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TOWN REPORT



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OLD CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL

ELLINGTON HIGHLIGHTS...



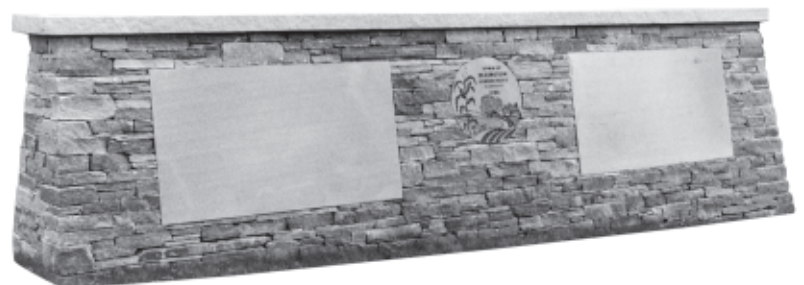
Many Ellington residents enjoyed themselves at Sandy Beach on Crystal Lake this summer.

WALL OF HONOR RECIPIENT 2010

EDNA TUTTLE EDWARDS
1909-1998

Edna T. Edwards was selected to be inducted to the Ellington Wall of Honor for 2010. Mrs. Edwards made many outstanding contributions to the Town of Ellington. She served with distinction as the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Mrs. Edwards was a lifelong member of the Ellington Congregational Church and active member of the Ellington Grange and Order of the Eastern Star. A formal induction ceremony was held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the site of the wall located in Arbor Park.

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Dear Ellington Residents:

The budget deliberations of this past spring for the fiscal year 2010-2011 followed very similar guidelines to the previous year. We continue to attempt to do more with less while keeping taxes steady and low. This past year the budget increase was 0.3 mills for a 1.21% tax increase. There were no major issues with regard to budget requests and most of the department heads presented very responsible budgets.

We were able to refinance the 1994 and 1999 bonds with lower rates and no extension of time for a total savings over 9 years of \$392,620. The first year's savings will be \$46,000.

On the education side, the Board of Education submitted a very responsible budget which required minimal trimming. They are to be congratulated for getting the maximum utility out of a very tight budget. This will probably be required of them for some time into the future, until the State of Connecticut gets its fiscal house in order and starts to keep its promises regarding Education Cost Sharing.

This year we appropriated the finances necessary to, at last, finalize the rehabilitation of the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse. It has been a long struggle to finalize this project with one surprise after another creating the need for additional funding. First it was lead paint, then asbestos flooring, each requiring special handling and additional expense. The end of the tunnel has arrived however, and the building should be usable by January 2011.

Again 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.

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

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

October 6, 2010

Robert J. Clements, Chairman

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Selectmen:

Seated L-R: James Prichard-Deputy Selectman, Maurice Blanchette-First Selectman, John Turner
Standing L-R: Lori Spielman, Laurie Burstein, Ronald Stomberg, A. Leo Miller.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fourteen regular meetings including eight special meetings. Two public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called seven 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 2009-10:

AGREEMENTS

- Authorized the First Selectman to take all necessary actions to join the CRCOG/Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) as a new regional approach to solid waste management.

CONTRACTS

- Awarded contract for the revaluation of all real property for the 2010 Grand List to Vision Appraisal Technology of Northboro, MA for an amount not to exceed \$229,300.
- Authorized First Selectman to award contract for actuarial valuation services of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB).
- Approved and authorized the First Selectman to execute contracts for Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc., Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and Crystal Lake Fire Department.
- Awarded the bid contract for the town's computer system to the Computer Company for one year with option to renew for four additional one-year terms.
- Awarded contract for 2010 DECD Small Cities Grant administration to Community Opportunities Group.

EQUIPMENT

- Waived normal bidding procedures and awarded the bid for the 2010 Ambulance to Eastford Fire and Rescue Sales, LLC in the amount of \$199,000.
- Waived bidding process for the sale of the 1984 Pumper, as recommended by the Crystal Lake Fire Department (CLFD) and authorize CLFD to sell the 1984 Pumper in the amount of \$28,000.
- Waived bidding process for the sale of the 1990 rescue truck, as recommended by the Crystal Lake Fire Department (CLFD) and authorize CLFD to sell the 1990 Rescue truck in the amount of \$15,000.

FINANCES

- Waived the Payment Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Housing Authority for Fiscal year 2009-2010. [approximately \$9,000]
- Set trash collection fee at \$95.
- Approved budget execution for FY 2009-10.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for installation of 4-inch connection to irrigation system at Brookside Park that will be installed by the Little League.
- Approved the year-end transfers, adjustments and additional appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the Letter of Commitment for budget stabilization program for liability-automobile-property insurance coverages with Connecticut Interlock Risk Management Agency.
- Recommended to the BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2010-2011, net amount \$1,141,405.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance the Board of Selectmen approved Town Budget for FY 2010-2011 Grand Total Amount of \$13,213,131.
- Approved closing out the 2008-09 Capital Non-Recurring Unimproved Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$39,000 to the 2009-10 General Fund Balance, also approved by Board of Finance.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$39,000 from 2009-10 General Fund Balance to the Town Road Aid-Materials Account, also approved by Board of Finance.
- Approved additional appropriation of in the amount of \$64,900 for the Town Hall oil tank removal/boiler conversion, also approved by Board of Finance.
- Sent 2010-2011 budget grand total of \$45,663,569, as recommended by the Board of Finance, to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 11, 2010, to be adjourned to referendum. [Passed at referendum].
- Accepted offer from Ambulance Service of Manchester, LLC in the amount of \$37,500 for the sale of the 2003 ambulance.
- Approved an emergency appropriation, pursuant to Town Charter Section 1008, in the amount of \$78,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to Account 1060-Building Demolition/Evictions for the purpose of correcting hazardous/unsafe conditions, which was also approved by BOF.

GRANT

- Authorized First Selectman to enter into grant agreement with Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- Recommended additional appropriation of \$45,000, fully reimbursable through State grant for Economic Growth Program Home CT Technical Assistance Grant.
- Approved grant application to the Department of Transportation for Dial-a-Ride services.
- Recommended additional appropriation of \$151,482, fully reimbursable through Federal and State grants for feasibility study for the town's potential acquisition of Ellington Airport.
- Approved participation in the FY2009-2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

LEASES

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

POLICY

- Adopted policy for use of town property.
- Adopted policy for use of town seal.
- Adopted revisions to the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

PROPERTY

- Accepted the offer in the amount of \$48,500 to purchase parcels of town-owned land known as 70/76 South Road, consisting of approximately .34 acres. [Approved at Town Meeting].

ROADS

- Accepted Eagle Drive (Eagle Estates Subdivision) as a Town Road.
- Accepted the extension of Ellsworth Lane and Benjamin Drive as Town Roads.
- Approved the discontinuance of portions of Green and Keeney Streets, pending Town Meeting approval [which was approved at Town Meeting].

STAFF

- Granted permanent status to George Fetko, Public Works Director.
- Recognized Joseph Grayeb, Police Officer; Sebastian Magnano, Police Officer; Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Worker; Laurie Wormstedt, Library Assistant for 10 years of service.
- Recognized Carol York, Executive Assistant and Maureen Lowe, Police Officer for 20 years of service.
- Recognized Maureen O'Neil, Administrative Secretary II, and Rosario Raia, DPW Crew Chief, for 25 years of service.
- Recognized Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal, for 30 years of service.
- Granted permanent part-time status to Felicia LaPlante, Administrative Secretary, Human Services and Recreation Department.
- Granted permanent part-time status to Cynthia Boscarino, Administrative Secretary, Human Services and Recreation Department.
- Reclassified Benjamin Pare, Charles Bengston and Richard Daugherty from Laborer to Maintainer I.
- Reclassified Kimberly Gallicchio from Custodian to Lead Custodian.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted resignation of Lori Spielman from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Accepted resignation of Maurice Blanchette from the Board of Education.
- Appointed David Stavens to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Appointed Michael Young to the Board of Education.
- Set an annual salary for the First Selectman of \$70,000 for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Nancy Way as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2009.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of the Pinney House.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation & Development Implementation Committee.
- Granted the request of the Winterfest Committee to use the Town Green for the Annual Winterfest.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee.
- Authorized Conservation Commission to consider establishing Ellington Hockanum River Committee as Sub-Committee.
- Established an Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee.

- Re-established the Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee for the 2010-2011 budget season.
- Appointed Atherton B. Ryan as Town Counsel.
- Appointed Patrick McHale as Special Counsel.
- Appointed Day Pitney, LLP, as Bonding Counsel.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee.
- Approved application for a regatta permit as requested by the Crystal Lake Sailing Club.
- Granted request of EVFD to use Brookside Park for Annual Carnival.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Design Review Board.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



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

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

TOWN ASSESSOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2009 Grand List
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Initiate and manage the ongoing Revaluation for the 2010 Grand List
- Expanded use of technology to improve efficiency

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

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

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/07	10/01/08	10/01/09
Real Estate	1,084,639,621	1,107,712,316	1,120,650,046
Personal Property	36,474,209	37,849,300	40,126,463
Motor Vehicle	103,557,237	98,776,003	103,250,925
TOTAL	\$1,224,671,067	\$1,244,337,619	\$1,264,027,434

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 2009 through December 2009, 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 are: investment of Town funds, preparation of financial statements, submission of annual budget to the Board of Finance, preparation of bid documents, purchasing agent, and serving as financial advisor to all boards and agencies. The Finance Officer oversees operations in Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted Emergency Management Director in the implementation and deployment of Blackberries for General Government employees
- Change in communication carrier from ATT to One Communications
- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversee Information Technology
- Bonding Resolution-\$1,725,000 for Acquisition of Land -5 and 11 Hubbard Lane- for Open Space, Active and Passive Recreation, and other Municipal purposes
- Resolution for joint purchase with State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture for the development rights for DOJO Associates, LCC property
- Lease for \$377,000-Crystal Lake Fire Department Multi-Purpose Rescue Pumper
- Lease for \$263,000-Board of Education Computer Equipment
- Lease for \$178,000-John Deere Front-End Loader
- Lease for \$890,000-Aerial Ladder/Pumper Truck
- Implementation of Anthem Health Savings Account
- Change in Short Term/Long Term Disability Plan and Life Insurance from Sun Life to Anthem
- Moody's Presentation
- Refunding Bond Issue of \$4,320,000-Refunded Bond Issues of 1994 and 1999
- Bond Anticipation Notes of \$510,000 for the purchase of Farm Preservation-DOJO Associates property

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

- RFP-Revaluation
- Bid-Orchard Street Sewer Reconstruction
- Bid-Pinney House Renovations-Phase 1-Hazardous Materials Abatement
- RFP-Actuarial Valuation of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for Fiscal Year Ending-June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012
- Bid-Pinney House Renovations-Phase 1-Work Sequence 3: Building Envelope Renovations
- RFP-Service and Maintenance of Computer System
- Bid-Audit Services for Years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014
- Bid-Hydrodynamic Separator Installation, Lake Street
- Bid-Sidewalk and Curb Installation, Maple Street, Route 140
- Bid-Old Crystal Lake School Renovation

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

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

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

- Steap Grant-Pinney House project
- Project accounting
- Grant reimbursements

TAX COLLECTOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2008 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,853	Real Estate
895	Personal Property
15,404	Motor Vehicle
2,268	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$31,269,744

COMPARISON	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Current Collections	\$28,990,155	\$29,729,595	\$30,905,542
Back Collections	124,045	203,583	419,263
Interest & Liens	164,837	216,669	296,489
Collection Rate	99%	98.5%	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

- Completed self-serve program for public retrieval of land record indexes and images electronically in the Town Clerks office
- Provided Land record indexes on the internet at no cost to public
- Made all survey and subdivision maps available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerks office through a State Library Grant award

SUMMARY	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Births	127	168	123
Marriages	114	112	83
Deaths	77	96	84
Land Record Recordings	3395	3010	2804
Map Filings	74	37	28
Trade Names	50	59	46
Dog Licenses	2131	2190	2327
Kennel Licenses	12	11	12
Sportsman Licenses	1729 (2007)	1735 (2008)	540 (2009)
Liquor Permits	11	17	17
Veterans Discharges	52	34	39
Cemetery Deeds	24	24	17
Aircraft Registration	30	29	32

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Litigation work was lighter this year with only one zoning matter going to a court hearing that was decided on briefs and oral argument. Two commercial tax appeals were filed and will be resolved in the next fiscal year along with one appeal from a decision of the Inland-Wetlands Agency that is in its preliminary stages. Three tax foreclosures were completed with the Town acquiring two of the properties at substantially less than the outstanding taxes being paid in full on the third. Three tax sales were completed resulting in full tax collection in two cases and acquisition of an undeveloped parcel resolving a title problem in the third. Four additional sales were initiated resulting in full payment by the taxpayers. The greatest time commitment remains in the area of land use involving the advice to the land use office and applicants regarding documentation of needed drainage and rights of way easements as well as the drafting and review of the many contracts entered into by the Town for construction projects and the acquisition of equipment. While I am readily accessible to town officials, staff and commissions, by agreement I do not attend board or commission meetings except upon notice.

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

In 2009-2010, Commission initiatives included pursuing the implementation of the goals and objectives of the recently revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every ten (10) years and the PZC last amended the plan in April of 2008. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the POCD:

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to conduct work on an Incentive Housing Zone Study for the development of “moderately priced housing” in an effort to provide more opportunities for residents to continue to reside in town in the face of rising real estate prices.
- Continued to work on a comprehensive residential rezoning effort started the previous fiscal year to better manage growth with an emphasis on design flexibility and protection of sensitive natural resources and difficult terrain. However, this POCD priority ultimately was denied in its entirety by the commission very late during this fiscal year.
- Minor modifications to the zoning and subdivision regulations including expanding the permission of road side farm stands in town.
- Two (2) subdivision applications were approved, resulting in approximately five (5) approved building lots.
- Thirty-three (33) zoning applications were submitted comprising of either site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation renewals, zone changes, statutory referral reports, or zoning and subdivision amendments.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed eight (8) Agency Permit applications (Eight (8) – Approved/Approved with modifications or conditions for residential activity)
- Reviewed seventeen (17) Administrative Agent applications (Seventeen (17) – Approved/Approved with modifications or conditions for residential activity)
- Reviewed five (5) Request for Notification of Permitted/Non-Regulated Use (Four (4) – Accepted and One (1) – Denied), Reviewed (2) Statutory Referrals, (4) Extensions of Permit
- Approved with modification One (1) Amendment to the Inland Wetland Regulations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Ellington Economic Development Commission (EDC) is committed to maintaining Ellington’s rural residential setting while attracting and promoting the community’s ability to offer high technology industries with an educated labor force, select industrial properties, and planned residential growth. It is the main focus of the EDC to assist and retain existing businesses, support expanding businesses and attract targeted businesses in a responsible manner. The EDC is dedicated to the protection and preservation of working farmland, which is always a consideration in order to maintain the rural atmosphere residents have come to appreciate.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Initiated a study on the future viability of the Ellington Airport including the potential for town acquisition and operation.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant’s claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. 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. This authority given to the ZBA has been the subject of many statutory revisions in recent years and is subject to change during any upcoming state legislative session.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed twenty-six (26) applications of which:
 - Twenty-two (22) variances approved (two (2) with modifications or conditions).
 - One (1) variance denied.
 - One (1) variance withdrawn.
 - Two (2) locations approved for dealing in and repairing motor vehicles.
- One (1) Cease & Desist Order from the Zoning Enforcement Officer affirmed (upheld).
- One (1) decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer affirmed (upheld).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed five (5) properties for consideration as open space and recommended that all five (5) be considered for a potential municipal acquisition of the same. One (1) was denied at town-wide referendum, the other four (4) were denied at the Board of Selectmen.
- Reviewed two (2) additional properties for consideration under the town farmland preservation program and recommended that they be considered for the purchase of development rights.
- Supported the creation of a Dark-Sky regulation in an effort to preserve the rural character of town and reduce light pollution.
- Continued an ongoing interest in Crystal Lake, the creation of town-wide trail systems, farmland preservation, and bird / grassland habitat.
- Adopted a ranking system to determine the quality of a property for consideration as open space.
- Sponsored a public workshop on invasive aquatic plants through the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.
- Assisted with an educational article in the Ellington Connection: *What is "Open Space" and what does it do for me?*
- Sponsored an informational presentation by Attorney David Platt, President of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association on conservation easements.
- Designated the Ellington Hockanum River Committee as an advisory subcommittee for the purposes of investigating and developing recreational and conservation possibilities for the Hockanum River.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

During the past year, 40 year old cedar siding on five of our eight buildings was replaced with new vinyl siding. Existing cedar siding was beginning to warp and pull away from the buildings, and, in many places, the paint was peeling away due to moisture infiltration. At year end, the newer three buildings (1980), covered with aluminum siding which has faded, were being repainted. We also purchased new signs for the ends of the buildings and at each apartment. Deteriorating utility boxes at the end of four of the buildings were rebuilt by staff. The result of these projects has greatly improved the appearance of Snipsic Village.

Numerous attempts were made to obtain Federal Stimulus Funds to cover the costs, but, despite the support of our local State Senators and Representative, we were not successful. Over the years, the Housing Authority has set aside funds for emergencies,

major repairs, and capital improvements. As this fund had grown to \$162,000, it was decided that it was appropriate to use some of this money to do the work. Cost of the siding project was \$94,800.

Repainting of the three newer buildings is being done in-house. Resident Robert Kirby, who continues his very valuable assistance in maintaining the premises, took charge of this project, with the assistance of three local summer youth workers. Cost of paint and other materials is estimated to be \$2,500, considerably less than what it would have cost if an outside contractor was used.

Apartment turnover continues to remain very low. During the past year, only one tenant moved out. There are currently over 40 people on our waiting list. Because of State law which requires elderly housing projects to accept as tenants persons of any age who are either handicapped or disabled, there is a trend toward a younger population of residents. Currently, about one third of our residents below age 62 – most of these are in their 50's. However, 75% of our waiting list of prospective tenants is under 62. This is unfortunate because it reduces the number of units available for the elderly. We have voiced our concerns with appropriate state authorities.

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

- Relocated and repaired sewer lines Rt. 83 at the Vernon line.
- Replaced Orchard Street Sewer lines.
- 19 Pinney Street Apartments connection to the sewer system was completed.
- Started design work for sewer extensions for Sandy Beach Road and Stafford Road.
- Started procedures and design work for Kimball Brook Bridge sewer relocation.

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 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, we held our municipal elections. The percentage of registered voters who actually voted was 37%.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 currently has 1,967 registered Democrats, 1,755 registered Republicans, 4,094 registered unaffiliated voters and 88 registered voters from different political parties. District #2 currently has 553 registered Democrats, 502 registered Republicans, 1,161 registered unaffiliated voters and 29 registered voters from other political parties. The total number of registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 10,149 which is an increase of 814 registered voters from last year.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$40,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition and construction of building projects and/or work with construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Permanent Building Committee spent most of the last fiscal year monitoring the expenditure of the grants funds for the restoration of the Pinney House. The Permanent Building Committee met 10 times this fiscal year.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

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

The Board conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles are held in September. Appeal hearings on the 2009 Grand List for real estate and personal property were scheduled in March based on the appeal applications received in the Assessor's Office by February 19, 2010. Applicants that submitted the 10 appeals were notified by mail of the date and time to hear the appeals. The Board reviewed the evidence presented in the appeals and mailed the Board's decisions to the appellants within the week of the decision. The Board completed the work required for processing the appeals by February 26, 2010.

Motor Vehicle hearings were scheduled for September 8, 2009. A notification of the hearing schedule was published in the Journal Inquirer on August 22, 2009. Hearings for automobile appeals were heard on a first-come-first-serve basis. Four appeals were heard and processed during the month of September.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee on April 27, 2009 to coordinate the removal of milfoil at Crystal Lake, to work closely with the Crystal Lake Association in determining correct methods for milfoil removal and to make recommendations relating to milfoil maintenance/control. The committee consists of five members.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR FY 2009/2010

• Budget	\$67,000	Capital Project- Contracted Services
	\$20,000	Technical Equipment
	\$5,000	Water Quality Monitoring

SCOPE OF PROJECT

1. Determine scope by report from Northeast Aquatic Research (17.5 acres in the main lake, not including Rte. 140 Pond, Aborn Cove, the Dam Area and Northeast Cove).
2. Determine method of removal: herbicides, benthic barriers or suction harvesting which will have the least impact the environment now and in years to come.
3. Select a DEP approved contractor specializing in the suction harvest method.
4. Interview contractor to assure we will remain within budget and get the best value of services.
5. Write a Town of Ellington approved contract and scope of services and have all parties agree with a project start date of August 1, 2009.
6. Assign a Project Manager to monitor daily activities including detailed work schedule, hours worked and quantity of milfoil removed. Insure invasive plants are disposed of properly at Hoffman Brush Dump.
7. Determine during the latter part of the project to apply some of the Technical Equipment Budget to removing additional milfoil because the scope of the removal of the milfoil was too large for volunteers to continue the annual process of plant removal.
8. Prepare and present a progress report, after project completion, for the Ellington Board of Selectmen.
9. Make recommendations for future measures and an implementation program to be taken to reduce or eliminate the growth of milfoil in the lake.

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are happy to report that all of the above items were completed. Twenty plus (20+) acres of milfoil were removed. (We had located additional infestations with our own custom underwater video camera system.)

One hundred and thirty large bags of milfoil were removed from the lake. Each bag weighed approximately 1,500 pounds for a total of approximately 100 ton. An independent survey of the lake in September 2009 by Northeast Aquatic Research indicated that 99.9% of the milfoil had been removed in the open water area of the lake but several adjacent areas required milfoil removal to prevent re-infestation of the lake.

In the early spring of 2010 the Committee became aware of an excessive amount of milfoil in the Rte. 140 pond that could enter the main body of the lake via the Rte. 140 stream.

Water's Edge Restoration and Management [WERM] was authorized to perform emergency work in the Rte. 140 pond to stabilize the situation.

In FY 2009-2010 the Rte. 140 Pond and the stream from Rte. 140 Pond to the lake were cleaned of milfoil. This work was accomplished in less than the estimated time. While working in the Rte. 140 Pond, it was determined that the detention basin for Crystal Ridge Estates contained a significant amount of milfoil and connected directly to the Rte. 140 Pond. It was determined that the Town of Ellington owns the detention basin, but because it has a "wet bottom" they do not have the financial resources to address the milfoil at this time. The Ad-Hoc committee is coordinating with the Director of Public Works and is working on developing a low-cost interim solution and a long-term plan.

Removal of milfoil in Aborn Cove was the next area to be addressed. This was begun in FY 2009-2010 and continued in FY

2010-2011. The milfoil in Aborn Cove was much more extensive than originally estimated. Only about 20% of the milfoil was removed from the cove. Due to funding constraints the work in Aborn Cove stopped and the Annual Maintenance of the Lake was performed. The Annual Maintenance was completed in less than the estimated time.

The next area of work is the Dam Area. The Ad Hoc Committee is presently addressing options for this area. .

The Ad-Hoc Committee has reserved \$5,800 of the FY 2010-2011 budget for the work to be performed in 2011. We are presently re-evaluating the remaining work and developing a plan of action and budget.

FY 2009-2010 EXPENDITURES

\$88,357.35	WERM
\$3,168.26	Northeast Aquatic Research, test lab, surveys and reports
\$122.00	Miscellaneous

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House was established by the Board of Selectmen on July 19, 2004.

There are currently six members who serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House. The members are volunteers who believe that town history is important and that historic buildings that tell this history should be preserved.

The Pinney House, built and owned in the 18th century by Ellington's most important citizen and patriarch of the Pinney family, who were large landowners in the area, fell into a state of disrepair in recent years. As a classic example of the finest architecture in the area in the late 18th century, and because of the prominence of its owner, Eleazer Pinney, a group of concerned citizens was recruited by the town in 2004 to develop a plan to save the historic structure from demolition. At the time, the house and property were owned by the Santini family and the town was negotiating with them to save the structure.

The Pinney House Committee was working with various groups from the State of CT to devise a plan for restoration and to secure funds for the project. In 2006 the town was awarded a \$500,000 STEAP grant to relocate and restore the Pinney House. The town was then able to negotiate with Eric Santini, and a plan was developed to leave the historic property on site and use the money for the restoration project. The Santini family agreed to lease the house and land to the town for the sum of 1 dollar per year for 99 years. The Permanent Building Committee [PBC] chose the firm of Moser Pilon & Nelson as the architects for the project. They planned the project in two phases that were agreed upon by Mr. Santini, and the terms of the lease agreement with the town stated that he would have final approval of the project.

In the summer of 2009 the project finally got underway with the hiring of TRC for the abatement of mold and asbestos. Next the PBC voted to hire General Contractors for phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 was a plan to stabilize the house and to stop further deterioration, as well as to beautify the exterior as requested by the Santini family. In order to save money for other parts of the project, the Pinney House Committee arranged for a volunteer day so that area contractors could volunteer their time and services to help with the project. On

October 24, 2009, seven contractors helped to demolish the 1950's modifications that were made to the outside of the house. Dumpsters were donated by All American Waste and several PBC members and the Pinney House Committee members served food and helped when possible. The day was a huge success and the House was now ready for the contractors to begin work.

Phase 1 of the project is now almost complete and the facade of the Pinney House looks like the gem it once was in the 1780's. Phase 2 of the project, which calls for restoration of the interior of the house, cannot begin until funds become available. The Pinney House committee is presently searching for grants, private donations and fund raising projects to complete the restoration project.

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

The Ellington Patriotic Committee was established by vote of the Board of Selectmen on December 14, 2009. Nine members of the community make up this Committee. The first organizational meeting was held on January 26, 2010.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

To develop, plan, arrange, supervise, and conduct programs and activities that foster pride and patriotism among the citizens of the Town and to make recommendations for such programs and activities to the Board of Selectmen for approval, when required.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2010

The Committee organized and conducted Memorial Day activities. A parade and program were held at Crystal Lake. Later that day a program was held at Ellington High School featuring a guest speaker, remembrances of the eighteen Ellington residents who gave their lives in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Lebanon. A parade followed with a flyover of Air National Guard F-16's.

Additional programs conducted in 2010 included a special flag burning ceremony on June 14th at which 100 people attended. Also planned are a remembrance of 9-11 in September and an observance of Veterans' Day on November 11th.

FUTURE GOALS

It is the Committee's goal to encourage the citizens of Ellington to participate and offer suggestions for future programs.

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police personnel is to protect life and property. This is done by a team consisting of a Sergeant, 4 Resident State Troopers, 11 Town Officers, 3 Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. Once again, the Resident Troopers' office applied for two separate grants from the Department of Transportation totaling over \$39,000 under the Federal Highway Safety Program. We received \$5,550 which has allowed for extra DWI patrols during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day and July 4th weekends. However, we are still waiting on word for the speed enforcement grant which in the past has allowed our office extra patrols for speed enforcement on the town roadways. Also, in conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Drug Abuse Prevention Council, we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.

In conjunction with the Federal Recovery Act we were allowed to apply for up to \$9,100 in grant monies which we received. With that money we were able to purchase radar and laser units along with a lap top computer for the cruiser. As of July, 2010, all town cruisers will be on the State Police Computer System NEXGEN, which allows for all reports, inquiries and numerous other functions to be performed directly from inside the cruiser.

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Criminal Cases Investigated	229	236	221
Motor Vehicle Investigations	214	189	179
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	2,703	2,690	2,610
DWI's	40	46	28
Marine Safety Inspections	535	523	625
Calls for Services	5,056	4,921	5,379

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

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
New Single Family Homes	67	30	40
New Commercial Buildings	2	4	0
New Multi-Family Buildings	5	4	3
Residential Alterations & Additions	87	64	66
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	163	174	168
Mechanical/Electrical	688	651	600
Other	249	149	126
Totals	1,261	1,076	1,003
Field Inspections	1,468	1,276	1,198

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Office 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. Search warrant applications and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed with the court system when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of most buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are mandated by state statute. This requires enforcement of the FOLLOWING State of Connecticut codes: Fire Safety Code, Fire Prevention Code, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, Hazardous Chemicals Code, Explosives Code, Liquid Petroleum Gas and Liquid Natural Gas Codes, Gas Equipment Code, Fireworks and Special Effects Code, Oil Burner Equipment Code, Tent and Portable Shelter Code and numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes 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, explosives operations, and all trucks transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning 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.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1989-1990	1999-2000	2009-2010
Investigations	66	60	56
Criminal	27	25	21
Non-criminal	29	34	30
Suspicious	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	1	5
Fire Casualties	1	0	1
Fatal	0	0	0
Non-fatal	1	0	1
Building Fires	19	13	13
Motor Vehicle Fires	13	8	9
All Other Fires	-	25	26
Hazardous Materials Incidents	4	8	6

Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$94.3	\$ 173.6	\$ 340.5
Criminal	\$15.3	\$ 50.1	\$.8
Non-criminal	\$79.0	\$ 123.5	\$64.2
Suspicious	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Undetermined	\$ 0	\$ 28.0	\$275.5
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$ 2,460.7	\$ 1,339.5	\$ 2,078.8
Enforcement Inspections	104	75	1,278
Commercial	19	9	199
Public Assembly	16	13	45
Educational	9	16	6
Residential (Multi-family)	18	16	938
Hazardous Materials	35	19	17
Other	7	2	73
State Licenses and Permits Approved	51	34	35
Open Burning Permits Processed/ Approved	-	78/57	19/19
Enforcement Citations Issued	-	113	248
Arrests and/or Referrals	2	5	3

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Vincent L. Gambacorta

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

CAPTAINS: Brendan Burke, Jack Rich II

LIEUTENANTS: Robert Smith, Thomas Adams, Karl Neubecker

SECRETARY: Jonathan H. Allen

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Clayton Bannock	Allison Bertini
Thomas Bertini	Paul Bigelow	Fred Bird*
Bryan Blotniski	Steven Breault, Sr.	John Burns
Dominick Cristelli	Richard Daugherty	Donald Davis
Kevin Gambacorta	Sarah Gambacorta	Mitchell Griswold
Peter Hany, Jr.	Robert F. Levandoski	Jae-P Levitan
Francis Maguire	John Meigel	Pearl Merrow
Dan Novak	Earl Palmer-Lavoie	Daniel Parisi
Robert Parlante	Robert Sandberg, Sr.	Randall Smith
Kelly Toomey	Regan Toomey	Dennis C. Varney
Karen Violette	Frederica Weeks	

LIFE MEMBERS

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

EXPLORER MEMBERS

Brandon Bartell	Jeff Bird	Justin Bird
Scott Crickmore	Steven Crouse	Timothy Daigle
Zachary Doyon	Gary Feldman, Jr.	Michael Flannery
David Godek	Bradford Hoffman	Blaize Levitan
Brendan Norton	Caleb Peck	David Schoolnick
	Tanner Tate	

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

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

The greatest care and concern are given to those who become injured. The most up to date rescue tools and techniques are used to extricate those who have become injured as the result of a motor vehicle or industrial accidents. Our rescue personnel work with the Ellington Ambulance to provide the best possible care for the injured. For those patients in need of advanced life support or trauma team services, the Rockville General Hospital Paramedic Unit, frequently supported by the LifeStar Helicopter transport team, are requested.

In 2009 The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. formally signed a multi-year agreement 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., visit our award winning website www.ellingtonfire.org or leave us a message at 870-3190.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. During this period, the department responded to 715 emergency calls, 621 hours, donated more than 7,411 man-hours for emergency services.

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

Fire, Explosion	46
Structural/ Building fire	12
Cooking fire	4
Chimney/ Fuel Burner/ Boiler malfunction	5
Vehicle/ Mobile property fire	10
Forest, brush, grass, crop fires	11
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	2
Outside Equipment fire	1
Excessive heat, scorch with no ignition	1
Rescue Call	377
Emergency Medical Call / Assist	316
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle	46
High Angle Rescue	1
Water / Ice Rescue	4
Rescue Incident, other	2
Rescue Standby	8
Hazardous Condition Standby	104
Flammable / Combustible liquid spill	9
Gas leak (Natural or LP)	1
Chemical hazard spill or leak	3
Carbon monoxide incident	5
Power line down	41
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	13
Accident other	2
Vehicle accident no extrication	28
Building Collapse	1
Aircraft Standby	1
Service Call	64
Service call, other	3
Person in Distress	1

Lock out.....	1
Water or steam problem, other	2
Water evacuation, leak	4
Smoke, odor removal	6
Animal Problem / Rescue.....	1
Police or other govt. agency assist	24
Public service assistance	6
Unauthorized burning	3
Cover assignment, standby, move up	13
Good Intent Call	48
Good intent call, other	10
Cancelled en-route, wrong location	12
Authorized controlled burning	12
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor.....	6
EMS Call party transported prior to arrival	5
Hazardous materials investigation	3
False Call.....	68
False call, other	2
Bomb Scare – no bomb	1
Malicious False Alarm	1
Alarm system malfunction.....	26
Unintentional alarm	37
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
Other Type of Incident	8
Severe weather standby	1
Wind Storm, tornado assessment	6
Other type of incident	1

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year Ellington firefighters spent over 8000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of planning, management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. Training sessions were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rural water Supply and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, DEP Boat Operators program, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews. The department also hosted a 54 hour aerial apparatus operator's national certification program at our facility that included participants from around the state

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

Members of our department also attending specialty courses held at the International Fire Chiefs Conference in Dallas and the New England Fire Chiefs Conference in Springfield, Mass.

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	11
Fire Fighter II/III	23
Fire Service Instructor I	9

Fire Service Instructor II	4
Fire Officer I	7
Fire Officer II	5
Safety Officer	6
Pump Operator	5
Aerial Operator	8
Hazardous Materials Operational.....	14
Hazardous Materials Technician	20
Emergency Medical Technician	18
Emergency Medical Responder.....	21
Emergency Medical Services Instructor.....	4

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

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

EQUIPMENT

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

The project of installing pre-emption equipment at all signal lights within the Town of Ellington was completed. This enables emergency vehicles to change the signal to green when responding to emergencies to enable a safer reduced time response throughout the town. This project was paid for by town and state DOT funds.

This year we continued a program with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to consolidate the purchase of our respective agencies emergency medical service equipment and supplies. This promotes standardization of equipment and the leverage of bulk purchases.

FACILITY

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

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

SPECIALTY TEAMS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Members are active participants in several regional and statewide teams supporting regional emergency service activities. Members actively participate on The Capital Regional Hazardous Materials Response and Incident Management Teams and the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team. Responses of our members of these teams included a two week response to the Kleen Energy plant explosion in Middletown, several hazardous materials incidents in the capitol region and dive team responses throughout the Tolland County area.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. Explorers participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they engage in their own training and activities. This program continued its affiliation with the National Fire Service Exploring program. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization as fully training members.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

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

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

FUTURE PLANNING

The town is experiencing an increased growth rate and we are planning now to meet the needs of our community in the

years to come. The need for improved facilities, apparatus replacement and relocation are areas of immediate concern. The town has appointed an emergency services committee and had previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 81st 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.

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

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

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

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

Efforts have continued to further develop the use of the Computer Aided Dispatch, CAD program to further benefit the user agencies. The county organization reaffirmed the transition to plain language radio talk to comply with federal standards.

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

Respectfully,

John W. Turner, E911 Municipal Coordinator

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Chris Marks
DEPUTY CHIEF: Bryan Harvell
CAPTAINS: Bob Ludwig, Brian Pippin
LIEUTENANTS: Doug Rogala, Rob Edwards, Paul Secker
SECRETARY: Britney Conklin
TREASURER: John Strieber

MEMBERS

James Adkins	Bryan Harvell	Erik Person
Mike Allen	Shane Lamb	Brian Pippin
John Aubin	Brian Legare	Chuck Pippin
Rob Bulduc	Richard Legare	Mike Richey
Melissa Carberry	Chris Levesque	Doug Rogala
Jason Carroll	Bob Ludwig	Paul Secker
Britney Conklin	Gregory Manner	Timothy Seitz
Tom Descheneaux	Ashley Marks	John Streiber
Matt Dickson	Chris Marks	Susan Trisler
Rob Edwards	Sarah Messenger	William Trisler
Allen Harvell	John Olynk	John Wrynn
	Annemarie Pease	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Thomas Trapp
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis
CO-CHAIRMEN: John Wrynn
CLERK: Tonya Glomboske
BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

SUMMARY OF CALLS

The Crystal Lake Fire Department responded to a various numbers of calls during 2009 totaling 330 incidents. Listed below is the breakdown of those calls.

Structure Fires	12
Brush Fires	10
Vehicle Fires.....	4
Fire/Wires Down/Other	41
Mutual Aid	18
Station Coverage.....	20
Fire Alarms	15
CO Detectors	4
MVA with injuries.....	18
MVA without injuries.....	24
Medical	68
Medical with Paramedic.....	55
Search & Rescue	0
Tolland County Dives	5
Water Rescue	2
Life Star	2
Fatalities	3
Chimney Fires	2
Miscellaneous	26
Hazmat.....	2

The Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department proudly continues to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Crystal Lake community while providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department is staffed by state certified firefighters, emergency medical technicians and medical response technicians. We are proud of the dedication and

commitment of the members that makes the success of the department possible.

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

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

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Medical Response Technicians, work side-by-side with Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. In addition, for serious medical emergencies requiring advanced care 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 40 members on our roster. The department is continuously looking to expand its membership with new members. We also offer a junior program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and train and operate with the fire department members under the supervision of an advisor.

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

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

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

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. We will be utilizing the Town website [www.ellington-ct.gov] 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.

After Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc in the south, the need for communities to become more self reliant in the first 72 hours after a disaster was recognized and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established and is supported by Federal and Local Homeland Security Departments.

Last year, through the Office of Emergency Management, the Ellington CERT was instituted and recruits were trained to help their families and their neighbors during a disaster. In the short year the CERT has been active, we have accomplished a great deal. We have established an Emergency Communication Team made up of licensed HAM radio operators and a Sheltering Team to help Red Cross personnel run the shelters as needed.

The Ellington CERT is supported and managed by the Ellington Office of Emergency Management. In addition to training new recruits with the basic CERT class, we have been busy learning additional specialties in order to create a diverse team that will be able to handle a multitude of tasks. Within the next two years we would like to form a Mountain Bike Team and solidify our Animal Sheltering Team all the while training everyone in all aspects of CERT functions.

The Ellington CERT have been deployed on several occasions for assistance with Flu Clinics, Canoe Races, Fire Works, the Jesus Fest. The single most important deployment that the Ellington CERT responded to was the Kleen Energy Plant explosion in Middletown, CT. The CERT assisted with administrative duties during the almost three weeks of investigation.

2009-2010 CERT MEMBERS

Diana Chamberland	Diane Reese
Marline Champagne	John Streiber
Don Davis	Kenlyn Streiber
Patricia Davis	Kurt Sullivan
Pete Davis	Kris Picard-Wambolt
Rick Henderson	Harry Wambolt
Ashlee Leone	Joseph Wambolt
Fred Leone	Weining Wu
Melissa Ocasio-Willbrant	

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 can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

If you would like to help your families, neighbors and fellow citizens, 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. In Ellington you must be 18 to enroll.



ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Terry Shook
SECRETARY: Dan Flanagan
TREASURER: Simon Hessler
TRAINING: Bruce Hoffman
SCHEDULING: Andrew Slicer
SUPPLY: Jenn Hays
MAINTENANCE: Joe Glomboske
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Deborah Schiessl

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Veronica Bailey	Jean-Marie Currier	Brittany Martin
Audrey Betancourt	Ashley Hulstein	Wendy Pospisil
Sharon Breault	Annalise Hurley	David Rice
Doreen Connor	Deborah Kopper	Grant Sampson
Renee Cyr	Laura Lakenbach	Taylor Somma
Dawn Gerber	Don Lanier	Diane Turner
Nicole Fillion	Andy Litrenta	

PAID STAFF

Kim Courville	Kristin Fries	Kerri Pliszka
Katie Dunn	Tonya Glomboske	John Rooney
	Jon Morisset	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Jeff Gerber	Ben Jones	Becky York
	Krista Schulz	

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Michelle Ducharme

LIFE MEMBERS

Ray Close	Angie Sandberg
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ACTIVITIES

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC) is a dedicated group of volunteers supplemented by paid staff. EVAC is responsible for providing emergency medical services to the Town of Ellington and surrounding communities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During the previous year, responses totaled 868 including 85 responses to the Crystal Lake area. All crews and equipment meet or exceed State of Connecticut requirements and have been fully inspected and licensed.

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

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

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

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

Highlights of the year included the completion of a building addition, placing in service a new ambulance, and the purchase of power cots to enhance safety. The value of these upgrades is in excess of \$500,000 and did not use any tax dollars.

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

For additional information contact EVAC or visit the web at www.ellingtonambulance.org.

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 picking up stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officer. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for unlicensed dogs on our delinquent list begins. The officers are available to assist the police or the public with any animal emergency. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

STAFF

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control is continuing to work with the Office of Emergency Management to insure a plan is in place for your pets during the event of a disaster. If an evacuation occurs and you are in need of temporary shelter, you will be allowed to bring your pets to a designated area at the Ellington High School. Pet owners will be required to bring to the emergency shelter a current rabies certificate and also a pet crate and food. Please contact us for more information on pet preparedness for emergency situations.

Ellington Animal Control annually conducts a '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 the dog's rabies certificate when obtaining a license. Rabies vaccination of pets is extremely important with the incidents of rabies in the state. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans.

PET ADOPTION

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

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

The shelter has introduced a new program of micro-chipping pets that we adopt out. This is made possible at a minimal cost from the help of Home Again Microchips. The reason is to be able to reunite lost pets back to their owners and for the pets to spend minimal time in a shelter.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

Our department is in the process of researching ways to fund a new shelter. Any ideas or help would be greatly appreciated. We feel our current facilities are outdated and in need of repairs. The population of residents with pets is growing rapidly. We are outgrowing the current building due to the increase of dogs in town and lack of storage space.

Ellington Animal Control is very grateful for all the donations that have been made to the shelter. It has made a big difference and we would like to say a special "Thank You" to everyone that has donated dog and cat food, biscuits, treats and many useful items.

"Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made." ~Roger Caras

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Complaints Investigated	963	904	1040
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	45	42	47
Animals Adopted	26	41	20
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	10	6	7
Animal Bites	22	23	26
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	10	15	5
Infractions/Summons Issued	22	7	12
Total Impounded Animals	91	100	79
Licensed Dogs	2131	2199	2325

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

NEW EQUIPMENT: This year we purchased some small equipment: vertical shoring system, tire machine, crane for WPCA truck and two plows. We had numerous repairs to be done on the sewer pump stations this year. We repaired and replaced pumps on the Crystal Lake Pump Station and installed VFD's at several stations. The Route 140 pump station required repair and upgrades this year.

ROAD WORK: This year's road work consisted of the reconstruction and paving of Florence Avenue, Fairview Avenue, Elizabeth Street and Lyons Street. We chipsealed the following streets: Jobs Hill Road, Muddy Brook Road, Burbank Road, Frog Hollow Road, Crane Road and Broad Brook Road. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents in these areas for their patience during our road construction projects.

We installed a second "Stormceptor" on Lake Street which is a storm drain that filters out sediment and collects it for removal. We installed drainage on Griswold Road.

BUILDING PROJECTS: The outside of the Town Hall was painted and a new security key system installed. We are continuing the renovation to the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse. During 2009-10 we had drawings for the renovation of the interior drawn up and went out to bid. A retaining wall was

construction in front of the building by our crew. We also hooked up the building to the sewer line. We received an energy efficient grant for this building in the amount of \$66,772. We will continue with the renovation and should be completed in the 2010-11 fiscal year. The sidewalk project on Maple Street went out to bid and the work completed in July, 2010.

The Public Works Department was responsible for the demolition of two structures that the Town came into possession of this year, one on South Road and the other on Windermere Avenue.

This winter we constructed a containment cover for the public sand supply. This sand has no salt in it and this cover will keep it from getting wet and freezing solid.

SNOW REMOVAL: The crews went out 20 times for sanding, salting or plowing. This year we began using Clear Lane which is a treated salt. By using this we have cut back on the use of sand and the need to sweep it back up in the spring. We purchased 2,586 tons of Clear Lane, 500 tons salt, and 32,918 gallons of Liquid Calcium Chloride. The only sand we purchased was for use by the residents.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: The automated garbage and recycling system continues to be working well in Ellington. We are seeing a trend in increased recycling from residents since the program started and encourage residents to continue to increase their recycling. CRRA added plastics to the program to include all from #1 to #7. Additional recycling containers are free of charge to residents that need them. Please call the Public Works Dept. at 860-870-3140 if you would like one.

We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 19, 2009. 273 cars and 283.5 households from Ellington dropped off hazardous waste on this day. Over the last 12 months and including the September 19 collection day, residents dropped off 3,000 gallons of waste oil. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We recycled 12.41 tons of computers and are looking forward to implementing an electronics recycling program in the next fiscal year. We picked up 760 Christmas trees this January. The following items can be dropped off at the Town Garage at 21 Main Street: batteries, propane tanks, televisions, computer components, fluorescent light bulbs, waste oil, filters and antifreeze.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

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



New JD Loader working on Walnut Street

Library



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

SERVICES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 92,306 patrons, circulating 119,490 items and answering 2,982 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story hour sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers and authors. For teens there were book discussions, a visit by local author Chris Wylie, a read-a-thon, several craft programs including "candy sushi", and a new creative writing group was formed. Members of the Young Adult Advisory Board joined library staff members for a trip to Boston to the American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference. An expanded program of adult events included informational sessions about long-term care insurance, women's financial planning,

energy-saving tips for your home, choosing an electricity provider, organizing with feng shui, digital photography, home decorating, water-color painting and book discussions. A most popular ongoing program is the bi-weekly get-together for knitters of all levels knitting group. Several sessions of free knitting lessons were once again provided by Knitting Creations Shop of Somers. The summer reading programs "Be Creative @ Your Library" for children, "Express Yourself" for teens, and "Master the Art of Reading" for adults featured a variety of arts and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, a card-making workshop run by the Crystal Lake Methodist Church, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library, and the Festival of Trees. As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a "Telebration" story telling program in November 2009 that was attended by over 100 children.

In cooperation with Ellington Public Schools, the Library ran two 8-week Raising Readers Parent Clubs in the spring. The clubs were facilitated by Pat Grundman, HML Children's Librarian, Robin Kline, Language Arts Coordinator K-8, Sandy Suib-Dutcher, Preschool/Childfind Director, and Jen Ryan, one of Ellington's Speech and Language Pathologists. All of the facilitator's were trained together for this program. The purpose of the Raising Readers Club is to encourage a love of reading within the family unit. Facilitators shared fun ways to interact with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to give them the skills they would need to become good readers later. Each week different topics were explored, such as, literacy in the electronic age; celebrating diversity; and family feelings. Families received a new paperback book at the end of each session. Child care was provided by Ellington's Health and Human Services Department during each meeting. The program will be held again during the next school year.

The focus of the Reference area continued to be help for patrons searching for jobs. Services included instruction in use of the online job search sites, creation of email addresses and instruction in use of email programs, help with online applications, and general help with resume and letter writing. A new interactive online service, JobNow, was added to help with resume preparation and interview skills.

The expanded weekend hours, which include Saturday mornings in July and August and Sunday afternoons during the school year, continue to be popular. All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, once again illustrating its importance in the lives of the citizens of Ellington.

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	43,349
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	6,358
Children's Books and Periodicals	39,669
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>35,714</u>
TOTAL	131,137

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	36,650
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	2,531
Children's Books and Periodicals	17,664
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>8,572</u>
TOTAL	65,417

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	5,993
Young Adults.....	589
Children.....	<u>1,583</u>
TOTAL	8,075

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 870-3118, and the fax number is 870-3198.

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

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

STAFFING

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

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

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

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

PROGRAMS

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

The department provides indoor and outdoor activities on a year-round basis, using the following locations: Brookside Park (Route 140), Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake), and both interior and exterior facilities located at the public schools.

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

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

The Sunday evening Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park continued this summer. Local businesses were helpful in providing partial sponsorships, and the department created an advertisement booklet.

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

Enrollment in the spring youth lacrosse program continued to increase, both male and female. Ellington participated in the Northeast League in grades 2 through 8.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Summer day camp has entered its 7th 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.

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

The department/commission will be working with the Department of Public Works, Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen relative to the following specific (potential) improvements:

- Determine the need and location/placement of new tennis courts at either Brookside Park or Ellington High School. The youth and adult tennis programs continue to expand, including a USTA adult program, a ladder type of format and summer lessons/camps. There are only 2 public tennis courts in Ellington.

The Ellington Little League Boys' Baseball and Girls' Softball programs have continued their "traditional" approach to enhancing the athletic facilities at Brookside Park.

- The boys' program received permission from the Town to install a new irrigation system along with upgrading the turf on (3) baseball fields, and 2 new storage sheds.
- The girls' program secured permission to upgrade their storage space with a new shed as well.

Great strides have been made in preparing the Old Crystal Lake School House (across from Sandy Beach), both internally and externally. It is hoped that once all the refurbishment have been completed, the facility will be available year-round for passive recreation programs along with scheduled meetings by local organizations.

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

Vandalism has been limited the past year. Increased supervision at the various parks and schools may been the direct cause of that decrease.

The Brookside Park Playground, Phase 2, is underway, thanks to many volunteers led by town resident Jill Maznicki. The playground will receive new pieces of equipment for all age groups. A brick-walkway was created and residents and businesses have been providing generous donations. Thanks to Cheri Murphy for her continued assistance in 2009-2010 to coordinate the 'Buy-a-Brick' program.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

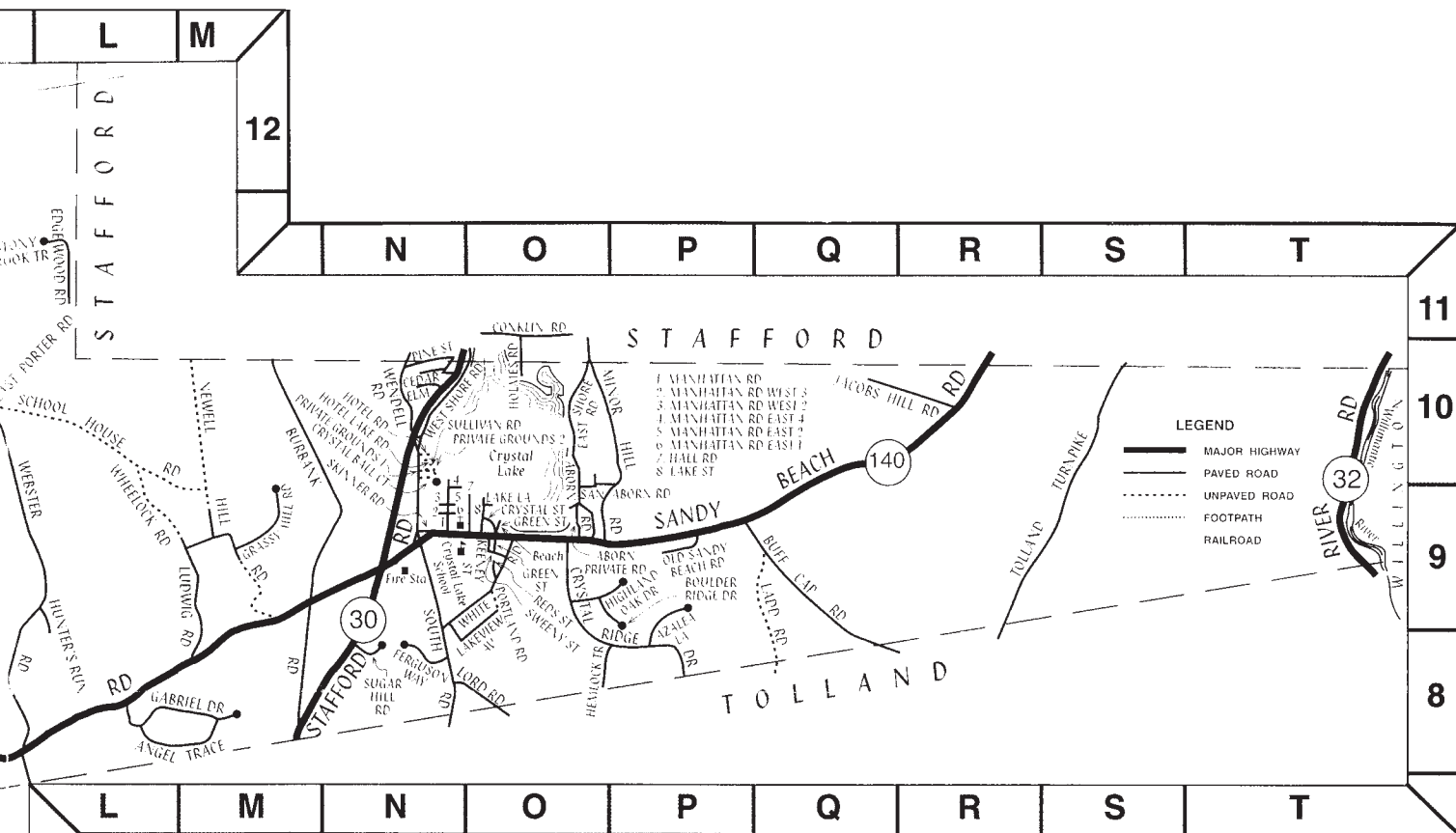
	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	85	75	70
Beach Passes	218	243	255
Swim Lessons	260	336	330
Open Swim	61 days	62 days	62 days
Boys' Basketball	293	296	340
Girls' Basketball	214	217	236
Men's Basketball	85	70	115
Summer Basketball	45	20	20
Instructional Basketball	180	154	165
Men's Volleyball	20	20	20
Co-Ed Volleyball	60	75	80
Women's Volleyball	25	25	25
Girls' Softball	195	180	165
Instructional T-Ball	225	156	180
Women's Softball	20	0	30
Men's Softball	25	0	30
Junior Soccer	652	656	665
Indoor Soccer	170	110	115
Letters to Santa	40	30	30
Tennis Lessons/ Camp	275	275	290
Sports Coaches' Clinics	-	-	25
Mini Programs	2,340	2,400	2,550
Women's Basketball	60	30	30
Basketball Camps	140	140	145
Red Cross Courses	60	75	60
Integrative Programs	45	50	40
Teen Activities	240	220	230
Track & Field	120	110	109
Adult Fitness	60	202	275
Yoga	70	70	60
Jukido	80	55	55
Little League Baseball	320	325	340
Football	170	125	140
Lacrosse	115	180	175
Soccer Camps	90	70	80
Vacation Camp	-	125	100
Triathlon	-	-	145



Chip seal operation on Wheelock Road



Mowing a detention pond with the skid steer



STREET INDEX

Abbott Rd	B2 Daisy La	B6 *Hall Rd	O9 Main St	E6-F5 Quarry St	H2 Upper Butcher Rd	G2
Aborn Rd	P9 David Dr	F10 Hamilton Rd	D8 Majus Cir	B1 Quarter Horse Dr	G4-H4 Victorian House	F2
*Aborn Private Rd	O9 Davis Rd	G5 Hare Rd	H6 *Manhattan Rd	N9-N10 Randy Rd	F8 View Point La	H4
Adrian Av	G2 Deborah Dr	E10 Harvest La	F6 *Manhattan Rd East 1	N9 Raspberry La	F11 Viewside Dr	F10
Allen Ridge Dr	C3-D3 *Deer Run	H6-H7 Hatheway Rd	D7 *Manhattan Rd East 2	N9 Reds St	O9 Village St	D2
Amy La	G5 Deer Valley	D2 Hayes Av	B1 *Manhattan Rd East 4	N9 Reeves Rd	A10-C11 Virginia Dr	G6
Andrew Dr	G9 Deerfield La	D7 Heather Rd	D5 *Manhattan Rd West 2	N9 Ridge Dr	H6 Walnut St	G2
Angel Trace	L8-M8 Dogwood La	F10 Hemlock Trail	O10 *Manhattan Rd West 3	N9 Ridgeview Dr	C3, D3 Wapping Wood Rd	A1-C1
Anthony Way	C3-D3 Eagle Dr	A3 High Ridge Rd	F2 Manning Av	G3 River Rd	T9-T10 Webster Rd	K8-K10
Arbor Way	F6 East Cider Mill Rd	H6-J6 Highland Av	F4 Maple St	N9 Robinson Cir	B2 Wells Rd	D8
*Ardsley La	C2 East Porter Rd	K10-L11 Highlands Dr	O9-P9 Maplewood Dr	G7 Rockland Dr	D7 Wendell Rd	N10
Azalea La	P9-P10 *East Shore Rd	O9-O10 Hillside Dr	B1 *Maria Dr	G4 Rosa Ct	G4 West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2 Edgewood Rd	L11 Hilltop Dr	F10 McKnight Cir	F2 Rothe La	A2-B2 West Shore Rd	N9-O10
Barbara's Way	B1-C1 Egypt Rd	F10 Hilltop Dr Ext	G2 Meadow Brook Rd	E7 Ryan Dr	C5 Westland Ter	C1
Benjamin Dr	C8-D8 Elderberry La	F11 Holmes Rd	G2 Meagan Cir	D5 Rye Field Rd	B6 Westview Ter	G3
Berr Av	E6 Elizabeth St	G2 Hopkins Rd	E8-G10 Middle Rd	A4 1776 Townhouses	C2 Wheelock Rd	L9
Birch View Dr	D10 Ellington Av	G2 *Hotel Lake Rd	O10-O11 Middle Butcher Rd	F3 Sadds Mill Rd	A10-E6 White Rd	O9
Blueberry Cir	F11 Ellington Ridge Condos	C8 *Hotel Rd	G7 Miller La	P10 *San Aborn Rd	O10 *Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9 Ellsworth La	C2 *Hotel Rd	N10 Monticello Cir	C2-C3 Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10 Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8 Elm St	N10 Hubbard La	G8 Moser Dr	F2 School House Rd	L10 Windemere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1 Ertel Dr	F2 Hughes Cir	F2 Mountain St	F5-H4 *Setting Sun Trail	H5 Windmill Rd	C8-D8
Broad Brook Rd	A7 Esther Av	G2 *Hunter's Run	L8-L9 Mountain St	H4-F3 Settler's Way	B2 *Windsor Walk	C2
Brockway Rd	D8 Eva Cir	C1 Industrial Dr	F8-G8 Muddy Brook Rd	D2-E2 Shenipsit St	H3 Windsorville Rd	B2
Bronisz Dr	F4-G4 Fairview Av	F2 Jacobs Hill Rd	R10 Newell Hill Rd	C8 Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12 Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10 Fairview Av Ext	F3 Jobs Hill Rd	E6 Nile Rd	M9 Shepard Way	A12 Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	A2-B2 Fairway Dr	A3 Joel Dr	E8 North Park St	F10 Skinner Rd	N9, C1 Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	Q9 Farmstead La	F2 Jonathan Dr	F5 Nutmeg Dr	G2 Snipsic Lake Rd	G5 Woodside Dr	F10
Buff Cap Rd	M8-M10 Ferguson Way	N8 Field Dr	A1 Oak Hill Farms Rd	D2 Snipsic Ter	H3 Zimmerman Way	B6
Burbank Rd	C3-D3 Field St	C2 Justin Dr	C5-D5 Oakwood Cir	G4-H4 Somers Rd	F6-G12 * Private	
Cantor Knoll	A1 Fieldstone Village	A2-B2 Katherine Way	E2 Old Country La	F10 South Rd	N9	
Carolyn Cir	E10 Flanders La	F2 Keeney St	O9 Old Reeves Rd	B2 Springwood La	N9	
Cedarwood Dr	N10 Florence Av	G9 Kenneth Dr	O9 Old Sandy Beach Rd	A10 Sprucewood Dr	F6	
Cedar St	G3 Foster Dr	G9 Ketchbrook Ct	G9 Olde Farms Rd	P9 Stafford Rd	E10	
Chapin Av	F2 Forest Hill Rd	A2 Ketchbrook La	B2 Orchard St	D5 Standish Rd	M8-N10	
Charter Rd	D2-E2 *Forestview Cir	E2 Kibbe Rd	G2 Orchard Av	F2-F3 Steeple View Dr	B3	
Chase Hollow Rd	E10 Francis Av	G2 Kibbe Rd	G8 Overhill Rd	G2-G3 Stein Rd	F6	
Cherrywood Dr	G2 Francis Av	E9 Kressig Rd	A10 Overlook Pass	E10 Stony Brook Trail	G4	
Chestnut St	E2 Francis Av	A5 Ladd Rd	Q9 Patriot Cir	F11 Strawberry Rd	L11	
Christopher Ct	E6 Frog Hollow Rd	L8-M8 *Lake La	O9 Pease Farm Rd	D7 Sugar Hill Rd	G11	
Church St	G6-J6 Gail Dr	G6 Lake St	O9 Penfield Av	F6-G5 *Sullivan Rd	N8	
Cider Mill Rd	F7 Gasek Farms Rd	C3 Lakeview Av	O9 Percheron Way	D1 *Summit Cir	N10	
Cider Mill Condos	G2 Gem Dr	C1 Lanz La	O9 *Pine Dr	H4 Sunset Rd	E2	
Cindy Rd	F6 Geraldine Dr	F10 Laurel Rd	E11 Pine St	G5 Sweeny St	F5	
Cliff St	D5 Geraldine Dr So	F10 Lee La	H7 Pine Cone Rd	N10 Teaberry Ridge Rd	O9	
Cornfield La	E2-E3 Glenwood Rd	D6 Lewis Cir	D7 Pine Ridge Dr	G9 Timber La	K8	
Country Farm La	F11 Gloria La	F9 Linden Dr	F2 Pinewood La	D8 Tolland Tpk	G9	
Courtney Dr	A5 *Grand Blvd	D2-E2 Longview St	G6 Pinnacle Rd	G5 Tomoka Av	S9	
Cranberry La	C1 Grant Rd	B1 Lookout Landing	G2 Pinney Rd	B2 Tree Top Rd	D6	
Crane Rd	O9 Grassy Hill Rd	M9-M10 Lord Rd	F11 Pinney St	C1-D6 Tripp Rd	G9-G10	
Crescent Cir	N10 Green Rd	C8 Lower Butcher Rd	O8 Pioneer Dr	D7 *Tyler Dr	A2	
Crystal St	G7-M8 Green St	O9 Ludwig Rd	M8-M9 Portland Rd	G9-J10	H2	
Crystal Ball Ct	P8-O9 *Greencycle Dr	A10-B10 Lyons St	F2 *Private Grounds 1	O9		
Crystal Lake Rd	G4-H4 Griswold Rd	B10	*Private Grounds 2	N10		
Crystal Ridge Dr			Punkin Dr	E8		
Clydesdale Cir						

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 2009, the population was approximately 14,680.

GOVERNMENT

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

STREETS

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

TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 25.3 mills applied to the 2009 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate and personal property was completed in 2005.

SEWERS

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

WATER

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

SCHOOLS

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

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$76,092 as of the 2007 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2007 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,193 housing units, including 462 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes, one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

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

RECREATION

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

LOCAL BUSINESS

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

SENIOR CENTER

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

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Human Services Commission oversees the Human Services Department which is the Town's principal agency for providing essential human service needs to the community. These services identify and provide programs which cover a wide spectrum of activities in public health, income support, food assistance, heating and shelter requirements. It is the purpose of the Commission to preserve and improve the physical, social, and economic well-being of Ellington residents in a cost effective and efficient manner.

PROGRAMS

The Human Services Commission is responsible for the administration and execution of social service, health care, and transportation needs of the community. The Commission is charged with reviewing funding request from various service providers in an attempt to deliver quality service decisions in the interest of meeting resident needs. This support provides residents direct service or referral to community-based programs. In addition, supplemental supportive services of short-term case management, counseling, information, and referral are available for adults, elderly, and disabled residents. These services are summarized below:

DIRECT SERVICES

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

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

FOOD BANK: Non-perishable food items and food vouchers are available to individuals and families in need. Referral and assistance is available to apply for WIC and Food Stamps. Participants are required to register and provide income verification. The Food Bank operates year round and distributes baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Major donors to the food bank include the Boy Scouts' annual food drive in the Fall and the Postal Carriers' annual food drive in May. Individuals, churches, school parent-teacher organizations and social / civic groups contribute to the food bank year round.

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

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

HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM: Funds are available to make no interest loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties. Funds for the program come from a Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development. To be

eligible, low and moderate-income residents must live in the housing units. Landlords owning buildings in Ellington with up to seven units whose tenants meet the income guidelines are eligible for assistance. Typical repair work address building code and serious maintenance problems. These no-interest loans do not have to be repaid as long as the applicant lives in the home. When the home is sold in the future the loan must be repaid to the Town. Community Opportunities Group (COG) manages this program for the Town.

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

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

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

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

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY: Information, referral, advocacy and counseling is provided on a telephone and appointment basis to area residents through local mental health providers in the area. In times of crisis or stress there are 24-hour hot lines available to the caller. Limited counseling for youth and their families is available through Ellington Youth Services. The Town also contracts with Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. to provide counseling services.

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The senior center, elderly outreach, youth services, and prevention services are all under the umbrella of the Human Services Commission-Human Services Department. Each has provided an overview of their programs, services and highlights for the year.

The Ellington Senior Center will have a new 10-passenger bus in service this summer to provide rides for shopping, recreation, and

door to door pick up to the senior center. A 2009 donated automobile allows for rides to be scheduled for medical appointments outside of the tri-town area. As the senior center availability of services and programs expands so does the need for a new senior center. A steering committee will be established to begin this process.

Youth Services has introduced new programs within the school system in grades kindergarten through four. Programs are designed to build self-esteem, positive friendships, and good decision making. RISE ABOVE, the Parent Connection, and special youth and parent forums have helped prevention services become known throughout the community. Prevention Service is funded by grants from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Town of Ellington. A building expansion would allow youth services to expand programs and increase counseling services.

Elderly Outreach works with the senior center to provides informative and educational programming through out the year. The Parkinson Support Group was formed and has become very active with monthly meetings and participation in regional and state functions. Given the case management work load, the assistance with entitlement programs, housing, and caregiver support, additional staff is needed. The outreach worker also serves as the Municipal Agent and TRIAD Coordinator.

The Human Services Commission appreciates the service and dedication of staff, volunteers, and the community support that it receives for programs and services.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	22	14	28
Operation Fuel	7	50	18
ACCESS Fuel Program	177	298	242
Salvation Army Vouchers	7	4	8
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	50	50	50
Salvation Army Camp Connri	3	2	0
Thanksgiving	72	96	108
Christmas	81	121	140
Renters' Rebate	69	87	96
AARP Tax Program	109	55	48
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	53	65	60
Food Pantry	69	82	135
Notary Services	5	3	20

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

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

THE PRIMARY MISSION

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

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases; undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

In 2009-2010, North Central District Health Department offered Health Education programs open to residents of our District. Nine exercise programs were offered including five A.C.T.I.V.E. Classes (Activity Class To Improve Vitality in Everyone), one Intermediate Tai Chi Class, one Yoga/Pilates Class, one Strength & Stretch Class and one Splashin' Action Class. These classes were very successful in attracting older participants who would probably not consider joining a gym. Four Nutrition and Weight Management Classes were offered to residents 18 years of age and older. One six week class and three four week classes were held. Putting on AIRS (Asthma Indoor Risk Strategies) was offered for residents of Ellington that suffer with asthma. The AIRS Program is an in-home assessment and education program. The goal of the AIRS Program is to reduce acute asthma episodes and improve asthma control through recognition and elimination/reduction of environmental and other asthma triggers. The Putting on AIRS Program has been very successful by showing a reduction in asthma related trips to the Emergency Room and doctors, and asthma related days absent from school/work for the clients we have seen. All Health Education programs are open to residents in the North Central District Health Department member towns.

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

This year, we held clinics to immunize against the H1N1 flu virus with local community entities. North Central District Health Department joined with such local community members as the town's Emergency Response Coordinator, Ellington Troopers, Visiting Nurses Association, School Nurses and Superintendent as well as volunteer members. Following state guidance, NCDHD vaccinated high risk groups first and then proceeded to the next groups indicated as highly susceptible. Clinics had been held at the Ellington High School and Windermere School. Both clinics exceeded 300 vaccinations with the Windermere School vaccinating

close to 400. Residents could also attend clinics in any of the other nine towns within the District for clinic participation. After combining those numbers and Ellington residents vaccinated through other towns, the numbers reach approximately 850 not including what local physicians and companies (Maxim, Walgreens, CVS) accomplished.

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

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2009-2010 indicates that while the economic downturn affected the housing industry, Ellington work in housing serviced by septic systems and/or wells was at a similar rate as last fiscal year. The one area that showed a significant downturn was testing of new lots for new, proposed subdivision.

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

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

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

Lead Paint - New regulations pertaining to lead paint took effect in 2008/2009 requiring additional inspections throughout the District.

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

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

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

Barber Shops, Beauty & Nail Salons - The Health District continues to license and inspect Barber Shops, Beauty Salons and Nail Salons pursuant to state statutes and NCDHD Regulations.

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

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

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

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

In addition to routine food service inspections, well water supply reviews for food service and other related food service

inspections, we respond to and investigate food related complaints and possible food borne illness reports received by the department. The department also responds to, and provides follow-up to certain food recalls.

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

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.

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Soil Tests (Total)	29	32	21
New	17	18	11
Repair	12	14	10
Septic Permits			
New	22	23	23
Repair	13	16	14
Septic Inspections	154	150	125
Well Permits	40	19	27
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	143	119	129
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	35	40	15
New Plot Plans	62	26	43
Repairs	15	27	17
Wells Only	17	8	9
Well Water Test Reviews	33	27	23
Permits to Discharge	32	23	33
Food Licenses Issued	38	36	34
Temporary Food Permits	19	30	30
Food Service Inspections	87	61	61
Plans Reviewed for Food	3	4	1
Food Orders Issued	11	6	1
Complaints (Total)	26	20	26
Garbage & Refuse	6	3	3
Housing	14	9	9
Rodents & Insects	2	3	2
Sewage Overflow	1	2	3
Water Quality	-	-	1
Food Complaints	3	1	5
Miscellaneous	-	2	3
Complaint Orders Sent	3	2	2
Swimming Pool Inspections	-	3	3
Blood Lead Level Case Reviews	-	0-10 ug/dL - 4 10-19 ug/dL - 1 20+ ug/dL - 0	0-10 ug/dL - 1 10-19 ug/dL - 0 20+ ug/dL - 0
Barber Shops, Hair & Nail Salons	-	7	8

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. (HVCC) is an independent, non-profit human service agency located in Rockville/Vernon. 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.

FOOD PANTRY: 2009/2010 has been a very busy year for the pantry. Moving in to our new facility in November, right before the holidays, was a true blessing. The numbers of individuals and families in need of our service continues to grow; 3,040 individuals were registered for food in 2009/2010. On average, 528 bags of food were distributed a month. Families consisted of 243 seniors, 1,258 adults and 837 children. During the 2009 holiday season, 1,089 families received food baskets and/or gifts, donated by area businesses, churches, schools and individuals. The pantry was also able to help school age children with back to school supplies

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: For the past 4 years, Good Cents has had an enriching and beneficial partnership with the Rockville High School work experience program. The students who have completed a work experience at Good Cents have benefited from the nurturing and supportive environment. They are exposed to various job skills and more importantly an opportunity to work on appropriate social skills at the workplace. Good Cents continues to receive donations from a very generous community, which allows us to continue to provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. We also offer clothing vouchers for people who are without funds. The small surplus generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs at HVCC. We have a wonderful team of employees and volunteers at Good Cents.

ELDER SERVICES: We continually strive to provide aging seniors in Vernon with the services they need to keep them living at home for as long as possible. This past year was one of change for the Elder Services program. In addition to a pleasant resettling into our new location, two staff members, Martha Boyle and Fay Snyder ended careers with us that spanned more than 20 years. In response to Economic conditions, position hours were reduced and help with our program came from other HVCC programs. Carole Bavier divided her time between the Pantry and Elder Services as Volunteer Coordinator for both. Parveen Vohra, an HVCC Behavioral Health clinician helped threefold with outreach, case management and mental health counseling support.

Volunteers new and old, contributed thousands of hours of service: 446 rides were given; 1,283 client phone conversations took place; 185 hours were spent managing individual client's affairs; 280 hours of mental health counseling were provided and 1,683 hours of personal assistance were expended. All together, 293 seniors received support during the course of the year.

TRANSPORTATION: HVCC provided over 30,735 rides to area residents during FY 2009/2010 covering over 141,619 miles. The dial-a-ride in Ellington, Tolland and Vernon has started collecting \$1.00 donation each way per ride.

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

Over the past 12 months HVCC's counseling department has provided the following services to area residents; 11,364 appointments consisting of group, individual, family, and couples therapy, medication management and evaluations. We have provided assessments and evaluations to 1,168 new clients during the past 12 months. These numbers include 16 sessions of Parenting Education Classes, 18 weekly groups, 69 clients received medication assistance through pharmaceutical companies, 307 patients received services from one of our two board certified psychiatrists. HVCC runs an HIV/Aids program (RESPECT); through this program over 75 clients have received services.

This certainly was a year to remember. Our move to our new location was monumental. We left behind the old and started off fresh with our new location. I was afraid that if we "built it" would they come? Like the movie, "field of Dreams", they did come, clients, additional staff and outstanding volunteers. Local support as well as community foundations helped us with our move and in setting up our new home here at Naek Road. We are entering our 40th Anniversary and with that comes new enthusiasm. We did so much in the past and now we are entering a new period in HVCC's life. We are currently involved with strategic planning thanks to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. We need to set our vision for our next five years and hopefully have more successful years on the horizon. Therefore my dear friends, you know what we are capable of doing; hopefully you will continue to support all of our endeavors. We want to be "the best that we can be".

David A. Engelson, Executive Director

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

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

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

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

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

Alzheimer Support Groups
Cardiac Rehabilitation
Diabetic Nursing
Enterostomal 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

VI. ADULT DAY CARE

VII. ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCY

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE

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

VISITS

3,076
1,337
250
95
147
2,210

HOSPICE

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

VISITS

559
16
0
17
60
812
1,464

ADULT DAY CARE	279 Days
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	2,208 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	265 (Residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	280 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families, along with the support services they need in order to reclaim responsible control over their lives and, ultimately, reenter society as productive citizens.

STATISTICAL

Tri-Town Shelter Services, Inc. provides emergency shelter for fifteen residents, either individuals or families and is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Given our 15 bed occupancy, we have the capacity to provide shelter for a total of 5,475 evenings. During the past year we provided shelter for 274 clients. Of these, 112 / 41% were un-duplicates. We have noticed that, over the past two years, the clients we serve are more educated, fall within a older age bracket, and have been in the workforce longer. Of the un-duplicated clients 74 / 66% were White, 30 / 27% Black and 8 / 7% Hispanic. On an average day 65% of clients are in recovery from substance abuse and 48% have mental health challenges. These dual realities mitigate against their ability to function according to their potential. This year we had 5,038 bed nights occupied with a 92% utilization average. We also provided referral services to 2,037 callers, an average of 170 calls per month.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the intake process with a client the contributing factors resulting in a person being homeless are identified and addressed through intentional case management and collaboration with other service providers. Individualized Service Plans are created and residents meet weekly with the Service Coordinator to ensure that they are complying with program rules and their 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. As a function of case management, clients are assessed to determine their eligibility for legitimate entitlements. Information is then accessed, applications are processed, and follow-through becomes an integral part their Service Plans.

House meetings can be called by either staff or residents. These give the clients an opportunity to share and resolve issues together to ensure a harmonious co-existence. This also builds their communication, negotiating, problem-solving, and resolution skill-set.

PROGRAMS

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

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

Skills Training, and a wide assortment of Adult Daily Living (A.D.L.) skills curriculum.

In an effort to ensure that our services are client-centered, we get their feedback via a Client Satisfaction Survey, which is administered periodically. This gives the clients an opportunity to evaluate us and to make suggestions on how we can improve our support and services. They can also suggest other educational and informational materials to be incorporated in our learning lab so that they and future clients can benefit.

The services of Rockville General Hospital continues to be excellent. Since we have a zero tolerance for being under the influence of any substance, when we have sufficient reason, we request that our clients provide us with the results of a drug screen. Thanks to R.G.H., we have a locally reliable source to provide this testing. River East provides our clients 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 clients frequent often. Hockanum Valley's "Good Cents" store has provided us with numerous items at affordable cost and they have become one of the local locations that we share our student volunteers with who are studying human services and/or social services. 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. It is through them that volunteers and skilled laborers are available to us. On the volunteer side, they provide transportation to local 12-step meetings and various events, along with people to provide computer training and resume building in our lab. On the laborers side, they handle any repairs or maintenance issues with the property.

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

Kindest Regards,

Pieter Nijssen, Executive Director

YOUTH SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community services activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2009-2010 year, Youth Services had a total of approximately 5,000 children and their families participate in the following programs:

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, 42 children and families were provided this service.

In school Programs: Youth Services worked in 39 classrooms and taught about 776 students kindergarten through fourth grade programs.

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

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

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

All Star Communications: The program is for 4th graders and runs for six weeks are facilitated in the classrooms. The main goals for the program are to increase positive peer relationships, teach and reinforce the use of conflict resolution skills and recognize and cope with feelings. All the 4th grade classrooms in Windermere and one classroom at Center school participated in the program.

123 I am me: This program was created by a high school volunteer last year and had a very successful second year running. This program is a recess social skill for 1st and 2nd graders at all three elementary schools. During the summer we having evening 123 I am me for same age group.

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

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

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance life skills including dealing with feeling, communication, and social skills. This program ran for four sessions. In partnership with the schools, youth services co-led discussion groups on topics of divorce and grief at Windermere. Also this year Youth Services consulted and co-facilitated a GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) group at the high school and funded a trip to the True Colors Conference in Connecticut. ADHD Parent Discussion Night was started this year, it meet on monthly basis.

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

Homework Club: We ran five homework clubs this year. This year for 5th and 6th graders we had 23 students with 20 high school tutors. For 1st thru 4th grade clubs we had total of 49 students with 26 middle school volunteers and 5 high school volunteers.

Halloween Happenings: This successful event return this year with 300 parents and children attending a fun night of trick or treating, crafts and games. This event is assisted by many great volunteers.

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

The Parent Connection, a group formed in February of 2007 of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community of the dangers of underage drinking sponsored Roseland Wiseman to speak to parents and 5th and 6th graders. They also published a quarterly newsletter and mailed it to parents of middle school and high school students. They distribute informational bags at all school open houses.

Rise Above, a group formed in the fall of 2007 of Ellington High School students with a mission of being role models and encouraging those students around them to make positive choices doubled in size this past year with over 100 members. They

continued to be a presence and encourage alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly during most of the school year.

Activities included: developed and implemented children's activities at Fair on Green, High School Talent Show, Community Voice Channel training and produced a TV show, three dodge ball tournament, comedy night at Funny Bone, Safe Grad car wash fundraiser, speakers at Middle School Athletic Night, Find Your Passion poster campaign at Middle School, Flag Football, developing high school leadership symposium, holiday gathering and senior send off.

DAPC funded two assemblies at high school, transportation and registration fee to student leadership conferences and other activities for high school and middle school.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach worker serves as a link between the elderly and programs, services, and agencies that enable the elder to remain independent in their home environment, and can assist them in finding other housing or short/long term care options as needed. The Outreach Worker serves as an advocate for Ellington elderly 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.
- Make appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/case management.
- Assists clients and/or family in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to, ConnPACE, Medicare, Medicaid/Title 19, Foodstamps, Veteran's Health Services, Energy Assistance, Elderly Homeowner's tax credit, Basic & Additional Veteran's tax credit, Renter's Rebate, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, the Geropsychiatric Day treatment program, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications, and legal aid services.
- Works with the Protective Services for the Elderly Program to assist elders who have concerns or issues of neglect, abuse or fraud.
- Works with the Tax Assessor's office on tax credit programs for elders and veterans.
- Works with the Ellington Senior Center to provide informational programs and clinics to the senior public.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Assisted 64 clients with ConnPACE; 96 clients contacts regarding the Medicare Savings Program; 111 client contacts regarding Medicare Part D; and 41 client contacts regarding Medicare supplemental insurance plans.
2. Program collaboration with Senior Center:
 - monthly Parkinson's Disease support group meeting
 - annual TRIAD Senior Safety program held on June 3rd=41 attendees
 - Parkinson's Disease Educational Program & luncheon=38 attendees
 - Mental Health & Aging program=19 attendees
 - Money Matters budgeting program=22 attendees
 - TRIAD fall prevention program=35 attendees
 - Social Security/Low Income subsidy program=39 attendees
 - U.S. Census program=24 attendees
 - Annual Senior citizens Flu shot clinic=112 attendees
 - Emergency Management for pets=16 attendees
 - Medicare Part D changes for 2010=66 attendees
 - Medicare Advantage Plans & Medigap plans=22 attendees
 - Aging & Memory Loss=30 attendees
 - Bienvenue/French-American Historical Society program=18
 - Stand down collection for VA Home in Rocky Hill= 12 boxes of supplies
 - Long Term Care Insurance/How to activate your policy=19 attendees

STATISTICS

Month	Calls	Office	Correspondence	Home Visit
July	203	37	51	51
August	173	18	44	23
September	182	35	48	42
October	241	30	56	27
November	262	39	24	21
December	242	76	41	42
January	151	21	15	26
February	255	41	48	36
March	281	37	37	46
April	231	35	27	22
May	142	22	25	38
June	225	28	42	50
TOTAL	2,588	419	458	424

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.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Senior Center opened in 1997 in the former Post Office site with funds received from a Small Cities Grant award to enter into a 15 year lease agreement with the landlord of Center Plaza. In 2003, the Town of Ellington rented additional space located next to the Senior Center so more activities could be offered. The Senior Center offers programs to enhance the lives of individuals who are age 60 years old and older. Programs offered include social activities at the Senior Center, social outings, transportation, health and wellness services. An expansion in activities include some programs held during the evening and weekends.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center received a new ten (10) passenger bus with two (2) wheelchair capacity from funds received by The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Public Transportation, ConnDOT and the Capitol Council Region of Governments. The bus arrived in June 2010. This new vehicle replaces the 2000 bus.

In December 2009, the Senior Center received an automobile donation from resident, Mr. Jack Cohen! Mr. Cohen's gift, a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu car is greatly appreciated because the Senior Center needed a second vehicle to continue to fulfill the needs in our transportation services. On behalf of the Town of Ellington residents, we sincerely thank you, Mr. Cohen.

The Senior Center was a recipient of a grant from North Central Area Agency on Aging for \$5,000 for transportation to medical appointments for our residents. The Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services, (EMATS) has been in existences since 2004.

MySeniorCenter computer software program is used to maintain statistical information for social programs and transportation services. All participants are encouraged to use key tags upon entering the senior center for any activity. Another benefit to this software program is it gathers information from various senior centers throughout the state on the activities and programs that other centers do.

STAFFING

The Senior Center is staff by a full-time Director and part-time staff includes Assistant to the Director, (2) Van Drivers, (2) Transportation Secretaries and (2) Receptionists. One receptionist position is paid by the Easter Seals Employment Program and the other position is as a volunteer. We are very fortunate to have forty (40) volunteers who dedicate their time to the center.

SOCIAL / HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The Senior Center is a gathering place to come to meet new friends while you participate in activities from cards, shuffleboard, mahjongg, bridge, movies, wii games, crafts, memories and creative writing and musical programs (e.g. the infamous "Ellington Singers" and "Musical Insights" programs). The Municipal Agent, Elderly Outreach Social Worker and Senior Center Director work together to present various informative programs held at the Senior Center; for example, TRIAD events, annual Flu Shots Clinic, health and financial programs.

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

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Since 2001 the Senior Center offers transportation services for residents for social activities and medical appointments. Social transportation services offered for activities at the center, shopping venues, and social outings. We offer residents rides to medical appointments under our EMATS (Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services).

Transportation services is offered five day a week. Please call the Transportation Office at the Senior Center at 860-870-3137 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to reserve rides.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We welcome volunteers of all ages who would like to give some time to the Senior Center. Some volunteer opportunities include receptionist duties, greeters, instructors, program facilitators, kitchen helpers and fundraiser events.

FUNDRAISERS

Our second Ellington Variety Revue held on October 4, 2009 under the show director Amelia Kurpat who volunteered all her time. This fun and successful event held at Ellington High School was well received by all who participated in acts or who attended a wonderful Sunday afternoon entertainment. All proceeds have been placed into the Senior Center Building Fund.

Another successful fundraiser is our annual Holiday Bazaar. Crafters donate their time and share their creativity with each other all year long. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6, 2010 to come to the Senior Center for some early holiday shopping!

SENIOR CITIZENS ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2005, the Town of Ellington established a Senior Citizens Endowment fund, an interest bearing account where designated fundraisers and other donations can be made for building a new facility for our Senior Center and to enhance the lives of two high school graduates. Annually, the committee gives a financial donation to the Ellington Community Scholarship Fund. This committee includes three volunteers, the Human Services Director, the Senior Center Director and the Assistant to the Senior Center Director. Presently, the balance in the Senior Citizens Endowment Fund is \$ 48,596.67

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 16-18 Church Street. Regular hours of operation are: Monday (8:30am-6:00pm); Tuesday-Thursday (8:30am-4:00pm), and Friday (8:30am-1:30pm). Phone numbers are as follow: Main phone number (860-870-3133); Transportation Department (860-870-3137) between the hours of 9:00am to 12:00pm

For information on programs and activities held during the day and evening hours visit the town website: www.ellington-ct.gov, click "Our Town News", select "Newsletter", select "Senior Center" to view our monthly newsletter and calendar of events.

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

For four consecutive years, the Board of Education has approved a District Instructional Plan which establishes high achievement goals across all grade levels in reading and in mathematics, as well as a goal to improve communication. Each school in the district then establishes individual School Instructional Plans that align to the district plan. In addition, each certified staff member establishes professional learning objectives which are linked to school and district plans.

For the fourth consecutive year each school, and the district as a whole, has obtained positive results in such important benchmarks as the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) which are used by the district as one measure of the attainment of our instructional goals. Each school produces a monthly report assessing progress on school initiatives and previewing future plans related to the attainment of school goals. Each monthly report also highlights awards and recognitions for students and staff during that month. The Superintendent produces a district monthly report that is presented to the Board of Education and is published on the district website www.ellingtonschools.org.

Although Connecticut's application was not successful at the national level, the administration and the Board of Education for the Ellington Public Schools were most active in support of Connecticut's Race To The Top applications. As a significant portion of the application was related to high school reform, representatives from Ellington participated in all sessions related to the state's application and signed on in support of proposed initiatives. As the high school reform movement proceeds, Ellington will continue to participate in those initiatives targeted at rigorous levels of achievement for all students.

Representatives of the Ellington schools also supported the work of Connecticut Districts for Diversity and Equity. Through the efforts of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, Hartford and the twenty-one districts named in the Sheff settlement agreed on a number of principles and initiatives designed to achieve intended targets for racial and economic balance in our public schools. An important goal for this collaborative effort is to achieve the goals of the Sheff settlement while not compromising local district financing.

The 2009-2010 school year saw the election of two new members to the Board of Education. Mrs. Kristen Picard-Wambolt and Mr. James Stoughton assumed their new positions at the November 2009 meeting. Dr. Michael Young was appointed to fill the remaining term of Mr. Maurice Blanchette who was elected to the position of First Selectman. Mr. Daniel Keune was chosen to be the Chair of the Board of Education, with Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson as Vice-Chair and Mrs. Ann Marie Hayes as Secretary.

In an effort to address one portion of its communication goal, the Board of Education introduced the *School Messenger* program. *School Messenger* is a computer-based program that allows school and district administrators to communicate by phone, e-mail or text message to all families within a very quick timeframe. The system has not only increased the speed and the quantity of communications, but has also delivered some financial savings.

This year, the district also adopted the use of AppliTrack, an on-line advertising and application system that should increase our applicant pool in targeted areas and lead to financial savings in advertising. Installation and training in AppliTrack occurred in the spring of 2010 in preparation for the 2010-2011 hiring process.

In 2009-2010 the Ellington Board of Education reactivated its Ad Hoc Facilities Committee to address facility needs in light of rapidly growing enrollment. The committee was expanded to include representatives of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, as well as a parent representative.

In alignment with the school and district instructional plans, curriculum and assessment initiatives continue to be an area of focus. Vertical teams (K-5 and 5-12) in reading and mathematics were developed to support implementation of the Scientific Research Based Intervention (SRBI) model. The teams studied best practice, reviewed assessments and interventions already in place, and determined next steps for continued work in this area. The development and implementation of common assessments to measure student achievement has been a focus from

kindergarten to grade 12. In language arts, the district completed the third year of full implementation of reading workshop in grades 5 and 6 and continued expansion of this model to K-4. Many teachers began implementation of differentiated word study instruction. At the middle school, teachers studied effective teaching strategies and developed a schoolwide wiki to share instructional resources. Teachers at the high school worked on data team cycles and continued to revise curriculum documents in preparation for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) review.

To support implementation of these initiatives, many professional development opportunities for staff members were offered. During the fall professional development series, more than 200 certified staff members participated in 28 courses focused on reading workshop, curriculum development, differentiated instruction, and technology literacy. Approximately 21 teachers and administrators supported our professional development initiatives by presenting workshops or facilitating professional study groups or curriculum development work with their colleagues. Twenty-six teachers and administrators received training in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams, completing a three-year goal of training every certified staff member. Study groups for special education teachers provided ongoing opportunities for special services staff members to learn and to share best practices.

Ellington High School teachers who participated in the SERC Best Practices in Differentiated Instruction Initiative provided an inservice for their colleagues in May. A grant of \$195,000 to the Connecticut Academy for Mathematics and Science and its partners, Ellington, Windsor and Windsor Locks, provided funds to support professional development, curriculum development and the development of common assessments in science through collaborative work across the three districts. Ellington hosted three sessions to provide mentor update training, which was attended by 41 Ellington teachers as well as teachers from neighboring districts.

In 2008, Windermere School was accepted as a member of the National Affiliate Network of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. Through this affiliation, two staff developers worked with teachers at Windermere for a total of 15 days of professional development and coaching over the 2009-10 school year. Ellington also hosted its second *Summer Teaching and Learning Institute*. More than 30 teachers chose to participate in sessions on differentiation in mathematics, teaching reading in small groups, authors as mentors, word study and to work collaboratively on designing units of study for the fall. Director of Educational Services Dr. Erin McGurk, Crystal Lake Principal Mr. Michael Larkin, Center School Principal Mrs. Trudie Luck Roberts, K-8 Math Specialist Mrs. Leslie Mancuso, K-8 Language Arts Coordinator Mrs. Robin Kline, and Windermere Language Arts Consultant Mrs. Elizabeth Conlin facilitated the sessions.

Over the course of this year, special educators continued to participate with their general education colleagues in a number of professional development opportunities to improve the quality of teaching and to refine the process for modifying individualized education plans. In an effort to increase special education student achievement, the department continued to review student individual education plans, working with parents to help assure that goals and objectives were aligned, when appropriate, with the district's curriculum standards. In this way, parents, special and general education teachers shared a common and collaborative understanding of each student's performance levels, were better able to measure and understand student learning, and to meet the needs of students receiving special education services.

This year, the special services department conducted a series of meetings to discuss the new Learning Disability Guidelines, Scientific Research Based Instruction (SRBI), the new process for identifying Learning Disabled students, and its impact on both special and general education. Both general and special education department personnel also attended numerous conferences that addressed Federal and State mandates concerning the new identification procedures for children suspected of having learning disabilities, which will significantly impact how schools identify students with learning disabilities. The new procedures are aligned with Connecticut's new Scientific Research Based Instruction model that will inform teacher instruction to support and improve students' academic skills through progress monitoring.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

At Windermere Intermediate School co-teaching was implemented in the fifth and sixth grades, grouping special education students with general education students. All of the teachers participated in professional development which included specific instructional and curricular designs. Results of the inclusive co-taught program proved successful for several reasons. The special education students were able to benefit from access to the general education curriculum with differentiated instruction provided by both the general and special education teachers. Data results indicate that special education students achieved success and improvement in the areas of mathematics and reading. Additionally, special education teachers were able to learn more about grade level curriculum and expectations and to share instructional techniques with their peers. General education teachers were able to learn more about the implementation of specific modifications and accommodations to meet individual student needs. Both general and special education teachers were able to collect data and reflect on the growth of individual students in the classroom.

The Center School Recess Mileage Club began in October with parent Dixie Prouty engaging parent volunteers on the playground to track laps as students build physical fitness and stamina.

Five times throughout the year the entire Crystal Lake School community came together for "Town Meeting" assemblies. The Town Meetings were established this year to bring the school community together in celebration of the learning taking place each day in classrooms. At each Town Meeting, two classrooms demonstrated their learning. This year, everyone was treated to kindergarten students doing a reader's theatre, first graders celebrating accomplished Americans through poetry, second graders performing an original play, third graders showcasing their recycling creativity and fourth graders performing in a Learning Runway Show.



Crystal Lake School students during a school Spirit Day.

The foundation for future positive behavior support at Center School is the Kind Kids Count program. This year, approximately forty children were recognized monthly for highlighted character traits such as honesty and responsibility. A spirit leadership group was instituted this year with third and fourth grade teachers nominating six students to act as spirit leaders. The students worked with the principal throughout the year to promote school spirit and elements of good character through supporting School Spirit Days, whole school assemblies and charitable community service projects. Next year, student leaders will serve as ambassadors for the Positive Behavior Support System to model schoolwide behavior expectations throughout the school.

A similar program at Crystal Lake School called the PRIDE program recognizes students each week who demonstrate Politeness, Respect, Initiative, Discipline and Excellence. This year over five hundred PRIDE Awards were distributed to students!

School counselor Marilyn Toback-Reveley met weekly with sixth grade social studies classes throughout the fall. The students role-played 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 you feel to the other disputant using "I Messages." Students also learned how to brainstorm and develop "Win/Win" solutions to conflicts, how to respond assertively when teased by others, and how to identify bullying

behaviors and respond if they witness bullying or are bullied themselves. Mrs. Toback-Reveley also organized cross-age teaching groups for approximately thirty students where fifth and sixth graders take time from their recess to assist first grade teachers.

For the last two weeks of September, members of the Crystal Lake School community donated non-perishable food items to be contributed to the Crystal Lake food pantry. Students filled boxes with the donated items and maintained a graph of the donated items in the school's foyer. Each day third grade students counted the donated items and added to the graph. Upon completion of the food drive, CLS parent Mike Canavan delivered the food to the food pantry. Grade three teacher Theresa Johnson coordinated this year's food drive.

Community support remains a major goal. We are pleased that we continue to see strong parental involvement. Parent conferences and events are always well attended and provide families with an opportunity to visit the schools and classrooms to witness the high caliber of instruction being offered to their children. Principals and teachers also provide ongoing newsletters to keep families abreast of curriculum and school activities and events.

The Crystal Lake School PTO kicked-off their annual Reading at Home program with a storyteller assembly on September 25 for students in grades K-4. Storyteller Mary Jo Maichak enchanted the students with stories.

For the second year, Center School's Building Community through Shared Reading continued with the selection of one children's book per month to be read through the school community. Themes of the book become common conversation points to help children solve problems and make wise choices. Copies of the books, accompanied by a letter from the principal, are raffled monthly to students and teachers.

On October 28, the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored an assembly with Keith Michael Johnson entitled, "Mad About Math." The students were treated to an entertaining and interactive program highlighting the use of math in everyday life and problem-solving.

Under the guidance of social studies teachers Mike Nash and Edie Vibert- Johnson, eighth grade students participated in an essay contest sponsored by the VFW. This year's topic was, "When is the Right time to Honor Our Military Heroes?" Three of our students were chosen as first, second, and third place winners, each receiving a monetary reward and a certificate of award presented by the Ellington/ Vernon VFW post.

On December 18, Mrs. Connelly's fourth grade class at Crystal Lake School presented the play, *The Giving Spirit*, a play based on O. Henry's short story, *The Gift of the Magi* for an audience of parents and Mr. Larkin. The students prepared props, sets and costumes for the performance.

Center School's Read for Fun Store supports student reading at home. Students were able to attend the store as reward for logging hours of at-home reading time.

The 35th Annual Crystal Lake School Pancake Breakfast was held on December 15. Staff members arrived at school early in the morning to prepare pancakes for students and guests. Special invited guests included Board of Education members Dale Roberson and Gary Blanchette, Superintendent of Schools Stephen Cullinan, Special Services Director Bruce Brettschneider, Language Arts Coordinator Robin Kline, Mathematics Specialist Leslie Mancuso and Central Office administrative assistants Nancy Daley and Suzanne Levandoski. Kindergarten teacher Valerie Gagnon coordinated this year's breakfast which was followed by a sing-a-long in the gym led by Mr. Tim Adams with support from Ms. Lisa Garofalo.

Under the guidance of media specialist Lisa Garofalo, fourteen EMS students participated in the Teen Nutmeg Book Award nominations. Each student read at least five of the ten books nominated and then voted on his or her favorite book. The results were then sent to the committee to be tallied along with all other schools and libraries involved in the voting. A luncheon for all participating students was held along with a discussion of the books read.

Special Persons Days are held at each of our elementary schools. Although they vary slightly in format, this event has become one of the highlights of the year. Grandparents or other special persons are invited to join their student(s) on a particular day. Guests tour the building, meet teachers, enjoy activities or sometimes have lunch with their student(s). This year at Center School over 700 parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and other special persons enjoyed a special musical performance.

On December 23, Crystal Lake School celebrated a Reading at Home milestone with PTO-sponsored Spirit Day. Students and staff members were invited to come to school in their pajamas to celebrate 2,500 hours

of at home reading completed since September. PTO volunteers Diane Madore and Donna Celotti coordinated the Spirit Day.

On January 15, Crystal Lake School students brought to life famous people from Mark Twain to Amelia Earhart! Students dressed in creative costumes and posed as wax figures. When a "museum guest" stood in front of them they came to life, citing important events and accomplishments from their lives.

The special education department developed a kindergarten through sixth grade Program for Alternative Learning (PAL) for students experiencing behavioral difficulties and needing specialized instruction and support. A classroom was constructed exclusively for the program including a time-out room. Special education teacher Sarah Nicholson provided support to K-6 students with emotional difficulties. Students were separated based on grade level. The development of the actual building structure and the knowledge of the staff should allow some students with emotional difficulties the opportunity to remain in their town school while receiving the benefits of peer integration and high academic preparation. The program has already resulted in preventing two students from being out placed to private educational settings.

On January 28, Crystal Lake School librarian Lisa Garofalo, media assistant Laurie Brookes and language arts consultant Louise Kelly hosted a Nutmeg Lunch for students who had read some of the books nominated for the Nutmeg Award. Fourth graders Jennie Schneider, Matthew Phillips, Nick Willett, Garrett Tautkus, Madison Killoran, Julia Nicolescu, Michael Libby, Veronica Avery, Will Longo, Zack Roy, Gillian Sanville, Caroline Casey and Evan Gargiulo all attended the lunch. Pam Munoz Ryan's Paint the Wind was the favorite Nutmeg nominee at Crystal Lake!

Drama teacher Bill Prenetta and his high school theater group traveled to Center School for a well-received, riotous performance of "Once Upon a Wolf."

During the winter, physical education and health teacher Diane O'Brien transformed her daily physical education classes into the Windermere Winter Olympics. Stations were created and set up in the gymnasium to resemble the variety of winter sporting events and the Olympics were kicked off with an Opening Ceremony and March of Nations complete with flags and music.

At Windermere, the fifth and sixth grade students used a Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT) preparation program, Study Island, at home via the Internet. The program subscription has been funded by the After School Grant to promote learning beyond the school day. Sixth grade teacher Bruce Andrews provided the fifth grade teachers with an inservice on how to use the Study Island online program. The program allows students to log in from anywhere an Internet connection is available to work on academic topics from the CT Curricular Frameworks. Teachers were provided with weekly reports of student usage.

Debbie Slattery, middle school family and consumer science teacher and Zone coordinator, completed the second session of the after-school program, "The Zone." Students were offered bowling; scrap booking; SMARTboard gaming; pottery; woodworking; and tutoring in science, social studies, language arts and math. In addition to tutoring, students were also able to participate in homework help. Approximately sixty students participated in these very positive and successful after-school programs.

Throughout the month of February, Crystal Lake School celebrated African-American History Month. Fourth grade students independently researched an African country of their choice and shared over the morning announcements some facts that they had learned. Students also created a flag of their country to display in the main hallway. In addition, school librarian Lisa Garofalo and media assistant Laurie Brookes selected African folk tales to share with students during their library time. Students completed art projects related to the folk tales which were displayed in and around the library.

Windermere School and Ellington Middle School collaborated on an Internet Safety Night for parents in grades five through eight. Sergeant Jim Smith from the Connecticut State Police Forensic Laboratory presented issues parents should address, or be aware of, when adolescents and teenagers are utilizing the Internet. The trooper instructed parents on how to track their child's Internet usage and offered suggestions for keeping their child's interaction on-line safe and secure.

On February 5, the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored its Thirty Hour Reading at Home Celebration. Students who had read at home for thirty or more hours were treated to a game of Book Bingo and received a new book. Thanks to parent volunteers Donna Celotti and Diane Madore who coordinated the celebration.

On March 2, Crystal Lake School's Second Annual Family Reading Night was held. Over 200 people attended the event which included activity stations in the gym (bookmark making, a book-walk, a favorite Dr. Seuss character graph) and culminated with a read aloud by Principal Larkin of A Fine, Fine School. A book fair was held during the event with proceeds going towards purchasing new books for the library. The Crystal Lake School PTO generously sponsored a raffle of ten Barnes and Noble gift cards.

Beth Tautkus, grade seven science teacher, accompanied twenty girls to Manchester Community College for a S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) conference. The day was spent in workshops exposing the students to the many careers available to women in these core areas.

Seven classrooms at Center School hosted Diane Lasher-Penti, the town's Youth Services Coordinator, to teach her "Querks" program to students. Together with Ms. Sherriffs, she organized a homework center in connection with students from the middle school.

EMS media specialist Lisa Garofalo held the annual book fair offering a special "Fathers' Breakfast and Books" event beginning at 6:30 a.m. Students were able to come with their fathers to the media center prior to school opening and enjoy donuts and juice while they shopped for books. Lisa also allowed language arts teachers to purchase books for their classroom libraries with profits made from the sale of books.

Windermere teacher David Pechie organized a Constitution Day program for fourth grade students. Two speakers visited each fourth grade classroom and increased the student awareness and understanding of some of the fundamental questions with which the framers of the Constitution grappled as they crafted the Constitution. The students role-played, debated and negotiated with varied regional, economic and social perspectives.

This year the Crystal Lake School staff explored the instructional strategy of providing feedback to students. In addition to readings from Robert Marzano's Classroom Instruction That Works, the staff read articles and shared current best practices in providing students with feedback on their work. The staff explored rubrics as a means of providing this feedback and rubrics have been created across the school and placed in a shared folder on the school's intranet. Notably, in support of the school's Instructional Plan, a schoolwide rubric for written responses to text has been established, promoting a clear expectation and common language across the school.

Social worker Brian Evarts and high school physical education and health teacher Lisa Kelly took thirty-six high school students to the Peers are Wonderful Support (PAWS) conference sponsored by East of the River Action for Substance Abuse Elimination (ERASE) on March 17 at Manchester Community College. Brian Evarts presented a workshop to the students that included about fifty students from various towns and cities in the ERASE district.

Windermere Intermediate teachers Nancy Powell and Susan Horvath collaborated 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.

Youth Services also provided evening Choices programming for girls and boys, and a recess program for first and second graders, entitled "1-2-3, I am ME!"

Center School's Spring Open House provided families an opportunity to visit classrooms and see completed student work projects and experiments with hands-on math and science manipulatives, including creating 3-D geometric models with marshmallows and toothpicks, rock and mineral samples, tangrams, making mobiles and stream tables.

On March 23, the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored a visit with meteorologist Art Horn. Mr. Horn did two programs for students, *How the Weather Works* and the *Wonders of Weather*. Students were captivated by Mr. Horn's slideshows of weather phenomena from around the world.

School counselor Joyce Agnew co-facilitated an Exploring Diversity workshop held at EMS on April 16 which provided training and preparation for students to help them become future peer leaders and facilitators of no-bullying programs at both Ellington Middle School and Ellington High School. The workshop included presentations, interactive exercises, and group discussion regarding issues of diversity, prejudice and bullying. Consultants from the Anti-Defamation League's 'A World of Difference Institute' co-facilitated the meeting with Mrs. Agnew. Thirty students participated in this very worthwhile workshop.

The Center School preschool class was invited to participate in the

Hall Memorial Library's "Telebration" in which national storytellers were the presenters. The preschool students enjoyed their walk to the library for the story telling celebration.

Windermere's cafeteria rewards program was revised to include an incentive by classroom. Whole class rewards are designed to reach more students than last year's individual rewards. Students earned "Windy Whales" for good behaviors and the one K-4 class with the most whales at the end of a six-week period earned a whole class pizza lunch with principal and assistant principal, Mr. Moccio and Dr. LaPorte. Any fifth or sixth grade class that earned a "Windy Whale" each day of the week was allowed to sit with other classes at lunch that also earned the same reward. Individual classes benefited from an "extra" recess with Mr. Moccio and Dr. LaPorte as a reward for repeated exceptional cafeteria behavior.

Sixty Center School students read over the spring vacation as part of the Reading for Haiti: Kids Helping Kids Program. A total of \$1,135 was collected for Convoy of Hope, a charity selected by the PTO which has been working in Haiti to provide fresh water to earthquake ravaged communities. Participants received a certificate for their voluntary contributions to the children of Haiti. Center School's donation was slated to go toward the purchase of portable water filtration systems.

On April 15, Crystal Lake School hosted author Dorothy Voyer and illustrator Mig Sirtl. Both Ms. Voyer and Ms. Sirtl are Crystal Lake area residents. Ms. Voyer shared some of her books with students and Ms. Sirtl demonstrated her artwork, leaving some original works with us! Ms. Voyer is the author of The Big Jump and Chipper's Discovery.

Last spring, Jan Root, EMS language arts consultant, proved to her accelerated reading students that they could make a difference. The students in her class read "Mississippi Trial, 1955", a story about the murder of Emmett Till. The students then contacted the author, Chris Crowe, asking why he wrote about this particular story. His response was that it was something that was never mentioned in textbooks and he felt it was important because it was a driving force behind the Civil Rights movement. Subsequently, the Ellington eighth grade students decided to write to textbook publishers asking why the story was not in their textbooks. Two publishing companies responded that they would be including the Emmett Till story in their books. Mrs. Root published an editorial in the *Journal Inquirer* recognizing the efforts and effects her students have had on future social studies content.

The sixth grade got a feel for some possible future occupations during Career Day. Career Day caps off a month long career awareness program run by Windermere school counselor Marilyn Toback-Reveley. The students were provided with a list of twenty different professionals and signed up for those in which they were most interested. 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 professional gave two 30-minute long presentations to students who attended four different presentations in total. Students were asked to evaluate each presentation and the results were used to plan for the following year. Thanks also go to Mary Temple, Lisa Schumacher and Brianne Jackopsic for their efforts in coordinating the event.

Mrs. Toback-Reveley also introduced each student to an online program called Career Cruising. Career Cruising provides guidance and



Tina Senft shares marine specimens with students during Windermere's Career Day.

planning where individuals of all ages can use tools to find a career that matches their particular interests. Students will be matched to career clusters and will be able to explore the education required and any necessary training options.

As part of the social studies curriculum, the sixth grade participated in a day-long field trip to Ellis Island. Students were able to see the American Immigrant Wall of Honor which displays more than 700,000 names, as well as the museum which includes artifacts, photographs, prints, videos, interactive displays, oral histories, and temporary exhibits. Students were brought to Ellis Island by ferry transportation and circled the Statue of Liberty before returning to Liberty State Park in New Jersey. All of the students were very well behaved and represented both themselves and Windermere with pride. A very large thank you is given to Mary Temple, Matt Murphy and retired staff members Phyllis Cohen-Bishop and Gail Reynolds for planning a wonderful experience for the students.

EMS media specialist Lisa Garofalo held three Family Reading Nights throughout the year where families were given free books to read and then came together for a pot luck dinner and book discussion designed to promote avid reading.

On May 19, the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored a whole school assembly with Robert Rivest, an accomplished mime. Mr. Rivest used his mime skills to deliver a message to students about healthy choices.

The special services department continued its collaborative relationship with the town's youth services department by developing an innovative preschool summer program, with typical students from *Safety Town* joining the preschool special education students for a mutually enhanced social and academic learning experience.

The English Language Learner (ELL) program staff Joan Penders and Colleen Palozej held the Annual English as a Second Language (ESL) Potluck Supper at Windermere School on May 20. Over 100 people were in attendance. Parents of students involved in the ESL program brought a variety of multi-ethnic dinners for everyone to enjoy. A spectacular demonstration of Kathak, a classical Indian dance by Rachna Agrawal of Young Audiences of Connecticut followed. The highlight of the evening was a chorus line of our English Language Learner students following Rachna's lead and giving all a wonderful snapshot of the diversity of the Ellington schools!

Crystal Lake's annual Academic Fair was held on May 18. Families were able to visit classrooms, view student work samples and materials and the evening was culminated by a whole school concert. Songs from Africa were the theme this year under the direction of music teacher, Tim Adams.

Over 350 student-made valentines were made and delivered to local community members through Meals on Wheels and Lutheran Family Services, bringing a smile to the elderly and homebound on Valentine's Day.

Windermere's Abbey Belter's first grade and Becky Wentworth's fifth grade have been book buddies throughout the year. The first graders performed a "Reader's Theatre" of the favorite part from their favorite book for their fifth grade buddies.

The Mystic Aquarium travel program provided in-class presentations called Discovering Freshwater Ecosystems. The program explored the unique relationships that are found within New England's largest river ecosystem. Windermere students participated in hands-on activities regarding the wonders of the Connecticut River and discovered how factors such as invasive species, non-point source pollution, and riverside development can affect the populations within the freshwater ecosystem. The students discovered what steps are being taken to clean up our rivers and what they can do to help keep these ecosystems safe for generations to come.

Despite the weather, Center School's science fair was once again a huge success. Families attended the evening event for the interactive education and to view over ninety student created self-selected projects from the four strands of the science standards: physical science, earth science, life science and science and technology.

The fifth grade held the first annual American Revolutionary War Day which takes the place of Civil War Day held in the past. Students transitioned between nine different stations including marching exercises, medicine, games, candle making, militia, music, codes, debate, and journal writing. The day was collaboratively organized between the WIPTO and the fifth grade teachers. The day was an experience the students will never forget and culminated with Principal Steve Moccio reading a portion of the Declaration of Independence.

Over 200 Center School students embraced "TV Turn Off Week" and



Windermere students
experience the American
Revolutionary War era.



went screen-free for a week, replacing it with healthy play alternatives!

The WIPTO sponsored a night with Rosalind Wiseman at the Ellington High School Auditorium. An assembly was held for all fifth and sixth grade students to address social and physical aggression. Ms. Wiseman is the author of several books, most notably *Queen Bees and Wannabes*, and also wrote a curriculum called *Owning Up-Empowering Adolescents to Confront Social Cruelty, Bullying, and Injustice*.

Windermere's PTO sponsored an assembly by the Freestyle Repertory Theatre. In the third and fourth grade program, the actors and actresses created scenes from a historical period, a scene using poetry, and one involving a style of literature. The K-2 assembly focused on children's literature and familiar book characters. Both assemblies provided an introduction to live theatre highlighting the cooperative creative process through the use of the current curriculum.

Eighth grade math teachers Eileen Fuellhart and David Kozlowski accompanied twenty students to the "Multiply Your Options" conference held at UCONN on April 8. The conference is designed to expose students to careers that are available in the math and science field through group activities in several different workshops.

ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

The EHS school year got off to a great start. On September 29, Mr. Jeff Yalden, a motivational speaker, addressed the entire student population. Mr. Yalden, an award-winning speaker, teen author, and MTV MADE Teen Life Coach, is one of the most requested and traveled youth speaker in the world today. Mr. Yalden is known for his humorous style, passion for youth, and incredible ability to reach into the hearts of the teens providing a message that is life changing. Numerous parents and students provided positive feedback on the impact made by Mr. Yalden.

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

Twelve students from Mr. Helmin's early childhood classes interned in Center School classrooms working with cooperating teachers for twelve to fourteen weeks.

The EHS Marching Knight Band performed at Connecticut Day at The Big E in September. The band performed on the Storowtown Green and then marched in the parade. In November, selected students from the music department performed in the North Central Connecticut Conference (NCCC) Band and Chorus Concert at Suffield High School. The EHS Music Department presented winter and spring concerts. Both

sets of concerts featured our chorale, vocal ensemble, jazz band, concert band and wind ensemble groups.

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

On November 10 over 800 students, staff and guests gathered in the EHS gymnasium to honor our veterans. The Veterans' Day ceremony was organized, planned and implemented by the student council under the direction of advisor Cynthia Fontanella. EHS student Kelsey Masterson greeted guests while Kelly Stauffer served as master of ceremony. The highlight of the ceremony was a reading of an original essay by Mitchell DiResta that was dedicated to all of our veterans. State Representative Ted Graziani, Senator Gary LeBeau, Senator Tony Guglielmo and former chairman of the Ellington Board of Education Dale Roberson, all provided remarks on the significance of Veterans' Day. Kelsey Masterson provided the closing commentary for the ceremony and the Student Council hosted breakfast for all of our veterans in the cafeteria. The vocal ensemble provided music. This annual event aligns with our school's Mission and Expectation that all EHS students meet the responsibilities of citizenship.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

The 24th Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest elementary school winners were: First Place – Center School fourth grader Lia Guerette; Second Place – Center School fourth grader Aaden Randall and Third Place – Windermere fourth grader Sarah Olender. The Fifth Grade Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners were: First Place – Sreyash Raychaudhuri; Second Place – Alison Choate, and Third Place – Colby Unterstein. Congratulations to all of the winners! Fifth grader Sreyash Raychaudhuri was a county winner in the 2009-2010 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest. In recognition of the achievement, Sreyash was invited to an award presentation luncheon at the Cromwell Courtyard by Marriott.

At Crystal Lake School, Mrs. Whiting's second grade class responded to the tragic earthquake in Haiti by coordinating a school-wide coin drive. Students created posters and distributed them around the school seeking coin donations. The students raised over \$450 - including 9,984 pennies!! The money was donated to the American Red Cross Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

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

Thanksgiving baskets were collected and organized by Center School PTO parent Jen Barone and Center School teacher Tomasa Raver. Third and fourth grade Student Spirit Leaders at Center School helped count and separate the items as they were brought in. This year \$520 in donations and gift cards were collected and the students were able to provide twenty-one Ellington families with a shopping bag filled with food to complete their holiday dinner along with a gift card to Big Y. Students were also able to donate ten boxes filled with food to be used by the food pantry.

Crystal Lake math intervention teacher Martha Terrior and K-8 math specialist Leslie Mancuso co-presented at Math+SRBI Student Learning Conference on October 8 in Farmington. The conference was sponsored by the State Department of Education and the State Education Resource Center and hosted educators from all over Connecticut. As a result of the presentation, a group of Mansfield teachers and administrators visited Crystal Lake School to learn more about the Scientific Research Based Intervention (SRBI) initiative implementation.

The Center School community sponsored a Penny Drive throughout the month of December, coordinated by Sandy Suib-Dutcher, called "Change for Children" to support the Shriners Hospital for Children. Representatives from the hospital were on hand at the annual holiday sing-along. Student spirit leaders Marissa Guilmain and Anthony Mozzicato presented a check for \$1,000. The donation was collected to



Center School students present check for \$1,000 to Shriners' Hospital for Children.

benefit the hospital by all Center School students and their families.

Windermere School continually looks to give back to the community through different fundraisers for the Ellington Food Bank. The school raised \$1035 worth of Big Y gift cards by paying to wear hats and slippers to school. A canned food drive was also held where the K-4 and 5-6 class with the greatest number of non-perishable food items was treated to a kickball game with Principal Moccio and Assistant Principal Dr. LaPorte. Congratulations to Mr. Pechie's forth grade class (481 items) and Mrs. Jackopsic's sixth grade class (347 items) for bringing in the greatest number of items. The intermediate school donated 3160 items and the elementary school donated 3851 items for a total of 7011 items. A great effort was shown by all and the students enjoyed not only bringing in the items, but graphing their results in the main lobby.

Students from Ms. Palasek's fifth grade class approached Mr. Moccio and were approved to run a 3-day "Penny War." With Ms. Palasek's supervision and assistance, the Windermere Intermediate School raised \$4,219.95 for the American Red Cross. Donations were designated to provide assistance for the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti. Students, families, and teachers are thanked for the overwhelming response.

On January 15th students and staff at Windermere School paid to wear pajamas to school and raised money to purchase books for children in need. Over \$1,100 was raised through this effort. The books were donated to The Bridge Family Center and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Bonus points were accrued from the purchase of the books and will be used to make "Summer 'Just Right' Book Bags" for selected children at Windermere.

The EHS Opening Knight Players participated in the 82nd Annual Connecticut Drama Association Play Festival at Greenwich High School on March 19 and 20. The students saw outstanding theater from around the state, made friends, talked and laughed, and learned more about the craft of theater. Below is a list of awards received for their presentation of *"The Insanity of Mary Girard."* **Outstanding Ensemble Award:** presented to a cast or part of a cast such as a Greek chorus, in which a group works closely together in seamless fashion. One actor does not stand out because all the actors are so strong. **People's Choice Award:** Awarded to the school that was voted "Best" by all of the schools participating in the CDA Festival. **Outstanding Actor Award:** Emily Reed – This is the highest honor for individual achievement, awarded for truly superior work in creating and developing characters in an artistic manner. **All Connecticut Cast:** (6 out of 12 won by Ellington students): Ajay Raghavan, Samantha Skeels, Cali Russell, Ann Sawamura, Todd Costello, and Michaela Whiting. Individual Awards are given for excellent work in creating characters that are believable, often complex and textured, and truthful to the style of the production. **Outstanding Make-up:** Ajay Raghavan, Rachel Ballasy, chairs. **Outstanding Movement Award:** Entire Cast; **Theatrical Excellence Award – 3rd Place.** Awarded to the schools ranking 3rd, 4th, and 5th, without regard to order, for productions that display excellence in the theater arts in all components of production. If one or both of the top ranking productions are unable to attend the New England Drama Council Festival, these schools will be asked to attend in order of their ranking. In addition, EHS drama teacher William Prenetta received the Distinguished Service Award from the Connecticut Drama Association for years of dedication to the Connecticut Drama Association.

Fourth grade Crystal Lake student Olivia Kent entered a national essay writing contest sponsored by Scholastic. Students were asked to write an essay about their favorite animal hero. Olivia wrote about her cousin's dog Merlin, an Australian shepherd who does therapy work with soldiers and sick children. Olivia was one of ten runners up nationally! Congratulations, Olivia.

EHS student Mary Owens was honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Obama. Mary participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Ellington High School.

Third grade teacher Sara Varga organized Windermere School's annual fundraiser to benefit Hockanum Valley Community Council. Together, the school staff and students raised \$1,704.39. This is the largest amount collected to date for this annual program and the money raised was used to benefit a number of families serviced by HVCC.

Thanks to the efforts and encouragement of language arts teachers Jennifer Larkin, Alison Fetta, Steve Donovan, Krista Brogle, Jennifer Pohlman, Jan Root and Daryl Basch, Ellington Middle School students read 2,748 books during the summer break. The students have received an award from Governor Rell for being the third and now the second top performing school in the state for summer reading.



Ellington Middle School students pose with Governor Rell and Commissioner of Education Mark McQuillan after winning second place in the 2009 Connecticut Summer Reading Challenge.

At Crystal Lake, twelve students from Nancy Connelly's grade four class entered a national poetry contest and were selected to have their original poems published this fall in the Poetic Power Anthology. Jennie Schneider, Jonathan Schneider, Logan Discenza, Robert Ecker, Matthew Phillips, Madison Killoran, Kara Waltman, Michael Libby, Olivia Kent, Nicholas Willett, Lucas Van Deventer and Jacob Essig all had poems chosen for publication.

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

Three Center School students, Daniel Meaney, Olivia Dutkewych and Emma Barry, were entered in the Creative Communications competition and had their poetry published in the Spring 2010 Anthology edition.

Madeline Meaney and Brigid McGrath received runners up status in the Patriot's Pen essay contest. The two girls actually tied for first place from Windermere School. The contest is sponsored by the Ellington Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Nine advanced placement (AP) chemistry students participated on March 11 in the Connecticut Valley Section Olympiad competition held at the University of Connecticut. Congratulations to Lauren Arbeiter, Emily Baker, Katryna Gouin, Ian Grinaski, Nicholas Larew, Samuel Sirag, Christine Spartz, Christopher Tempelman, and Christopher Wing for bringing much honor to our school. As an overall school score, Ellington placed second among 28 competing high schools.

Special congratulations to Emily Baker, Ian Grinaski, Nicholas

Larew, Samuel Sirag, Christine Spartz, and Christopher Tempelman who qualified to advance to rounds II and III of the competition, being selected among 28 top scoring students from over 200 participants throughout the state. Final results will be announced at a later date. Emily Baker advanced further and was chosen to compete in the National Chemistry Olympiad on April 23, based on her high performance in the regional competition held on March 11. The tests are being evaluated at a national center and results will be available at a later date. Only 14 students qualified for the national competition out of 450 Connecticut and Massachusetts participants and 11 students took the exam. Emily, her parents and teacher attended an award luncheon at Amherst College on April 24 which also included presentations of savings bonds to these students.

Center School fourth grader, Lia Guerette, won a national Heinz Ketchup Competition with her clever art work. As a result, Lia's art work will be printed on 20,000,000 individual ketchup packets! Lia received a scholarship award and Center was the lucky recipient of one thousand dollars worth of ketchup.

Congratulations to Emma Dolen who won an Excellence in Citizenship Award that was sponsored by the Worker's Federal Credit Union. Emma was nominated by her teacher, Karin Perkins, for consistently demonstrating patience, compassion, and kindness to her classmates and being a positive leader and role model for her fellow students. The award included a \$50 savings bond.

To encourage students to read, the fourth grade at Windermere School held its second 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 language arts consultant Kathy Bienkowski, a read aloud by the principal, Steve Moccio, book recommendation groups, and placement of the individual class pledges that highlight what each student agreed to read during the month long Reading Olympics. Guests who read to the fourth grade students throughout the month included Superintendent of Schools Steve Cullinan; State Representative Ted Graziani, Senator Gary LeBeau, and State Comptroller Nancy Wyman. The closing ceremony included a presentation by Mr. Cullinan of the "The Golden Book" from David Pechie to Steve Moccio. The "Golden Book" logs how many total minutes each class read during the month long activity. Students were awarded with an ice cream party for their total of reading 155,277 minutes (2,588 hours) which easily topples last year's amount of 96,394 minutes (1,600 hours) and previous challenge of 100,000 given by Mr. Moccio.

EHS students Kevin Lapointe and Christine Spartz took the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and met requirements to enter the 2011 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Kevin and Christine are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million program entrants. Of the more than 50,000 students, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program Semifinalists and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

The President's Education Award was awarded to twenty sixth grade students for their educational excellence and academic achievement. The recipients were announced at the sixth grade Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) graduation and awards assembly and received a congratulations letter from President Obama, certificate of achievement and pin. The award recipients were selected according to their 2009 CMT scores and academic performance throughout the school year. This year's recipients were Nicholas Bennett, Lori Bezanson, Alyssa Cooke, Brianna DeLand, Michael Dixon, Emma Dolen, Kyle Fitzgerald, Leah Gervin, Madeleine Glassner, Allison Gorman, Daniel Joy, Audrey Levesque, Madeline Meaney, David Roberts, Kathryn Tautkus, Julia Tiedt, Emily Walder, Sheryl Wang, Madison White, and Caitlin Wing.

The following students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society during a special ceremony at Ellington High School on May 19: Sara Arbelaez, Lauren Arbeiter, Emily Baker, William Baker, Rachel Ballasy, Emily Barnhart, Angela Daigle, Shane Dryburgh, Katryna Gouin, Zachary Graves, Michael Gresh, Kady Joy, Meghan Kacmarcik, Bhrihde Kehoe, Samantha King, Nicholas Larew, Briana Lechkun, Brian Malone, Tracy Marholin, Justin Markowski, Krista Pregony, Amanda Schroth, Melissa Selochan, Samuel Sirag, Natalie Snow, Ashley Sojka, Christine Spartz, Kelly Stauffer, Michael Thomas, and Michelle Walters.

Grade eight students Nick Schipper and Erin Shirra were named this year's Connecticut Association of Schools scholar-leaders for Ellington Middle School. They were recognized at the annual CAS Scholar-Leader Banquet held on June 7.

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. We wish to thank the officers and coordinators of these groups, as well as, the parents who volunteer their time, talents and resources to help support the many activities and programs offered to our students.

In February, twenty-seven EHS Latin students joined over 150,000 others from all fifty states and several other countries in participation in the 2010 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, EHS had eight winners: Latin One: Blaire Herter and Benjamin Friedman, *magna cum laude*; Thomas Cottle and Andrew Roets, *cum laude*. Latin Two: Victor Viega, *magna cum laude*. Latin Three: Kevin Lapointe, *maxima cum laude* with silver medal; Emily Baker, *cum laude*. Latin Four: Nathaniel Herter, *cum laude*.

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awards Program is designed to honor Connecticut middle and high school students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. One male and one female student from each school in a CABE member district are eligible to receive the CABE Student Leadership Award. This year's grade eight students Erin McGrath and Cody Welti were the recipients of this award.

We are proud to announce the Class of 2010 valedictorian is Catherine Piotrowski and this year's salutatorian is Kristyn Piotrowski. Catherine and Kristyn are the twin daughters of Michael and Deanna Piotrowski.

As valedictorian, Catherine Piotrowski has maintained a GPA of 100.95, achieving high honors throughout four consecutive years at Ellington High School. She was recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar and achieved SAT scores of 790 on critical reading, 750 on writing, and 650 on math out of 800 total points for each category. Catherine received awards for Outstanding Achievement in AP U.S. history, being a Governor's Scholar semi-finalist, and for being a scholar athlete. Catherine was also the recipient of the Harvard-Radcliffe Book Award, inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year and chosen to attend the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Besides her excellence in academics, Catherine has participated in band and marching band, the Opening Knight Players drama club, and the Young Educators' Society Club. Catherine will be attending the University of Connecticut to study education.

As salutatorian, Kristyn Piotrowski has pursued a strong academic schedule at Ellington High School. Kristyn is a member of the National Honor Society and achieved high honors for twelve out of thirteen quarters. Kristyn was recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar and was a scholar athlete. She has received academic awards in honors English, honors algebra, and honors geometry. Kristyn also was the recipient of the Holy Cross Book Award. Complementing her academic achievements, Kristyn rounded out her educational experiences by participating in the drama club, the Opening Knight Players, serving as a section leader in band and marching band and participating as a member of the Young Educators' Society Club. Kristyn will also attend the University of Connecticut and is undecided on her major.

Kathy Fitzgerald, Beth Palasek, Steve Rogers, and Christine Zaremski continued their work with Larry Brown from the Connecticut Academy of Mathematics and Science on updating the fifth grade science curriculum, developing more inquiry based science labs, and developing common formative assessments.

The following students were nominated by EHS faculty members to be Ellington High School's representatives to the 69th American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. The Boys State delegates are Justin Markowski, Michael Gresh, Samuel Sirag, Thomas Cottle, Logan Marcus, Adam Vieweg and Michael Thomas. The Girls State delegates are Krista Pregony and Christine Spartz. Nominations were based on leadership, ability, friendliness, good sportsmanship, civic interests, cooperativeness and academics. Boys and Girls State will train our students in the ideal and objectives of American government by teaching them to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society not by classroom lectures or textbook learning, but by participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with its governing bodies and elected public officials.

The following EHS interscholastic sports teams won their North Central Connecticut Conference (NCCC) championships: baseball,



EHS Boys' Lacrosse Team

softball, boys and girls outdoor track, boys lacrosse, boys indoor track, cheerleaders, hockey (Northern Hockey Conference). Additionally, the win/loss record this year of 157-85 equates to a 65% winning percentage. Finally, Chloe Moeller organized "Two Teams One Goal" during soccer season, raising over \$1,500 for breast cancer.

Language Arts Coordinator Robin Kline, speech and language pathologist Jen Ryan, preschool coordinator Sandy Suib-Dutcher, and town librarian Pat Grundman facilitated the Raising Readers Parent Group at the Hall Memorial Library from February to April.

Denise Ackeifi, Special Education Teacher and Certified CPI trainer, taught a twelve hour de-escalation and restraint class for the district instructional aides.

Windermere assistant principal and special services supervisor Dr. Kristy LaPorte was selected by then University of Hartford College of Education, Nursing, and Health Professions for the Regents' Honor Award for Graduate Students. This is a most prestigious award that the University bestows on graduate students.

Ellington High School graduated 185 seniors on Friday, June 18, under sunny skies on the soccer field. Mr. Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools, presented the diplomas. Ellington High School principal Neil Rinaldi praised the seniors' academic accomplishments, saying that 15% of them were consecutively on the honor roll during all four years of high school. He also stated that the class of 2010 had collectively earned more than \$300,000 in scholarships. This year, the school's top scholars were identical twins, valedictorian Catherine Piotrowski and salutatorian Kristyn Piotrowski. In addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian the following students were recognized as the Class of 2010 scholars who represent the top 5% of their class: Mallory Honda, Kendra Wright, Lindsay Grimm, Courtney Carver, Kerry Sawamura, Ryan Ouimet, and Christopher Tempelman. One of the class scholars, Lindsey Grimm, was accepted into the Coast Guard Academy. Foreign exchange students, Timo Berg from Germany and Agustina Urrutia from Uruguay thanked their host families, fellow students and the Ellington

community for welcoming them and providing them with a wonderful experience in Ellington.

The Ellington Safe Graduation Committee chaired by Natalie LaPointe provided an evening of safe, alcohol and drug-free fun activities for all graduates at the Ellington Middle School. The community appreciates the many volunteers who provided this opportunity for our graduates.

At the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year, the district saw the retirements of Dr. Gene Zanol, school psychologist at Center School; Benitta Morgan, sixth grade teacher at Windermere Intermediate School; Annette Browning, second grade teacher at Windermere School; Jan Root, language arts consultant at Ellington Middle School; and James Klopfer, language, speech and hearing pathologist at Windermere School and Ellington Middle School. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their more than 121 years of combined service.

In July, Center School Principal Trudie Luck Roberts was invited to participate in the National Selection Committee for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematic Teaching in Washington, D.C. She collaborated with science educators, university professors and scientists working in the field from across America to select the winning portfolios from the state awardees for this prestigious national award.

DISTRICT NEEDS

As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite larger class sizes and spending less per student than similar or comparable school systems. In 2008-2009 Ellington ranked 162nd of 166 districts in Connecticut in spending per pupil. As the 2009-2010 budget was a reduction from the previous year, this ranking may continue to decline. This is documented through information published in the Connecticut State Department of Education's annual Strategic School Profiles Report (SSP). Student achievement across all measures (CMT, CAPT, SAT, AP and ACT) is most favorable. Academic awards and achievements listed throughout this report demonstrate that the students in the Ellington Public School continue to excel in a variety of venues.

The 2009-2010 budget process saw the elimination of 6.5 FTE certified positions. This occurred in spite of voluntary wage freezes by approximately eighty employees and furlough days from three bargaining units. Unfortunately, through the budget process, the Board of Education had to eliminate funding for year one of an athletic restoration plan for our secondary schools that was initiated the previous year. The capital improvement plan brought forward by the Board of Education certainly recognized the economic crisis, as it contained only a request for one replacement van to continue required special education transportation. Unfortunately, the 2009-2010 budget, which was passed in the spring of 2009, represented a dramatic decrease in all accounts in addition to the elimination of a number of teaching positions. Failure to restore educational services to students in the near future will hinder efforts to continue to increase student achievement as outlined in the district instructional plan.

A significant need for the town continues to be upgrading school facilities. Student enrollment continues to increase and this growth remains a major concern for our schools and presents a challenge to the community. The enrollment at Windermere School alone has increased by nearly 100 students in the past four years. Ellington continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in the State and, as a result, additional classroom space will be required. Crystal Lake School, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in the spring of 2007, is in need of its first renovation. Due to the economic downturn, the Board of Education delayed bringing forward plans for renovation and expansion. The Board of Education has reconstituted its Ad Hoc Facilities Committee and has added representatives from the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen and a parent. It is anticipated that the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee will present its formal recommendation early in the 2010-2011 school year.

The changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neil settlement continues to unfold, and the financial impact upon local communities continues to evolve. Ellington is at the lower end of recommended participation in the Open Choice program. The Ellington Board of Education has again increased its participation in both the Open Choice and the various magnet school programs. With continued growth in student population, further expansion of available seats for this program may be severely limited. Also, without a significant increase in state aid, continued growth will be most problematic.



During soccer season, EHS student Chloe Moeller organized "Two Teams One Goal," raising over \$1,500 in support of finding a cure for breast cancer. (L-R) Kelly Maguire, Vinnie Bifolck and Chloe Moeller.

2010 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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 Hayley Paige Wolverton
 Kendra Lynn Wright†*
 Samantha Mary Yost
 Susan Zheng
 Jason Matthew Zylberman*

HONORARY DIPLOMAS

Foreign Exchange Students
 Timo Berg
 Agustina Urrutia

† 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.

Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society wore Blue/Gold Honor Cords.

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Deputy Fire Marshal: James York

Fire Inspector: Scott Cunningham

Burning Officials: Allan Lawrence and James York

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton

Admin. Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino & Felicia LaPlante

Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani

Asst. To Senior Center Director: Jean Baseel

Senior Center Van Driver: Margaret Anderson

Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Susan Shepard & Florence Brennan

Senior Center Receptionist:

Mary Ann Mandell (*Green Thumb Enrollee*)

Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner

Director of Youth Services: Diane Lasher-Penti

Assistant Program Coordinator: Chantal Haracsy

Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Anna Turner

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director: William Blitz

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Robert A. Phillips

Assistant Town Planner: Lisa M. Houlihan

Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer: John Colonese

Secretary: Kristin Michaud

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:

Sgt. William Konieczny

TPR Veronica Carpenter

TFC Ron Richardson

TFC Robert Given

TFC Keith Timme

Road Constables:

Bart Alexander

Michael Bard

Aaron Blank

Arthur Carlson, III

Michael Caron

Thomas Clark

Martin Dorey

Joseph Grayeb

Robert Hoffman

Maureen Lowe

Sebastian Magnano

Marine Constables:

Allen Bump

Thomas Davenport

Michael Hesnan

Police Support Administrator:

Maureen Lowe

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director: George Fetko
Administrative Assistant: Lori Smith
Foreman: Robert Willis
Assistant Foreman: Leonard Descheneaux
Assistant Foreman: Jack Rich
Crew Chief: Rosario Raia
Mechanic: Barry Glazier
Maintainer II: Franz Redler
Maintainer II: Jon Godek
Maintainer II: Joshua Hebert
Maintainer II: Ronald Moser
Maintainer I: Charles Bengston
Maintainer I: Richard Daugherty
Maintainer I: Kevin Gambacorta
Maintainer I: Mark Lavoie
Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki
Maintainer I: Benjamin Pare
Laborer: Shawn Bull
Laborer: Rebecca O'Brien
Custodians: Kim Gallicchio and Lisa Robinson

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Robert Tedford
Recreation Coordinator/Supervisor: Mary Bartley
Administrative Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino & Felicia LaPlante

TAX DEPARTMENT

Tax Collector: Ann Marie Conti
Deputy Tax Collector: Brenda Strong
Tax Clerk: Dawn Stavens

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk/Registrar Of Vital Statistics: Diane McKeegan
Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Elizabeth Waters
Administrative Clerk: Gail Moran

TOWN COUNSEL

Atherton B. Ryan, Esq.
Special Counsel:
Day Pitney LLC (Bond Counsel)
Shipman & Goodman
(Special Ed Counsel for Bd. of Education)
Siegel, O'Connor, Schiff & Zangari
(Negotiations Counsel for Board of Education)
Patrick McHale
(Negotiations Counsel for General Government)

TOWN ENGINEER: James Thompson, Buck & Buck Engineers

TREE WARDEN: George Fetko

WPCA ADMINISTRATOR: Peter Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Maurice W. Blanchette, *First Selectman*
James M. Prichard, *Deputy 1st Selectman*
Laurie Burstein
Leo Miller
Lori L. Spielman
Ronald F. Stomberg
John W. Turner

TERM EXPIRES

December 2011
December 2011
December 2011
December 2011
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December 2011

BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, *Chairman*
Richard J. Cleary, Jr.
Mark A. Joyse
Barry C. Pinto
Michael D. Varney
Joseph E. Wehr, Jr.

December 2011
December 2013
December 2013
December 2013
December 2011
December 2011

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Daniel C. Keune, *Chairman*
Gary J. Blanchette
Howard S. Friedman
Ann Marie Hayes
Tracey J. Kiff-Judson
Kristen Picard-Wambolt
Dale C. Roberson
James M. Stoughton
William Trisler
Michael Young

November 2013
November 2013
November 2011
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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

January 2011
January 2011

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

December 2011
December 2011
December 2011
December 2013
December 2013
December 2013

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, *Chairman*
William R. Hogan
Robert G. Hoffman
Geraldine R. Kupecky
David Stavens
Carol A. Strom
Emery L. Zahner

December 2013
December 2013
December 2011
December 2013
December 2011
December 2011
December 2013

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

December 2011
December 2011
December 2013
December 2013
December 2011

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TERM EXPIRES

AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term through 2010-11 budget season
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

David Arzt, *Chairman*
Jean Burns
Monique Burns
Rodger Hosig
William Merson

May 2011
May 2011
May 2011
May 2011
May 2011

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 yr.)

Michele Beaulieu
Gary Chaplin
Robert M. Dawson, III
Janet Marshall
Kevin Zahner

June 2011
June 2011
June 2011
June 2011
June 2011

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

Mary Bartley
Yale Cantor
Doris Crayton
Chantal Haracsy

August 2010
August 2010
August 2010
August 2010

Lisa Kelly	August 2010
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2010
Erin McGurk	August 2010
Nancy Netherwood	August 2010
Daniel Uriano	August 2010
Deborah Stauffer	August 2010

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Laurie Burstein, <i>Board of Selectmen Rep.</i>	February 2011
Robert Clements, <i>Board of Finance Rep.</i>	February 2011
Donald Davis, <i>Director of Emergency Management</i>	February 2011
Peter Hany, <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Rep.</i>	February 2011
Bryan Harvell, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Dept. Rep.</i>	February 2011
Robert Smith, <i>Ellington Fire Department Rep.</i>	February 2011
Edward Ludwig, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Dept. Rep.</i>	February 2011
Terry Shook, <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Rep.</i>	February 2011
John Turner, <i>Board of Selectmen Rep.</i>	February 2011
Michael Varney, <i>Ellington Fire Department Rep.</i>	February 2011
<i>Vacant – Board of Finance Rep.</i>	February 2011

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Leonard Johnson, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2010
Michael Currier	December 2010
Ted Graziani	December 2010
David Grim	December 2010
Alan Lewandosky	December 2010
Jeffrey Martin	December 2010
David Milnes	December 2010
Cheryl Samborski	December 2010
Michael Varney	December 2010

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

Ray Bedard, <i>Economic Development Rep.</i>	July 2010
William Hogan, <i>Planning & Zoning Rep.</i>	July 2010
David Hurley, <i>Conservation Commission Rep.</i>	July 2010
Daniel Parisi, <i>WPCA Rep.</i>	July 2010
Lori, Spielman, <i>Board of Selectmen Rep.</i>	July 2010
Carol Strom, <i>Planning & Zoning Rep.</i>	July 2010
Joe Wehr, <i>Board of Finance Rep.</i>	July 2010

AD HOC PINNEY HOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Gerry Gilling, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2010
James Gage	July 2010
Marcia Kupferschmid	July 2010
Mark Maciolek	July 2010
Dale Roberson	July 2010
Debby Wallace	July 2010

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

John Rachek, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2012
Marie Bedor	January 2011
Charles Jackson	January 2013

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 yrs.)

James Alexander	April 2015
Donald Gobeille	April 2012
Howard D. Reckert	April 2013
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2014

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

Galen Semprebon	June 2011
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COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Christopher Moyer	June 2012
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

David Hurley, <i>Chairman</i>	March 2012
Jesse Amsel	March 2014
James Gage	March 2011
Mark Maciolek	March 2014
Walter Moody	March 2013
George Nickerson	March 2013
Rebecca Quarno	March 2011
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Nathaniel Stafford	March 2012
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2011

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 yr.)

George Shaw	August 2010
ALTERNATE – <i>Vacant</i>	August 2010

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Noah Forrest, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2010
Ray Bedard	July 2013
John Luginbuhl	July 2012
Aaron Olmsted	July 2010
Christopher Todd	July 2011
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Stanislay Moline	January 2011
Rosario Motisi	January 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2011

ETHICS COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Ronald Hull, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2012
Elizabeth Feldman	January 2013
Phyllis McConnell	January 2012
Elaine Pont	January 2014
Maya Smyth	January 2011

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yrs.)

Katherine Cusson, <i>Chairman</i>	June 2013
Margaret Bean	June 2014
Stephen Schindler	June 2012
Deborah Stauffer	June 2011
<i>Vacancy</i>	June 2015
Ted Yampanis, <i>Executive Director</i>	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Melinda Ferry, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2014
Hocine Baouche	January 2014
Yale Cantor	January 2014
Helen Filloramo	January 2012
Susan Hannigan	January 2012
Anne Nickerson	January 2012
Susan Stack	January 2012
Miriam Underwood	January 2014

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2011
Ron Brown	January 2013
Jean Burns	January 2013
Steven Hoffman	January 2011
Fred Leone III	January 2011
Donald McConnell	January 2013
Robert McMullen	January 2011
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Joseph Boucher	January 2011
Beth O'Neil	January 2012

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.)

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

LAND RECORD INSPECTOR

Nancy Lemek	September 2010
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15

Beryl Cantor	January 2013
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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)**

John P. Golon	June 2013
Edward S. Kramer	June 2013

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Gordon Oliver, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2012
Thomas Boscarino	January 2012
Cynthia Costanzo	January 2012
Hunter Giroux	January 2014
Kevin Hayes	January 2014
Robert Larew	January 2012
Thomas Neeson	January 2014
Michael Pantuosco	January 2014
Thomas Stauffer	January 2014

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 yrs.)

Peter W. Welti, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2014
Thomas Adams	February 2014
Gary Feldman	February 2014
Jeffrey Gerber	February 2012
Katherine Heminway	February 2014
Gary Magnuson	February 2012
Lori Spielman	February 2012
Ronald Stromberg (Board of Selectmen Rep.)	December 2011
Gary Blanchette (Board of Education Rep.)	December 2011
Joe Wehr (Board of Finance Rep.)	December 2011
David Stavens (Planning & Zoning Rep.)	December 2011
George Fetko, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

PLANNING & ZONING ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

James Prichard	September 2011
Joseph Wehr	September 2011

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 yrs.)

Carolyn Cook	October 2011
William Enes, Jr.	October 2010
June Lyons	October 2012

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

Timothy Derby	March 2013
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2012
Leo Miller (Board of Selectmen Rep.)	December 2011
Daniel Keune (Board of Education Rep.)	December 2011
Mark Joyse (Board of Finance Rep)	December 2011

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Michael Young	June 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2012

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

Renee Irvin	June 2011
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)

Daniel Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2013
Edward Duell	April 2014
Timothy Kiessling	April 2011
Shawn Koehler	April 2012
Joe Stimac	April 2014

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Ronald Brown	August 2011
Ronald Stromberg	August 2010
Michael Agranoff	August 2010

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**DEMOCRAT**

Yale Cantor	January 2013
Thomas J. Dzicek	January 2013
Glenora Forbes	January 2013
Dennis W. Frawley	January 2013
Frank C. Graziani	January 2013
John M. Halloran, Jr.	January 2013
Marion W. Hoffman	January 2013
James R. Josephiac	January 2013
Edwin M. Lavitt	January 2013
Dennis Milanovich	January 2013
Thaddeus J. Okolo	January 2013
Mark R. Spurling	January 2013
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow	January 2013

TERM EXPIRES**REPUBLICAN**

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

UNAFFILIATED

Bettie Rivard-Darby	January 2013
James Darby	January 2013
Richard J. Sabonis, Sr.	January 2013
Elizabeth C. Waters	January 2013

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Ellington Public Schools

August

S M T W T F S

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8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30 31

September

S M T W T F S

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2010-2011 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Sept 2

Last Day of School** Jun 14**

** Tentative

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Convocation Aug 30
Teacher Inservice Aug 31-Sept 1
Labor Day Sept 6
Columbus Day Oct 11
Teacher Inservice Oct 12
Teacher Inservice Nov 2
Veterans' Day Nov 11
Thanksgiving Nov 25-26
Christmas Recess Dec 24-31
Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 17
Presidents' Day Feb 21
Winter Recess Feb 22
Spring Recess Apr 18-21
Good Friday Apr 22
Memorial Day May 30

October

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November

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December

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January

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February

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March

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○○ EARLY DISMISSALS ○○

7-8 Conferences Nov 17-19
½ Day - All Schools Nov 24
K-6 Conferences Dec 1-3
7-8 Conferences Feb 9-11
K-6 Conferences Mar 23-25
Last Day ** June 14
High School Exams T.B.D.
(4 days in January & June)

Graduation June 17

** Tentative

April

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May

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June

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 14th. If more than eight school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the first day of the week. This decision will be made by March 7, 2011.

Approved :
3/24/10

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

NON EMERGENCY CALLS		TOWN HALL	
AMBULANCE:	870-3170	55 Main Street, PO Box 187; Ellington, CT 06029	
FIRE: Crystal Lake Fire District	870-3174	Website: www.ellington-ct.gov	
Center Fire Department	870-3190	Hours: Monday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER:	875-1522	Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM	
STATE POLICE – TROOP C:	896-3200	Friday – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	
ADMINISTRATION:		PROBATE COURT:	872-0519
Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman		PUBLIC WORKS:	
and General Information:	870-3100	George Fetko, Director	870-3140
Selectman's Office Fax	870-3102	Public Works Fax	870-3147
TDD/TT Phone for Hearing Impaired	870-3196	RECREATION:	
ANIMAL CONTROL:		Robert Tedford, Director	870-3118
Barbara Murdach, ACO	870-3155	Recreation Office Fax	870-3198
ASSESSOR:		RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR:	
Rhonda McCarty	870-3109	George Fetko	870-3140
Assessor's Office Fax	870-3197	Bulky Waste Disposal	289-7850
BUILDING PERMITS:		SCHOOLS:	
Peter R. Williams, Building Official	870-3124	Superintendent's Office	896-2300
Building Office Fax	870-3122	Superintendent's Office Fax	896-2312
BURNING PERMITS:		Special Services	896-2300
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal	870-3126	Center School	896-2315
CEMETERIES:		Crystal Lake School	896-2322
Rachel Dearborn	875-8204	Ellington High School	896-2352
COMMUNITY SERVICE:		Guidance Office	896-2352
Hockanum Valley Community Council	872-9905	Ellington Middle School	896-2339
DEP CONSERVATION OFFICER:		Windermere School	896-2329
Ed Pyznar	424-3333	SENIOR CENTER:	
ELDERLY OUTREACH CASEWORKER:		Erin Graziani, Director	870-3133
Anna Turner	870-3131	Transportation	870-3137
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:		Sr. Center Fax	870-3136
Donald Davis, Director	870-3182	SEWER ADMINISTRATION:	
FINANCE:		Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator	870-3124
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer	870-3115	SEWER MAINTENANCE:	
Bills and Accounts: Jill Mannise	870-3115	George Fetko	870-3140
Finance Office Fax	870-3158	Emergency Maintenance Number	870-3145
FIRE MARSHAL:		STATE ROADS:	
Allan Lawrence	870-3126	East Windsor Garage	623-4473
Fire Marshal Fax	870-3122	Vernon Garage	875-4993
HEALTH:		TAXES:	
North Central District Health Department:		Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector	870-3113
William Blitz, Director	745-0383	Tax Office Fax	870-3704
Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc.	872-9163	TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATS:	
HOUSING AUTHORITY:		Diane McKeegan	870-3105
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director	872-6923	Town Clerk Fax	870-3158
HOUSING REHABILITATION:	870-3132	TOWN PLANNER:	
HUMAN SERVICES:		Robert A. Phillips	870-3120
Doris Crayton, Director	870-3128	Planning Office Fax	870-3122
Human Services Fax	870-3198	TREE WARDEN:	
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL:		George Fetko	870-3140
Susan Phillips, Director	870-3160	VOTING:	
MUNICIPAL AGENT:		Susan Luginbuhl/Wanda DeLand	870-3107
Anna Turner	870-3131	YOUTH SERVICES:	
Municipal Agent Fax	870-3198	Diane Lasher-Penti, Director	870-3130
POLICE:		Youth Services Fax	870-3198
Resident Troopers' Office	875-1522	ZONING & WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	
Resident Troopers' Fax	870-3152	John Colonese	870-3120
POST OFFICE:	875-6391	Zoning & Wetlands Fax	870-3122

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