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**DEMOCRAT**

Yale Cantor
Thomas J. Dzicek
John M. Halloran, Jr.
Mort Heidari
Robert G. Hoffman
James R. Josephiac
Dennis Milanovich
Joel P. Nadel
Thaddeus J. Okolo
Mark R. Spurling

REPUBLICAN

Nicole S. Albano
Clifford L. Aucter
Maurice W. Blanchette
Peter J. Charter
Robert J. Clements
Dale T. Cunningham
Christopher C. Davis
Ron C. Hull
Leonard A. Johnson
Sean C. Kelly
Sharon J. McLaughlin
Robert K. Pagani
Richard J. Sabonis
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.
Ronald F. Stomberg
Rhonda Villanova
Janet K. Wieliczka

UNAFFILIATED

James Darby
John R. Marchesseault
Christina Marie Morin
Betty Jean Rivard-Darby
Elizabeth C. Waters



Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

August

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2014-2015 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 27

Last Day of School** Jun 9**

** Tentative

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Teacher Inservice Aug 25
 Teacher Day Aug 26
 Labor Day Sept 1
 Columbus Day Oct 13
 Teacher Inservice Nov 4
 Thanksgiving Nov 27-28
 Christmas Recess Dec 24 - Jan 2
 Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 19
 Presidents' Day Feb 16
 Teacher Inservice Feb 17
 Good Friday Apr 3
 Spring Recess Apr 13-17
 Memorial Day May 25
 Teacher Day June 10

October

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○○ **EARLY DISMISSALS** ○○

½ Day - All Schools Nov 26
 K-6 Conferences Dec 3-5
 7-8 Conferences Dec 10-11
 Christmas Recess Dec 23
 7-8 Conferences Mar 23-24
 K-6 Conferences Mar 25-27
 Last Day June 9**
 High School Exams T.B.D.
 (4 days in January & June)
 Graduation June 12**

** Tentative

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 9th. If more than ten 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 16, 2015.

TOWN OF ELLINGTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
(Area Code 860)
IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

Non Emergency Call			Town Hall, 55 Main Street, PO Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029 TDD/TTY Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196		
Ambulance	Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps 41 Maple Street	870-3170	Visit our website at ellington-ct.gov Town Hall Hours: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Monday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Friday		
Fire	Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department 316 Sandy Beach Road	870-3174			
	Ellington Volunteer Fire Department 29 Main Street	870-3190			
Police	Resident State Troopers' Office Sergeant Patrick Sweeney 33 Arbor Way State Police Troop C 1320 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland	875-1522 896-3200			
ADMINISTRATION		870-3100	PUBLIC WORKS, 21 Main Street		870-3140
Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman			Timothy Webb, Director & WPCA Administrator		
Marie Sauv�, Exec. Assistant & HR Coordinator			Fax		870-3147
LouAnn Cannella, Executive Secretary			RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way		870-3118
Fax		870-3102	Robert Tedford, Director		
ANIMAL CONTROL		870-3155	Fax		871-3198
Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer			RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR		870-3140
ASSESSOR		870-3109	Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department		
Cindy Roman, Assessor			Bulky Waste Disposal (<i>All American Waste</i>)		289-7850
Fax		870-3197	SCHOOLS:		
BUILDING PERMITS, 57 Main Street		870-3124	Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent, 47 Main Street		896-2300
Raymond Martin, Building Official			Nancy Daley, Admin Assistant/HR Coordinator		
Fax		870-3122	Superintendent's Fax		896-2312
BURNING PERMITS		870-3126	Special Services		896-2300
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			Center School (Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal)		896-2315
CEMETERIES:			Crystal Lake School (Michael Larkin, Principal)		896-2322
Rachel Dearborn		875-8204	Ellington High School (Neil Rinaldi, Principal)		896-2352
COMMUNITY SERVICE			High School Guidance Office		896-2357
Hockanum Valley Community Council		872-9905	Ellington Middle School (David Pearson, Principal)		896-2339
DEEP CONSERVATION OFFICER			Windermere School (David Welch, Principal)		896-2329
Laura Pettus		424-3333	SENIOR CENTER, 40 Maple Street		
ELDERLY OUTREACH, 31 Arbor Way			Erin Graziani, Director		870-3133
Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Caseworker		870-3131	Transportation		870-3137
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		870-3182	Fax		870-3136
Donald Davis			SEWER ADMINISTRATION, 21 Main Street		870-3124
Fax		870-3103	Timothy Webb, WPCA Administrator		
FINANCE		870-3115	SEWER MAINTENANCE, 21 Main Street		870-3140
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer			Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Dept.		
Bills and Accounts: Felicia LaPlante			Emergency Maintenance Number		870-3145
Fax		870-3158	STATE ROADS		
FIRE MARSHAL, 57 Main Street		870-3126	East Windsor DOT Garage		623-4473
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			Vernon DOT Garage		875-4993
Fax		870-3122	TAX DEPARTMENT, P.O. Box 158		870-3113
HEALTH		745-0383	Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector		
North Central District Health Department			Fax		870-3704
Michael Pirro, Director of Public Health			TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS		870-3105
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416		872-6923	Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk		
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director			Fax		870-3721
HOUSING REHABILITATION		870-3132	TOWN PLANNER, 57 Main Street		870-3120
HUMAN SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way		870-3128	Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner		
Doris Crayton, Director			Fax		870-3122
Fax		870-3198	TREE WARDEN		870-3140
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280		870-3160	Timothy Webb, Tree Warden		
Susan Phillips, Director			VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES		872-9163
MUNICIPAL AGENT, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	VOTING		870-3107
Anna Turner, Municipal Agent			Susan Luginbuhl, (D)		
Fax		870-3198	Wanda DeLand (R)		870-3107
POLICE, 33 Arbor Way		875-1522	YOUTH SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way		870-3130
Resident State Troopers' Office			Diane Lasher-Penti, Director		
Fax		870-3152	Fax		870-3198
POST OFFICE		875-6391	ZONING/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER		870-3120
PROBATE COURT, 14 Park Place, Vernon		872-0519	John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer		

Bulky Waste Pickup call All American Waste (860) 289-7850
Household Hazardous Waste call MidNeroc (860) 684-3163