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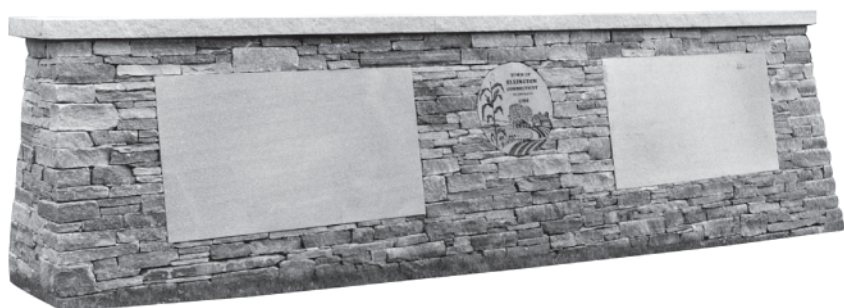
The Water Pollution Control Authority purchased a jet truck for the Department of Public Works to clean and maintain sewer pipes.

WALL OF HONOR RECIPIENT 2008

DOROTHY BLOCK COHEN

1917-2005

*Pioneer in the Field of Local History
Town Historian*





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BOARD OF FINANCE

ROBERT J. CLEMENTS
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MICHAEL D. VARNEY
JOSEPH E. WEHR

Dear Ellington Residents:

This year we found ourselves in the unique position of being the only town in the area without a tax increase. The primary reason for this was because the Connecticut legislature passed its final budget long after Ellington had passed its budget, and the state's budget provided us with more than we had expected under the ECS (Education Cost Sharing) program. We also collected more revenue than expected from property taxes.

These excess funds allowed us keep the mill rate stable and still provide the resources to meet the needs of the various departments of town government.

The next budget we face may not be as smooth and easy. Fuel costs, which are a part of almost every department, have risen dramatically and each department has been cautioned to ration their fuel efficiently and implement economizing measures wherever possible, but we, as a town have no control whatever over future energy costs. For the long term, we have advised the Board of Education to look into the feasibility of solar energy for current and future building programs.

As for Capital Improvements, we are trying to match new bonding debt service with older retiring debt service so that we can continue with new, much needed capital projects without creating more debt service than our budget can absorb. This may cause us to wait for certain projects to be approved, but will allow us to stabilize our debt service into the future.

All in all, Ellington enjoys a very good credit rating which allows us to borrow money at very low rates. The Board of Finance has in the past, and will into the future, try to take a conservative approach to spending. It is our intention to provide the best possible environment in which to live, educate and raise a family while staying within the taxpayers ability to provide revenues.

Our goal is to maintain the high quality of life in Ellington which has attracted so many of the new residents, while not overlooking the needs of those who have spent their lives here.

A special thank you is due all the town's employees and the citizens of Ellington who volunteer their time and talent serving on the various boards and committees without remuneration, in particular those members of the Ellington Ambulance Corp. and the Crystal Lake and Ellington Volunteer Fire Depts. We are truly indebted to all of these fine people.

Robert J. Clements, Chairman

September 30, 2008

Richard J. Cleary
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Barry C. Pinto
Michael D. Varney
Joseph E. Wehr

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Selectmen:

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fifteen regular meetings and five special meetings. The Board of Selectmen met in joint session with the Board of Finance on two occasions. Five public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called eight town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2007-08:

AGREEMENTS

- Renewed agreement with Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT for 2008-2009.
- Renewed Lease with Nutmeg Industrial Park, LLC for truck bay space for EVFD.

CONTRACTS

- Authorized First Selectman to sign the Public Works Union Contract, Local 1303.09 AFSCME Co. 4, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.
- Renewed contract for the Town's computer service and maintenance with The Computer Company for an additional year to March 31, 2009.
- Awarded contract for solid waste disposal to All American Waste of Enfield, CT, commencing July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013.
- Awarded contract for the 2008 Small Cities Grant application preparation and program administration to Community Opportunities Group, Inc.

EQUIPMENT

- Accepted the EVFD 2007 Tanker Truck with Fire Pump from US Tanker Fire Apparatus, Inc.
- Approved request of BOE to donate 1995 Van and 1998 Van to Kidsafe.
- Approved request of EVFD to sell 1970 tanker and place funds received in fire equipment account.
- Approved request of EVFD to sell fire hose/fittings and place funds received in fire equipment account.

FINANCES

- Recommended appropriation of \$2,000,000 for Farmland Preservation be sent to Town Meeting and placed on the November 6, 2007 ballot, which was approved.
- Approved an additional appropriation of \$24,000 to EVAC to conduct a study, give recommendations and provide cost estimates to build an addition to the Ambulance Building.
- Set Trash Collection fee at \$95/each residential unit.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$5,000 to reinstate Crystal Lake Monitoring Program.
- Approve additional appropriation of \$2,000 to the Crystal Lake Fire Department Medical Supplies Budget.
- Approved year-end transfers, adjustments and additional appropriations for FY 2006-2007, which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved proposal to allow taxpayers the option of paying their taxes and other fees online via electronic credit or debit card payments.
- Recommended to BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2008-2009, net amount \$3,150,836.
- Approved additional appropriation of \$8,000 to cover the cost of emergency medical supplies and equipment for the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department.
- Waived the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) for the Housing Authority for Fiscal Years 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.
- Sent 2008-2009 budget sum of \$44,356,515 to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 13, 2008, which was approved at this meeting.
- Approved additional \$5,000 to the FY 2008-2009 Hockanum Valley Community Council Account to cover fuel adjustments.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Applied for DECD Small Cities Grant in amount not to exceed \$450,000 in which \$300,00 was approved.
- Approved participation in the FY 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant.
- Applied for CRCOG OPM Regional Performance Incentive Program/Service Sharing Project Grant for GIS Flight and Mapping Data.
- Applied for historic documents preservation grant.
- Approved \$11,500 additional appropriation for DUI enforcement, 75% of which is reimbursable through State grant.
- Entered into Agreement with State DOT re: Matching Grant Program for Elderly/Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation.
- Approved \$13,856 additional appropriation for speed enforcement, 100% of which is reimbursable through State grant.

ORDINANCES

- Recommended Revision to Solid Waste Ordinance to Town Meeting, which was approved.

POLICY

- Approved Employee Training and Development Policy.
- Set policy for Ethics Commission Membership.

PROPERTY

- Recommended to Town Meeting the purchase of approximately 2.28 acres of property located at 17 Main Street in the amount of \$325,000, which was approved.
- Entered into a partnership with Northern Connect Land Trust (NCLT) for purchase of Moseley Property (58 acre Parcel) in amount of \$185,000 for the protection of open space, 50% funded through State grant and Town and NCLT to contribute 25% each, which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved \$350,000 EVAC Building Expansion Project to be funded through EVAC charging fund account, which was also approved by BOF and Town Meeting.
- Approved Lease Agreement with Bahler Farms to lease 57 acres of town-owned land on Middle Road for agricultural purposes, commencing May 1, 2008 through November 30, 2012.

ROADS

- Accepted Foster Drive as town road from Hyde's Hill Subdivision.
- Accepted portion of Ridgeview Drive as town road from Gasek Farms III Subdivision.
- Accepted Lookout Landing and Overlook Pass as Town Roads from Pioneer Heights Subdivision.
- Accepted Ryan Drive, Meagan Circle and Justin Drive/Stagecoach Crossing Subdivision.

SCHOOLS

- Approved additional appropriation of \$100,000 for Crystal Lake School Wells Replacement which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Waived the normal bid procedures and authorized Superintendent of Schools to execute agreement/contracts for the completion of the dual fuel burner and boiler projects for Windermere School by the 2008-09 school year.
- Waived the normal bid procedures and authorized School Administration Business Director to execute agreement/contracts for the completion of Ellington High School telephone system by the 2008-09 school year.

STAFF

- Accepted resignation of David Yoho, Assistant Animal Control Officer.
- Accepted resignation of Donna Sullivan, Administrative Secretary I.
- Recommend to the WPCA that Peter Williams assume the duties of WPCA Administrator.
- Accepted resignation of Clay Farnham, Sr. Center Van Driver.
- Acknowledged resignations of Patrick Sullivan, Deputy Assessor, Sheila Bailey, Assistant Town Clerk and Donald Hinze, Laborer, DPW.
- Recognized Debra Cormier, Library Assistant II and Peter Williams, Building Official, for 10 years of service.
- Recognized Authur Carlson III, Constable and Susan Phillips, Library Director, for 20 years of service.
- Granted permanent status to Ashlee O'Rourke, Assistant Animal Control Officer.
- Granted permanent status to Rebecca O'Brien, Laborer, DPW.
- Granted permanent status to Shawn Bull, Laborer, DPW.
- Granted permanent status to Kevin Lonergan, Deputy Assessor.
- Acknowledged letter of retirement from Peter Michaud, Director of Public Works.

RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS – ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted the resignation of Robert Pagani from the Board of Finance effective August 20, 2007.
- Appointed Joseph Wehr to the Board of Finance to December 3, 2007.
- Accepted the resignation of Nancy Pagani from the Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors.
- Appointed Mary Blanchette to the Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors to December 3, 2007.
- Appointed Adam LaFleche to the ZBA to December 7, 2009.
- Accepted the resignation of Joanne Gallicchio from the Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors.
- Appointed Janet Wieliczka to Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors to December 7, 2009.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Approved annual salary for First Selectman in the amount of \$75,000 for FY 2008-2009.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Leonard "Len" A. Johnson as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2007.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Abuse Prevention/Youth Services Advisory Board.
- Granted Request of Winterfest Committee to use the Town Green for Annual Winterfest.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of the Pinney House.
- Approved Charter Revision Commission questions for November 6, 2007 ballot.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee.
- Appointed Atherton B. Ryan as Town Counsel.
- Appointed Patrick McHale as Special Counsel.
- Appointed Day, Berry and Howard as Bonding Counsel.
- Increased the cost of Crystal Lake Cemetery Plots and other related services.
- Established Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Drug Abuse Prevention/Youth Services Advisory Board.
- Granted request of Jr. Women's Club to use the Town Green for Annual Fair.
- Granted request of EVFD to use Brookside Park for Annual Carnival.
- Accepted certificate for designation as a HEARTSafe Community from the Department of Health.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Design Review Board.
- Established Ad Hoc Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee.

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, 2007 Grand List
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer and property maps

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	10/01/05	10/01/06	10/01/07
Real Estate	1,009,183,036	1,051,773,638	1,084,639,621
Personal Property	30,797,135	35,168,090	36,474,209
Motor Vehicle	<u>93,915,913</u>	<u>97,427,183</u>	<u>103,557,237</u>
TOTAL	\$759,936,001	\$1,133,896,084	\$1,184,368,911

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 2007 through December 2007, 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 in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversee Information Technology
- Bonding Resolution-\$2,000,000 for Farmland Preservation
- State audit of Ellington School project
- Assisted WPCA Administrator in close out of Sewer Developer Agreements
- Implementation of Positive Pay for Town and Board of Education Payroll and Accounts Payable checks
- Assisted Deferred Compensation Committee in review of 401 (a) Money Purchase Plan and 457 Plan
- Town Information Technology report to Shared Services Commission

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

- Bid-Sale of 1970 Brockway/Farrar Fire Truck (Tanker)
- Bid-Sale Surplus Hose and Fittings
- Request for Proposal Fire/Ambulance Department Property/Liability, Umbrella Insurance

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 2006 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,664	Real Estate
805	Personal Property
14,807	Motor Vehicle
2,681	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$29,291,516.56

COMPARISON	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Current Collections	\$25,649,069	\$27,610,080	\$28,990,155
Back Collections	208,188	176,904	124,045
Interest & Liens	247,413	196,616	164,837
Collection Rate	99.1%	99.2%	99%

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 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.

For your convenience the Town of Ellington has entered into an agreement with Sallie Mae Solutions, Inc., which offers to individuals and businesses the opportunity to pay taxes directly over the internet. This service is safe, reliable and in accordance with all state and government regulations. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Cards are accepted. For a moderate convenience fee, taxpayers may pay their real estate, motor vehicle, motor vehicle supplemental and personal property tax bills with a major credit card or ACH (e-checking).

TOWN CLERK

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office are numerous and varied, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statute governs duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Statistics.

Responsibilities and duties include (but are not limited to) the following.

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of all election material including ballots 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 submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

SUMMARY	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Births	141	124	127
Marriages	88	84	114
Deaths	74	79	77
Land Record Recordings	3443	3792	3395
Map Filings	69	76	74
Trade Names	59	30	50
Dog Licenses	1973	2076	2131
Kennel Licenses	10	12	12
Sportsman Licenses	1784 (2005)	2093 (2006)	1729 (2007)
Liquor Permits	16	16	11
Veterans Discharges	56	40	52
Cemetery Deeds	28	29	24

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

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

A fair amount of time is spent in consultation with town staff in discussing issues and procedures in an effort to avoid litigation and be fair to both the Town and the people involved in each matter. Again, it is a continuing pleasure to work with the dedicated elected officials, staff and volunteers as we try to make Ellington government efficient and responsive to its people and a good place to live.

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

In 2007-2008, Commission initiatives included completing the review and adoption of the revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) with the aid of town staff and a Planning Consultant. 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 phases from 1997 through 1999. 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 revised POCD will:

- Establish land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- Encourage economic development and reduce residential development;
- Protect natural, scenic, cultural resources, and promote quality of life for residents;
- Enhance and preserve the rural character and small town aesthetics;
- Establish zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Create 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 will now be reviewed and amended over the next several years in accordance with the policies and goals of the newly adopted POCD.

Other highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Changes in the zoning regulations including signage standards associated with residential developments and redefining “building coverage” and “lot coverage” along with the creation of impervious surface maximums and other miscellaneous items.
- Changes in the subdivision regulations including landscape design requirements for subdivision applications including street trees, an increase in the open space set aside to 20% of the original land area in subdivision applications, digital submission requirement for approved plans to assist in the maintenance of GIS information, establishment of a 75-foot non-contamination well radius for new lots and modifications to definitions regarding lot width and building setback.
- Three (3) subdivision applications were submitted comprising of either subdivisions or re-subdivisions, resulting in approximately six (6) approved building lots.
- Thirty-eight (38) zoning applications were submitted comprising of either site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation and renewals, zone changes, or zoning amendments.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

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

Highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Reviewed twenty (20) Agency applications consisting of commercial/industrial (5), residential activities (10), statutory notifications (4), map/regulations amendments (1)
 - Fifteen (15)-Approved or approved with modifications or conditions
 - One (1)-Denied without prejudice.
 - Two (2)-Notification accepted.
 - One (1) -Notification denied
- Reviewed sixteen (16) Administrative Agent applications (16-approved with modifications or conditions) consisting of residential (15) and commercial (1) developments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Highlights of the past fiscal year include:

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Highlights of the past fiscal year include:

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY

During the past year, there were a number of improvements made to Snipsic Village thanks to the generous assistance of the Town of Ellington, CL & P, and others.

In August 2007, the on site well was abandoned as we converted to public water supply. This involved laying a water line from the road several hundred feet to connect to the former pump room. Funding for this work, approximately \$60,000, was provided by the Town's CDBG Rehab Loan repayment fund.

In the Fall of 2007, the casement windows in all apartments were replaced with new ones that are double-hung and more thermally efficient. The \$60,000 cost of the project was provided by the Town's Rehab Loan repayment fund.

Another source of assistance was provided by the CL & P WRAP program which is intended to assist customers to reduce consumption of electricity. This program is funded by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. In December 2007, new Mitsubishi heat pumps were installed in all apartments. These units provide both heating and cooling as well as dehumidification more efficiently than existing electric baseboard heat and air conditioner units. This resulted in a dramatic drop in consumption for tenants.

CL & P also furnished and installed new energy efficient light fixtures for all apartments. The company had a team go through all apartments weatherstripping doors, caulking air leaks, replacing faucet aerators, and replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents. Thirteen aging refrigerators were replaced. All of these services and equipment were provided by CL & P at no cost to Snipsic Village.

A new flower garden was created around the Snipsic Village sign at the front of the property. Lori Spielmann prepared the bed and contributed topsoil and flowers. Dennis Pitney and Big Y also donated flowers.

All in all, it's been a good year. In addition to the improvements detailed above, Snipsic Village has been at full occupancy throughout 2008.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five-member board which is responsible for the administration and maintenance of the two sewer systems in the town, the Hockanum Sewer System that collects residential and commercial sewerage 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

- Extended sewer lines for the Airport Service Area, Windermere Village Road, Spring Wood Lane and Stafford Road.
- Started the 2008 facilities plan by updating sewer service area maps and analyzing historic flows.
- Revamped the WPCA administration by consolidation of property files and records
- Established computed tracking of sewer permits

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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

The registrars are responsible for conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for maintaining the town's voter records.

During the past year, the old lever machines were replaced with new tabulator and IVS machines for the impaired. The utilizations of these new machines were a success as the results were audited post-election by the state.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 currently has 1,650 registered Democrats, 1,542 registered Republicans, 3,458 registered unaffiliated voters and 7 registered voters from other political parties. District #2 currently has 462 registered Democrats, 428 registered Republicans, 998 registered unaffiliated voters and 3 registered voters from other political parties. There are a total of 8,548 active registered voters in town.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Permanent Building Committee listened to architectural proposals for the Pinney House Restoration and recommended Moser Pilon Nelson for the project. Several presentations were made outlining the scope of the project and how best to spend the grant funds.
- The committee also offered its services to the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to oversee their project should the need arise.

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

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

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

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 2007 Grand List for real estate and personal property are scheduled for March based on the appeal applications received in the assessor's office by February 20, 2008. The 17 applicants who submitted 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 decision to the appellants within the week of the decision. The Board completed the work required for processing the appeals by February 28, 2008.

Motor vehicle hearings were scheduled for September 5 and September 11, 2007. A notification of the hearing schedule was published in the Journal Inquirer on August 25, 2007. Hearings for Automobile appeals were heard on a first-come-first-served basis. One appeal was heard and processed during the month of September.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. We will be utilizing the Town Web site to give tips on being prepared for weather related emergencies and the suggested supply of food, water, and other necessities that will be needed in the time of a disaster. Although we will receive supplies in time of a disaster you should keep a five (5) to seven (7) day supply of water, ice, and non perishable can goods on hand to hold your families until the federal and/or the state governments can get the supplies to Ellington. It is also a good idea to keep a supply of batteries on hand for flashlights and radios to monitor the weather reports and important messages concerning the disaster. The newest items on the market are wind up radios and flashlights. These items are found in several stores (i.e. WALMART, RADIO SHACK, etc.). These items make great gifts for special occasions. Extreme care must be exercised when using grills and other means to cook food. NEVER USE CHARCOAL GRILLS INSIDE no matter what the weather. The Hurricane season is here and the prediction is that there will be several storms spawned in the Atlantic Ocean. We will be posting information on the Town Web Site, and utilizing other means to give our citizens early warning tips on how to be prepared should the predictions come true. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

Last year we asked if anyone was interested in helping our community in time of disaster by joining a group call the CITIZENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM. During the past year we have visited some of the community organizations and advertised in several places asking for volunteers for the CERT team. We have received several inquiries and I am pleased to say we will be holding our first training session sometime in September. If you are interested in helping your community in a time of need please call the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100 or the Office of Emergency Management at (860) 870-3766 and leave your name and number and someone from O E M will contact you.

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

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. Once again, the Resident Trooper's office applied for and received three separate grants totaling over \$50,000.00 from the Department of Transportation under the Federal Highway Safety Program, which has allowed for extra DWI patrols during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day and July 4th weekends, as well as weekly speed enforcement on the town roadways. Also, in conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Drug Abuse Prevention Council are we working off an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.

The Town wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome residents of new neighborhoods 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, drunk 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

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Criminal Cases Investigated	315	270	229
Motor Vehicle Investigations	182	211	214
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	2,732	3,318	2,703
DWI's	36	37	40
Marine Safety Inspections	412	481	535
Calls for Services	5,338	5,056	5,056

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

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
New Single Family Homes	98	68	67
New Commercial Buildings	5	6	2
New Multi-Family Buildings	6	5	5
Residential Alterations & Additions	83	74	87
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	201	174	163

Mechanical/Electrical	852	793	688
Other	315	237	249
Totals	1,650	1,357	1,261
Field Inspections	1,943	1,814	1,468

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

<i>Selected statistics covering past 20 years</i>	1987-1988	1997-1998	2007-2008
Investigations	62	73	57
Criminal	21	20	11
Non-criminal	40	53	39
Suspicious	1	0	0
Undetermined	0	0	7
Fire Casualties	5	0	1
Fatal	0	0	0
Non-fatal	5	0	1
Building Fires	11	13	17
Motor Vehicle Fires	12	12	4
All Other Fires	-	24	10
Hazardous Materials Incidents	5	24	9
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$107.9	\$46.7	\$1,354.5
Criminal	\$11.0	\$1.0	\$0
Non-criminal	\$96.9	\$45.7	\$830.3
Suspicious	\$0	\$0	\$0
Undetermined	\$0	\$0	\$324.2
Value of All Properties Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$1,237.8	\$1,646.5	\$1,927.4
Enforcement Inspections	152	90	936
Commercial	53	17	149
Public Assembly	18	18	70
Educational	6	8	14
Residential (Multi-family)	44	25	636
Hazardous Materials	30	19	36
Other	1	3	23
State Licenses and Permits Approved	42	30	42
Open Burning Permits Processed/Approved	-	-	15
Enforcement Citations Issued	-	171	272
Arrests and/or Referrals	2	11	2

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Robert F. Levandoski

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

CAPTAINS: Vincent L. Gambacorta, Jack Rich II

LIEUTENANTS: Robert Smith, Thomas Adams, Brendan Burke

SECRETARY: Jonathan H. Allen

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Paul Bigelow	Fred Bird
Bryan Blotniski	Duane Boston	Steven Breaault, Sr.
Jessica Crickmore	Dominick Cristelli	Richard Daugherty
Donald Davis	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Kevin Gambacorta
Peter Gomez	Mitchell Griswold	Daniel Grundman
Peter Hany, Jr.*	Luke Hoffman	Jae-P Levitan
Tammy Lucey	Meghan Masterson	Don Moore
Karl Neubecker	Dan Novak	Earl Palmer-Lavoie
Daniel Parisi	Robert Parlante	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Allen Smith	Randall Smith	Kelly Toomey
Regan Toomey	Susan Trisler	William Trisler
Dennis C. Varney	Frederica Weeks	

*2007 Firefighter of the Year

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Authur Caldwell	Daniel Connors
Jerry Connors	Clyde Cordtsen, Jr.	Luis DeCarli
Ralph Edwards	Allan Lawrence, Jr.	Robert Morganson
	Jack Rich	

EXPLORER MEMBERS

Brandon Bartell	Scott Crickmore	Gary Feldman, Jr.
Blaize Levitan	Caleb Peck	Robby Pospisil

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase	Ted Graziani
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The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. This year we are proud to celebrate our 80-year history of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

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

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

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

For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., Visit our award winning website 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, 2007 through June 30, 2008. During this period, the department responded to 715 emergency calls, 497 hours, donated more than 4637 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	57
Structural/Building fire	22
Cooking fire	10
Chimney/Fuel Burner/Boiler malfunction	5
Vehicle/Mobile property fire	5
Forest, brush, grass fires	10
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	2
Explosion (No fire)	1
Fire, Scorch other	2
Rescue Call	412
Emergency Medical Call/ Assist	369
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle	40
Lock In	1
Elevator Rescue	1
Ice Rescue	1
Hazardous Condition Standby	90
Hazardous Condition Standby	3
Flammable/Combustible liquid Spill	9
Gas leak (Natural or LP)	2
Chemical hazard spill or leak	2
Carbon monoxide incident	4
Power line down	24
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	4
Accident other	13
Vehicle accident no extrication	23
Aircraft Standby	2
Service Call	75
Service call, other	2
Person in Distress	1
Lock out	3
Ring or Jewelry Removal	1
Water or steam problem, other	2
Water evacuation, leak	7
Smoke, odor removal	5
Police or other govt. agency assist	24
Public service assistance	4
Unauthorized burning	2
Cover assignment, standby, move up	24
Good Intent Call	34
Good intent call, other	7
Cancelled en-route, wrong location	10
Authorized controlled burning	3
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor	8
EMS Call, transported prior to arrival	1
Hazardous materials investigation	5
False Call	43
False call, other	4
Alarm system malfunction	16
Unintentional alarm	21
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2

Other Type of Incident	4
Severe weather standby	2
Other type of incident	2

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), Tower ladder operations, Tanker Shuttle and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Response Technician, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews. Several regional response team and association meetings were also held at our station throughout the year.

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

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

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

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

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

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

During this last fiscal year the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department in addition to the many thank-yous, was also honored to have its Chief, Michael Varney recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Fire Chief Magazine as the National Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.

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 IAFC and CT Fire Chiefs Associations, Firefighter Freddie Weeks, Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association Treasurer. Chief Varney also serves on the State Urban Search and Rescue Steering Committee among several other regional and statewide workgroups. Chief Varney was also a contributing member of the National Mutual Aid Task Force publication and an appointed to the IAFC Emergency Management Committee. These again show the dedication of our members and the respect they receive through the state with their training and leadership.

EQUIPMENT

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

A New Tanker Truck was placed into service this year. This piece of apparatus replaces a 38 year old truck and has a primary mission of providing water to areas of town not covered by fire hydrants.

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 mobile 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.

GRANTS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department received a federal grant in the previous fiscal year. A grant of \$57,000 was awarded from the 2006 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The department is using this award to upgrade and purchase firefighting protective clothing. This now totals five competitive grants received in a period of four years by the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department.

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 Team is a and the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team

The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard was established to honor the fire service and the firefighters who have given their lives to this honorable calling and their families. Our desire is to see that the highest honor is paid to our fallen brothers and sisters as well as their individual families and their firefighting families. Several members of The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department are very active contributing members to this statewide organization. As such they have been nationally trained and participated in many events this past year. These include departmental funerals and ceremonies, such as the annual State of Connecticut firefighter's memorial service held in Windsor Locks and the National memorial service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

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

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

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

FUTURE PLANNING

The town is experiencing an increased growth rate and we are planning now to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for improved facilities, apparatus replacement and relocation are areas of immediate concern. The town has appointed an emergency services committee and had previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 79th 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 formula for distribution of these revenues now supplements capital improvements and dispatcher training.

Additional radio frequency capacity was obtained. A redistribution of frequency usage was implemented in October. The dispatch center staff worked closely with the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication and completed the mapping program in our area. The dispatch staff was trained on the Computer Aided Dispatch program. As we end this fiscal year, a full move forward toward Computer Assisted Dispatch, (CAD), is planned for mid summer.

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. To achieve our countywide goal, a three phase equipment upgrade and build out program has been planned for FY 08-09.

John W. Turner, E911 Municipal Coordinator

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Christopher Marks
DEPUTY CHIEF: Bryan Harvell
CAPTAIN: Brian Pippin
LIEUTENANTS: Doug Rogala, Bob Ludwig, Tim Seitz
SECRETARY: Gretchen Thompson
TREASURER: Allen Harvell

MEMBERS

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Tommy Trapp
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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

SUMMARY OF CALLS

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

Structure Fires	12
Brush Fires	10
Vehicle Fires.....	5
Fire/Wires Down/Other	41
Mutual Aid	15
Station Coverage.....	20
Fire Alarms	15
CO Detectors	2
MVA with injuries	17
MVA without injuries	24
Medical	75
Medical with Paramedic	57
Search & Rescue	0
Tolland County Dives	5
Water Rescue	0
Life Star	1
Fatalities	0
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 Academy, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercise, thermal imaging camera technology, water rescue, and ice rescue.

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

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

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has 42 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 community is steadily growing and we are moving forward to meet the needs of the community. We are currently working on specs for a new Rescue/Pumper truck which would replace two aging pieces of apparatus with one. Also just recently the federal government issued us a grant for the replacement of 18 full sets of fire apparel to replace old and outdated equipment. This will greatly improve firefighter safety and abilities while in the performance of his duties.



The Crystal Lake Fire Department thanks the community for their support.

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 Crystal Lake 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.



On March 2, 2008 Crystal Lake Fire Dept helped organize the first Penguin Plunge at Crystal Lake . \$18,000 was raised by 75 plungers to benefit Conn Special Olympics.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

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

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Jean-Marie Currier	Angie Sandberg
Ray Close	Renee Cyr	Corinne Sandberg
Doreen Connor	Don Lanier	Krista Schulz
Valerie Connor	David Rice	Diane Turner
	Cindy Rivard	

PAID STAFF

Tonya Glomboske	Scott Fine	Kim Courville
Robin Castonguay	Jon Morisset	John Sarnik

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Allen Ferraro	Simon Hessler	Grant Sampson
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AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Ashley Hulstein	Debbie Messier	Bob Parlante
Karen Violette	John Streiber	Andrew Slicer

VETERAN MEMBERS

Steve Kratzke	Denise Rioux
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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 757. 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 most active members for rapid response in the most critical situations.

EVAC has continued its 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 will be 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.

During the year, one team from Post 512 competed against other teams at the Connecticut EMS Olympics in Cromwell. The team captured second place .

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 has agreed to be 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.

Ground will be broken in the fall for an addition to the building which will allow the continued provision of services. The approximate \$325,000 cost of this addition will not cost any tax dollars.

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

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

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Animal Control Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control Laws by telephone or by police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as picking up stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officer. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for delinquent owners begins as well as an ongoing search for unlicensed dogs. The Officer is 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 O'Rourke. The shelter is open seven days a week between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. To speak with an animal control officer please call 870-3155. Appointments are preferred to view pets for adoption. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. The Animal Control Officer is available for emergency calls by calling the Ellington Resident Troopers Office. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals or wildlife that has had contact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State D.E.P. Wildlife Department and they can be reached at: 424-3011. Routine calls will be handled during the normal shelter hours. Ellington Animal Control provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate on the laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

On June 14, 2008 Ellington Animal Control held a Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Kasperzak from the Four Town Veterinary Hospital volunteered her time to give the vaccinations. The clinic was very successful with a record attendance and almost 100 vaccines given. At the Rabies clinic this year we tried something new and offered annual dog licensing for Ellington residents. It was appreciated by the residents to be able to take care of everything in one location. Please keep in mind that the Rabies virus is fatal to both animals and humans. It is important to protect pets from this virus by vaccinating them. Protecting your pets also helps to maintain a barrier between humans and possible rabid wildlife. This past year we had two positive rabies cases which were found in a skunk and a raccoon, both of which had contact with dogs. All precautions must be made by vaccinating your pets to protect yourself and others from being exposed to the deadly virus.

PET ADOPTION

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

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

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

The Town of Ellington's population is increasing along with the pet population. We have been licensing more and more dogs each year. We are making due with the facilities we currently have but many repairs need to be addressed this coming year. We may need to regroup and come up with a plan in the future to make our facilities more efficient and comfortable to withstand the growing population.

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

We have been very grateful this year for the donations of food, treats, blankets, towels and toys. It has made a big difference and we are very thankful. It is nice to be able to provide quality food and amusement for the animals during their stay with us.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Complaints Investigated	842	834	963
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	59	56	45
Animals Adopted	39	28	26
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	6	5	10
Animal Bites	24	23	22
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	5	7	10
Infractions/Summons Issued	26	12	22
Total Impounded Animals	108*	96	91
Licensed Dogs	1980	2088	2131

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: We purchased a scissor lift for the garage and some used hay baling equipment.

ROAD WORK: This fall we paved the following streets: Porter Road, Charter Road, Bancroft Road, High Ridge, Moser Drive, Farmstead Lane and completed the paving of Abbott Road. Pinney Road drainage reconstruction was completed. We worked to construct new fields on 14.26 acres of land that was donated by the Joffe family on behalf of Abram & Rachel Schwartz adjacent to the High School. These fields will be used by the Recreation Dept.

Our WPCA Maintenance Inspector was busy this year with the construction of the Windermere Village and the ongoing Ellington Highlands and Crystal Ridge subdivisions. On going repairs and upgrades are being done at all our sewer pump stations.

BUILDING PROJECTS: This year the cooling system and the electrical system in the Town Hall were replaced. The cooling system was long overdue and the electrical system needed upgrading to accommodate the increase in computer usage.

The Public Works Dept. had a new Morton 42 x 130 ft storage building constructed in the rear of the garage property. The

department can now house all its equipment under cover. The Town also purchased the property at 17 Main Street and we are very grateful for the additional yard storage areas that affords us.

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

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 22, 2007. 272 cars which is equivalent to 205 households, dropped off 13,564 lbs of hazardous waste on this day. Over the last 12 months and including the September 22 collection day, residents dropped off 5,745 gallons of waste oil. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We recycled nearly 10.83 tons of computers through Chasm Industries and 1.25 tons of batteries. We picked up 900 Christmas trees in January.

The following items can be dropped off at the Town Garage at 21 Main Street: batteries, propane tanks, computer components, fluorescent light bulbs, waste oil, filters and antifreeze. During this fiscal year, 65 new homes were added to our garbage program.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

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

Library



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

SERVICES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 97,255 patrons, circulating 121,177 items and answering 3,246 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story hour sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, story tellers and authors. The summer reading programs, "Get a Clue" for children and "You Never Know" for teens, had a mystery and detective theme, and attracted a record number of participants. A reading incentive program was offered for adults as well. The Young Adult Advisory Group, the CELTs, began a "Teens to

Tots" reading program during the summer, in which young adults held weekly read aloud sessions for younger children. Adult events included an evening of readings with the "Memories" writing group from the Senior Center, readings from Shakespeare by the Ellington High School First Knight Players, a visit from Andrew Carnegie for National Library Week, a musical performance by the always-popular group "Irish to the Last Drop", visits from local authors Toni Andrews and Michael Morse, and presentations about Feng Shui, seasonal decorating ideas, desktop organization, global warming, and model airplanes. The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department and elementary school students, a card-making workshop, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library, and the Festival of Trees.

Fiscal year 2007-2008 saw the implementation of the first steps of the newly-developed long range plan. Service hours were increased to include Saturday mornings in July and August and Sunday afternoons during the school year. Both proved to be popular and busy. To better serve the teen population, the young adult area was expanded, adding comfortable seating and more shelf space. Additional shelving was also installed in the adult fiction and nonfiction stacks and in the music/audio room. Several new online services were implemented. Library Elf is a self-service email program that alerts patrons to approaching materials' due dates. "Good Reads" from Book Letters is also an email service that provides notice of newly published items in a variety of categories. And Book Flix, funded by the Friends of the Library, is an online program for children that links animated versions of popular children's books with related educational titles and activities. All these programs are available from the library webpage at www.biblio.org/ellington.

In an exciting cooperative venture with the school system, the library hosted a 4 week series of programs focusing on reading readiness and literacy skills for parents of young children. After a family dinner that was provided, parents attended the instructional sessions taught by kindergarten teacher Kristen Cool and the children participated in a multi-aged story hour and craft session run by Pat Grundman, the children's librarian.

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	46,248
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	5,580
Children's Books and Periodicals	35,510
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>33,862</u>
TOTAL	121,117

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	36,877
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	2,580
Children's Books and Periodicals	16,429
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>8,405</u>
TOTAL	64,291

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	6,365
Young Adults	647
Children	<u>1,652</u>
TOTAL	8,664

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

The recreation department office 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 – 1:30pm.

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. In addition the recreation department and human services department share the services of an administrative assistant. 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.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

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

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

In conjunction with the Ellington Ambulance Corps, the recreation department has begun offering a complete certification course in AED/CPR and FIRST AID TRAINING. The Ambulance Corps has donated (4) new AED’s to the recreation department for use during the course of the year.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs continue to enjoy increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the “pulse” of the community when

arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and/or individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The recreation department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreation teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission staff is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. The Recreation Commission staff 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.

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

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

Additional “practice” fields will open for use in the fall of 2008 on property adjacent to Ellington High School.

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 5th year of full-time hours. Field trips and special events are also part of the program.

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

same, and in some cases, updated information.

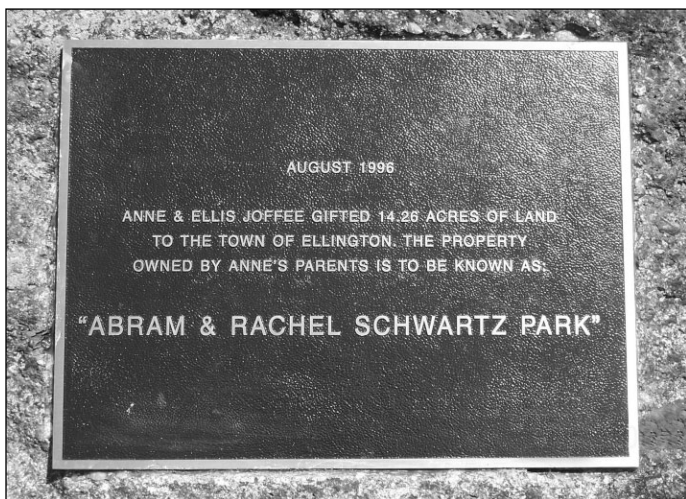
A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ALL of the part-time staff that service town programs. Ellington is fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

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

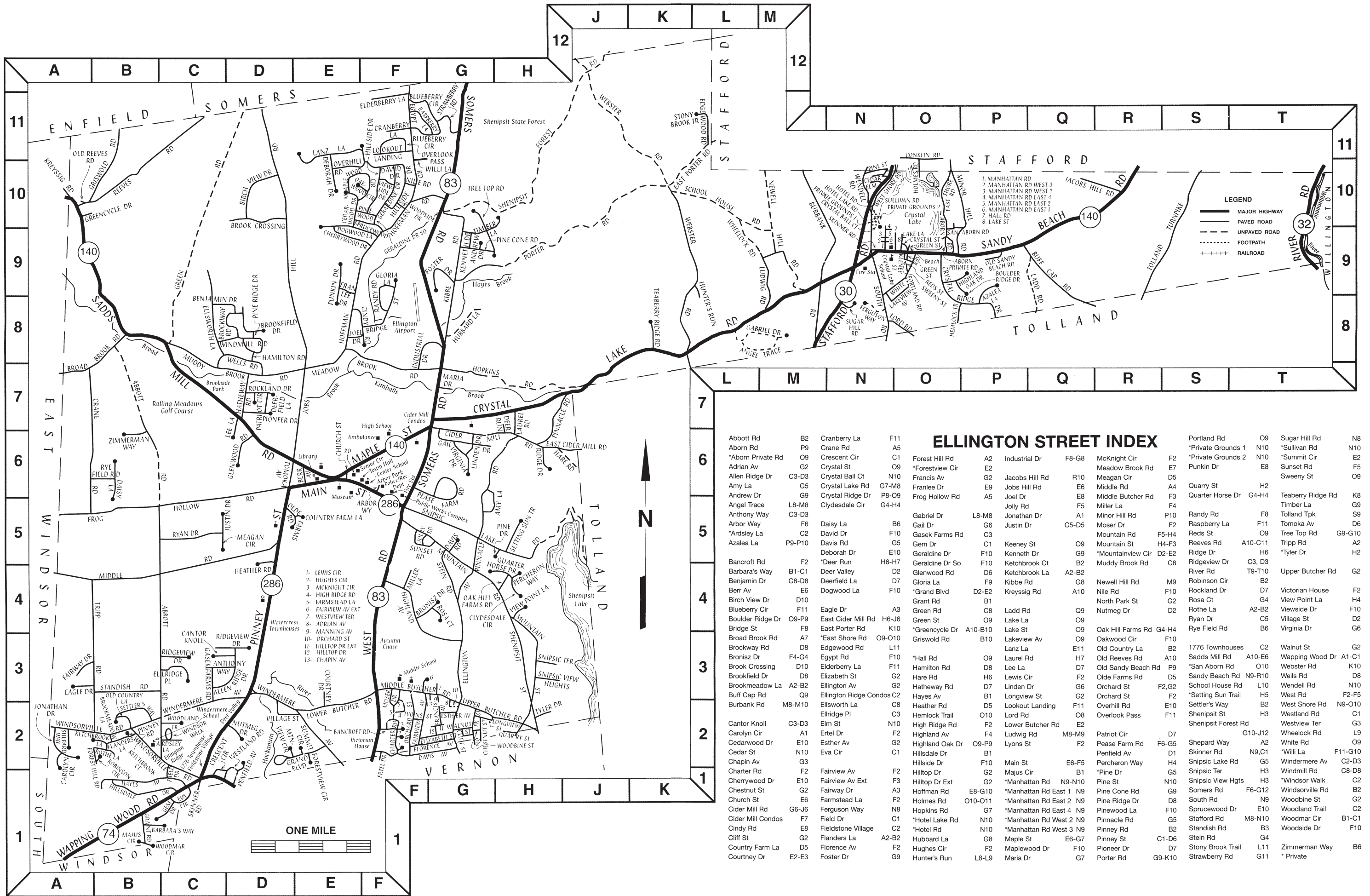
- Determine the need and location/placement of new tennis courts at either Brookside Park or Ellington High School. Working closely with the "Friends of Tennis," specifically town resident Jim Maitland, the town has developed a relationship with the United States Tennis Association in reference to its tennis curriculum and hopefully, in the future, support for new tennis courts.
- Interest seems to be surfacing within the community for upgrading bicycle and walking trails.
- Vandalism on town property: Periodically, individuals have defaced and attempted to vandalize various athletic facilities, requiring repair and/or replacement items that come out of the recreation or DPW budgets. PLEASE REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- After 10 years of valued service to the parks and recreation commission, Neal Breen resigned as a commission member. Mr. Breen provided support in both the coaching and administrative fields, and was especially skilled at working on commission policies.
- As a parting comment, the recreation department/commission would like to offer a sincere thank you to the following Board of Education school principals that 'retired' from town service during the past year: Mr. Frank Milbury at Windermere School; Dr. Joyce Dwyer at the Crystal Lake School; Ms. Carole Schloss at Center School.
- Brookside Park playground expansion: Efforts are underway to expand the size and format of the Brookside playground, and although a small but appreciated amount of funding was provided to the department, volunteer support is still required to make this project become a reality. Contact the recreation office if you wish to become involved.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	72	85	85
Beach Passes	149	218	218
Swim Lessons	297	280	260
Open Swim	58 days	62 days	61 days
Boys' Basketball	285	290	293
Girls' Basketball	214	209	214
Men's Basketball	75	70	85
Summer Basketball	40	40	45
Instructional Basketball	210	190	180
Men's Volleyball	25	20	20
Co-Ed Volleyball	39	45	60
Women's Volleyball	20	20	25
Girls' Softball	225	210	195
Instructional T-Ball	225	240	225
Women's Softball	18	15	20
Men's Softball	20	20	25
Junior Soccer	625	645	652
Indoor Soccer	143	155	170
Letters to Santa	40	40	40
Tennis Lessons/Camp	125	225	275
Sports Coaches' Clinics	20	75	
Mini Programs	1,455	1,740	2,340
Women's Basketball	35	55	60
Basketball Camps	175	155	140
Red Cross Courses	30	40	60
Integrative Programs	40	40	45
Teen Activities	175	210	240
Track & Field	110	125	120
Adult Fitness	30	40	60
Yoga	60	65	70
Jukido	45	60	80
Little League Baseball	340	340	320
Football League	180	175	170
Lacrosse	45	110	115
Soccer Camps	75	85	90



Plaque at new Schwartz field on land donated by The Joffee Family



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 2007, the population was approximately 15,108.

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 24.4 mills applied to the 2007 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 two water companies 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 2008 is 2,627 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State College, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

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

HOUSING

As of the 2005 Census, the Town of Ellington had 5,945 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.

SENIOR CENTER

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

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

PROGRAMS

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

DIRECT SERVICES

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

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

FOOD BANK: Non-perishable food items and food vouchers are available to individuals and families in need. Referral and assistance is available to apply for WIC and Food Stamps. Participants are required to register and provide income verification. The Food Bank operates year round and distributes baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Major donors to the food bank include the Boy Scouts' annual food drive in October 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 assist 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 October 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 toys 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 a national retail store. Parents/guardians are given gift cards to purchase shoes.

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

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

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

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Human Services serves as the link between residential needs and residential support. Last heating season saw a record number of households apply for energy assistance. The high number of foreclosures, rising gasoline and food prices are expected to keep demand high. Through community generosity we were able to meet this demand with funds from the donation and non-reimbursement accounts.

The Human Services Commission continues to research senior housing options for the Town of Ellington. Visiting other towns to learn about housing planning and acquisitions.

The Human Services Commission is dedicated to bringing new services to Ellington that will improve the quality of life for residents of all ages: State of Connecticut mobile van services provided information and on the spot sign-ups for seniors and veterans on Medicare issues and Veterans benefits, a new dedicated phone line for senior center transportation and a grant sponsored position for a part-time transportation secretary. A new computer and software to help the senior center stay abreast of state and national issues affecting older adults, better collection of statistical data on center programs/ participation rate, a new logo and web-site for youth services linking youth and their families with news on programs and services on youth and parenting issues, and increased awareness and education on substance abuse prevention through community forums, and parent/ youth advisory committees.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	10	32	22
Operation Fuel	0	0	7
ACCESS Fuel Program	121	140	177
Salvation Army Vouchers	6	8	7
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	50	45	50
Salvation Army Camp Connri	0	7	3
Thanksgiving	53	56	72
Christmas	56	58	81
Renters' Rebate	77	86	69
AARP Tax Program	105	118	109
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	42	60	53
Food Pantry	52	63	69
Notary Services	22	18	5

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 serves as Ellington's representative to the Board with one vacancy. The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services (both registered sanitarians), a Health Educator, nine sanitarians and a support staff of 2.5 clerical workers and a part-time bookkeeper. The Department has a Medical Advisor and contracts for auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

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

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases; undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.
- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations follow-up and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.
- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.
- Water quality testing of bathing areas.
- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for 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.
- 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 new Enfield office at 31 North Main Street, the Stafford office and the relocated Vernon office at 375 Hartford Turnpike.

Health Education programs continue in the District. The full time health educator continues to work on new health education programs. Currently, a variety of exercise programs and nutrition classes are available to residents throughout the District. This is made possible in part through funding from a state grant. Furthermore, an asthma Home inspection and education program continues in Windham and will soon be expanded to more towns. The intent of this program is to reduce triggers and significantly reduce emergency room visits and after hour calls. Grants are being sought in order to expand these programs so that they can have a sustainable presence in each of the eight towns represented by the North Central District Health Department.

West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease and rabies are subjects of continued surveillance by the department with advice to the public on prevention on our web site (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.

We continue to meet our Emergency Response/Bioterrorism Grant requirements for equipment, planning activities, exercises and drills. This year, select staff completed ICS 300 and 400 training as well as attending various meetings and exercising plans.

Our major drill this year involved setting up a 100 bed facility in the event hospitals are overwhelmed in a pandemic flue situation.

The NCDHD has also participated in a second Bradley International arrivals pandemic exercise this spring working on its planning.

We continue our efforts to recruit clinical and non-clinical personnel in our member towns to act as volunteers in time of emergency. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact our office or mail in a form stamped, self-addressed form found in all town halls.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2007-2008 again indicates that Ellington is one of the most active towns in the District in the area of single family homes with septic systems and/or wells; however, development activity of new lots throughout the entire District has slowed.

Building additions, decks, pools, etc. which are reviewed by this office, have remained constant.

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 three construction projects for new food service operations in Ellington. We received 12 temporary event 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.

The department also provided an in-service food safety program to all Ellington school cafeteria staff during August 2007. The department provided current food safety training materials to those present.

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

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

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Soil Tests (Total)	76	45	29
New	67	31	17
Repair	9	14	12
Septic Permits			
New	41	24	22
Repair	13	17	13
Septic Inspections	217	136	154
Well Permits	57	53	40
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	168	145	143
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	43	44	35
New Plot Plans	83	53	62
Repairs	18	23	15
Wells Only	48	19	17
Well Water Test Reviews	66	56	33
Permits to Discharge	47	34	32
Food Licenses Issued	39	37	38
Temporary Food Permits	16	21	19

Food Service Inspections	66	62	87
Plans Reviewed for Food	4	4	3
Food Orders Issued	-	3	11
Complaints (Total)	42	16	26
Garbage & Refuse	5	-	6
Housing	10	8	14
Rodents & Insects	4	1	2
Sewage Overflow	9	3	1
Water Quality	3	1	-
Food Complaints	6	1	3
Miscellaneous	5	2	-
Complaint Orders Sent	6	4	3

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

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

TRANSPORTATION: HVCC provided over 35,535 rides to area residents during FY 2007/2008 covering over 171,106 miles. We serviced over 29 registered Ellington residents totaling 928 miles.

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

Over the past 12 months HVCC's counseling department has provided the following services to area residents; individual services (including medication management) 8,592 appointments of group, individual, family, couples, medication management and evaluations. We have provided assessments and evaluations to 1,101 new clients during the past 12 months.

TRI-TOWN PANTRY: Nine hundred fifty nine families are registered for food in 2007/2008. In the average month 587 bags of food were distributed. Families consisted of 326 seniors, 1683 adults and 1009 children. During the holiday 467 families received food baskets and toys, donated by area businesses, churches, schools and individuals. Eighty Ellington families received food from the pantry in the past year.

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

We currently have about 300 clients. During the past year, with a staff of three and about 50 volunteers, we provided 175 hours of chore assistance; 632 reassurance phone calls; 310 hours of social support; 1,734 hours of personal assistance; 246 hours of counseling and 365 rides.

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: The HVCC Thrift Store continues to mentor high school students with special needs. We provide a forum for them to showcase their talents while learning a skill and giving us some much needed help in return. We also provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. In fact, if someone is without funds a gift certificate is provided for him/her to shop in anonymity. Good Cents continues to receive donations and volunteer assistance

from a very generous community. Volunteers are always welcome to join our team. The excess income generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs of HVCC.

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

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

David A. Engelson, Executive Director

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

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

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

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

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

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

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

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

V. A CARING HAND, LLC

Companions
Home Care Aides
Homemakers
Live-Ins
Personal Care Attendants

VI. ADULT DAY CARE

VII. ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCY

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	4,603
Physical Therapy	1,462
Occupational Therapy	330
Speech Therapy	15
Medical Social Work	144
Home Health Aide	<u>2,600</u>
Total Visits	8,614
HOSPICE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	432
Physical Therapy	21
Occupational Therapy	1
Chaplin	9
Medical Social Work	55
Home Health Aide	<u>672</u>
Total Visits	1,190
ADULT DAY CARE	1,241 Days
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	3,949 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	265 (Residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	157 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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 296 clients. Of these, 117 / 39% were un-duplicates. This means that they were first time consumers of our services within this time period. Of the un-duplicated clients 74% were White, 24% Black and 1% Hispanic. Unaccompanied 18 and over males were 57 and females 58. Families with children headed by single males was 1 and by females 9. Adults with no children was 98. On an average day 49% had drug dependency issues, 37% alcohol dependency issues, 31% mental health issues, 3% were physically disabled, and 2% were HIV / AIDS sufferers. During this period we had 5,389 bed nights occupied with a 98% utilization average for the year. For this FY we provided referral and advocacy services to 2,606 callers, an average of 217 calls per month.

During the intake process with a client the contributing factors resulting in a person being homeless are identified and addressed through intentional case management and effective collaboration with other service providers. Individualized service plans are created and residents meet weekly with the Service Coordinator to ensure that they are complying with

program rules and their Service Plans. By addressing these contributing factors and adopting an empowerment and equipping model, we decrease recidivism. As a function of case management, clients are assessed to determine their eligibility for legitimate entitlements. Information is then accessed, applications are processed, after which follow-through becomes an integral part their Service Plans.

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

PROGRAMS

We help our clients navigate through the oftentimes complex landscape of the service delivery systems that are available. Together we examine the eligibility requirements, obtain applications, help them fill these out and gather all of the necessary support documentation, submit them, and encourage the clients to do follow-up. They can be easily discouraged and overwhelmed by this entire process and we are there to bolster their morale and to reassure them that they are not alone in meeting this challenge.

Clients have access to educational & informational material in our computer/learning lab on these pertinent topics: substance abuse, recovery, mental health conditions and their management, money matters, decision-making models, local and statewide support services, skills assessment instruments (The Self-Directed Search), the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE), Workforce Readiness and Retention, Social Skills Training, and a wide assortment of other Adult Daily Living (A.D.L.) skills curriculum.

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

In an effort to promote personal growth, we offered workgroups which are mandatory program requirements. For these we utilize both internal and external sources. The topics presented during this time period were: preparing nutritional meals on a limited income, budgeting, credit card use, debt repayment, legal aide, codependency, parenting, healthy relationships, resume writing, and problem solving using the S.T.A.R. (Stop, Think, Act, Review) model of decision-making. Outside providers covered all of the pertinent medical and mental health topics during this period.

Vernon Community Health Services provided our clients with numerous men, women, children, dental, and educational services. Their location and hours makes it easy to access their services and we are considered their primary referring agency. The Area Health Education Center provided us with free, confidential HIV testing and counseling services. In addition, they also provided referral services for those clients requesting this.

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 and what clients call "home" for a season. On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and the clients entrusted to our care, thank you for your partnership. It is a privilege working together and to touching and transforming lives, step-by-step.

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 2007-2008 year, Youth Services has a total of approximately 2,000 children and their families participate in the following programs:

Counseling: 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, 25 children and families were provided this service.

Querks: 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: An eight 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 School.

Peace Makers, 3rd graders: This program was piloted at Windermere School in 3rd grade classrooms. The main goals are to develop an understanding on how our actions affect ourselves and others, coping with feeling, and learning to set goals.

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 in Center school participated in the program.

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

Safety Day: Family Day of learning about Fire Safety, Bike Safety, Stranger Safety etc. Join Ellington Fire Department, Ambulance, Police, Youth Services and other local agencies for a fun day of activities and learning. About 200 people participated in the activities.

Girl Power Camp: A total of seven 4th and 5th grade girls with 3 high school mentors spent a fun three days learning about friendships, social skills and other issues.

Strengthening Families: We partnered with Stafford Family Services to provide this wonderful program in which six families participated in. The strengthening families program is for families who have children between the ages of 10 to 14 who want to get in shape before their adolescents years take their toll on the family structure. The program provides opportunities for

the entire family to gather for a 7 week program which includes a weekly dinner, concurrent group sessions for parents and youth ages 10 to 14 and family sessions.

5th Grade All Stars: This is a fun after school program that is design to make new friends. 12 students meet once week after school to play games, crafts and talking.

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 two sessions with total of 20 children. In-between for 5th and 6th grade girls is a discussion group which includes topics of peer pressure, body image, relationships and friendships. This program ran once with a total of 6 girls. In partnership with the schools, youth services co-led discussion groups on topics of grief and divorce at Windermere with a total of 12 students.

Journey Adventure Program: A two day a week program for 6th grade students that teaches responsibility and respect for self, others and surroundings along with building self-esteem. Children have a fun and rewarding time in active game playing while learning and laughing. We offered two sessions this year with a total of 36 students attending and adults.

Homework Club: A total of 17 5th and 6th graders meet with 15 high school students once a week for 11 sessions to assist with study skills and homework.

Halloween Happenings: This was our 6th Halloween Happenings (we partner with the Rescue Post) and it gets better each year. Approximately 600 children and their families enjoy an evening of costumes, crafts, cookies, games and trick or treating..

Beach Blast: To celebrate the end of the school year, Youth Services ran the 11th annual beach blast for 5th and 6th graders at Crystal Lake Beach. About 140 students attended the event.

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

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

One, The Parent Connection, is a group of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community of the dangers of underage drinking. The group formed in February of 2007 and sponsored psychologist John Rosemond in October of 2007 and a Town Hall Meeting: The Real Cost of Underage Drinking on April 1st of 2008. They published a quarterly newsletter and mailed the first issue to parents of middle school and high school students in April 2008.

The second, Rise Above, is a group of Ellington High School students with a mission of being role models and encouraging those students around them to make positive choices. In addition, they encourage alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met every two weeks during most of the school year and sponsored two lunchtime giveaways at Ellington High School and two dodge ball tournaments; one for high school students and one just for middle school students. Four students from Rise Above attended MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Power Camp in July 2008.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

SERVICES

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Annual TRIAD Senior Safety Day program held on May 29th on "Creating your own Emergency Preparedness Plan" attended by 50 persons and 7 presenters.
- Coordinated the Veteran's Express Van coming to Ellington and meeting with 33 persons to review eligibility for Veteran's benefits.
- Facilitated informational program with Senior Center Director on topic of women's health and cardiac health issues, Social Security Administration benefits, Medicare coverage of in-home oxygen supplies, Emergency Preparedness, Medicare Part D, tax reduction options, managed Medicare programs, and caregiver/respite grant programs.
- Assisted 87 clients with ConnPACE applications and paid 12 clients application fees.
- Received 64 calls regarding transportation and referrals made to EMATS and Dial a Ride.
- Assisted 38 clients with Elderly Homeowner Tax credit forms; 19 with Additional Veteran Tax credit forms; and had 48 contacts regarding the Renters Rebate program.
- Had 105 contacts regarding the Energy Assistance program guidelines.
- Had 26 client contacts regarding Social Security benefit; had 56 contacts regarding Medicaid/Title 19; and 53 contacts regarding Medicare and 38 call about Medicare Part D prescription drug programs; assisted 6 clients with enrolling in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program.
- Collaborated with the Visiting Nurse for service coordination for 32 clients; made 12 referrals for support groups; 12 contacts about Adult Day health centers; gave information to 43 clients about the Connecticut Home Care program for Elders.
- Received 51 calls about senior housing option.
- Had 129 seniors attend the annual Flu shot.
- Assisted 3 clients with contacting the Board of Education and Services for the Blind; 9 with psychiatry appointments; and 2 clients with Reverse Mortgage programs.

STATISTICS

Month	Calls	Office	Correspondence	Home Visit
July	152	25	24	24
August	132	28	18	37
September	141	29	23	25
October	231	51	53	31
November	191	31	31	30
December	171	23	46	61
January	200	20	37	35
February	213	26	50	44
March	256	42	59	35
April	250	43	53	37
May	213	46	55	28
June	189	17	43	35
TOTAL	2339	381	492	422

MUNICIPAL AGENT

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

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

STAFFING

- Director: full time
- Assistant to the Director: part time
- Drivers: 3 part time drivers
- Transportation Program Secretary*: 3 part time secretaries
- Receptionists: 1 part-time receptionist Town sponsored by employed by the Easter Seals Employment Program. 2 part-time volunteer receptionists.
- Volunteers: 40 wonderful, talented individuals who give us so much time as helpers; kitchen workers, crafters, dancers, greeters, programmers, gardeners and receptionists. We are extremely fortunate to have volunteers! We show our appreciation by having an annual volunteer's recognition gathering.

*In 2008, the Town has been awarded a one-year grant to fund the Transportation Program Secretary position through the Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division, Connecticut Senior Centers and Connecticut Municipalities Special Funding Initiative 2008. This grant is a collaborate effort between the Senior Center Director and the Municipal Agent/Elderly Outreach Social Worker.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Social Activities: Since 2001, the Senior Center offers transportation services to the senior center, shopping and social outings. These events are scheduled monthly on our calendar.

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

Due to the demand of transportation needs in our community we required a separate telephone line installed at the senior center in 2008. To obtain transportation services please call the Senior Center on its transportation number, 870-3137 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

- Weekly exercise classes, tai chi classes, line dance classes and social dance classes.

- Monthly "Lunch & Learn" programs that combines a healthy lunch with discussion about health and economic topics presented by guest speakers.*

- Bi-monthly blood pressure clinics and monthly diabetic screenings are provided by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc.

- Monthly Podiatry Clinic is held on the third Wednesday by a registered nurse.

- Annual Flu Shot Clinic held in the Fall at Middle School given by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. *

- Annual Cholesterol Screenings presented by the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc.

*Senior Center Director and Elderly Outreach Social Worker/Municipal Agent work together to coordinate these programs.

HIGHLIGHTS

SOCIAL PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Memories & Creative Writers: Join us at our monthly meetings as individuals share their stories. Written format is done to include in the Ellington Memories Booklet published every other year. The 3rd edition of the writer's book is available at the senior center. Writers give oral presentations of their stories annually at Hall Memorial Library. Susan Phillips, Library Director hosts this evening event for us.

Musical Insights: This innovative volunteer group brings to the senior center a fascinating array of musical topics that is presented in the evening once a month.

Book Club: A variety of books read for discussion is done monthly.

Better Age Club: Join the membership for this club that meets twice a month at the senior center that provides a host of interesting topics.

Ellington Singers: Music Director, Barbara Caramante conducts approximately 35 singers weekly with a range of musical tunes that is annually presented at a concert held in April at the Ellington High School. The Ellington Singers give an annual concert Friday evening for Winterfest celebration.

Craft Classes: Volunteers get together twice a month to make crafts for the fundraisers that we hold throughout the year.

Gardeners: Volunteers dig, plant, water, and weed to make our garden patio area so beautiful throughout the season. Our garden was on the Ellington Women's Club garden tour in June 2008!

Social Dancers: Meet weekly learning and enjoying dance steps taught by professional volunteers.

For more programs and activities held during the day and evening, please either call 870-3133 or use the website: www.ellington-ct.gov, click "Our Town News", select "newsletter", and select "Senior Center" to receive your monthly newsletter and calendar.

FUNDRAISERS

Holiday Bazaar: Held at the Senior Center on the first Saturday in November.

Variety Talent Show: Held at Ellington High School on Saturday, November 22, 2008.

Bake & Craft Sale: Held at the Senior Center on the second Saturday in May.

Annual Spaghetti Supper with the Ellington Rescue Post 512: Held at Ellington Congregational Church

During the year, we have worked with the Boys Scouts/Eagle Scouts who help us maintain the bocce court at Snipsic Village. In June 2008, Andrew Ostashen completed his assignment to assist in earning his Eagle Scout award by building a wall to wall bookcase cabinet at the Senior Center where he planned and delegated duties to his fellow scouts.

The Ellington Senior Center is located at 16 Church Street, regular hours of operation: Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Senior Center main phone number: 870-3133

Senior Center transportation number: 870-3137

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

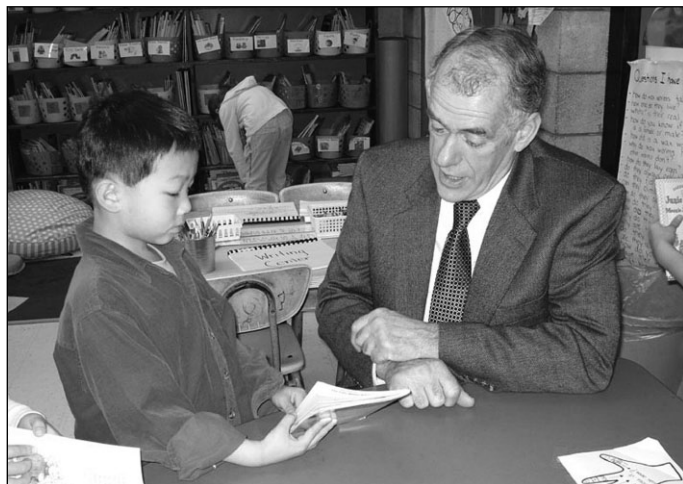
INTRODUCTION

The 2007-2008 school year was another year of transition for the Ellington Public Schools due to the retirements of three veteran administrators, Dr. Joyce Dwyer, Principal of Crystal Lake School, Mrs. Carole Schloss, Principal of Center School and Mr. Frank Milbury, Principal of Windermere School. Collectively these dedicated administrators gave 77 years of service to Ellington. Their dedication and commitment to the youth of this community was demonstrated over and over again during their distinguished careers in Ellington. Their numerous contributions, accomplishments and leadership were critical as the district worked to meet the needs of our growing community. We wish them the very best in their retirements and future endeavors. They will be greatly missed by both students and staff.

Replacing these excellent administrators was not an easy task, but after extensive searches, the Board of Education is pleased to announce the district's three new principals.

Mr. Michael Larkin was hired to replace Dr. Dwyer as principal of Crystal Lake School, joining the administrative team in January, 2008. Mr. Larkin began his career in education as an elementary teacher in Vernon. He later taught for several years in Marlborough before serving as assistant principal in Bristol. Mr. Larkin holds a BA in English from the University of Connecticut and an MA in elementary education from Central Connecticut State University. Mr. Larkin also holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in educational administration from Sacred Heart University.

Mrs. Trudie Luck Roberts was hired effective July, 2008 as Center School's new principal, replacing Mrs. Schloss. Mrs. Roberts comes to us from West Hartford where she served as a classroom teacher for four years and more recently, for the past eight years, as a curriculum specialist. Prior to moving to Connecticut, Mrs. Roberts served as an elementary teacher in Chesterton, Indiana; a middle school reading resource teacher in



Windermere Principal Frank Milbury with student

Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and a classroom teacher in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Mrs. Roberts holds a BS in elementary education from Ball State University, an MA in liberal studies from Wesleyan University, and a CAGS in educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University.

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

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

After another extensive search, Mrs. Kristy LaPorte was hired as the district's new assistant principal of Windermere School/special education supervisor. Mrs. LaPorte began her career as a special education teacher in Providence, RI. Prior to coming to Ellington, Mrs. LaPorte served as special education supervisor for the Manchester Public Schools. She is a graduate of Rhode Island College, with a BA in sociology/elementary education and an MEd in special education. Mrs. LaPorte is also currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Hartford. With her strong special education background, Mrs. LaPorte was an ideal selection for this unique position.

Lastly, in August, 2008, Mr. Liam O'Reilly was hired to fill the assistant principal vacancy at Ellington High School. Mr.



Principal Michael Larkin's first day at Crystal Lake School.

O'Reilly holds a BA in English from Boston College and an MA in humanities from Wesleyan University. He has also obtained a Professional Certificate in special education from Central Connecticut State University and a CAGS in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut. Mr. O'Reilly began his career in education as a special education teacher in Columbia. Prior to coming to Ellington, Mr. O'Reilly served as the assistant principal at Pulaski Middle School in New Britain.

In summary, there have been five major changes in leadership. The Board of Education is pleased with our new hires and is confident that these new administrators will carry on their predecessors' tradition of excellence by moving the district forward to meet the challenges of this growing community.

Each year, the Board of Education identifies two or three priority goals to improve education and student performance. This year, the district established three goals for 2007-08 which became the primary focus for the school year. The first and second goals were to increase student achievement in reading and mathematics as measured on the Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMTs) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). The third was to increase community support for the Ellington Public Schools through a better understanding of student achievement in the academic and extracurricular programs offered by the district. To accomplish these goals, a comprehensive plan of strategies was developed.

In alignment with the school and district instructional plans, staff have continued work on several curriculum and assessment initiatives. A significant focus has been placed on the development of common assessments to measure student achievement. At the elementary level, teachers continued work on common unit assessments in mathematics that are aligned with the *Trailblazers* program and target key objectives from the Connecticut Framework. In language arts, the district completed the first year of full implementation of reading workshop in grades 5 and 6. At the middle school, language arts and social studies teachers created common assessments aligned with their curriculum, and science teachers refined the use of common assessments to guide instruction. Many middle school teachers developed on-line assessments that allow students to receive feedback quickly and for teachers to compile data more easily. Teachers at the high school began to work in content-specific professional learning groups to develop assessments and plan associated instructional activities.

To support implementation of these initiatives, professional development opportunities for staff members were increased. During the fall professional development series, more than 200 certified staff members participated in 36 courses, focused on reading workshops, curriculum development, common formative assessments, and technology. Over the course of the year, 52 teachers and support staff personnel were trained in *First Steps* mathematics, a systematic approach to administering diagnostic tasks and planning differentiated instruction in mathematics. Seventy-one teachers and administrators received training in *Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams (DDDM/DT)*. Study groups for special education teachers provided ongoing opportunities for staff members to learn and to share best practices. Topics included the impact of *Response to Intervention* practices, *SEMSNET* and 504 software, preschool numeracy curriculum and standards, and collaboration to support achievement of district goals. EMS and EHS used faculty meetings and early release days to study the Connecticut State Department of Education's *Beyond the Blueprint: Literacy in Grades 4-12 and Across the Content Areas*. This document provides instructional models and strategies to help older students

develop into highly literate citizens.

In order to support effective practices in reading and writing, more than 20 teachers attended Saturday Reunions sponsored by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in New York City. Ellington collaborated with East Windsor and Windsor Locks to sponsor a Summer Institute for Reading. Thirty-one teachers and administrators participated in this four-day summer institute. Nine Ellington teachers and administrators attended a Saturday workshop, *Revisiting the Reading Workshop: Assessment Strategies*. Fourteen teachers and administrators from Ellington joined their colleagues in East Windsor and Windsor Locks for a collaborative sharing session. Teachers met with Beth Moore, a staff developer from the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, and shared successes and challenges in implementation of the workshop model.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

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

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

At Center School, each Hartford family is paired with a Center School "mentor" family. Through this family mentorship, the Hartford students are given opportunities to stay in town and have dinner with their mentor families



Dinosaurs Rock Assembly at Windermere School



Ellington Middle Schools visiting residents at Vernon Manor

whenever there are evening school events scheduled. Each Open Choice student also has an "adult mentor" within the faculty who meets periodically with the student to discuss any issues that the student may have. Similar arrangements exist for Windermere Open Choice students.

The middle school staff, in conjunction with Ellington Youth and Family Services, developed a series of family fun nights which invited families into school for programming which showcased student academic work, invited parents into their child's life of literacy, and fostered strong relationships at home through a strengthening family program.

Given the concerns regarding obesity in children, Walking Clubs have been established at several of our schools. This program requires extensive volunteer support to document the laps students walk, along with all the necessary record keeping that qualifies students for rewards. The clubs also supported many fund raisers and have been used as an outreach to the community.

Another middle school initiative was the introduction of a FitnessGram through the physical education program. The FitnessGram provided parents with their child's accurate fitness level data along with accompanying recommended family-based outdoor activities to improve overall student health and wellness.

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

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

and designing programs. It is an outstanding learning experience.

The fifth annual Father-Daughter Dance at Ellington Middle School was once again an overwhelming success with over sixty girls and their fathers attending this very special evening event. Funds raised are used to purchase incentives for the Summer Reading Program.

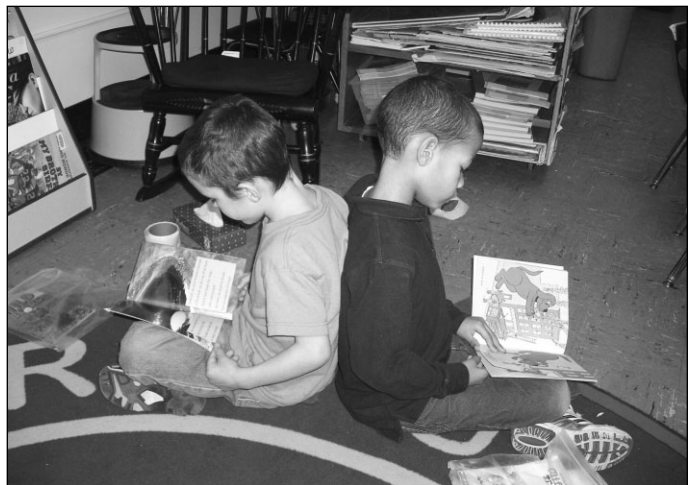
On December 20, the Crystal Lake staff held its 35th annual Pancake Breakfast. Teachers started cooking early in the morning. As they arrive, students and guests enjoyed pancakes in the cafeteria followed by a school-wide sing along in the gymnasium.

In December, the National Plastics Laboratory presented a science experience to grade 5 students on the history of plastic. This is a hands-on science program taught by chemists from the National Plastics Laboratory. Funds for this exceptional program are provided by local businesses and the Windermere Intermediate PTO.

Jim Matroni, technology education teacher, and Debbie Slattery, family & consumer science teacher, were on-site coordinators of the newly established EMS after-school program. This after-school program is possible through an \$180,000 grant from the Connecticut State Department of Education. The program, "The Zone," offers our students a wide variety of activities like mountain biking, learning Chinese, producing video newscasts, homework help, working with graphics/woodworking and many other activities. Participation of over 150 students was due in large part to the availability of a late bus that provided participants transportation home.

The Windermere Intermediate School enrichment program provides models of academic excellence particularly in math and writing for our grade 5/6 curriculum. The higher order thinking skills, along with samples of outstanding student work are routinely used to model expected performance standards. Students respond and relate to their peers effectively and are challenged to improve performance levels by example. The enrichment program has contributed to our high levels of CMT achievement as well as providing students with many opportunities to use technology.

The district's fourth grade students once again participated in the Nutmeg Children's Book Award program. The program is a statewide initiative for students in grades four through six. Each year, ten books are nominated for the award. Students read the books and voted for their favorite. Teas and receptions are held throughout the year to discuss the books and encourage leisure reading.



Crystal Lake students reading

Several different reading initiatives are used to encourage students to read. At Crystal Lake, the Raising Readers Parent Club was established to encourage a habit of lifelong reading and to provide parents with the resources to support their children's literacy. The group is facilitated by Crystal Lake language arts consultant, Louise Kelly. The Parent Club meets weekly for eight sessions. Parents learn about reading to their children, discuss issues related to literacy and receive free children's books.

On March 7, the Ellington High School drama class, under the direction of Bill Prenetta, performed their original play, "The O'Sullivan Sisters" for students in grades K-4.

On March 18, the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored a visit by children's author Suzy Kline. Ms. Kline held two assemblies for students in which she shared her writer's notebook and her writing process. Ms. Kline also held a Reader's Theater performance for students.



Author Suzie Kline reading to Crystal Lake students

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

On June 4, representatives from the Ellington Historical Society visited grade 3 classrooms to discuss the history of Ellington. This coincided with the students' social studies of communities unit.

On June 16, Connecticut's Lieutenant Governor, Michael Fedele visited Crystal Lake School to kick-off the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Lt. Governor Fedele met with second grade students in the library and discussed the importance of summer reading and encouraged them to participate in the Governor's Challenge.

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 fund raising events, these volunteer groups help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. The focus of many of these programs is to help students learn about other cultures. Some of the elementary programs included visits by authors, a mime workshop, *Arithmaticals*, a hot air balloon demonstration, *Phases of the Moon* and a Chinese acrobats performance.



Hot air balloon demonstration at Center School

ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

The formation of a Student Advisory Council was one of the highlights of the high school's 2007-08 school year. This group was comprised of four students from each grade level who met six times during the year. The students were very insightful on issues such as the new advisory program, school climate, the usefulness of mid-year exams, field trips, identifying strengths and areas of growth at Ellington High School, CAPT testing, and the high school mission and expectations for student learning, to name a few. The work that the advisory committee did was outstanding. The purpose of the advisory program, which will be implemented in the 2008-09 school year, is to: provide multiple opportunities between healthy student development and academic success; help ensure that all students have at least one adult who knows them well; create stronger bonds among students, cutting across social groups that form in schools; provide an ideal setting to teach and practice important life skills and encourage a student voice on school-wide issues; establish a forum for academic, college and career coaching, and advising that cuts across subject areas; and assist students in achieving the school-wide expectations for student learning by developing a student portfolio. Student advisory groups have been established and assigned to a teacher and meeting dates including specific activities. This advisory meeting time will also be used for class meetings. Peer advocates are scheduled to run one advisory session for each grade level. Members of the advisory committee will serve as advisory leaders for each grade. Committee members will monitor, assess and revise the program as needed throughout the year.

The Drug Abuse Prevention Council (DAPC) continues to play a prominent role in conveying critical and timely information to students, parents, and the community. The DAPC is a long-standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for Ellington youths 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. This year, two subgroups formed. One, *The Parent Connection*, is a group of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community regarding the dangers of underage drinking. The second, *Rise Above*, is a group of Ellington High School students whose mission is to act as role models and encourage students around them to make positive choices. *Rise Above* provided activities throughout the year such as dodge ball tournaments, and other activities that kept

students engaged in a meaningful way and as an alternative to not using alcohol or drugs. The DAPC received a \$255,000 grant for three years to be used for the prevention of underage drinking in Ellington. DAPC also sponsored a presentation by noted columnist John Rosemond. This was very well received by staff and many of them reported making changes in the way they delivered instruction and communicated with parents as a result of his presentation.

In 2007-08, Ellington High School hosted foreign exchange student, Abdulla Jabr from Yemen. Abdulla, who speaks fluent English, fully immersed himself in many activities at the high school. He participated on the JV soccer team and did numerous presentations for students about his homeland, its customs and beliefs. He was an excellent ambassador for his country and provided our students with an outstanding experiences about how we can be so diverse and yet so similar in many ways.

In December, the business law class took its annual field trip to the Rockville civil and criminal courts, accompanied by Board of Education chair, Attorney Dale Roberson. Students were able to meet with the Clerk of the Criminal Court and a judicial marshal. The class was able to view criminal court proceedings and get a tour of both court houses.

The high school CONNECT club is a student run community service group that conducted a winter coat, hat, scarf and glove drive earlier in the winter. A great deal of new or gently used items was collected. Items were donated to Snipsic Village and the Town of Ellington Human Services. The group strives to increase social awareness, demonstrate leadership and service to the community, while promoting diversity and practicing respect.

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

The EHS music department ensembles competed on May 2 at the Fantastic Music Festival held in East Hartford. The festival is directed by Gary Partridge, a well-known New England music educator and conductor. Our student musicians were adjudicated by a panel of professional music educators. The concert band, jazz band, and vocal ensemble all received gold medals and the chorale received a silver medal.

The administration would like to especially recognize the board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, and parents who served on our administrative search committees for their time and commitment in selecting such outstanding final candidates.

On June 13, a ceremony was held to officially dedicate the new Crystal Lake School sign to retired principal, Dr. Joyce Dwyer. The school community gathered around the sign for the dedication ceremony. The new sign was designed and created by art teachers, Steve Bernard and Jake Sadler.



Unveiling of Crystal Lake School's new sign

Eighth grade student, Chelsea Gaines, was selected as a local winner by the Lions Club. Chelsea drew a poster for their "Peace Around the World" poster contest. The poster had to reflect the student's visual interpretation of the theme, "Peace Begins with Me." Chelsea's poster progressed through five different levels and received honorary mention at the state level.

EHS students, Laura Lakenbach and Jillian Rancourt were featured on the cover of the March/April issue of *NextStep* Magazine. *NextStep* is a wonderful resource for both parents and students. The magazine is published six times a year and focuses on the entire college process, careers, and every day life.

Roy Gurnon, eighth grade science teacher, was one of five teachers statewide who was designated a "Local Hero" by the McDonald's Corporation for his exemplary commitment to students in the classroom as a teacher, and on the field as a coach. This prestigious award was given at a school assembly where local McDonald's franchise owner, Tom Walsh, presented Mr. Gurnon and the Ellington Middle School with a plaque and a \$500.00 check.

In February, 52 EHS Latin students were joined by over 134,500 others from all 50 states and 11 foreign countries in their participation in the 2008 National Latin Exam. Awards on this exam are given according to a student's score on the exam, with *summa cum laude* being the highest score and gold medal award, then *maxima cum laude* with a silver medal, then *magna cum laude* and finally, *cum laude*. This year, the high school had 13 winners, equal to one-fourth of the students who participated. The winners were: Latin I: Emily Baker, *magna cum laude* award; Zachary Babineau, Timothy Larew, Patrick Rabus and Matthew Janiga, *cum laude* awards. Latin II: Kyle Maloney, silver medal and *maxima cum laude* award; Courtney Carver, Nathaniel Herter, and Amber Krasinski, *cum laude* awards. Latin III: James Viega, silver medal and *maxima cum laude* award; Nathan Van Wyck, *cum laude* award. Latin Four: Emily Fetko, *magna cum laude* award; Shainna Burgess, *cum laude* award.

Ten EHS students participated on March 13 in the Connecticut Valley Section Chemistry Olympiad competition held at UConn. As an overall school score, Ellington placed second among 24 competing high schools. Special congratulations to Kelly McPartland, Jason Neeson, Jeffrey Perron, Patrick Rabus and Nathan Van Wyck who qualified to advance to round II and III of the competition, being selected among 30 top scoring students from 235 participants throughout the state.

Chakardhar Pellakuru and Nathan Van Wyck took the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and met requirements to enter the 2009 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Chakardhar and Nathan are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some 1.5 million program entrants. Of the more than 50,000 students, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program Semifinalists and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Congratulations to the EHS boys' varsity soccer team for winning the Class M State Soccer Championship. The team, which is coached by Roy Gurnon, was also presented with the George D. Ritchie Sportsmanship Award for 2007 by the Central Connecticut Soccer Officials Association. In addition, the Connecticut High School Coaches Association named Mr. Gurnon as Outstanding Coach of the Year in Boys' Soccer.

Kimberly Bifulco and Sara Ewing were selected by Ellington High School to be honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Eleventh Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts.

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 April 30: Chelsea Alves, Christopher Binkowski, Joshua Boscarino, Taylor Brown, Sarah Chouinard, Jessica Dennis, Michelle Ducharme, Jason Ferreira, Alyssa Fidanza, Nicole Fillion, Brittany Garnelis, Michael Gordon, Julianne Gottier, Alayna Graziani, Elizabeth Harding, Jessica Hiestand, Annalise Hurley, Michelle Kim, Kristen Kline, Timothy Larew, Jeremy Loretz, Carley Marholin, Amanda McAllister, Kelly McPartland, Matthew Miller, Jason Neeson, Alyssa Pallotti, Hayley Palozej, Chakardhar Pellakuru, Jeffrey Perron, Brooke Porter, Emily Savino, Adam Sawamura, Christian Schirra, Jennifer Spartz, Karalyn Stauffer, Holly Steinmetz, Nathan Van Wyck, James Viega, and Olivia Wick-Bander.

At the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year, the district saw the retirements of Patricia McCormack, EMS social studies teacher; Linda Torgeson, EMS math teacher; Joanne Marriott, EHS English teacher; Virginia Hogan, EHS family and consumer science teacher; Gail Salva, lead teacher and sixth grade teacher at Windermere Intermediate School; and Maureen Jackson, second grade teacher at Windermere School. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their more than 155 years of combined service.

The 27th Annual Connecticut State Latin Day was held on May 13 at Holiday Hill in Cheshire. Forty EHS Latin students attended Latin Day this year where they took part in academic and athletic contests against Latin students from over 60 other Connecticut schools. Students also enjoyed hands-on workshops such as Roman-style "Iron Chef," ancient astronomy, and making mosaics and frescoes. Awards won during the day include: 1st place scrapbook by Jessica Ballasy; 2nd place teaching display by Chloe Moeller; and 2nd place computer-generated art by Matthew Becker.

For the fall season, Tyler Cleverdon (soccer), Brian Francolini (soccer), Allison Landry (cross country), Andrew Sullivan (cross country), and Sam Ziter (football) were named All-State for their respective sports. Brian Francolini was also named MVP of the Class M State Soccer Tournament and Tyler Cleverdon was named All-New England.

For the spring season, Emily Baker, Jennifer Bergeron, Allison Landry, and Amanda Sullivan were named to the All-State track team. Kevin DeLand (baseball) and Emily Yourie (girls' lacrosse) were named to the Academic All-State team.

Congratulations to Lucas Smith-Horn and Amanda Sullivan on being named Ellington High School's recipients of the Connecticut Association of Schools Twenty-Fourth Annual Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete Award.

Andrew Cannella and Emily Yourie were named to the Journal Inquirer Fall 2007 All-Academic Team. Kevin DeLand and Emily Yourie were named to the Journal Inquirer Winter and Spring 2007-2008 All-Academic Teams. Andrew, Kevin, and Emily were recognized for academic excellence and their varsity status.

EHS student, Andrew Cannella participated in the Physics Bowl Competition. Andrew achieved the second highest score in the New England region. Almost 4,000 students participated in this competition from 175 schools across the United States and Canada as well as schools in Japan and Taiwan. Each first and second place student and their teacher in each region received a Texas Instruments Multi-View calculator as a prize.

Several outstanding members of the Opening Knight Players (OKP) were initiated into Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society, an organization which honors excellence in theater. To be eligible for membership, students must have participated in at least four consecutive OKP productions and must have served at least 200 hours of service and leadership.

The inducted students were Alexander Mack, Carissa Jett, Aaron Burstein, Joseph Mills, Ajay Raghavan, Jessica Miller, Ian Burke, Emily Reed, and Connor Norman.

EMS school nurse, Terry Looke, was honored by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) for her outstanding service and contributions addressing the needs of children with food allergies, receiving its distinguished 12th annual Mariel C. Furlong Award for Making a Difference in the school nurse category.

Center School kindergarten teacher, Kris Cool, provided workshops "Early Literacy Series" for parents and members of the community.

Eighth grade student, Katie Angelica, reached the level of semi-finalist for Tolland County in the IMPAC-CSAS Young Writer's Award competition for high school students. Katie showed exceptional writing skills in her entry and was one of only two middle school students to reach the final rounds of the competition.

EMS teachers, Roy Gurnon and Eileen Fuellhart along with parent, Mrs. Lisa Patrick, worked with twelve students participating for the school's first time, in the Science Olympiad held at the University of Connecticut. The students competed in over 22 tasks and the Ellington Middle School placed tenth out of 25 participating schools. John Kuehn and Jeff Patrick placed second in the Food Science competition. John Kuehn and Billy Graydus placed second in the Rocks and Mineral competition. Third place was awarded to Travis Wallace and Matt Mashayekhi in the Disease Detectives category with Jeff Patrick and Ryan Whiting taking third place for the Scrambler competition.

Center School preschool teacher, Esther Boucher, was appointed to the State of Connecticut's Autism Committee.

EHS business teacher, Kim LaDuke's finance students did extremely well in the stock market game this year. Out of 381 teams, EHS students, Katie Plickys, Nicole Skipper, and Dan Cooksey took second place.

David Roberts, a Center School fourth grade student, received second place recognition for his Fire Prevention Poster. Megan O'Neil, a fourth grade student won the town wide Fire Safety Poster contest. The students were recognized at the December 10 Board of Selectmen meeting.

In an Interdistrict partnership, Dr. Erin McGurk, Ellington's Director of Educational Services, conducted *BEST Initial Support Teacher Training* at Windsor Locks High School in collaboration with Windsor Locks and Central Connecticut State University. Fourteen Ellington teachers completed the three day course to be certified as mentors/cooperating teachers.

Middle school teacher, Jennifer Pohlman, coordinated with student council members to offer a special program for Veteran's Day. In preparation, Robert Monk and Rachel Diorand, social studies teachers had over 150 students enter written essays for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen contest. Three eighth grade students, Briana Bogrette, Alyssa Jones, and Audrey Ames won first, second, and third place respectively. Each of the girls received a monetary reward and certificate of participation from the local post. Many of the moving essays written were read at the outdoor ceremony. On November 8th, John Kuene, eighth grade student and student council member, played a very moving rendition of taps as the American flag was raised by other participating students. The ceremony was attended by eighteen veterans, parents and community members. After the ceremony, numerous EMS students honored the veterans by personally thanking them for their service and shaking hands with them.

Elementary art teacher, Steven Bernard, arranged a pottery workshop for students at Crystal Lake. The program, which

was funded by the PTO, provided students the opportunity to observe and discuss an artist throwing pots on a wheel. The work was displayed at Open House.

Fourth grade students, led by music teacher, Tim Adams, performed at the Ellington Winterfest Celebration.

Joyce Agnew and Beth Shaw, EMS school counselors, were presented with a *Certificate of Professional Recognition* from the Connecticut School Counselor Association for their outstanding work in developing and implementing the "Hands-Up" Program. This early intervention program is designed to address the individual needs of all students through the systematic monitoring of student performance at weekly interdisciplinary team meetings. As a result of the early success of this award-winning program, Mrs. Agnew was invited to present the model for educators from around New England at the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS) Conference in March, 2008 in Providence, Rhode Island. The Hands-Up model is now in use in several Connecticut and other New England schools as a result of the fine work at the middle school.

Mrs. Overton's Spanish classes have been sponsoring "Henry," a student in Guatemala for the past six years, through the organization "Common Hope." Funds raised have allowed Henry to continue his education long enough to graduate from high school. Only 1 in 20 students ever attend high school and even fewer graduate. With his diploma, Henry's earning potential doubles over his lifetime. Mrs. Overton has instilled in her students a valuable lesson about the power of community involvement and commitment. Mrs. Overton and the Ellington Middle School were highlighted in the publication of Common Hope News for their exceptional level of community service.

In May of 2008, Ellington Middle School was recognized by Governor Jodi Rell as one of the top five high performing Connecticut middle schools in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Over 1,800 books read by EMS students during the summer vacation. The Governor presented ten representative students from EMS with plaques honoring this notable achievement at a special ceremony held at the Noah Webster School in Farmington.

Congratulations to the 170 Ellington seniors who graduated on June 20, 2008. Eighty-four percent of the graduates will go on to two or four year colleges and technical schools. This year's class scholars were: Kevin DeLand, Joseph Wambolt, Kevin Goldthwaite, Andrew Cannella, Lucas Smith-Horn, Ashley Dorman, Erica Begin, Brooke Porter and Emily Yourie. These students represent the top 5% of their class.

The Class of 2008 valedictorian was Kevin DeLand. Kevin, a National Merit Scholar finalist, has received numerous awards during the past four years including the Harvard Book Award, the RIT Computing Medal, The D'Amour Founders' Fellowship for Academics Scholarship, and the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship. In addition to attending EHS, Kevin attends the Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science Magnet School for half of his school day. Besides his excellence in academics, Kevin is a varsity athlete in basketball and baseball, and was selected to the *Journal Inquirer* 2007-2008 Winter All-Academic Team, as well as, the Connecticut High School Coaches' Association All-State Academic Baseball Team. Kevin plans to attend Duke University this fall and will study engineering.

This year's salutatorian was Joseph Wambolt. Joseph has pursued a strong academic schedule, taking many honors and advanced placement courses. In addition, for three of his four years, Joseph attended both the high school and the Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science Magnet School. Joseph earned many honors including semi-finalist in the 2007 Biology

Olympiad and recipient of the Holy Cross Book Award, the University of Connecticut Presidential Scholars Award, and the D'Amour Founders' Fellowship for Academics Award. Joseph is a member of the Academic Team and the French Club, has participated in many vocal competitions and festivals, and was an attendee at the Connecticut Conference for Climate Change. Joseph will attend the University of Connecticut where he will pursue an education in industrial pharmaceuticals.

DISTRICT NEEDS

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

The 2007-2008 budget process was able to restore most of the funding for library/media, equipment and athletics that had been lost the previous year. The Board of Education was able to implement year one of an athletic restoration plan for the schools in the 2008-2009 budget. The mil rate impact of the 2008-2009 budget was a .2 mil decrease. The Capital Improvement Plan brought forward by the Board of Education for 2008-2009 directly addresses today's continued energy crisis with the addition of dual fuel burners at Ellington Middle School and Windermere Elementary/Intermediate School.

There is significant need for the town to continue upgrading its school facilities. The New England School Development Council (NESDC) completed a long range facilities study in April 2008. Increases in student enrollment have resulted in larger class sizes. This growth remains a major concern for our schools and presents a challenge to the community. Ellington continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in the State and, as a result, additional classroom space will be required. Crystal Lake School, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in the spring of 2007, is in need of its first renovation. The Board of Education will be developing its plan to provide for our future needs. In addition, the changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neill settlement continues to unfold and the financial impact upon local communities will not be fully known for some time. The Board of Education needs to closely monitor its impact upon life in Ellington.

2008 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OFFICERS

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

Amber M. Albee*	Daniel Jamison Dryburgh	Jillian Leigh Kuraska	Steven Pierce
Brittany Elizabeth Antonaras	Allison Marie Dube	Katherine Elaine LaRocca	Danielle Marie Plachy*
Casey Elizabeth Aubin	Christopher Michael Alan	Marisa Pattai Lauria	Katelyn Jean Plickys
Zachary David Babella	Dubiel	Jerilyn Marie Levasseur	Brooke Eileen Portert†
Bradly Edwin Bahler	Erica Elizabeth Duguay	John Paul Levesque	Michael Rafaniello
Carly Jean Bahler	Keith Richard Durao	Katelyn Marie Levesque	Jillian Marie Rancourt
Nathan John Bahler	Michael Edmundson	Allison Shelby Limberger	Shaun Thomas Reese
Deadrick D. Baker	Sara Ashley Ewing	Colin McCandless Lord	David Resutek
Zachary S. Barrepski	Emily Lyn Fetko*	Ashley Kay Luginbuhl	Ryan William Richardson
Erica Patrice Begin†*	James H. Fisher	Shane Robert Luginbuhl	Brittany Anne Robertson
Jennifer Marie Bergeron	Michael A. Flanagan	Derek Ryan Lussier	Jamie Ross Roche
Tyler Jon Betancourt	Aaron J. Friedman*	Molly Elizabeth Maciolek	Joshua Glenn Russell
Rachel Maria Betz	Amanda Marie Gaetano	Francis Kenneth Maguire	Lauren Elizabeth Savage
Weston Bevins	David R. Garneau	Kyle Patrick Maloney	Lydia Lynne Schneider
Kimberly A. Bifulco	Tyler S. Gauthier	Michael Maloney	Laura Scheuer
Victoria Ann Boop	Robert Ronald Gay	Joelle Marie Margnelli	Nicole Leigh Skipper
Shannon Elizabeth Bostiga	Christopher M. Gentile	Melissa Jean Martin*	Andrew Clark Slicer
Jason Michael Brown	Trevor Hunter Giroux	Alexander Charles Maslak*	Lucas Alexander Smith-Horn†
Shainna Elise Burgess	Dardan Mal Gjonbalaj	Matthew James McBride	Joseph Paul Stein
Kathleen Eleanor Burns	Kevin Richard Goldthwait†*	Kevin Raymond McCabe	Amanda Pegeen Sullivan*
Kaylee Marie Buscemi	Glenn Omar Gonzalez	Richard Brenton Mellen Jr.	Andrew Brennan Sullivan*
Danielle Nicole Buttafuoco*	Jonathan Eugene Gresh	Luis Mercado	Colleen Sara Sullivan
Andrew Bryan Cannella†*	Emily V. C. Grimm	Jessica A. Miller	Collin Timothy Sullivan
Travis Matthew Caouette	Michael Joseph Grinaski	Matthew Raymond Miller	Alyssa Teresa Talbot
Grace Lynn Carle	Thomas Steven Gworek	Michael Miller*	Katherine Ann Tautkus
Matthew Evan Cartier	Derek Raymond Hammond	Jordan Lyn Millette	Nicole Alyssa Thibodeau
Christopher Clark Charest	Morgan Theresa Harbaugh	Joseph W. Mills	Steven Michael Tiernan
Nicholas Adam Chase	Adam W. Harrington	Courtney A. Miner	Casey Ann Toombs*
Brianne Alice Cianci	Kyle Robert Herold	Molly E. Mitchell	Taylor John Trotter
David Thomas Cocuzzo	Brittany Hey	Max P. Montgomery	Tyler James Varlese
Alexander Anthony Conti*	Andrew Scott Higgins III	Michael R. Moore	Natasha Vázquez
Daniel Cooksey	William S. Higgins	Tyler James Moreau	Rebekah Mae Viens
Christen Ann Cowan	Alysia S. Hinckley	Andrew John Munson	Roland Louis Violette III
Jenna Anne Cusson*	Zachary Michael Holmes	Kara Elizabeth Nash	Joseph D. Wambolt†
Abigail Marie Daleb	Courtney Elizabeth Horvath	Connor Brian Norman	Alexcina M. Wilson
Andrea Elizabeth DeForge	Amber Nicole Hubbard	Kristine Theresa O'Donnell	Casey R. Wolverton
Kevin Michael DeLand†	Alicia Katelyn Hurlburt	Dustin C. Palmer-Lavoie	Lindsey A. Wolverton
Winter Anne Desmarais	Julie Ruel Hutchinson	Piotr Panek	Jeremy Edward Yetishefsky
Brandon C. Desmarest	Carissa B. Jett	Nicholas John Pappas	Emily Diane Youriet†
Sarah Elizabeth Desrosiers	Kyle Joseph Kalinowski	Tyler F. Paquette	Lindsey Lea Zborowski
Amy Lee Dias*	Thomas G. Kennedy	Ashley Yvonne Pelletier	Braden Zethner
Lindsay M. Dietz	Tyler Raymond Knickerbocker	Samantha Marie Pernal	
Daniel DiFiore	Brian M. Kosilla	Randy Joseph Perrier	
Ashley Elizabeth Dormant†	Chelsea Marie Kunzli	Nicholas Salvatore Petrolito	

HONORARY DIPLOMA
Foreign Exchange Student
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† Class Scholar

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

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ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Michael P. Stupinski
Executive Assistant: Carol York
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ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach
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ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Rhonda McCarty
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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official: Peter Rafe Williams
Secretary: Maureen O'Neil

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Program Assistant: Diane Fiore
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Donald Davis
Deputy Director: John Streiber
Deputy Director: Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.
Accounting Assitant/Deputy Treasurer: Andrea M. Caldwell

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: Allan Lawrence
Deputy Fire Marshal: Robert DaBica
Deputy Fire Marshal: James York
Burning Officials: Allan Lawrence and James York

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton
Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani
Senior Center Van Driver: Annette Hunt
Senior Center Van Driver: Margaret Anderson
Senior Center Receptionist:
Mary Ann Mandell (*Green Thumb Enrollee*)
Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner
Director of Youth Services: Diane Lasher-Penti
Assistant Program Coordinator: Chantal Haracsy
Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer

MUNICIPAL AGENT:

Anna Turner

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director: William Blitz

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Robert A. Phillips
Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Lisa M. Houlihan
Secretary: Kristin Michaud

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Resident State Troopers:

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TFC Ron Richardson
TFC Robert Given
TPR Scott Leonard

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Aaron Blank
Arthur Carlson, III
Michael Caron
Martin Dorey
Joseph Grayeb
Robert Hoffman
Maureen Lowe
Sebastian Magnano

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Allen Bump

Thomas Davenport

Police Support Administrator:

Maureen Lowe

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(Special Ed Counsel for Bd. of Education)

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(Negotiations Counsel for Board of Education)

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(Negotiations Counsel for General Government)

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TREE WARDEN

Peter Michaud

WPCA ADMINISTRATOR

Peter Williams

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Peter J. Charter, Deputy 1st Selectman

Laurie E. Burstein

Ann L. Harford

A. Leo Miller, Jr.

James M. Prichard

John W. Turner

TERM EXPIRES

December 2009

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, Chairman

Richard J. Cleary, Jr.

Mark A. Joyse

Barry C. Pinto

Michael D. Varney

Joseph E. Wehr, Jr.

December 2011

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December 2011

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Gary J. Blanchette

Maurice W. Blanchette

Howard Friedman

William Harford

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Daniel C. Keune

Tracey Kiff-Judson

Sean Millane, Sr.

William Trisler

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERSSusan Luginbuhl (*Democrat*)Wanda Deland (*Republican*)

January 2010

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LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Halloran Jr., Chairman

Mary E. Blanchette

Mary K. Clements

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Miriam N. Underwood

Janet Wieliczka

December 2011

December 2011

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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William Hogan

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Lori L. Spielman

Carol A. Strom

Emery L. Zahner

December 2009

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, Chairman

Arthur G. Aube

Kenneth M. Braga

William F. Harford

Adam LaFleche

Mark R. Spurling

December 2011

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APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TERM EXPIRES

AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term through 2006-07 budget season

Michael Contakis
Paul Potamianos

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 yr.)

Michele Beaulieu	June 2009
Robert M. Dawson, III	June 2009
Janet Marshall	June 2009
Kevin Zahner	June 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2009

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

Mary Bartley	August 2008
Yale Cantor	August 2008
Doris Crayton	August 2008
Chantal Haracsy	August 2008
Lisa Kelly	August 2008
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2008
Erin McGurk	August 2008
Nancy Netherwood	August 2008
Neil Rinaldi	August 2008
Rev. Jeffrey Stalley	August 2008
Deborah Stauffer	August 2008

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Robert Clements	February 2009
Richard Cleary	February 2009
Peter Charter	February 2009
Donald Davis	February 2009
Bryan Harvell	February 2009
Peter Hany	February 2009
Robert Levandoski	February 2009
Charles Pippin	February 2009
Terry Shook	February 2009
John Turner	February 2009
Michael Varney	February 2009

AD HOC PINNEY HOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

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

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

Thomas J. Stack, Chairman	January 2009
Marie Bedor	January 2011
Peter Korbusieski	January 2010

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 yrs.)

James Alexander	April 2010
Thomas Connelly	April 2011
Donald Gobeille	April 2012
Howard D. Reckert	April 2013
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2009

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2011
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COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2010
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

David Hurley, Chairman	March 2012
Jesse Amsel	March 2010
James Gage	March 2011
Mark Maciolek	March 2010
Walter Moody	March 2009
George Nickerson	March 2009
Rebecca Quarno	March 2011

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 yr.)

George Shaw	August 2008
ALTERNATE – <i>Vacant</i>	August 2008

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Robertta Printy (<i>Republican</i>)	December 2010
Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	December 2010

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Laura Sherman, Chairman	July 2009
Maureen Lowe	July 2010
John Luginbuhl	July 2012
Aaron Olmsted	July 2010
<i>Vacancy</i>	July 2010
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.) (3 <i>Vacancies</i>)	January 2009

ETHICS COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Ronald Hull, Chairman	January 2012
Elizabeth Feldman	January 2009
Phyllis McConnell	January 2012
Elaine Pont	January 2010
Maya Smith	January 2011

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)

Yale Cantor	March 2009
Susan Stack	March 2009

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yrs.)

Stephen Schindler, Chairman	June 2012
Margaret Bean	June 2009
Katherine Cusson	June 2013
Deborah Stauffer	June 2011
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2010
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

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

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, Chairman	January 2011
Jean Burns	January 2009
William Correia	January 2011
Steven Hoffman	January 2011
Fred Leone III	January 2011
Donald McConnell	January 2009
Christine Murphy	January 2009
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Ron Brown	January 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2009

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.)

Audrey Kubas, Chairman	April 2011
Jonathan Allen	April 2009
Lisa Howard	April 2011
Diane O'Hagan	April 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2011
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer (Ex-officio)	

LAND RECORD INSPECTOR

Nancy Lemek	September 2008
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15

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

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

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

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 yrs.)

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

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

James Prichard	September 2009
Joseph Wehr	September 2009

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 yrs.)

Carolyn Cook	October 2008
William Enes, Jr.	October 2010
Rose Parent	October 2009

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF SHARED SERVICES (1 yr.)

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

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Michael Young	June 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2010

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

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2009
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)

Daniel Parisi, Chairman	April 2009
Edward Duell	April 2010
Timothy Kiessling	April 2011
Shawn Koehler	April 2012
Joe Stimac	April 2010

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Ronald Brown	August 2009
Ronald Stromberg	August 2008
Robert Wambolt	August 2008

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT

Yale Cantor
Thomas J. Connelly
Thomas J. Dzicek
Glenora G. Forbes
Dennis W. Frawley
Vaughn E. Gerber
Frank C. Graziani
John M. Halloran, Jr.
Marion W. Hoffman
James R. Josephiac
Edwin M. Lavitt
Pamela B. Lombardo
Thaddeus J. Okolo
Hassan W. Salley
Mark R. Spurling
John S. Watts
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow

TERM EXPIRES

January 2009
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REPUBLICAN

Clifford Aucter
Maurice W. Blanchette
Peter J. Charter
Robert J. Clements
Dale T. Cunningham
Ann L. Harford
Leonard A. Johnson
Jerrold R. Starr
Lorette R. Starr
Michael P. Stupinski

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UNAFFILIATED

Tony G. Locke
Bettie Rivard-Darby

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Ellington Public Schools

August

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2008-2009 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 28

Last Day of School** Jun 17

** Tentative

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Convocation Aug 25
 Teacher Inservice Aug 26-27
 Labor Day Sept 1
 Columbus Day Oct 13
 Teacher Inservice Oct 14
 Teacher Inservice Nov 4
 Veterans' Day Nov 11
 Thanksgiving Nov 27-28
 Christmas Recess Dec 24-Jan 2
 Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 19
 Presidents' Day Feb 16
 Winter Recess Feb 17-20
 Good Friday Apr 10
 Spring Recess Apr 20-24
 Memorial Day May 25

October

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○ ○ **EARLY DISMISSALS** ○ ○

7-8 Conferences Nov 19-21
 ½ Day - All Schools Nov 26
 K-6 Conferences Dec 3-5
 K-12 Inservice Jan 16
 7-8 Conferences Feb 11-13
 K-6 Conferences Mar 25-27
 K-12 Inservice Apr 3
 Last Day ** June 17
 High School Exams T.B.D.
 (4 days in January & June)

Graduation ** June 19
 ** Tentative

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 17th. If more than five school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the last day of the week. This decision will be made by March 6, 2009.

"Where Children Come First!"

Approved :
12/12/07

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

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

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

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

93 Main Street, PO Box 280

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

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

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 872-6923

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