

ELLINGTON

TOWN REPORT
2006 - 2007



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Dear Ellington Residents:

After a difficult start, FY 2006-07 drew to a successful close with a substantial operating surplus which was applied to the current year's budget.

Unlike many surrounding towns, we were able to pass the budget on the second try and get on with the operations of the town. A small increase in the mill rate will be a welcome respite to our taxpayers.

The Shared Services Committee continues its search for additional ways to hold down expenses and stream line services in the future.

We continue to hold a favorable credit rating enabling us to borrow at a low rate of interest. This rating is the result of many years of careful budgeting by past and present Boards of Finance.

The increase in state education reimbursement funding received after adoption of our budget should help to temper next year's tax rate.

As more and more people demand increased services from their governments, the pressures for higher taxes will only increase. As our town grows, the level of service must increase and increased services equate to increased costs. When residents ask their government to provide additional services, they should also ask themselves how these services will be paid for.

Once again we wish to thank all town staff and volunteers for all of their good efforts and untiring services for our people.

Robert K. Pagani, Chairman

August 30, 2007

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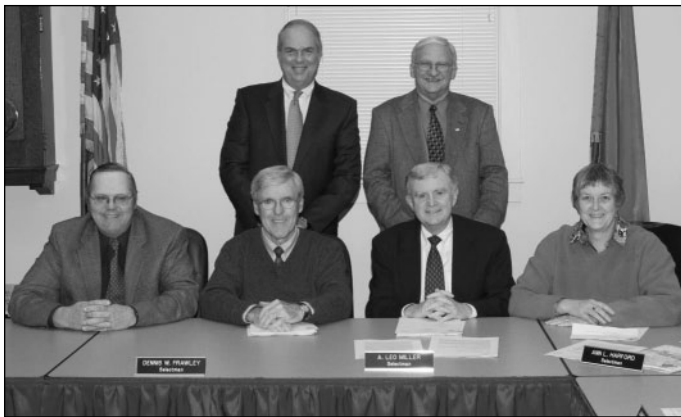
General Government Administration

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 left to right: Peter Charter, Dennis Frawley, A. Leo Miller, Ann Harford

Standing left to right: Michael Scudieri - Deputy First Selectman, Michael Stupinski - First Selectman

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month in the Town Hall. There were a total of fifteen regular meetings and one special meeting. 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 fourteen town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. Per Town Charter, one additional subsequent annual town budget meeting was held. 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 2006-07:

AGREEMENTS

- Approved the Winter Maintenance Agreement between the Town of Ellington and developers for snowplowing services.
- Approved four-year lease agreement with HP Financial Services for the purchase of Board of Education computer equipment in the amount of \$330,000.
- Accepted ownership of IVS Voting System through the Office of Secretary of the State.
- Accepted ownership of LHS Optical Scan Voting Machines through the Office of Secretary of the State.
- Approved settlement agreement with Haynes Construction in the amount of \$364,000 to close out the Ellington High School Project, which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved agreement between Town of Ellington and DOT for the construction of the Windermere Bridge.
- Approved one-year lease agreement with Nutmeg Park LLC for truck bay space for EVFD.

CONTRACTS

- Awarded Contract for service and maintenance of the Town's computer system to The Computer Company.
- Renewed Resident State Police Contract effective 7/1/07 – 6/30/09.
- Approved contract between the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Services, Inc. and the Town of Ellington.

EQUIPMENT

- Approved an appropriation of \$45,000 to the FY 2006-07 Capital Non Recurring Fund from Undesignated Fund Balance, to purchase DPW dump truck, which was approved at Town Meeting.

FINANCES

- Set Trash Collection Fee at \$95/each residential unit.
- Sent to Town Meeting Appropriation of \$2,035,000 for design & construction of EVFD Pinney Street Fire Station which was adjourned to and failed at referendum on October 11, 2006.
- Approved an increase of \$250,000 for the Airport Sewer Extension Project, which was also approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved Year-end Transfers, Adjustments and Additional Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005-06, which was also approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved Tax Abatement Agreement for Syn-Mar Products.
- Approved an additional appropriation of \$10,000 to hire an architect to estimate the cost to expand the truck bay space at the EVFD facility.
- Approved an additional appropriation of \$5,547 to cover cost of rebuilding the hose tower at the EVFD facility.
- Recommended to BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2006-2007, net amount \$1,090,375.
- Awarded bid for EVFD Tanker to Northeastern Fire of Cheshire, CT in the amount of \$196,136.
- Approved an additional appropriation of \$5,200 to the EVFD for costs associated with lease for truck bay space at Nutmeg Park LLC.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance the Board of Selectmen approved Town Budget for FY 2007-08, a grand total of \$12,287,470.
- Recommended to the Board of Finance to increase appropriation to Ellington High School/Center School renovation project by \$540,000.
- Approved entering into lease agreement with Deer Valley, LLC to lease the Pinney House for 99 years @ \$1 per year, which was also approved at Town Meeting.
- Sent 2007-2008 budget sum of \$42,161,289 to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 8, 2007 which was adjourned to and failed at referendum on May 16, 2007.
- Per Town Charter, Subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on May 23, 2007 to consider a budget sum \$41,420,289 which was adjourned and passed at referendum on May 30, 2007.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Authorized First Selectman to execute documents for participation in the FY 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.
- Authorized First Selectman to apply for and accept grant for historic document preservation.
- Authorized First Selectman to apply for and accept grant for supplement educational needs.
- Authorized First Selectman to execute documents for Homeland Security Grant.
- Authorized First Selectman to execute documents for Traffic Enforcement Grant.
- Authorized First Selectman to execute documents for State DMHAS Grant.

ORDINANCES

- Recommended ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Citations for Violation of Zoning/Wetlands Regulations, which was approved at Town Meeting.

POLICY

- Established policy for reimbursement to emergency service personnel when subpoenaed to court on behalf of the Town.
- Revised Economic Development Commission Tax Abatement Policy.
- Adopted policy for recording documents for development projects.

PROPERTY

- Accepted open space from Hall Hill Subdivision, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Accepted donation of 4.998 acres of land from Center Village, LLC.
- Approved sale of Town-owned land (8,097 sq.ft.) on Wendell Road to Kenneth Wendell.
- Accepted property located at 11 Wheelock Road in lieu of taxes.
- Accepted 35.3 acres of open space from Crystal View Estates Subdivision.
- Accepted title to property located at 39 Ladd Road to provide second access for the Crystal Ridge Subdivision.

ROADS

- Approved the discontinuance of a portion of Tripp Road between Rothe Lane and Windsorville Road.
- Accepted portion of Pinnacle Road as town road from Hall Hill Subdivision.
- Accepted portions of South Road, White Road and Lakeview Avenue as town roads from Gotta Go, LLC. Accepted Pease Farm Road as town road.
- Accepted Nutmeg Road as town road.

SCHOOLS

- Waived normal bidding procedures and authorized BOE to negotiate an agreement for the purchase of Ellington High School lab equipment.
- Approved an appropriation of \$39,000 to the FY 2006-07 Capital Non-Recurring Fund from Undesignated Fund Balance to resurface the High School Track, which was also approved at Town Meeting.
- Waived normal bidding procedures and authorized BOE to negotiate an agreement for the painting of Windermere School fascia.
- Approved changing the 2006-07 Non-recurring Fund (line item) from two BOE Special Ed replacement vans for \$50,000 to four BOE Special Ed replacement vans for \$56,000, which was also approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved BOE request to hire an architect to estimate cost for 8-room addition to Ellington High School.

STAFF

- Accepted resignation of Jeanne Magurany, Sr. Center Van Driver.
- Granted permanent status to Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector.
- Granted permanent status to Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk.
- Granted permanent status to Dawn Stavens, Tax Clerk.
- Acknowledged retirement of William Basch, Maintainer II, Department of Public Works.
- Acknowledged retirement of Robert Morganson, Maintainer I/Department of Public Works.
- Changed status of Anna Turner from part-time to full-time.
- Reclassified John Godek, Joshua Hebert and Ronald Moser from Maintainer I to Maintainer II.

- Granted permanent status to Benjamin Pare, Laborer II.
- Granted permanent status to Charles Bengston, Laborer II.
- Granted permanent status to Richard Daugherty, Laborer II.
- Granted permanent status to Kimberly Bechard, Administrative Assessment Technician.
- Reclassified Kevin Gambacorta to Maintainer I.
- Accepted resignation of Paul Sawyer, Sr. Center Van Driver.
- Accepted resignation of Pamela Lombardo, WPCA Administrator.
- Accepted resignation of Kevin Regan, Deputy Fire Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Adopted Resolution in Memory of Nancy Way, Deputy First Selectman, who died 7/17/06.
- Appointed Michael P. Scudieri to the Board of Selectmen to fill an unexpired Republican term to 12/3/07.
- Accepted resignation of Kimberly Cleverdon from the Board of Education.
- Appointed William Harford to the Board of Education to 11/6/07.
- Accepted resignation of Louise Gerber from the Board of Education.
- Appointed Tracey Kiff-Judson to the Board of Education to 11/06/07.
- Accepted resignation of Aaron Rossow from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Appointed Adam LaFleche to the Zoning Board of Appeals to 12/3/07.
- Accepted resignation of Kelly Ramsey Fuhlbrigge from Board of Education.
- Appointed Emilio Giliberto to the Board of Education to 11/06/07.
- Approved annual salary for First Selectman in the amount of \$70,000 for FY 2007-08.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Everett L. Paluska as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2006.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House.
- Merged the Ad Hoc Drug Abuse Prevention Council with the Ad Hoc Youth Services Advisory to form one board to August 31, 2007.
- Established Ad Hoc Committee to review and make recommendations to the Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Established Ad Hoc Committee to explore the feasibility of shared services.
- Granted request of Jr. Women's Club to use the Town Green for Annual Fair.
- Approved application for regatta permit for the Crystal Lake Sailing Club.
- Accepted the Final Report from the Charter Revision Commission.
- Recognized Commission members for 10 years of service.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Design Review Board.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Finance:

Seated left to right: Richard Cleary, Joseph Wehr, Albert Wachsmen

Standing left to right: Barry Pinto, Robert Clements - Chairman, Mark Joyce

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, 2006 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	10/01/04	10/01/05	10/01/06
Real Estate	642,010,604	1,009,183,036	1,051,773,638
Personal Property	28,417,231	30,797,135	35,168,090
Motor Vehicle	<u>89,508,166</u>	<u>93,915,913</u>	<u>97,427,183</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 2006 through December 2006, 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
- Special audit for Ellington High School Project
- Bonding Resolution for Open Space
- Bonding Resolution - \$2,035,000 Pinney Street Fire Station
- Bonding Resolution - \$250,000 Additional Appropriation for Airport Sewer Extension Project
- Bonding Resolution - \$540,000 Additional Appropriation for Renovation, additions, and improvements to Ellington High School and Center School
- Bonding Resolution - \$2,000,000 for Farm Land Preservation
- Bond Sale of \$1,750,000 for the Airport Area Sewer Facilities
- Preparation of the Official Statement for the Bond Sale - Airport Area Sewer Facilities
- Presentation to Moody's to retain town's credit rating at A2
- Implementation of Flexible Spending Plan for General Government employees
- Recommendations to Charter Revision Commission
- Closed out STEAP Grant for the Airport Area Sewer Facilities Grant
- Closed out of Ellington School Construction Grants:
 - #048-0047 - Ellington Middle School Addition and Renovation
 - #048-0049 - Ellington High School Oil Tank
 - #048-0052 - Crystal Lake School Roof Replacement
 - #048-0053 - Ellington Administration Building ADA Compliance
 - #048-0055 - Ellington High School Science Wing Roof Replacement
 - #048-0056 - Windermere School Addition
 - #048-0057 - Crystal Lake School Roof Replacement

The Finance Office requested and/or awarded bids on the

following projects:

- Bid-Ellington Airport Sewer Extension
- Bid-Ellington Airport Sewer Extension-revised
- Bid-EVFD 2007 Tanker Truck with Fire Pump
- Bid-Service and Maintenance of Computer System
- Bid-Audit Services for Years 2007, 2008, 2009
- Bid-Crystal Lake School Water System

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:

- Ellington High School and Center School projects
- 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 2005 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,586	Real Estate
773	Personal Property
14,478	Motor Vehicle
2,534	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$27,685,296.21

COMPARISON	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Current Collections	\$23,853,273	\$25,649,069	\$27,610,080
Back Collections	275,065	208,188	176,904
Interest & Liens	170,131	247,413	196,616
Collection Rate	98.8%	99.1%	99.2%

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.

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 and the issuing of all absentee ballots
- 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	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Births	127	141	124
Marriages	76	88	84
Deaths	76	74	79
Land Record Recordings	3891	3443	3792
Map Filings	100	69	76
Trade Names	40	59	30
Dog Licenses	1884	1973	2076
Kennel Licenses	9	10	12
Sportsman Licenses	1297 (2004)	1784 (2005)	2093 (2006)
Liquor Permits	12	16	16
Veterans Discharges	56	56	40
Cemetery Deeds	38	28	29

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 requirements of this office have dramatically increased over the years primarily due to the increase in development activity necessitating the coordination and review of deeds, easements and bonding. The number of formal contracts, including many contracts with the state and federal government, has greatly increased. All require review and frequently certification by opinion as to the authority of the Town's action. 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. It is a continuing pleasure to work with the dedicated elected officials, staff and volunteers that make Ellington 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 2006-2007, Commission initiatives included the review of the 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 regulations will be reviewed and possibly amended following the adoption of the POCD. The final draft and subsequent adoption of the POCD by the PZC and Board of Selectmen is expected sometime during the winter months of the next fiscal year of 2007-2008.

Other highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- Changes in the zoning regulations including monument signage for subdivisions, revisions to the statutory notice requirements, standards for horse riding arenas, and most importantly, a limit on retail square footage of commercial developments to ensure that the small town character of Ellington is preserved.
- Sixteen (16) subdivision applications were submitted comprising of either subdivisions, resubdivisions, or modifications resulting in approximately fifty-six (56) approved building lots.
- Forty-three (43) 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 forty-six (46) Agency applications consisting of commercial/industrial (7), residential activities (23), statutory notifications (10), map/regulations amendments (4), and review of subdivision referrals (2).
 - Thirty-five (35)-Approved with modifications or conditions.
 - Two (2)-Denied.
 - Nine (9)-Notifications/Referrals accepted.
- Issued three (3) Cease & Desist Orders to violations of the regulations.
- Reviewed seventeen (17) Administrative Agent applications (17-approved with modifications or conditions) consisting of residential (16) and commercial (1) developments.
- Adopted an amendment to the Ellington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations to allow administrative permit for some commercial/industrial regulated activity.
- Adopted standardized Notification requirements and conditions.

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:

- Completed the process of retaining the services of an Economic Development Consultant to develop an economic marketing strategy.
- Enhanced the EDC's website to bring it up to date with current information to attract new businesses and to assist existing businesses.
- Reviewed and continuously worked on the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) update to establish effective policies that reflect Ellington's potential.
- Created a medical business subcommittee to solicit representatives of Johnson Memorial Hospital and the Eastern Connecticut Health Network in locating a medical facility in Ellington. It was successful, not because a medical facility was established within the fiscal year, but that physicians have started to increasingly populate the town.
- Revised the Tax Abatement Policy and Procedures in order to assist existing business and to attract targeted business.
- Engaged in active and ongoing business survey process, as well as conducted site visits with existing business via 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, including two (2) appeals of the decision of the ZEO as follows:
 - Fourteen (14) approved (Six (6) with modifications or conditions).
 - Four (4) denied.
 - Two (2) had portions of the request approved (with modifications or conditions) and portions denied.
 - Two (2) withdrawn.
 - One (1) appeal of ZEO's decision upheld.
 - One (1) appeal of ZEO's decision pending as of this writing.
- Submitted a regulation amendment to the PZC requiring an impervious surface maximum percentage in residential zones of 20%; PZC approved amendment modifying it to 25%.

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 seven (7) subdivisions.
- Investigated stormwater impacts on Crystal Lake through a site visit and other documentation review.
- Sold properties in the Shenipsit State Forest to the State DEP to increase state forest holdings while recovering the town costs for the purchase of additional properties in the Shenipsit State Forest area.
- Continued to investigate the purchase of properties in other sections of town, including two properties, totaling approximately one-hundred and thirty (130) acres and known as the SilverHurz Farm, located on Pinney Street.
- Reviewed the town Solid Waste Ordinance and suggested revisions to the Ordinance Review Committee to prevent the apparent increase in illegal dumping on town property.
- Requested the appointment of alternates on the Conservation Commission to the Charter Revision Commission.
- Initiated review of town-owned properties for future land use recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.
- Actively participated in the review of the Conservation section of the draft Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Requested a bond referendum for the purchase of open space and the purchase of working farmlands to the Board of Selectmen.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Housing Authority staff consists of three part-time employees. During the past year, there were changes in two of the positions. Theodore J. Yampanis, a retired municipal accountant, assumed the position of Executive Director in November 2006. In January 2007 Catherine M. Haggerty-Bouley became the new Resident Services Coordinator. Both Ted and Cathy, along with maintenance person, Jeff Lorenzetti, are dedicated not only to managing day to day business, but also to doing as much as possible to meet the needs of project residents.

A major concern is addressing the effects of time on the general condition of the property. The front 30 units were built in 1969 and the back 12 in 1980. Project income is limited to 30% of resident's income, which barely covers the cost of day to day operations but does not provide enough to meet major repairs and improvements. The Town has been very generous in dedicating CDBG grants funds to meet some of those needs

During the past year, these grant funds were used to remove asbestos tile flooring and ceiling paint from five of the older units. At year end, a project to connect to the public water supply in Main

St. was just beginning. CDBG funds have also been earmarked for replacing existing windows with ones that are more thermally efficient. It is expected that this will help alleviate the high cost of heating that tenants have been experiencing.

Project funds were used to clean and degrease all of the ventilation ducts in the apartments. Leaking gutters were replaced, and a new flagpole was erected to replace one that blew down during a storm. The buildings are in need of new siding, efforts are underway to find a source of funds to do this. In the meantime, some of the worst areas of deterioration were scraped and painted. Pitney Farms has continued to help generously by providing attractive plants to dress up the property.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five-member board which was comprised of five volunteer members including Mark Spurling, Chairman; Daniel Parisi, Co-Chairman; Edward Duell, Rex Myers and a new member Chris Hyson.

Mark Spurling, Past Chairman, did not renew his term after more than 10 years of service. Presently Daniel Parisi, who has years of valuable experience, is leading the WPCA.

They are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Hockanum Sewer System, the Crystal Lake Sewer System and providing direction for the future of the sewer service areas.

The Public Works Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the sewage collection system with one WPCA dedicated employee. Pamela Lombardo has retired as the WPCA Administrator. The WPCA Public meetings are usually the third Tuesday of each month.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority is in the final stages of the public sewer extension to the Ellington Airport Industrial Area. The extension of the public sewer will provide the essential infrastructure to 175 acres of vacant industrially zoned land for development. This project will significantly aid the development of Ellington's economic base.

The \$500,000 STEAP Grant from the State of Connecticut for the Sewer Project will make sewers affordable for commercial growth. The Grant was a result of the endorsement and support of Senator LeBeau, Senator Guglielmo, and our Representative Graziani. The members of the Authority, Town Engineer, Public Works and Finance have worked hard to achieve the Ellington Airport Industrial Area sewer extension, which is vital for equitable growth and the development of Ellington's tax base in the future.

The Crystal Ridge subdivision has added over 100 new homes to the Crystal Lake Sewer System. This will help spread the Crystal Lake expenses over a larger base.

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.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 currently has 1,561 registered Democrats, 1,517 registered Republicans, 3,586 unaffiliated voters, and 7 registered voters from other political parties. District #2 currently has 425 registered Democrats, 403 registered Republicans, 1,036 unaffiliated voters, and 3 registered voters from other political parties. There are a total of 8,538 active registered voters in the town.

The Federal Election was held November 7, 2006 and budget referendums were held May 16, 2007 and passed on May 30, 2007.

The Federal Election was held at Ellington High School for District #1 and Crystal Lake School for District #2.

Any eligible person wanting to become a registered voter or needing to make corrections to their voter status, can do so by mail or in person during regular posted business hours. Any questions can be directed to the registrar's office at (860) 870-3107.

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

- There have been no new projects started this fiscal year.
- High School Project: The Committee worked in cooperation with the town and the attorney to close out this project. The project was closed out in June.

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. By February 20, 2007, the Board received 12 appeals. This is almost 100 appeals less than the Board received last year following the revaluation. Appeal hearings on the 2006 Grand List for real estate and personal property were conducted on March 7&13, 2006. The Board completed processing the appeals on April 30, 2007. Motor Vehicle appeal hearings were conducted on September 6, and September 12, 2006.

In March, the Board of Selectmen appointed Alternate Board Member Peter Korbusieski to fill the Regular Board Member vacancy.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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 Office of Emergency Management. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Office of Emergency Management concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Office of Emergency Management has completed and filed with the State Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, plans for the Points of Dispensation (P.O.Ds) to provide water, ice, ready to eat meals and tarps. These P.O.Ds will dispense needed supplies at the time of a disaster to the citizens of Ellington. Although we will receive supplies in time of a disaster you should keep a three (3) to five (5) 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. 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, giving tips on how to be prepared should the predictions come true.

We are looking for several volunteers interested in becoming members of the Citizens Emergency Response Team. There are many jobs and all training will be provided. 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 \$53,400.00 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.

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

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Criminal Cases Investigated	262	315	270
Motor Vehicle Investigations	210	182	211
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	2,932	2,732	3,318
DWI's	52	36	37
Marine Safety Inspections	471	412	481

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

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
New Single Family Homes	87	98	68
New Commercial Buildings	2	5	6
New Multi-Family Buildings	0	6	5
Residential Alterations & Additions	92	83	74
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	175	201	174
Mechanical/Electrical	771	852	793
Other	<u>246</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>237</u>
Totals	1,373	1,650	1357
Field Inspections	1,617	1,943	1,814

FIRE MARSHALL

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 statutes. 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, blasting operations, all trucks transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials are permitted for appropriate state agencies. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning must be permitted, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals must be approved, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1986-1987	1996-1997	2006-2007
Investigations	63	61	68
Criminal	25	18	22
Non-criminal	33	43	42
Suspicious	4	0	0
Undetermined	1	0	4
Fire Casualties	4	3	1
Fatal	1	0	0
Non-fatal	3	3	1
Building Fires	17	20	18
Motor Vehicle Fires	14	4	4
All Other Fires	26	15	24
Hazardous Materials Incidents	3	5	17
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$181.0	\$ 98.0	\$ 409.0
Criminal	\$35	\$ 0	\$.05
Non-criminal	\$175.7	\$ 98.0	\$246.8
Suspicious	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 0
Undetermined	\$ 4	\$ 0	\$162.0
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$ 2,065.9	\$ 1,584.0	\$ 5,069.0
Enforcement Inspections	127	77	622
Commercial	41	10	225
Public Assembly	8	16	49
Educational	9	5	12
Residential (Multi-family)	29	10	298
Hazardous Materials	39	36	20
Other	1	1	18
State Licenses and Permits Approved	-	43	40
Open Burning Permits			
Processed/Approved	-	-	18
Enforcement Citations Issued	142	135	276
Arrests and/or Referrals	7	8	0

* Casualties shown as fatal as result of fire and smoke inhalation; manner of death shown as airplane crash.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Vincent L. Gambacorta

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

CAPTAINS: Robert Levandoski, 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 Breault, Sr.
Justin Caputo	Stephan Chase	Daniel Connors
Jerry Connors	Jessica Crickmore	Dominick Cristelli
Richard Daugherty	Donald Davis	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.
Kevin Gambacorta	Peter Gomez	Mitchell Griswold
Daniel Grundman	Peter Hany, Jr.	Dan Hoffman
Luke Hoffman	Ryan Huffman	Tammy Lucey
Joey Malone	Kelly Mitchell	Don Moore
Robert Morganson	Karl Neubecker*	Daniel Parisi
Robert Parlante	Jack Rich	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Allen Smith	Randall Smith	Regan Toomey
Susan Trisler	William Trisler	John W. Turner
Dennis C. Varney	Bonnie Waterhouse	Frederica Weeks

*2006 Firefighter of the Year

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Arthur Caldwell	Clyde Cordtsen, Jr.
Luis DeCarli	Ralph Edwards	Allan Lawrence, Jr.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. This year we are proud to celebrate our 79-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 the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) as a class 5/9. During the past several years the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth of 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 or 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, someone will get back to you.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a compilation of our emergency response statistics for the time period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. During this period of time our department responded to 703 emergency calls. There were a total of over 489 hours of emergency services provided. This accumulates to over 4593 man-hours donated to provide these emergency services.

To report an emergency enhanced 911 telephone service is available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center.

Fire, Explosion	50
Structural/Building fire	32
Vehicle fire/Mobile property fire	4
Trees, brush, grass fires	6
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	6
Fire, Scorch, other	4
Rescue Call	396
Emergency medical call/ Assist	346
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle	42
Extrication from building	1
Water, Ice Rescue/Search	2
Swiftwater Rescue	1
Extrication, Rescue other	1
Trench/Below Grade Rescue	1
High Angle Rescue	1
Rescue Standby	1
Hazardous Condition Standby	102
Flammable/Combustible liquid spill	12
Gas leak	1
Chemical hazard spill or leak	5
Carbon monoxide incident	9
Power line down	18
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	6
Accident other	9
Vehicle accident no extrication	40
Aircraft Standby	2
Service Call	50
Service call, other	7
Lock out	2
Water or steam problem, other	5
Water evacuation, leak	7
Smoke, odor removal	1
Police or other govt. agency assist	9
Public service assistance	3
Unauthorized burning	2
Cover assignment, standby, move up	14
Good Intent Call	26
Good intent call, other	9
Cancelled en route, wrong location	4
Authorized controlled burning	3
Prescribed fire	1
Vicinity alarm	1
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor	3
Hazmat investigation	5
False Call	74
False call, other	2
Alarm system malfunction	17
Unintentional alarm	51
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	4
Other Type of Incident	3
Severe weather standby	2
Other type of incident	1

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year Ellington firefighters spent over 7000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of 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; Rescue Technician Core, Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials Technician, 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 Dallas, New England 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
Truck 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 for the fourth year to have its Chief, Michael Varney recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Fire Chief Magazine as one of the top volunteer fire chiefs in the country.

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. 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.

Six new sets of firefighting gear were purchased as part of our annual replacement program. All members are issued their own SCBA facemask and protective carry bag. This year a new program initiated with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps consolidated the purchase of our respective agencies emergency medical service equipment and supplies. This promotes standardization of equipment and the leverage of bulk purchases.

GRANTS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department received two federal grants in the previous fiscal year. A grant of \$242,000 was awarded from the 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The department used this award to upgrade and purchase live fire training equipment increasing their capability to conduct training which had only been available in the past by traveling around the state to regional and state fire academies. The second grant was an award of \$61,500 from the 2005 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This grant is being used to recruit new members into our organization to prolong our ability to maintain a volunteer department. This now totals four 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.

STATEWIDE FIRE SERVICE HONOR GUARD

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

JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER 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 past we officially became affiliated with the National Fire Service Exploring program. This year one of our members was profiled on television by PBS to show other teens her individual as well as our programs activities. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization as fully training members.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 20 public education presentations were conducted. The majority of emphasis is placed on the younger children trying to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and 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 its inception 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 78th 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 approved and is in the process of implementation for early fall of 2007. The dispatch center staff continues to work closely with the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunication to increase the accuracy of the state mapping program in our area. The dispatch staff was trained on the Computer Aided Dispatch program. As we end this fiscal year, the first step of the new dispatch program was implemented.

Increase usage of the system, communications coverage and inter operability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

MEMBERS

James Adkins	Greg Manner	Paul Secker
Michael Allen	Ashley Marks	Matthew Seitz
Jason Carroll	Christopher Marks	Timothy Seitz
Tom Descheneaux	Geralyn Merrill	John Strieber
Joseph Glomboske	William Morrison	Jason Szemrelo
Allen Harvell	Sara Peletier	Gretchen Thompson
Bryan Harvell	Brian Pippin	Joe Thompson
Shane Lamb	Charles Pippin	Chuck Williams
Brian Legare	Justin Risley	Scott Winas
Rick Legare	Doug Rogala	John Wrynn
Bob Ludwig	Jessica Schillinger	Lynn Hotchkiss

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

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 2006 totaling 322 incidents. Listed below is the breakdown of those calls.

Structure Fires	16
Brush Fires	10
Vehicle Fires	2
Fire/Wires Down/Other	35
Mutual Aid	17
Station Coverage	25
Fire Alarms	12
CO Detectors	6
MVA with injuries.....	27
MVA with out injuries	25
Medical	74
Medical with Paramedic	43
Search & Rescue	3
Tolland County Dives	2
Water Rescue	1
Life Star	0
Fatalities	0
Chimney Fires	2
Miscellaneous	20
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.

This year five members attended dive classes to become certified open water divers. With these divers it brings the total to ten 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. Most recently the department ordered the replacement of one piece of aging equipment. The 1978 Engine Tanker known as ET242 was just replaced by a new 2000 gallon Engine Tanker built and delivered to our community in November of 2005. Our aging self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was recently replaced with all new MSA units greatly increasing safety for all firefighters. 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 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.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Terry Shook
SECRETARY: Cindy Rivard
TREASURER: Becky York
TRAINING: Bruce Hoffman
SCHEDULING: Greg York
SUPPLY: Bruce Hoffman
MAINTENANCE: Dan Flanagan
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dawn Gerber

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Debbie Schiessi	Katie Dunn
Doreen Connor	John Streiber	Corinne Sandberg
Renee Cyr	Ray Close	Krista Schultz
Don Lanier	Jean-Marie Currier	Diane Turner
Angie Sandberg	Jen Lanier	

PAID STAFF

Tonya Glomboske	Jon Morisset	Scott Fine
John Tennant	John Watts	Kim Courville
	Pete Gomez	

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Allen Ferraro	Grant Sampson	David Rice
	Eric Rossier	

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Bryan Goulet	Bob Parlante	Bill Trisler
Kyle Goulet	Karen Violette	Susan Trisler
Debbie Messier	Natasha Livermore	

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.

During the year, a major upgrade has been planned with the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the oldest unit in service. This new unit is scheduled for delivery in late 2006 and has been purchased without using any tax dollars.

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 will also be 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, two teams from Post 512 competed against other teams at the Connecticut EMS Olympics in Cromwell. The senior division team captured first place while the junior division team captured third place in their respective divisions.

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.

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 Officer is Barbara Murch. The Shelter is open seven days a week between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. 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 2, 2007 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. 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.

Ellington Animal Control would like to thank David Yoho for his years of service to the town as Assistant Animal Control Officer. His love for all animals and his dedication to the job will be missed.

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

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

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

The Town of Ellington is experiencing an increased growth rate of both people and pets. With this comes an increase in animal-related complaints and duties. Ellington Animal Control's current part-time hours are proving to be inefficient. A good Animal Control program is a community responsibility and should be budgeted as any other program or service available to citizens.

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: The Public Works Dept. purchased two 1-1/2 ton small dump trucks and 4 International Dump Trucks. These were purchased through a lease/purchase. We purchased a new riding lawn mower and a new line painter that uses less paint. We have added the YMCA fields to our list of field maintenance.

ROAD WORK: A major reconstruction and paving of the dirt portion of Abbott Road was completed this fiscal year. The culvert on Muddy Brook Road was replaced as well as the culvert on Meadow Brook Road. Meadow Brook Road was repaved in conjunction with the Airport Sewer project. Ellington Ave was repaved in conjunction with the Ellington Highland Subdivisions and the water company. Gem Drive's underground piping was replaced and the road repaved.

The parking lot at Brookside Park was reconfigured and repaved. The Basketball Court at Brookside Park was refurbished, resealed and painted. The Tennis courts were resealed and painted this year also. We replanted the grass on the Center Town Green and installed the new granite posts that the Ellington Congregational Church purchased.

Our WPCA Maintenance Inspector was very busy this year with the construction of the Big Y, Cornerstone Development, Center Village and the ongoing Ellington Highlands subdivision. The Airport sewer project was completed in June and the new pump station installed on Meadow Brook Road. We did major equipment repairs to the Vernon Pump Station and installed new equipment in the Crystal Lake Pump Station.

BUILDING PROJECTS: This year the last office in the Town Hall was carpeted. The Community Development office was completed.

SNOW REMOVAL: The crews went out 13 times for sanding, salting or plowing. We purchased 1,232 tons of salt, 870 yards of sand, and 24,784 gallons of Liquid Calcium Chloride.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 23, 2006. 303 cars which is equivalent to 276 households, dropped off hazardous waste on this day. One household equals 15 gallons or 20 pounds of household hazardous waste. Over the last 12 months and including the September 23 collection day, residents dropped off 4,680 gallons of waste oil. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We recycled nearly a 1/2 ton of computers through Chasm Industries and 3,200 lbs of batteries. We picked up 760 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, 76 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 90,455 patrons, circulating 110,177 items and answering 3,251 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story hour sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians and authors. The summer reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales", featured Bookworm Clubs, crafts, a pet show and animal programs with bats, reptiles, and sea animals from Mystic Aquarium. Expanded programming for young adults included the summer reading program, titled "How Sweet It Is", a monster makeup session for Halloween, a medieval reenactment program, movie nights, Teen Read Week activities, as well as interactive bulletin boards, raffles and voting for the Top 10 Teen Titles of the year. A Teen Advisory Board was formed in November, providing teens in grades 7-12 an opportunity to make recommendations about library materials and programming, and to do volunteer projects for the library. The group

named themselves the "CELTS" – Coolest Ever Library Teens! Adult events included an evening of readings with the "Memories" writing group from the Senior Center, a visit from William Shakespeare for Poetry Month, a musical performance by the always-popular group "Irish to the Last Drop", and a presentation about Feng Shui. In a cooperative venture, the Ellington Historical Society now holds their membership meetings and programs at the Library, making attendance more convenient for members of the community. Programs included an antique identification and appraisal, a monologue about rural farm life in the 19th century, and a presentation about the historic Goodwin Cemetery in Hartford. The recently designed main-hallway exhibit space was used each month throughout the year for exhibits of the varied works of local artists and photographers. The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performers, a play by the EHS drama department, a card-making workshop, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library, and the Festival of Trees. New services introduced this year included wireless internet access for laptop users in the Reference Room and access to a collection of downloadable audiobooks. Though the collection of these virtual titles began on a small scale, the concept proved to be popular and the number of users continues to increase. Both of these 21st century services were funded by the Friends of the Library.

The Library's Japanese connection was again reinforced with a visit in October by Toshiyuki Kikuchi, a descendent of library benefactor Yanosuke Iwasaki. Baron Iwasaki attended the Ellington School for Boys in the 1870s and later became the second president of Mitsubishi Corp. Mr. Kikuchi had attended Fairfield University, but was unaware of the family connection with Connecticut until he received the news of the previous year's visit by the Mitsubishi historian.

Over the course of this year, the Library Board and staff worked to develop a long-range plan to address the future library service. With the help of a committee of citizens and a grant-funded consultant, interviews with key town officials, and a town-wide survey of households, we looked at our changing community, the expectations of citizens of the 21st century, and current library services and identified the following areas of concern to address over the next five years: hours of operation; size and depth of the collection; access to technology, including quality of equipment and instruction for patrons; communication and marketing to the community; maintenance of the building and grounds; programming for all ages; access to information about community and government. The next few years will be exciting ones at the Library as activities to address these needs are implemented.

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	47,718
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	4,696
Children's Books and Periodicals	30,660
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>32,103</u>
TOTAL	110,177

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	37,897
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	2,274
Children's Books and Periodicals	15,900
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>8,164</u>
TOTAL	64,234

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	6,823
Young Adults	698
Children	<u>1,805</u>
TOTAL	9,326

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 24.6 mills applied to the 2005 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 2006 is 2,544 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

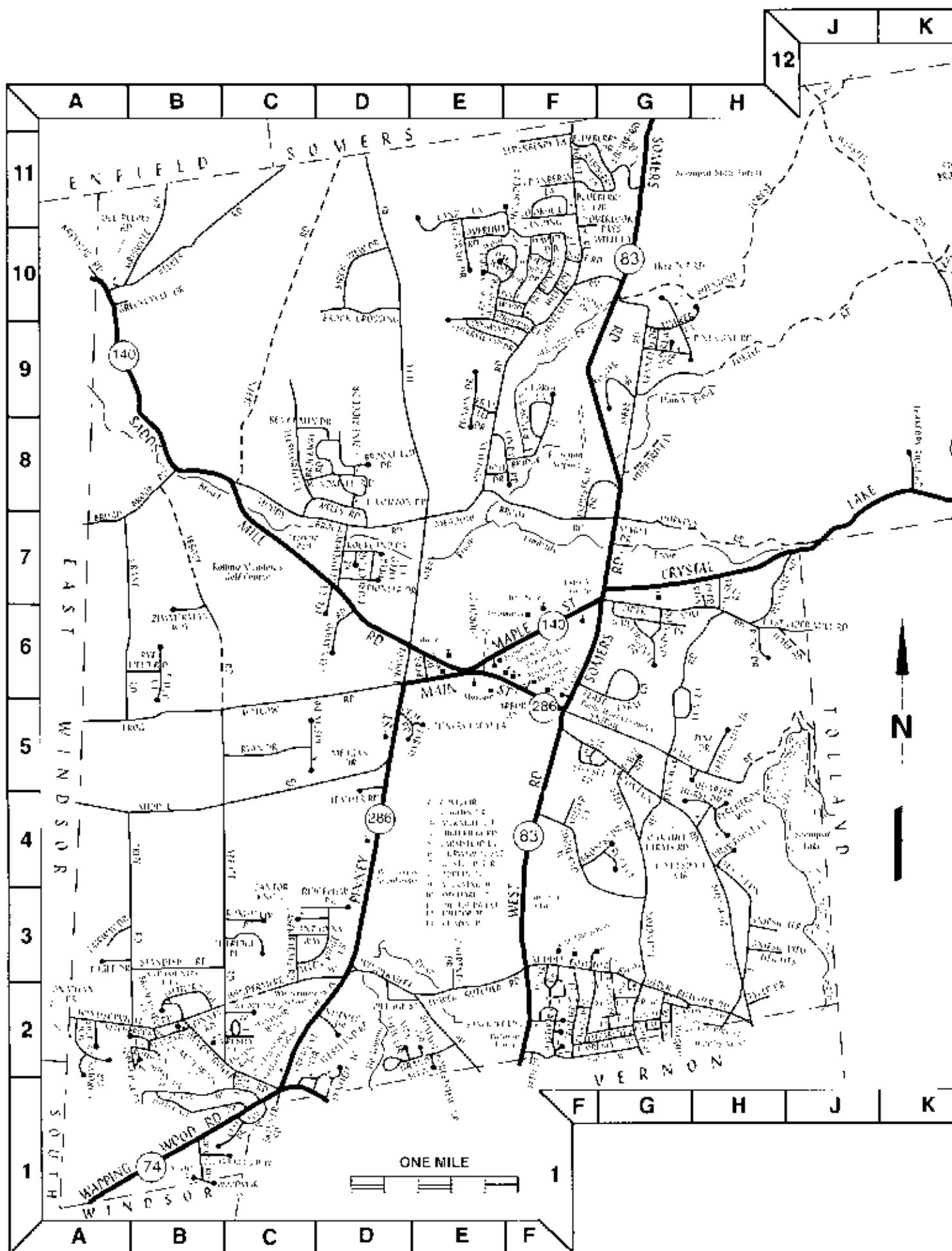
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a 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.

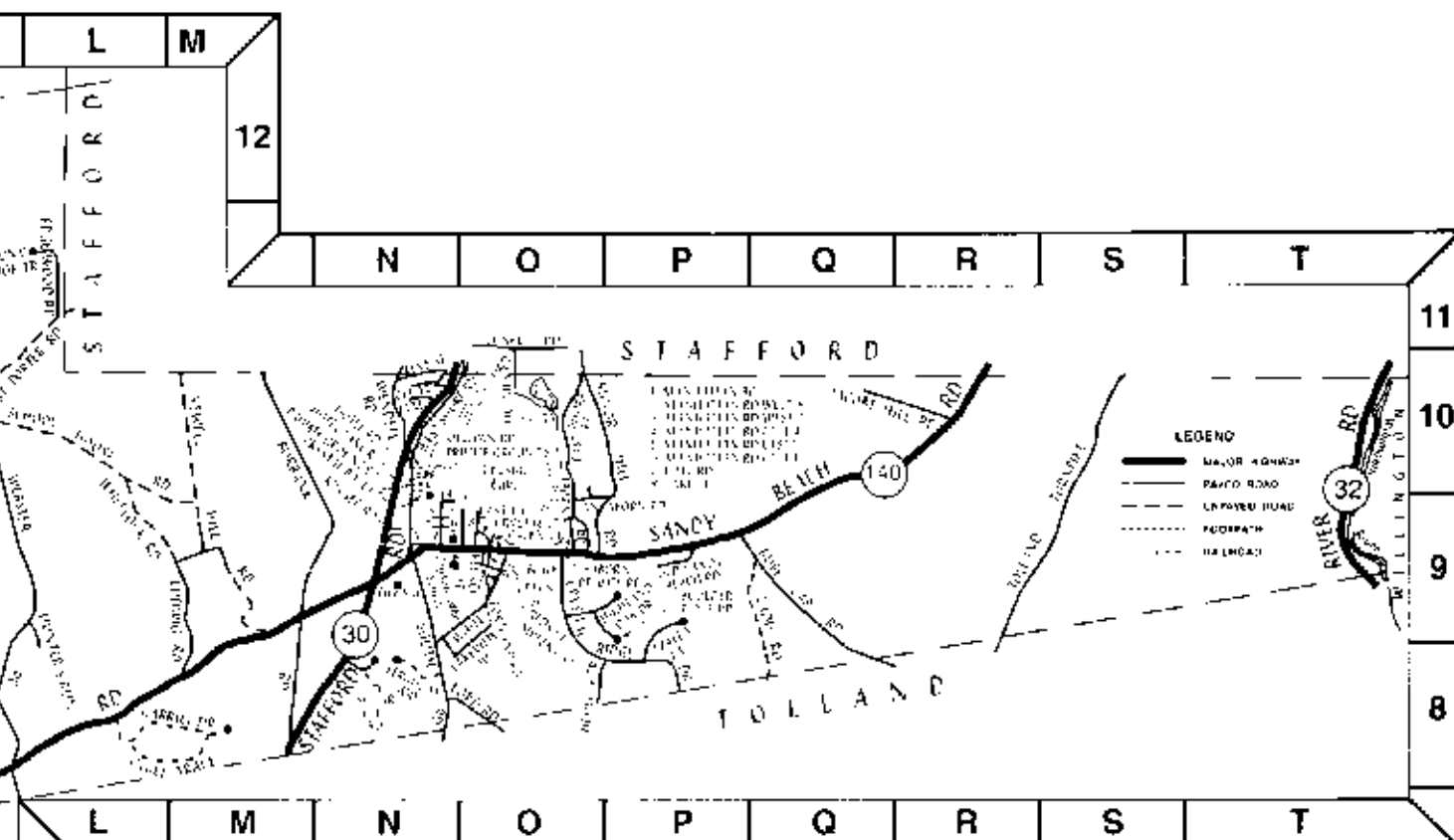
LOCAL BUSINESS

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.





ELLINGTON STREET INDEX

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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 - 1:30 p.m.

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

STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. 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 Corp, the department has been attempting to schedule defibrillator training/certification for all volunteer coaches and instructors.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs seem to thrive within the confines of Ellington, 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 summer concert series at Arbor Park was renewed this spring/summer, with 5 concerts being scheduled by the recreation department. Local businesses were very helpful in providing partial sponsorships, and the department created an advertisement booklet.

Pre-school programming has proven 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 very proud that coaches, players and spectators, in general are well versed in their roles regarding their sport and 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 an 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 has been 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.

The recreation and public works departments joined in a partnership with the Indian Valley YMCA this spring regarding the usage and maintenance of the "Y"'s athletic fields on Pinney Street.

Additional "practice" fields are currently being created 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 fourth year of full-time hours. Field trips and special events are also part of the program.

The department will continue to publish the 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 very fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

Once again the Parks and Recreation Commission received a budget reduction in the 2007-08 FY. Adjustments in revenue accounts will be considered.

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance did approve the commission's Capital Improvement budget for 2007-08, providing funding for replacement tables, fencing, playground equipment and general maintenance items.

In September of 2007 the department will begin its second year of providing on-line registration opportunities. In addition, the entire recreation program outline can be viewed on the Town of Ellington's website.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	68	72	85
Beach Passes	151	149	218
Swim Lessons	292	297	280
Open Swim	53 days	58 days	62 days
Boys' Basketball	270	285	290
Girls' Basketball	210	214	209
Men's Basketball	60	75	70
Summer Basketball	30	40	40
Instructional Basketball	195	210	190
Men's Volleyball	15	25	20
Co-Ed Volleyball	40	39	45
Women's Volleyball	15	20	20
Girls' Softball	170	225	210
Instructional T-Ball	165	225	240
Women's Softball	25	18	15
Men's Softball	15	20	20
Junior Soccer	595	625	645
Indoor Soccer	110	143	155
Letters to Santa	75	40	40
Tennis Lessons/Camp	110	125	225
Sports Coaches' Clinics	30	20	75
Senior Citizens' Exercise	20	20	30
Mini Programs	1,248	1,455	1,740
Women's Basketball	25	35	55
Basketball Camps	80	175	155
Red Cross Courses	90	30	40
Integrative Programs	40	40	40
Teen Activities	220	175	210
Track & Field	115	110	125
Adult Fitness	40	30	40
Yoga	45	60	65
Jukido	35	45	60
Little League Baseball	350	340	340
Football League	175	180	175
Lacrosse	35	45	110
Soccer Camps	65	75	85



New football field and bleacher seating behind Ellington High School



Summer reading at Hall Memorial Library

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.

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 most cost effective way to provide the best possible services. Residents are provided direct service or referred to community-based programs. These supportive services of counseling, information, and referral 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.

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

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING: 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.

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

The Human Services Department is divided into four divisions: the Senior Center, Elderly Outreach, Adult and Family Services, and Youth Services. The Senior Center celebrated its 10th year anniversary in April. The all day event was filled with entertainment, refreshments, and the special recognition of a \$10,000.00 endowment to its building fund.

The part-time Elderly Outreach Caseworker's position became full-time during the year. The additional hours will help to expand outreach activities, and program offerings. Youth Services in collaboration with the Drug Abuse Prevention Council received a three year grant (\$255,000) from the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to hire a Prevention Coordinator and increase awareness of programs to decrease underage drinking.

The Town also received a matching grant (\$21,000) from the Department of Transportation to expand Dial-A-Ride services through Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. for the elderly and disabled.

The Human Services Commission has actively spent the year researching and planning for the development of new senior housing in town as its attempts to bring fulfillment to the results of the U-Conn Center on Aging Survey on future housing needs for the elderly.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	27	10	32
Operation Fuel	3	0	0
ACCESS Fuel Program	110	121	140
Salvation Army Vouchers	9	6	8
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	49	50	45
Salvation Army Camp Connri	1	0	7
Thanksgiving	46	53	56
Christmas	44	56	58
Renters' Rebate	76	77	86
AARP Tax Program	92	105	118
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	60	42	60
Food Pantry	56	52	63
Notary Services	27	22	18

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 and Shawn Costello served as Ellington=s representatives to the Board. 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. The Department has a Medical Advisor and contracts for bookkeeping, 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.
- Assisting private physicians in obtaining free vaccine from the state for childhood immunizations.
- 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 of a Pandemic Response Plan for Avian Influenza including exercising said plan. Also, continued review and modification of our All Hazard Plan including Point of Dispensing (POD) planning to ensure public health and safety is maintained.

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. With the hiring of a full time health educator, health education programs will increase within the District. Currently, a variety of exercise programs and nutrition classes are available to residents throughout the District. This is made possible through funding from a state grant. Furthermore, an asthma diagnosis program has been implemented in Windham and will soon be expanded to more towns. This Easy Breathing Program⁷ enables pediatricians to more easily recognize asthma in young patients and therefore significantly reduces 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.

The District's bioterrorism and all hazard activities involving member communities included training, seminars, credentialing and other activities which totaled 369 hours over 143 days during FY 2006-2007.

We continue to meet our Bioterrorism Grant requirements for equipment, planning activities, exercises and drills. Most of our staff has completed required training in the area's ICS 100, 200 and 700. They will be required to complete IS800 National Response Plan training during the next fiscal year.

Don Davis, EMD, has been instrumental in drill evaluations and was a key evaluator in our Pandemic Flu full scale exercise in December 2006. Don has also continued the credentialing initiative in Ellington with recent additions as well as being a critical player in our emergency response planning efforts. We continue to work closely with Don with our other public safety personnel in Ellington to ensure our planning and training efforts provide the best service to the community.

Additionally, the NCDHD Emergency Response Coordinator has also played a major role in the regional SNS exercise as Co-Lead Evaluator. He worked closely with State Department of Public Health staff and Point of Dispensing (POD) planners culminating in the April exercise.

We also participated in the East Hartford Quarantine and Isolation Drill, July 2006. All of these activities will assist us as we prepare for our own Pandemic Exercise scheduled for December 2006.

During FY 2006 2007, we continued our efforts to recruit clinical and non-clinical personnel in our member towns. We will be holding informational seminars in the next fiscal year to educate our volunteers and municipal partners for emergency planning.

We recently completed our addendum to the All Hazard Plan including Pandemic Flu and modified and updated our smallpox appendix.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2006-2007 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.

The reduction in the total number of new lots tested and new subdivision plans submitted may indicate a slow down in building fort the near future. While lower than last year's construction boom, permit levels for current lot construction projects are similar to 2004-2005.

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

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.

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Soil Tests (Total)	100	76	45
New	90	67	31
Repair	10	9	14
Septic Permits			
New	30	41	24
Repair	13	13	17
Septic Inspections	210	217	136
Well Permits	47	57	53
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	172	168	145
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	80	43	44
New Plot Plans	41	83	53

Repairs	20	18	23
Wells Only	34	48	19
Well Water Test Reviews	37	66	56
Permits to Discharge	29	47	34
Food Licenses Issued	35	39	37
Temporary Food Permits	18	16	21
Food Service Inspections	93	66	62
Plans Reviewed for Food	-	4	4
Food Orders Issued	7	-	3
Complaints (Total)	18	42	16
Garbage & Refuse	2	5	-
Housing	5	10	8
Rodents & Insects	2	4	1
Sewage Overflow	6	9	3
Water Quality	2	3	1
Food Complaints	1	6	1
Miscellaneous	-	5	2
Complaint Orders Sent	4	6	4

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 32,126 rides to area residents during FY 2006/2007 covering over 152,256 miles. We serviced over 33 registered Ellington residents totaling 913 rides.

COUNSELING: HVCC's counseling department is a full service out patient clinic serving area residents experiencing emotional, behavioral or substance related disorders with individual therapy, family therapy, medication management, assessment, evaluation and group therapy. Over the past 12 months HVCC's counseling department has provided the following services to area residents; Individual services (including medication management) 3,990 appointments, Group Counseling 2155 units of services. We have provided assessments and evaluation to 630 new clients during the past 12 months. 8.3 percent of all referrals for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment come from residents of the town of Ellington.

TRI-TOWN PANTRY: Nine hundred eighty-five families registered for food in 2006. In the average month 640 bags of food were distributed. Families consisted of 226 seniors, 1153 adults and 754 children. During the holiday 468 families received food baskets and toys, donated by area businesses, churches, schools and individuals. Ninety Ellington families received food from the pantry in the past year.

ELDER SERVICES: During the past year 61 new clients have come into the program through outreach visits. Staff has provided 248 hours of counseling and 577 hours of social support. The adult volunteers, 52 in number, have given 3022 hours of time. Their services include friendly visiting; medical rides for frail elderly, grocery shopping and making reassurance calls.

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: The HVCC Thrift Store, although no longer funded by a Job-Readiness grant 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. Subway is now located in the plaza which helps to bring in business. Good Cents continues to receive donations and volunteer assistance from a very generous community. We completely renovated the entire inside of the store to make it more functional and appealing. Volunteers are always welcome to join our team. The excess income generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs of HVCC.

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
HIV/AIDS Program
Intravenous Therapy Services
Nutritional Counseling
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	5,206
Physical Therapy	924
Occupational Therapy	372
Speech Therapy	50
Medical Social Work	164
Home Health Aide	2,610
Homemaker	568
Companion	11
Total Visits	9,905
HOSPICE	464 Days
ADULT DAY CARE	1,118 Days
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	3,637 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	337 (Residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	227 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families, help clients 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 318 clients. Of these, 151 were un-duplicates. This means that they were first time consumers of our services within this time period. Of the 151 un-duplicated clients served: 106 were White, 31 Black and 14 Hispanic. Unaccompanied 18 and over males were 54% and females 47%. Families with children headed by single males was 13% and by females 87%. Families with no children was 89%. On an average day 42% had drug dependency issues, 31% alcohol dependency issues, 23% mental health issues, 2% were physically disabled, and 1% were HIV/AIDS sufferers. During this period we had 4,714 bed nights occupied with a 98% utilization average (11% over the previous year) for the year. For this contract period we provided referral and / or advocacy services to a total of 3,444 callers (up 518 from the previous year), an average of 287 (up 44 from the previous year) 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, and follow-through becomes an integral part their Service Plans.

House meetings can be called by either staff or residents. These give the clients an opportunity to share and resolve issues together to ensure a harmonious co-existence.

PROGRAMS

One of the most important functions we serve in the lives of our clients is to advocate for them with the numerous local and state agencies that provide support services. We help our clients navigate through the oftentimes complex landscape of the service delivery systems that are available. We examine together the eligibility requirements, obtain applications, help them file these out, submit them and do the follow-up. Clients 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 this challenge.

Along with providing emergency shelter, we have a multi-function room which houses our Computer Lab and Learning Lab. Clients have access to educational and informational material on these pertinent topics: substance abuse and recovery, mental health conditions and their management, local and statewide support services, skills assessment instruments, Dept. of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook, the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE), Life Skills Training, Social Skills Training, Job Search Strategies, Resume Writing, Cover Letters, Skills for Sustained Employment, and a wide assortment of Personal Computer curriculum.

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.

The Area Health Education Center provided us with free, confidential HIV testing and counseling services. In addition, they provided us with a Substance Abuse Counselor 10 hours per week for group and individual sessions. They also provided referral services for those clients requesting this. Given the percentage of clients who are dually-diagnosed, this service was fully utilized during the year.

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 new facility. This would also give us the opportunity to expand on our services and to introduce you to some of the folks we are privileged to serve. On behalf of the board of directors, staff and clients entrusted to our care, thank you for your partnership. Together we are making a difference, one life at a time!

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 2006-2007 year, Youth Services has a total of approximately 2,000 children and their families participate in the following programs:

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, 30 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.

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.

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, Crystal Lake and one classroom in Center school participated in the program.

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 three sessions with total of 32 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 twice with a total of 17 girls. In partnership with the schools, youth services co-led discussion groups on topics of grief and divorce at Windermere and Middle school with a total of 24 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 48 students attending and 6 high school students and adults.

Homework Club: A total of 27 5th and 6th graders meet with 23 high school students once a week for 13 sessions to assist with study skills and homework.

Halloween Happenings: This was our 5th Halloween Happenings and it gets better each year. Approximately 600 children and their families enjoy an evening of costumes, crafts, cookies, games and trick or treating.

Community Kids Club: A new program developed in partnership with a community parent. Thirteen 3rd grade students meet twice a month for a total of 10 sessions. This club helped children to get involved in their community. Kids have great ideas on how to help the environment. The community kids club allowed children a chance to share their ideas with others, as well as find ways to put them to good use. How the community kids club blossomed... One day, a 3rd grade student decided that there was too much pollution, too much hurt, too many people going hungry and not enough peace and harmony in the world. She thought to herself, "We may not be able to improve the whole world all at once, but maybe one person at a time."

Little Connections: This was a pilot program for pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade students and their families. Each night, the families learned techniques and stories designed to decrease stress, anxiety and anger while increasing self-esteem and self-awareness. The skills help with increasing focus and concentration, better restful sleep, school and social anxiety (shyness) and coping with fears. Five families participated in the program.

Family Safety Day: Through out the summer about two hundred bike/skate helmets and knee/elbow pads were given out. In the fall, Youth Services and Recreation co-sponsored Family Fun and Safety day with about 120 families in attendance. We had games, bike safety and car seat checks.

Beach Blast: To celebrate the end of the school year, Youth Services ran the 10th annual beach blast for 5th and 6th graders at Crystal Lake Beach. About 140 students attended the event.

The **Drug Abuse Prevention Council** provides funds for a variety of programs and assemblies. The Director of Youth Services acts as chairperson for DAPC. This year DAPC was awarded a state grant from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the prevention of underage drinking. The town was awarded \$85,000 each year for the next three years. Through the grant the town hired a part-time prevention coordinator and formed a Parent Action Community Taskforce (PACT) to assist in the awareness campaigns of dangers underage drinking and driving and creation of new initiatives and programs for the community. Through this coalition of state troopers, students, community members, school officials and town departments' employees, DAPC funds pre-prom, positive choices and character education assemblies at the middle and high school. DAPC supports peer mediators, peer advocates and peer leadership programs in middle and high school. DAPC also sponsors activities with Drug Free Awareness Week and other programs.

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.

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 Marshall) to facilitate services for Ellington Senior residents.
- Works with Protective Services for the Elderly to assist at risk individuals in our community who have issues of fraud, neglect, or abuse.
- Works with the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program to provide programs and services to Ellington senior residents to reduce the incidents of fraud or exploitation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Collaborative program with TRIAD Senior Safety Program, Boy Scout Troop 96/Eagle Scout Mike Stauffer, and Building Dept. in assisting 13 Ellington senior homeowners in improving the house number visibility for their property.
- Coordinator for the TRIAD Senior Safety Day with 4 presenter on Fraud & Financial Exploitation prevention. Program attended by 60 Ellington senior residents.
- Facilitated informational program with Senior Center Director on topic of Veteran's Benefits, Visiting Nurses services, Acupuncture therapy, Reverse Mortgages, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, "Celebrate Aging" program from UConn Health Services, Medicare Part D, and telephone wellness programs with ADRC.
- Assisted 77 clients with ConnPACE applications & paid 10 clients application fees.
- Received 47 calls regarding transportation & referrals made to EMATS & Dial a Ride.
- Assisted 29 clients with Elderly Homeowner Tax credit forms; 18 with Additional Veteran Tax credit forms; and assisted 25 individuals with Renters Rebate applications.
- Reviewed Energy Assistance program guidelines with 49 individuals and assisted with applications.
- Had 46 client contacts regarding Social Security benefit; 21 contacts regarding Managed Medicare; 32 contacts regarding Medicaid/Title 19; and 81 contacts regarding Medicare and Medicare Part D prescription drug program.
- Collaborated with the Visiting Nurse for service coordination for 25 clients; made 15 referrals for support groups; 7 contacts about Adult Day health centers & 15 for Respite care; gave information to 23 clients about the Connecticut Home Care program for Elders.
- Received 32 calls about senior housing option & assisted 2 clients with deposits for apts.
- Had 199 seniors attend the annual Flu shot clinic and provided info on the TRIAD senior safety program resulting in 39 new seniors signing up for the "Yellow Dot" program.
- Assisted 6 clients with Dental care; 8 with employment issues; 4 with psychiatry appointments; 2 with Lifeline installation; and 10 with Podiatry appointments.
- The Board of Selectman approved the Elderly Outreach Social Worker position as a full time position in February 2007.

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 is a gathering place for individuals age 60 and older that promotes social, health and wellness programs.

STAFFING

The Senior Center staff includes a full-time Director, part-time Assistant to the Director and two part-time van drivers. The Town sponsors the Easter Seals program and through this Federal program employs a part-time receptionist. In addition, we are so privileged to have 40 dedicated volunteers!

HIGHLIGHTS

In April, the Senior Center celebrated its 10 year anniversary! We had 100 guests for this special event held throughout the day with the opening ceremony recognizing the original members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee established in 1990; Lois Matczak, Josephine Vitale, William Enes, Muriel Coles, Libby McCarthy, Ruth Young, Robert Eddy, Franni Lusignan, Sue Moser, Antoinette Lombardo, Leona DeBortoli, Ann Mallard and Gertrude Mann.

Reflecting over the past 10 years, we see our Senior Center's growth in participants, volunteers, expansion of space and services. Also, we have expanded in staff that consists of two part-time positions; Assistant to the Director and Van Drivers. In addition, our staff includes an exercise instructor and Tai Chi instructor. We continue to grow in numbers of the participants who enjoy the many activities we offer, such as, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Aerobics, Mahjong, Bridge, Canasta, Knitting and Craft Making.

Please remember to join our monthly book club group that meets on the third Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., and our Ellington Singers who meet every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Over the years, we have expanded our hours to be open in the evenings for Musical Insights, Evening Card Games and Memories & Creative Writing.

The Elder Wellness Program contracted through The Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc., offers participants bi-weekly blood pressure clinics and monthly diabetic screenings. In March 2007, we began to offer a monthly Podiatry Clinic. During the year, together with the Municipal Agent for the Town, Anna L. Turner, we have health related programs at the Senior Center. Also, the Senior Center is involved in the annual flu shot clinic and the TRIAD program through the elderly outreach department.

In 1998, Mary Bertelsen donated funds to the Senior Center for the building of a bocce court in memory of her husband Bert. The Bocce Court is located at Snipsic Village due to lack of space around the Senior Center. Bocce is played every Tuesday during April through October.

During the year 2001, the Senior Center hired its first van driver after receiving a Small Cities Grant for a 14 passenger van.

In 2004, the Ellington Senior Center expanded its transportation service to provide rides to medical appointments under a grant from North Central Area Agency on Aging funded in part by the Older Americans Act. Our Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services (EMATS) transports residents who are age eligible or disabled. To date, we are in our third year of receiving funds through this grant.

In 2005, the Senior Center was able to increase its space to include more square footage that gave us three additional rooms; two activities rooms and an office. This additional space gave us an outside area that has become our "Garden Thyme" patio area. Our "Green Thumb" volunteers take care of the outside with seasonal flowers and plants, as well as, herbs and vegetables. The enhancement of our garden gives more beauty to our Senior Center.

Volunteers! The Senior Center is so fortunate to have these dedicated individuals share their talent and time with us. We hold an annual recognition for our volunteers in May. This year, we had 40 volunteers attend a breakfast at a local restaurant. This is one way we can show our sincere appreciation! Our volunteers serve in



Senior Center Garden

many different capacities, such as, overseeing activities and conducting programs, helping in the kitchen, serving as receptionists and working on fundraisers. Please mark your calendar for the annual fundraising events (1) Spring Craft, Fabric & Bake sale on the second Saturday in May and (2) Holiday Bazaar on the first Saturday in November.

In 2005, The Senior Citizens Endowment Fund was established by the Town through this account where community members can set aside financial donations to be designated for a new senior center. Financial support was given in January 2007, we received a very generous donation from a participant, Mr. James Dixon who gave us \$10,000 towards a new home for our senior center. Also, the proceeds from our successful "Harvest Moon Revue" has been placed into this special account.

In October 2005, we had our first intergenerational fundraiser, a play "Harvest Moon Revue" under the direction of Mr. William Prenetta, Ellington High School Drama director and the high school students in the Opening Knight Players. In addition to bringing the generations together and building a strong relationship, we raised \$10,000 towards a new senior center.

In May 2007, we participated in our first fundraiser with the Ellington Rescue Post 512, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser that was successful to both groups.

Throughout the years, we appreciate the following organizations who give us donations for having their meetings at the Senior Center; Ellington Women's Club, Junior Women's Club, Girls Scouts, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

The Senior Center gives back to the community in the following ways: co-sponsor to The American Red Cross Blood Drive, annual contributions to the Ellington Scholarship Fund, involve with intergenerational activities (e.g. Eagle Scouts projects, Ellington Rescue Post 512 and student volunteers).

In conclusion, our goals for the Senior Center are the following; (1) to expand upon programs and services that enhance the social and health needs of our older adult population; (e.g. food service area and fitness room) (2) to seek financial alternatives for a second vehicle that is more cost effective to run for our increasing transportation program, 3) to look into the development of a new Senior Center (e.g. to include a food service area and fitness room) and (4) to become a certified Senior Center through the National Council on the Aging, Inc.

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The 2006-07 year has been a year of transition for the Ellington Schools. No doubt the most significant change to the school system this past year was the district's change of leadership. On July 1, 2006, after a comprehensive search, Mr. Stephen Cullinan was hired and took over as Ellington's Superintendent of Schools, replacing Dr. Richard Packman who retired after 11 years in Ellington. Mr. Cullinan came to us from the Vernon Public Schools where he served as superintendent since 2002.

In addition to a new superintendent, the district also replaced its Director of Educational Services. Dr. Erin McGurk was hired to replace Dr. Peter Martin who retired on July 1, 2006. Dr. McGurk has previous experience as a special education teacher, a curriculum specialist for the West Hartford Public Schools and, most recently, as Director of a teaching program at Central CT State University. Dr. McGurk's primary responsibilities as Director of Educational Services are to oversee the district's K-8 instructional programs as well as the professional development program for the district's staff.

In summary, over the past two years there have been five major changes to Ellington's administrative team. In addition to Mr. Cullinan and Dr. McGurk, a new middle school principal, high school principal, and high school assistant principal were hired in 2005. Despite these significant changes in school administration, the Board of Education is pleased with the direction the district is taking and the progress already being made under this new leadership.

Each year, the Board of Education identifies specific goals to improve education and student performance. This year, the district established three focus goals for 2006-07 which became the primary emphasis for the school year. The district embarked upon an ambitious and highly focused process to address improved student achievement through the development of both District and School Instructional Plans. In August, the administrative team analyzed school and district student achievement results to develop district goals in 1) reading and writing, 2) mathematics and 3) community involvement. Each district and school goal is supported by multiple actions, strategies, and interventions with corresponding timelines, means of evaluation and person(s) responsible.

School goals are aligned with the District Instructional Plan and at least one professional growth objective for each administrator and teacher is aligned to the school focus goals. Each school now produces a monthly instructional report that provides detailed information on the 1) status of initiatives, 2) next steps and 3) recognitions. The Superintendent produces a similar report each month for the entire district that is presented to the Board of Education and published on the district website. The plans are grounded in the research of the Center for Performance Assessment and have been supported by significant professional development activities.

Significant focus was given to the achievement of special education students. Special workshops relating to Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) skills were presented to special educators. Study groups of special educators to support our initiatives were formed at each building. Student Individual Education Plans (IEPs) were reviewed to ensure that objectives are aligned with essential content standards and CMT/CAPT objectives.

In alignment with the school and district instructional plans, several curriculum and assessment initiatives were launched or expanded over the past year. A significant area of focus has been the identification of critical student learning outcomes and the development of common assessments to measure student achievement in core curriculum areas. At the elementary level, for example, teachers worked collaboratively to create common unit assessments in mathematics that are aligned with the *Trailblazers* program and target key objectives from the Connecticut Framework.



Windermere Principal Frank Milbury and staff at professional development training session

In language arts, we completed the first year of full implementation of the *Houghton Mifflin* reading series for kindergarten to grade four; teachers continued to refine assessments from the series to focus on Connecticut language arts standards. At the middle school, science teachers created common assessments aligned with their units of study. Teachers at the high school used time during our professional development series to identify power standards and to begin to develop consensus maps for courses.

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 24 courses, focused on curriculum mapping, NEASC accreditation, assessment development, inquiry-based science, and technology. Grade level meetings for elementary teachers included a session on research-based strategies to improve student learning. This year, 50 certified staff members were trained in the Center for Performance Assessment module Data Driven Decision Making/Data Teams. One staff member has completed the training to be a certified trainer in this module. In April, seven administrators attended a two-day conference on Building Professional Learning Communities presented by Rick & Becky DuFour. Fourteen teachers attended a two-day session on developing common formative assessments with national expert, Larry Ainsworth. In order to support effective practices in reading and writing, several teachers attended Saturday Reunions sponsored by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in New York City. For the first time, Ellington collaborated with East Windsor and Windsor Locks to sponsor a Summer Institute for Reading and Writing. Twenty-seven teachers participated in this four-day summer institute. These professional learning experiences have resulted in increased focus on research-based best practices in instruction and assessment across the district.

The district and each school had one of their three goals focused upon community involvement. Starting in February, the Superintendent instituted a monthly meeting with officers of all school PTOs. One major focus was to develop ways in which the central office can support the work of parents as well as PTO members. The Director of Educational Services, along with our mathematics coordinator, developed and presented parent workshops on mathematical problem-solving to assist parents in supporting student learning at home. The use of the district website to publish pertinent information for parents was expanded significantly. This included publication of the Superintendent's Monthly Report, parent resources for supporting student learning, and updated curriculum guides, as well as all documents related to the development of the budget. If you haven't yet checked out the

Ellington Public Schools' website, please log on to www.ellingtonpublicschools.org.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

Ellington continued its participation in the Open Choice Program where students from more diverse communities enroll in Ellington schools. This year 10 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 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.

Windermere's Annual Immigration Day was, again, a great success. The program, which was created after September 11 when Ellis Island was closed for an extended period of time, was designed to provide sixth grade students with a realistic version of what immigrants experienced as they entered this country. The program has grown in popularity and includes not only school staff but community volunteers. Activities include performances of ethnic songs and dances in costumes designed by students. The day culminates with a closing ceremony where immigrants (students) are sworn in by a local presiding judge and become citizens.



Sixth Graders reenacting immigrants entering through Ellis Island.

The most involved program at Windermere School in terms of planning and coordination is the Career Day Program for sixth grade students. 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 a range of skilled trade careers through these experiences. Feedback from the professionals as well as students continues to be positive and supports further development of this program.

On April 28, Crystal Lake School held a 50th Anniversary Celebration. The event was well attended and generated wide community involvement. We were honored to have attend, Agnes Rich, secretary of the original building committee and Michael Tobin, an early principal of Crystal Lake School. Many alumni and former staff came and shared wonderful stories about people's experiences at the school. Former students and staff enjoyed visiting the classrooms



Visitors at Crystal Lake School's 50th Anniversary Celebration



Students and visitors led by music teacher, Tim Adams, at the Crystal Lake School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

and seeing how experiences and achievement of students are different today. A large collection of photographs and documents were displayed in the hallways of the school and stayed up for the rest of the year for visitors to enjoy. Alumni also brought additional pictures and helped identify people. All the photos and memorabilia that people shared have been organized and archived.

A number of community groups participated including the Crystal Lake Fire Department, the Ellington Historical Society, Hall Memorial Library, the Boy Scouts, the Rescue Post, and a representative from the State Troopers' Office.

The time capsule from the original construction of Crystal Lake School was located and later opened at a school assembly. The contents were examined and displayed in the school, along with the contents of a new time capsule which was assembled to commemorate the 50th anniversary. The original time capsule was then resealed into the cornerstone of the building. The new one was built into a display box inside the front doors. Both time capsules are registered on a website that maintains such information.

Another example of an outstanding ongoing program is 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 dressed in Civil War uniforms. This event has continued to grow in scope as more ideas and activities are added to the program. At this point, Windermere PTO has assumed a large support role in scheduling various speakers and designing programs. It is an outstanding learning experience.



Fifth Grade reenactment of a Civil War hospital.

Elementary students continued to participate in the Governor's Summer Reading Program. Students completed logs of all the books they read or had read to them during the summer, and were recognized during a school assembly in September.

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

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 club also supported many fund raisers and has been used as an outreach to the community.

Crystal Lake School had a number of multi-age programs continue this year. The first and fourth grades had a buddy program. Each student had a buddy in the other grade. The classes met weekly to work on shared curriculum areas such as animal study in first grade and habitat study in fourth grade. Second and first grade students shared reading partners.

The Windermere 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.

Again this year, Center School continued its "Kind Kids Count" program. The staff chose to focus on a particular attribute each month. Students are "recognized" each month by the principal and staff for their honesty, courage, perseverance, helpfulness, etc. The students who are recognized each month have their pictures posted on the main hall bulletin board and are given a certificate of recognition as well.

During Fire Safety Week in October, the Crystal Lake Fire Department provided a program for each grade, including showing fire fighter's equipment, tours of fire trucks, and a demonstration of the fire hose. Students had lessons on fire safety and made posters.

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 a visit by author David Adler to culminate the Reading At Home program, the National Marionettes Theatre production of Pinocchio, programs about Amazing Americans in

History and American folk tales; a celebrated painter, a Chinese Opera, and Star Lab.

A major undertaking this year was replacement of Crystal Lake School computers with new PCs. This included two desktop machines for each classroom and 25 laptops which will be shared. The conversion included eliminating most of the school's software that was Mac software, training of faculty and students on the new computers, and adjustments to network operations.

Center School has developed a Sister School Partnership with the Qing Dao Experimental School in the Shandong Province of China. Center School principal, Carole Schloss, established this partnership while participating in the CT State Department of Education's Chinese Educational Leadership Delegation to China. National Teacher of the Year, Quin Liu, reciprocated Mrs. Schloss' visit in December and spent ten days in Ellington as part of this educational exchange. Quin Liu received a warm welcome with school assemblies, PTO dinners, visits to local places of interest, and a Board of Education reception. During her stay in Ellington, Quin was the guest of the Samson and Meaney host families. The exchange provided an opportunity for administrators and teachers from both countries to collaborate about educational issues, instructional formats, and to develop a school partnership. This cultural and educational partnership continues with students developing pen pals with the Chinese students.



Board of Education reception for China's visiting National Teacher of the Year, Quin Liu (L-R: Dale Roberson, Maurice Blanchette, Quin Liu, Gary Blanchette, Dan Keune).

Students and staff at Ellington Middle School were presented with a challenge when they adopted a program known as P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility and Individual Daily Effort). The program, presented by the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, was introduced by George Salpietro, Fidelco executive director, at a school-wide assembly on the opening day of school. He challenged the staff and students to do their best each and every day, citing his own triumph over losing his sight. For beginners, each day during morning announcements, students were given words of encouragement and a reflection to help build on our theme of PRIDE, indicating that choice lies with each individual on a daily basis. As part of their commitment, our students and staff held several fund raisers for the foundation over the course of the school year. Joyce Agnew, school counselor, coordinated events such as Wacky Dress-up Day, Hat Day, Team Day, and Crazy Sock Day just to mention a few. Students and staff donated funds for each event in order to participate. Over the course of the year over \$3,000 was raised. As a final culmination to the program, Mrs. Agnew, and David Pearson, principal, accompanied about twenty students to the annual Fidelco Dog Foundation Walk held in South Windsor during the month of June. Our students presented the monies raised at a special ceremony following the walk.

For the second year in a row, Ellington Middle School was awarded a grant from the Connecticut River Recovery Group and, under the supervision and guidance of Roy Gurnon, grade eight



EMS Veterans' Day Ceremony

science teacher, purchased a second salmon egg hatching tank for this project. The eggs are delivered in early September by a member of the River Recovery group and are checked on once a month. Mr. Gurnon is able to incorporate science lessons and environmental responsibility into this project. The eggs are released on an assigned date into the Salmon River. All eighth grade students attend the release and engage in environmental safety and recovery activities while at the river.

Ellington's Youth Services Coordinator, Diane Lasher-Penti offered a six-week inservice to primary students to help develop positive peer relationships. Youth Services has also offered an after-school program for students, revolving around the environment and recycling.

EMS teachers, Bob Monk, Jenn Pohlman, Eileen Fuellhart and Krista Fijal conducted regular and ongoing community service with students by visiting the elderly at Vernon Manor. One Saturday each month these staff members, along with several other colleagues, chaperoned students on their visits to the nursing home. Students chatted with the patients, read books and magazines with them, held Bingo competitions and distributed prizes to the winners, presented a talent show, made placemats for each patient for their Easter dinner, and this year, Donna Bedner, band director for EMS, had her Jazz Ensemble give a special performance for the Manor residents.

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 them and voted for their favorite. Teas are held through the year to discuss the books and encourage leisure reading.

EMS students also joined forces to raise money for "Kids Helping Kids in Guatemala" campaign. Our students raised \$1,200 from selling lollipops. This enabled our students to sponsor a child for one year, including paying for his education and family medical costs for one year, supplying ten other children with school books, buying a stove for a family, and food and gift baskets for two other families. Our students, several years ago, "adopted" Henry, and once again designated the funds for his continued education. Henry keeps in touch via letters to inform us of his progress. It has been an enlightening experience for our students to see the results of their efforts.

ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

A major accomplishment this year was the submission of Ellington High School's Five Year report to the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC). The report will provide the accrediting agency the progress being made on recommendations cited during the high school's NEASC evaluation and accreditation process in 2002. Committees worked throughout the fall and winter reviewing the Two Year Report and gathering data from the staff and administration. The final report, which addressed areas that were

identified as "In Progress," was developed by a steering committee and submitted on March 1, 2007. A response to the report is expected in the fall of 2007.

For the fourth year, EHS Child Development and Parenting classes were involved in the Pupil Partners program with Silver Lane School in East Hartford. The program entitled, "Multi-Age Mentors: What Can We Learn From Each Other?" teams high school students and kindergarteners in four face-to-face meetings focused on curriculum-based experiences. For the high school students, the program also provides diversity awareness and career exploration.

The Drug Abuse Prevention Council (DAPC) continues to play a prominent role in conveying critical and timely information to students, parents and the community. In January, DAPC sponsored an Internet safety program at the high school. Important information that all parents should know was presented. Many different areas of Internet safety for teens were addressed such as MySpace pages, AIM, LiveWire, and more. The presentation was designed to provide parents with a better understanding of how to ensure their child's safety while on the Internet.

During April vacation, foreign language teachers, Mrs. Amy White and Mr. Dennis Klinkowski, took twenty-nine students and adults to Rome and Paris. Students were able to experience and see what they have been taught in the classroom as well as to use their language skills. In Rome, highlights of the trip included visits to the Pantheon, the Vatican and Saint Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Catacombs, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. After taking an overnight train from Rome to Paris, there was an orientation with a city tour of Paris. Other visits included the Louvre, Orsay, and Rodin museums, the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a tour of the château at Versailles and its gardens, a boat ride on the Seine River. The trip culminated with dinner on the Eiffel Tower. It was a wonderful cultural and learning experience for everyone.

On the high school website, teachers post pertinent information such as course objectives and grading policies. Parents can sign up for email notification of updates to the pages such as special assignments, class projects or resource information. Once a parent does this, any changes a teacher makes to his/her page results in an automatic email being sent to that parent, notifying them of the change.

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Center School has over 70 parent volunteers who work in classrooms, the media center, the computer lab, copying center, office, etc. A parent volunteer schedules all the volunteers.

At the conclusion of the 2006-07 school year, the district saw the retirements of Tom Connelly, EHS social studies teacher, John Mruk, math teacher and grades 7-12 math curriculum team leader, Nancy Traut, teacher and curriculum assistant for the high school English department, Vernice Jury, speech pathologist at Center and Crystal Lake schools, Carol Cyr, fourth grade teacher at Windermere School, Joyce Passardi, second grade teacher at Windermere School and Joan Moser, Susan Stack, and Judy Schumacher, all first grade teachers at Windermere School. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their more than 264 years of combined service.

The Connecticut High School Coaches Association named Mr. Roy Gurnon as Outstanding Coach of the Year in Boys' Soccer and honored him at a banquet in May. Coach Gurnon and his team advanced to the second round of the state tournament once again after an exciting season. Ellington is very fortunate to have Mr. Gurnon on our sidelines and in the classroom.

Vernice Jury, speech pathologist at Center and Crystal Lake Schools was elected President of the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association for a second term.

EHS seniors, Alexander Burke and Megan Sirag were each identified as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Their outstanding performances on the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

(PSAT/NMSQT®) placed them within a prestigious group of scholastically-talented seniors who have demonstrated exceptional academic promise.

Once a week, fourth grade teacher, Laura Gentilcore, offered German lessons to Center School students during recess.

In April, social studies teacher, Tom Connelly was awarded the Life Time Achievement Award by the University of Connecticut for excellence in teaching. He served as an adjunct professor for the University at Ellington High School teaching European History as well as serving as the Site Representative for UConn.

The EHS Marching Band was awarded Best Appearing Musical Unit at the 2006 Ellington Firemen's Fair. The Marching Band also appeared at both the Four Town Fair Parade and The Big E. The Ellington High School music department hosted its annual cake booth at the Four Town Fair on the weekend of September 14-18.

Freshman Demetri Voukounas was selected to speak at the "Governor's Prevention Partnership for safe, successful, & drug-free kids" luncheon on September 26 at the Aqua Turf. Demetri was on the program along with The Honorable M. Jodi Rell, Governor, State of Connecticut; Stephen Ristau, President & CEO of The Governor's Prevention Partnership; and Coach Jim Calhoun, UConn Men's Basketball, among several other leaders. Demetri serves as a student member of the Ellington Drug Abuse Prevention Council (DAPC).

Kevin Goldthwaite and Amanda P. Sullivan were nominated to attend the 44th Junior Science and Humanities Symposium held in March at the University of Connecticut. The symposium recognized students such as Kevin and Amanda who have demonstrated intellectual achievement and promise, and a genuine interest and enthusiasm in science courses.

Sophomore, Sam Close, was selected to represent Ellington High School at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar (HOBY) this past spring. Sam joined sophomores from across the state for a highly-interactive program. HOBY participants enhance their leadership skills through question and answer sessions, small group discussions, and leadership exercises with distinguished leaders of the community.

Several of our high school athletes were named to their respective sport's all-state teams in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments: Brian Francolini, Boys' Soccer; Justine Monahan, Girls' Soccer; Andrew Sullivan, Cross Country; Derick Lessard, Hockey (1st Team, Division I); and Andrew Janiga, Baseball.

The EHS indoor track team competed in the NCCC Championship at the New Haven Athletic Center in January. The girls' team placed third and the boys' team placed first for the sixth time in the past seven years.

Jennifer Bellizzi and Jessica Schillinger were selected by Ellington High School to be honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Tenth Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts. Andrew Janiga and Courtney Payzant were named Ellington High School's recipients of the Connecticut Association of Schools Twenty-Third Annual Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Andrew Cannella, Sara Ewing, Kevin Goldthwaite, Megan Sirag, Lucas Smith-Horn, and Zachary Zwiesler participated on March 8 in the CT Valley Section Chemistry Olympiad held at the University of Connecticut. Ellington placed second among 22 competing high schools. Special congratulations to Megan Sirag, Andrew Cannella, and Kevin Goldthwaite who qualified to advance to Round II and III of the competition, being selected among 31 top scoring students from over 200 participants throughout the state.

In March, fourteen students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy chapter of the National Honor Society. The following students were welcomed into the chapter: Amber Albee, Erica Begin, Jason Brown, Danielle Buttafuoco, Andrew Cannella, Julia Connor, Amy Dias, Kevin Goldthwaite, Mallory Householder, Michael Miller, Lucas Smith-Horn, Amanda P. Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan, and Casey Toombs.

Fifty students from Mrs. LaDuke's Personal Finance classes played the Stock Market Game sponsored by the CT Council on

Economic Education. In addition to learning how to research stocks and follow price trends, the students worked in teams to best invest a fictitious \$100,000. EHS students took first, second, and third place among 697 teams across Connecticut. The students were recognized at an awards ceremony.

Congratulations to the 150 Ellington seniors who graduated on June 22, 2007. Eighty-seven percent of the graduates will go on to two or four year colleges and technical schools. This year's class scholars were: Eric Dinse, Elena Fader, Andrew Janiga, Lindsay King, Laura Norbut, Courtney Payzant, Megan Sirag, and Zachary Zwiesler.

The Class of 2007 valedictorian was Lindsay King, a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, a UConn Nutmeg Scholar and an active member of the National Honor Society who has received numerous awards during the past four years including The Rensselaer Medal and the Harvard Book Award. Lindsay plans to attend Stonehill College this fall. She has not yet declared a major.

This year's salutatorian was Laura Norbut. Laura also has earned many honors including the Holy Cross Book Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award. Laura was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in a pre-collegiate history program at the College of William and Mary and served as the president of the Future Business Leaders of America. Laura will attend the Honors Program at Sacred Heart University and plans to become a secondary education teacher, majoring in social studies.

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). In the spring of 2006, the budget referendum process forced the school system to eliminate funding for some programs and services to students. Some of the most critical areas affected were: new teaching positions needed to meet increased enrollments, extra-curricular activities and interscholastic sports. We are pleased to report that due to the generosity of the American Legion and the Ellington Athletic Boosters along with a substantial increase in "pay to participate" student fees, the district was able to restore some of the lost programs. The 2007-2008 budget process was able to restore most of that lost funding. The mil rate impact of the 2007-2008 budget that was passed on the second referendum had a significantly smaller increase than in previous years. There does remain, however, a significant number of athletic programs that receive no funding through the Board of Education. These programs include boys' lacrosse, girls' lacrosse, dance team, football cheerleaders, swimming, football and hockey. The administration will present to the Board of Education a plan to address this funding issue in the 2008-2009 budget.

The 2006-2007 Capital Budget did provide for the purchase of 300 computers funded over a four-year time period. This allowed the district to bring Crystal Lake School, Windermere School and the middle school up to the technology level of our other schools.

Another significant need is for the town to continue upgrading its school facilities by following through on the recommendations/options provided by the town's School Facilities Study Committee. 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, specifically at the middle and high school levels. Facility presentations were made to both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance earlier this year. The New England School Development Council (NESDC) has just been contracted and will present a long range facilities study to the Board of Education in the fall of 2007.

2007 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OFFICERS

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William Basch	Joseph Emile Fortier	Samuel Jarvis Leonardo	Megan J. Sirag †*
David G. Bedford	Caitlin Marie Francis	Derick Michael Lessard	Kenneth Daniel Sitek
Jennifer A. Bellizzi	April Fries	Christian Lee Luginbuhl	Edmund John Skowronek III
John M. Beres	Kristin Elizabeth Fries	Phillip Paul Luginbuhl	Eric Michael Smith
Sarah Margaret Bergeron	Teah Marie Gagné	Ryan E. Luginbuhl	Precious Mamae Benewa Smith
David Beutel	Mark James Garvey	Tory R. Lussier	Nicole Marie Squadrito*
Thomas John Bieback	Fatmire Mal Gjonbalaj	Justin Michael Margnelli*	Michael J. L. Stauffer
Stephanie Rachel Blovish	Michelle Susan Gluhosky	Brittany Elizabeth Martin	Kerri Lynn Stephenson
Christopher Michael Boulanger	Leanne Michael Golden	Meghan R. Masterson	Mandy Stone
Camden Livingston Boyd	Chelsea Rosemary Golon	Elizabeth Lee Maxwell	Katelyn Rose Streiber
Allison M. Breen	Lindsay Michelle Gondek	Jesse A. May	Amanda Rose Sullivan
Alexander J. Burke	Michael Joseph Gonsalves	Phillip A. Maychek	Mark David Szafir
Jonathan David Cannella	Christopher Harris Grimm	Sarah Ann McCabe	Jenna Lynn Thomas
Nicholas R. Casciano II	Amy Griswold	Andrew Norman McHugh	Drew Peter Thompson
Melissa Anne Clark	Anthony Thomas Guidotti	Geoffrey E. McKee	Rebecca Thompson
Shannon Close	Douglas Bruce Harding	Caroline Noel Mesel	Melanie Andrea Timura
Melissa Marie Cloutier	Amy Laura Hartman	Breanne K. Millane	Richard Toracinta
Tara Lynn Clynn	Johanna Rose Harty	Justine Mary Monahan	Adrian Oliver Trout
Matthew Raymond Cohen	Daniel Hodgdon	Erik Montoya	Gregory E. Vaida
Amanda Conklin	Travis Holmes	Tyler William Mozzer	Benjamin Adam Violette
MaryKate Elizabeth Connolly	Nicholas Robert Horvath	Laura A. Norbut †*	Alex Kostas Voukounas
Julia Elaine Connor*	Mallory Lee Householder*	Erin Elizabeth Norton	Gavin Evan Warner
Katrina Marie Cook	Kyle James Hunter	Nicholas Adam Pallotti	Audrey Rachael Webber
Karyn Lee Cormier	Johnathan Alan Hurlburt	Andrew Michael Pantuosco	Jessika Lin Wendus
Sarah Catherine Coviello*	Evan Scott Hurley	Elena Pauline Pappas	Daniel Williams
Matthew Robert Crickmore	Andrew Michael Janiga †*	Melissa May Patrick	Emily Elizabeth Wroniak
Clifford James Demarest	Nicole Marie Jenson	Courtney Marie Payzant †	Gina Marie Yost
Michelina DiCioccio	Amber Lee Jones	Alyssa Christine Purnhagen	Victoria Lynne Zurawek
Tiffany DiCioccio	JaNáe Kelyn Jones	Keeran Rajasekaran	Zachary Thomas Zwiesler †
Eric James Dinse †	Chadwick M. Judge	Lauren Elyse Ramsdell	
Carleton R. Dixon	Erin Michelle Kacmarcik	Michael M. Riemer	
Amanda Kathleen Dobrowolski	Colin Alexander Keane	Mark Adrien Riendeau	
Gregory G. Ellis	Christopher Ryan Kelleher	Sam Jordan Rooney	
Elena Marie Fader †*	Alyssa Marie King	Kristine M. Sardinha	

HONORARY DIPLOMAS

Foreign Exchange Student
Thorge Michel Jensen

† Class Scholar

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

People Serving You

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

CONNECTICUT STATE LEGISLATURE

Representative - 57th Assembly District

Ted Graziani 240-8585
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Hartford, CT 06106
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14 Punkin Drive 871-6323
Ellington, CT 06029

Senator - 3rd Senatorial District

Gary LeBeau 240-0511
State Capitol Room C-110
Hartford, CT 06106
or
4 Gorman Place 528-5818
East Hartford, CT 06118

Senator - 35th Senatorial District

Tony Guglielmo 240-8800
Legislative Office Building, Room 2100
Hartford, CT 06106
or
100 Stafford Street 684-4878
Stafford Springs, CT 06076

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Joe Courtney 860-886-0139
2 Courthouse Square
Norwich, CT 06360
202-225-2076 (Washington)
860-741-6011 (Enfield)

Senators

Christopher J. Dodd 1-800-334-5341
100 Great Meadow Road
Putnam Park, Suite 205
Wethersfield, CT 06109

Joseph Lieberman 1-800-225-5605
1 Constitution Plaza, 7th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103-1803

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Michael P. Stupinski
Executive Assistant: Carol York
Executive Assistant: Marie Sauve

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Rhonda McCarty
Deputy Assessor: Patrick Sullivan
Administrative Assessment Technician: Kimberly Bechard
Assessment Aide: Mary Thiesing

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Program Manager: Fran VanTreese
Program Assistant: Diane Fiore
Rehabilitation Specialist: Peter Kenefick

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Donald Davis

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.
Accounting Assitant/Deputy Treasurer: Andrea M. Salemi
Administrative Assistant I: Lynn M. Young

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: Allan Lawrence
Deputy Fire Marshal: Robert DaBica
Deputy Fire Marshal: James York
Fire Inspector: Donald Maguda
Burning Officials: Allan Lawrence

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton
Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani
Assistant to Senior Center Director: Noreen Staiger
Senior Center Van Driver: Clay Farnham
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
Secretary: Donna Sullivan

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
Land Use Assistant: Reanna Goodreau
Secretary: Kristin Michaud

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:
Sgt. William Konieczny
TFC Michael Hesnan
TFC Thomas Clark
TFC Robert Given
TPR Scott Leonard

Road Constables:

Bart Alexander
Michael Bard
Aaron Blank
Arthur Carlson, III
Michael Caron
Martin Dorey

Road Constables *(continued)*:

Joseph Grayeb
Robert Hoffman
Maureen Lowe
Sebastian Magnano

Marine Constables:

Allen Bump
Thomas Davenport

Police Support Administrator:

Maureen Lowe

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director: Peter Michaud

Administrative Assistant: Lori Smith

Foreman: Robert Willis

Assistant Foreman: Leonard Descheneaux

Crew Chief/Safety & Hazmat Coordinator: Jack Rich

Crew Chief: Rosario Raia

Mechanic: Barry Glazier

Maintainer II: Franz Redler

Maintainer II: Jon Godek

Maintainer II: Joshua Hebert

Maintainer II: Ronald Moser

Maintainer I: Mark Lavoie

Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki

Maintainer I: Kevin Gambacorta

Laborer II: Benjamin Pare

Laborer II: Charles Bengston

Laborer II: Richard Daugherty

Custodians: Kim Gallicchio and Lisa Robinson

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Director: Robert Tedford

Recreation Coordinator/Supervisor: Mary Bartley

Secretary: Donna Sullivan

TAX DEPARTMENT

Tax Collector: Ann Marie Conti

Deputy Tax Collector: Brenda Strong

Tax Clerk: Dawn Stavens

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk/Registrar Of Vital Statistics: Diane McKeegan

Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Sheila Bailey

TOWN COUNSEL

Atherton B. Ryan, Esq.

Special Counsel:

Day Pitney LLC (Bond Counsel)

Shipman & Goodman

(Special Ed Counsel for Bd. of Education)

Siegel, O'Connor, Schiff & Zangari

(Negotiations Counsel for Board of Education)

Patrick McHale

(Negotiations Counsel for General Government)

TOWN ENGINEER

James Thompson, Buck & Buck Engineers

TREE WARDEN

Peter Michaud

WPCA ADMINISTRATOR

Pamela Lombardo

ELECTED OFFICIALS**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman

Michael P. Scudieri, Deputy 1st Selectman

Peter J. Charter

Dennis W. Frawley

Ann L. Harford

A. Leo Miller

James M. Prichard

TERM EXPIRES

December 2007

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert Pagani, Chairman

Richard J. Cleary, Jr.

Robert J. Clements

Mark A. Joyse

Barry C. Pinto

Albert S. Wachsman

December 2007

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dale C. Roberson, Chairman

Gary J. Blanchette

Maurice W. Blanchette

Howard Friedman

Emilio Giliberto

William Harford

Ann Marie Hayes

Daniel C. Keune

Tracey Kiff-Judson

Sean Millane, Sr.

November 2007

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan Luginbuhl (*Democrat*)

Wanda Deland (*Republican*)

January 2007

January 2007

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Halloran, John Jr., Chairman

Mary K. Clements

Joanne T. Gallicchio

Nancy J. Pagani

James M. Stoughton

Miriam N. Underwood

December 2007

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December 2009

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Emery L. Zahner, Chairman

Clifford L. Aucter

Arlo Hoffman

Robert G. Hoffman

Geraldine R. Kupecky

Lori L. Spielman

December 2009

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, Chairman

Kenneth M. Braga

William F. Harford

Adam LaFleche

Robert R. Palozej

Mark R. Spurling

December 2007

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APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TERM EXPIRES

AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term through 2006-07 budget season

Paul Potamianos
Joseph Snyder
Wayne Stanley

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 yr.)

Michele Beaulieu	June 2008
Robert M. Dawson, III	June 2008
Anthony H. Gallicchio	June 2008
Janet Marshall	June 2008
Kevin Zahner	June 2008

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

Mary Bartley	August 2007
Yale Cantor	August 2007
Doris Crayton	August 2007
Chantal Haracsy	August 2007
Lisa Kelly	August 2007
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2007
Scott Leonard	August 2007
Erin McGurk	August 2007
Nancy Netherwood	August 2007
Tomas Raver	August 2007
Neil Rinaldi	August 2007
Sue Stack	August 2007
Rev. Jeffrey Stalley	August 2007
Deborah Stauffer	August 2007

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

Dennis Milanovich, Chairman	
Clayton Bannock, Vice Chairman	March 2008
Michael Bard	March 2008
Gerald Baseel	March 2008
Dennis Frawley	March 2008
Robert Pagani	March 2008
Dale Roberson	March 2008

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

Kenneth Braga	January 2008
James Gage	January 2008
William Hogan	January 2008
Laura Sherman	January 2008
Lori Spielman	January 2008
Carol Strom	January 2008
Joe Wehr	January 2008

AD HOC PINNEY HOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Dale Roberson, Chairman	July 2008
Gary T. Feldman	July 2008
James Gage	July 2008
Gerry Gillung	July 2008
Marcia Kupferschmid	July 2008
Debby Wallace	July 2008

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

Thomas J. Stack, Chairman	January 2009
Marie Bedor	January 2008
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 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2009

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2008
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CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 yr.)

George Shaw	August 2007
ALTERNATE – <i>Vacant</i>	August 2007

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Carl Slicer	June 2008
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

David Hurley, Chairman	March 2008
Jesse Amsel	March 2010
James Gage	March 2011
Walter Moody	March 2009
George Nickerson	March 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2010
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2011

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	December 2007
Roberta Printy (<i>Republican</i>)	December 2007

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Laura Sherman, Chairman	July 2009
Laurie Fiore	July 2010
John Luginbuhl	July 2008
Aaron Olmsted	July 2010
Lynda White	July 2010
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.) (3 <i>Vacancies</i>)	January 2009

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 C. Bean	June 2009
Katherine Cusson	June 2008
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 2008
Cynthia Heidari	January 2010
Anne Nickerson	January 2008
Sandra-Anne Orsini	January 2008
Hassan Salley	January 2010
Susan Stack	January 2008

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, Chairman	January 2011
Jean Burns	January 2009
William Correia	January 2011
Steven Hoffman	January 2011
Donald McConnell	January 2009
Christine Murphy	January 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2011

ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

<i>Vacant</i>	January 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2009

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.)

Jonathan Allen	April 2009
Lisa Howard	April 2011
Audrey Kubas	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 2007
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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 2008
Thomas Boscarino	January 2008
Neal Breen	January 2008
Hunter Giroux	January 2010
Kevin Hayes	January 2010
Robert Larew	January 2008
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
Paul Critchley	February 2008
Katherine Heminway	February 2010
Gary Magnuson	February 2008
Daniel Tutko	February 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2010
Leo Miller	December 2007
(Board of Selectmen Representative)	
Gary Blanchette	November 2007
(Board of Education Representative)	
Mark Joyse	December 2007
(Board of Finance Representative)	
Lori Spielman	December 2007
(Planning & Zoning Representative)	
Peter Michaud, Public Works Director	
(Ex-officio)	

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

James Prichard	September 2007
Carol Strom	September 2008
Joseph Wehr	September 2007

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 yrs.)

Carolyn Cook	October 2008
Rose Parent	October 2009
William Enes, Jr.	October 2007

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Carl Slicer	June 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2009

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

<i>Vacant</i>	June 2008
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)

Daniel Parisi, Chairman	April 2009
Edward Duell	April 2010
Christopher Hyson	April 2010
Timothy Kiessling	April 2011
Rex Myers	April 2008

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Ronald Brown	August 2007
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

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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

January 2009
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UNAFFILIATED

Tony G. Locke
Bettie Rivard-Darby

January 2009
January 2009

Ellington Public Schools

August

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2007-2008 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 30

Last Day of School** Jun 17

** Tentative

NO SCHOOL

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Convocation Aug 27
 Teacher Inservice Aug 28-29
 Labor Day Sept 3
 Columbus Day Oct 8
 Teacher Inservice Oct 9
 Teacher Inservice Nov 6
 Veterans' Day Nov 12
 Thanksgiving Nov 22-23
 Christmas Recess Dec 24-Jan 1
 Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 21
 Presidents' Day Feb 18
 Winter Recess Feb 18-22
 Good Friday Mar 21
 Spring Recess Apr 14-18
 Memorial Day May 26

October

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EARLY DISMISSALS

½ Day - All Schools Nov 21
 7-8 Conferences Nov 28-30
 K-6 Conferences Dec 5-7
 K-12 Inservice Feb 1
 7-8 Conferences Mar 5-7
 K-6 Conferences Mar 26-28
 K-12 Inservice Apr 4
 Last Day ** June 17
 High School Exams T.B.D.
 (4 days in January & June)

April

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Graduation June 20

** Tentative

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 7, 2008.

"Where Children Come First!"

Approved :
12/13/06

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	870-3145
Bills And Accounts: Andrea M. Salemi	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	870-3197
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	870-3197
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)

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 872-6923

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