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Friends of the Library officers left to right: Kathleen Vaiciulis, PR; Larry Dunn, Treasurer; Pete Nickerson; Ann Williams, Secretary; Mary Guth, President

Celebrating 25 Years of Services

Friends of the Hall Memorial Library celebrated 25 years of services on May 20, 2011. The mission of the group is to support and promote the Library and its programs by being active library advocates in the community and by raising funds to cover those added extra niceties that are not covered by the general budget. The best known fundraising activities are the two large annual book sales, one in April and one in October, the ongoing sales in the Book Cellar, and the annual holiday cookie sale. Monies from the Friends regularly fund the wireless access at the Library, the museum passes, the downloadable audio and ebook collections, the BookFlix online literacy program and the summer reading programs for all ages. Last year, they donated funds to purchase 900 additional books, DVDs and CDs for patrons of all ages, when the library materials budget was reduced. This year, they funded the furniture in the new computer lab / study room (left).



TOP DOG CONTEST

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Each year the Town Clerk's Office runs a Top Dog contest. People send in photographs of their dog. The dog photographs are then placed on a poster and each photograph is given a number. The poster is then delivered to the Senior Center. The members of the Senior Center then vote on which dog is the Top Dog.

The Top Dog for 2011-2012 is Tess owned by Joy Senger. The Top Dog gets tag #1.





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Dear Ellington Residents:

The Budget deliberations of this past spring for the fiscal year 2011-2012 followed very similar guidelines to the previous year. Because of the required revaluation of all property included in the Grand List and the current national real estate crisis, the value of the Grand List was reduced by 1.67%. This necessitated an increase in the mill rate just to reach the past year's funding levels. The total mill rate was increased by 2.2 mills, providing the town with an increase in spending of about \$326,000 over the previous budget year. There were no major issues with regard to budget requests and most of the department heads presented very responsible budgets.

We were able to re-finance the 2002 and the 2003 bonds with lower rates and no extension of time for a total savings over 13 years of \$785,216. The first year's savings is \$212,545.

On the education side, the Board of Education renegotiated their Health Insurance plan saving somewhere between \$700,000 and \$800,000 per year and submitted a very responsible budget which required minimal trimming. They are to be congratulated for getting the maximum utility out of a very tight budget. This will probably be required of them for some time into the future, until the state of Connecticut gets its' fiscal house in order and starts to keep its promises regarding Education Cost Sharing.

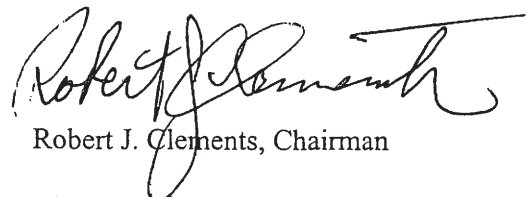
The Old Crystal Lake School project is finally finished and ready to provide a meeting place for the various groups in the Crystal Lake area who have been waiting patiently for several years. It has been a long struggle to finalize this project with one surprise after another creating the need for additional funding. First it was lead paint, then asbestos flooring, each requiring special handling and addition expense. The end of the tunnel has arrived, and the building is now usable.

Again we want to express our gratitude to our dedicated town employees and all the citizens who volunteer to serve on the many boards and commissions without whom we could not deliver the myriad of services we do to the citizens of Ellington. A special thanks goes to the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, the Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department and all the citizens who participated in the enormous job of removing the unusual amount of snow from the various town and school buildings. Some towns in the area spent between \$300k and \$800k removing snow. Ellington's total cost was approximately \$125,000.

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

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

October 7, 2011



Robert J. Clements, Chairman

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Selectmen:

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of fourteen regular meetings plus five special meetings. Three public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called five town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2010-11:

AGREEMENTS

Renewed agreement with Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT for 2011-2012.

CONTRACTS

- Awarded contract for lead paint inspection services for the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program to Boston Lead Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
- Renewed the contract for the service and maintenance of the town's computer system with The Computer Company for an additional year.
- Awarded contract for installation of new air conditioning chiller for rehabilitation of the HVAC system project at Hall Memorial Library, to Action Air Systems of Manchester, CT, not to exceed \$79,000.
- Renewed Resident Trooper Contract for five resident troopers for another two years from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.
- Awarded contract for 2011 DEDC Small Cities Grant administration to Community Opportunities

EQUIPMENT

- Authorized Finance Officer to enter into a 5-year lease for purchase of two snow plow trucks and one pickup truck for the Public Works Department.

FINANCES

- Approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$39,500 from the 2010-2011 General Fund Balance to the 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Old Crystal Lake School House Renovations account, pending BOF approval. [BOF approved]
- Set trash collection fee at \$95.
- Approved Budget Execution for FY 2010-2011.
- Waived Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Ellington Housing Authority for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- Authorized issuance of bonds to refund various of the Town's outstanding bonds.
- Waived normal bid procedures for the installation of an automated HVAC Control System at Town Hall in an amount not to exceed \$38,100.
- Recommended to the BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2010-2011, net amount \$1,957,850 or alternate plan to include bonding projects and leasing equipment.
- Approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to the Sr. Center Account for preliminary design, engineering and site surveys for senior center.
- Adopted resolution to appropriate \$435,000 for the rehabilitation of the HVAC system for Hall Memorial Library, pending BOF and Town Meeting approval. [Approved by BOF and Town Meeting].
- Sent 2011-2012 budget grand total of \$46,028,926, as recommended by the Board of Finance, to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 10, 2011, to be adjourned to referendum on May 17, 2011. [Approved at Referendum].
- Authorized bonding project in the amount of \$345,000 for the Windermere School Heating Control Replacement, pending town meeting approval. [Approved at Town Meeting].
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the Letter of Commitment for budget stabilization program for liability-automobile-property insurance coverages with Connecticut Interlock Risk management Agency.

GRANTS

- Approved acceptance and expenditure of Historic Documents Preservation Grant from the Connecticut State Library in the amount of \$3,000.
- Authorized First Selectman to apply for a \$200,000 STEAP Grant for design and construction of a fire training area, pending BOF and Town Meeting Approval. [Approved by BOF and Town Meeting].
- Approved acceptance and expenditure of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 CT Local Pass-through Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$9,100.
- Approved acceptance and expenditure of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the Old Crystal Lake School Energy Efficiency Upgrade in the amount of \$66,772.
- Approved grant application to the Department of Transportation for Dial-a-Ride services.
- Accepted an 80% reimbursable grant award from State DEP Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund [LEEF] Program for the purchase of new mower, pending BOF approval. [Cost of new mower: \$7,680; estimated reimbursement: \$6,144 – BOF approved].

POLICY

- Adopted Electronic Messages Record Retention Policy.

PROPERTY

- Accepted 2.5 acres of open space and maintenance of detention basin on Eagle Drive from the Eagle Estates Homeowners' Association.
- Adopted resolution to appropriate \$355,000 to purchase property at 59 South Road, pending BOF and Town Meeting approval. [Approved by BOF and Town Meeting].
- Merged two parcels of town-owned land located at 17 Main Street (DPW) into a single parcel of land.

ROADS/SUBDIVISIONS:

- Renamed the section of Red's Road north of Sweeny Street to Red's Road North-Private Way, and the section south of Sweeny to Red's Road-Private Way.
- Accepted Shepard Way as a town road from the Shepard Farms Subdivision.

SCHOOLS

- Adopted resolution to increase by \$70,000 the \$28,859,000 appropriation for the EHS and Center School projects as approved at referenda held on January 30 2001, pending Town Meeting approval. [Approved by Town Meeting].

STAFF

- Approved change of employment status of Kimberly Courville, Medical Technician/ Ambulance Driver, from part-time to full-time.
- Recognized employees for 10, 20, 25 and 30 years of service. Accepted resignation from George Fetko, Director of Public Works, effective April 9, 2011.
- Authorized First Selectman to negotiate and execute an employment agreement for an Interim Director of Public Works.
- Reclassified Gail Moran from the position of Administrative Clerk to the position of Assistant Town Clerk.
- Reclassified Rebecca O'Brien and Shawn Bull from the position of Laborer to the position of Maintainer I.
- Appointed Timothy Webb as Director of Public Works for an indefinite term.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted resignation of Joe Wehr from the Board of Finance.
- Appointed John Rachek to Board of Finance.
- Accepted resignation of Geraldine Kupecky from the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Appointed Mort Heidari to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Accepted resignation of Emery Zahner from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Appointed Douglas Harding to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Edna T. Edwards as the Wall of Honor Recipient for 2010.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee for Preservation of the Pinney House.
- Granted the request of the Winterfest Committee to use the Town Green for the Annual Winterfest.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee for another year.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee for the 2011-2012 budget season.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee for another year.
- Accepted final report on the airport study.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee for another year.
- Approved Application for a regatta permit as requested by the Crystal Lake Sailing Club.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee.
- Issued Special Event License to the Native American Awareness Organization, for a fundraising "Pow Wow".

- Re-established the Ad Hoc Design Review Board.
- Granted request of EVFD to use Brookside Park for Annual Carnival.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Finance:

*Seated L-R: Richard Cleary, Robert Clements-Chairman, John Racheck
Standing L-R: Barry Pinto, Mark Joyse, Michael Varney*

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, 2010 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

HIGHLIGHTS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

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

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/08	10/01/09	10/01/10
Real Estate	1,107,712,316	1,120,650,046	1,094,539,616
Personal Property	37,849,300	40,126,463	38,570,430
Motor Vehicle	98,776,003	103,250,925	109,851,670
TOTAL	\$1,244,337,619	\$1,264,027,434	\$1,242,961,716

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 2010 through December 2010, 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
- Refunding Bond Resolution \$9,500,000 – Bond Issues 2002 and 2003
- Bonding Resolution-\$70,000 addition to the Ellington High School and Center School project Approved January 30, 2001, May 30, 2002 and April 9, 2007, for total of \$28,929,000
- Bond Resolution-\$355,000-Purchase of land at 59 South Road
- Bond Resolution-\$430,000-Rehabilitation of HVAC System at Hall Memorial Library
- Bond Resolution-\$345,000-Replacement of Heating Controls at Windermere School
- Achieve cost savings with increase service in change of internet providers
- Reformatted Budget Document for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
- Installed on web site the complete Capital Improvement Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2011-12
- Installed on web site the complete Budget Document for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

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

- Bid-Replacement of Existing Oil-fired Boiler at Ellington Town Hall
- Bid-Sewer Relocation Somers Road (RTE83) at Kimball Brook
- Bid-Culvert Replacement-Webster Road
- Bid-Hall Memorial library HVAC Chiller Replacement
- Lease for \$386,000 – Two DPW Snow Plow Trucks and One GMC one-ton 4x4 plow truck
- Bid-Tennis Court Construction Abram and Rachel Schwartz Park 23 Maple Street
- Bid-Hall memorial Library HVAC upgrades

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

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

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

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

TAX COLLECTOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2009 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,848	Real Estate
913	Personal Property
15,569	Motor Vehicle
2,378	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$32,169,148

COMPARISON	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Current Collections	\$29,729,595	\$30,905,542	\$31,788,687
Back Collections	203,583	419,263	106,297
Interest & Liens	216,669	296,489	175,091
Collection Rate	98.5%	98.8%	98.7%

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

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

TOWN CLERK

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of absentee ballot election material for all elections, primaries, referenda.
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- Aircraft Registration Official
- Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- On-line Dog registration is now available through the Town website.
- Awarded Historic Document Preservation Grant for \$3,500 to complete Vital Records preservation project.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to

public

- All recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerks office.

SUMMARY	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Births	168	123	155
Marriages	112	83	101
Deaths	96	84	83
Land Record Recordings	3010	2804	3022
Map Filings	37	28	36
Trade Names	59	46	46
Dog Licenses	2190	2327	2329
Kennel Licenses	11	12	9
Sportsman Licenses	1735	540	357
Liquor Permits	17	17	16
Veterans Discharges	34	39	32
Cemetery Deeds	24	17	15
Aircraft Registration	29	32	33

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

The work of the Town Attorney has been centered primarily in the area of land use. Every subdivision has a number of easements required that are all somewhat different and all descriptions need to be checked. Bonding has become a frequent issue since few developers continue to use surety companies. These are time consuming but fortunately the costs are now in most cases paid by the contractor or developer. Because the Town is required to purchase major items and construction contracts through the bidding process, this too requires substantial involvement and fortunately we have succeeded in obtaining reasonable bids and avoided contests both as to the awarding process and interpretation of the contracts. So far we have four appeals from the assessor's revaluation of Oct. 1, 2010 of which three are commercial properties. The working relationship between this office and town staff has been outstanding in conducting the business of the Town effectively.

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 2010-2011, Commission initiatives included pursuing the implementation of the goals and objectives of the recently revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a POCD at least every ten (10) years and the PZC last amended the plan in April of 2008. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the POCD:

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Two (2) zone changes from Age-Restricted Cluster Housing (ARCH) to Workforce Cluster Housing (WFCH) and ARCH to Multi-family (MF) in an effort to open up the market for two financially distressed age restricted developments.
- Concluded work on an Incentive Housing Zone Study for the development of "moderately priced housing" in an effort to provide more opportunities for residents to continue to reside in town in the face of rising real estate prices. It was decided to abort the study prior to completion due in part to the changing housing market and the associated reductions in housing values/costs.
- One (1) residential re-zoning regulation amendment and one (1) subdivision regulation amendment in support of a density-based residential zoning scheme which has been considered by the commission in modified form since last fiscal year. Action expected prior to the end of this fiscal year.
- One (1) minor modification to the zoning regulations to amend 2.1.10 – Highway Clearance Setback.
- One (1) regulation amendment to include Farm Friendly Regulations.
- One (1) withdrawn application.
- Two (2) subdivision applications were approved, resulting in approximately five (5) approved building lots.

- Twenty-eight (28) other zoning applications were submitted composed of either site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation renewals, zone changes, statutory referral reports, or zoning and subdivision amendments.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fifteen (15) Agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions. (eleven (11) residential and four (4) commercial/industrial/other)
- Nine (9) Administrative Agent applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions. (seven (7) residential and two (2) commercial/industrial)
- Six (6) Request for Notification of Permitted/Non-Regulated Use, (3) Extension of Permit, (5) Modifications to Permit, and (1) Withdrawal.
- One (1) Amendment to the Inland Wetland Regulations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Received the Final Report on a study conducted for the future viability of the Ellington Airport including the potential for town acquisition and operation.
- Conducted an informal Business Survey (2011).
- Support existing tax abatement programs.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed sixteen (16) applications of which:
 - Thirteen (13) variances approved (four (4) with modifications or conditions) and one (1) continued to the July meeting.
 - One (1) variance denied.
 - One (1) variance withdrawn.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space and farmland preservation. The commission is advisory, and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the PZC, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, acquisition of farmland development rights and similar topics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed two (2) 2-lot subdivisions and one (1) 4-lot industrial subdivision for open space or fee-in-lieu (FILO) of open space. Recommended FILO.
- Continued supporting two (2) properties for consideration under the town farmland preservation program totaling approximately 200 acres.
- Requested funding in the annual budget for signage on existing open space lands which was ultimately cut through the budget process at a late stage.
- Supported the creation of a Dark-Sky regulation in an effort to preserve the rural character of town and reduce light pollution.
- Continued an ongoing interest in Crystal Lake and the creation of town-wide trail systems, including recommendations for park and rec facility needs.
- Formed a Farmland Preservation Subcommittee.
- Formulated a Open Space Educational Brochure and Outline.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

In contrast to the previous two years, during which apartment turnover was very low, eight units were vacated during the period. Four residents passed away. Three moved to some kind of care facility, and one simply moved elsewhere.

Among those who passed away was Resident Commissioner Margaret (Peg) Bean, who departed on June 30, 2011. Peg and her family have long-time ties to Ellington. Her family owned and operated Crystal Lake Beach and related facilities for many years before selling the property to the Town in the early 60's. Peg was active with the Republican Town Committee, served on the Board of Education, and was a commissioner of the Housing Authority for over 25 years. She will be missed.

Our efforts to upgrade and modernize Snipsic Village continue. At year end, we were awaiting final determination of what will be done with a Weatherization Grant (financed with Federal Stimulus Funds). It is expected that additional ceiling insulation will be added and air leaks sealed with this grant.

In the Spring, the Board of Selectmen approved allocation of \$530,000 of its annual Small Cities Grant for Snipsic Village repairs and improvements. Plans for use of these funds were prepared and submitted for review and approval by the State's Department of Economic & Community Development in June 2011. That approval process is expected to take several months so that work is not expected to commence until early 2012.

Planned improvements include converting two existing units for handicapped access, replacing all exterior doors, repaving all driveway and parking areas, replacement of all kitchen and bathroom vent fans and related duct work.

We have also started to replace aging kitchen and storage cabinets in the older (1969) group of apartments. Because this work is difficult to do in an occupied apartment, we have made the change when a unit is vacated. During the past year, two such conversions were done. It is expected that we will convert 3 or 4 each year.

We are pleased with these and other recently completed renovations. The complex is already looking much better than it did a few short years ago!

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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

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

This past year, state and federal elections were held. The percentage of registered voters who actually voted was 62%.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 currently has 1,786 registered Democrats, 1,626 registered Republicans, 3,649 registered unaffiliated voters and 91 registered voters from different political parties. District #2 currently has 512 registered Democrats, 458 registered Republicans, 1,055 registered unaffiliated voters and 24 registered voters from other political parties. The total number of registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 9,177 which is a decrease of 972 registered voters from last year.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$20,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition.

tion and construction of building projects and/or work with construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Permanent Building Committee spent 2010-11 monitoring the final expenditure of the grant funds for the restoration of the Pinney House. One of the items done was to contract with Moser Pilon Nelson to develop a scope and cost projection for the next phase which would be to make the space occupant ready. The Ad Hoc Pinney House Committee will be able to use these projections to apply for further grants and fund raising efforts.
- The Senior Center Steering Committee met with the Permanent Building Committee informally. As of July 2011, the Permanent Building Committee has not been assigned to this project.
- The Permanent Building Committee met 6 times this fiscal year.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The purpose of the Board of Assessment Appeals is to hear the appeals of taxpayers who believe they have been unfairly assessed on the valuation of their Real Estate, Personal Property or Motor Vehicles. The three member board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, conducts appeal hearings and adjusts assessed valuations based on board determinations. Connecticut General Statutes permit appointing additional members to the Board during a revaluation year and the following year.

The Board conducts hearings for Real Estate and Personal Property in March and hearings for Motor Vehicles are held in September. Appeal hearings on the 2010 Grand List for Real Estate and Personal Property were schedule in March based on the appeal applications received in the Assessor's Office by February 22, 2011.

Applicants that submitted the 58 appeals were notified by mail of the date and time to hear the appeals. The Board reviewed the evidence presented in the appeals and mailed the Board's decisions to the appellants within the week of the decision. The Board completed the work required for processing the appeals on March 30, 2011.

Motor Vehicle hearings were scheduled for September 7, 2010. Hearings for automobile appeals were heard on a first-come-first-served basis. Fifteen appeals were heard and processed during the month of September.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

Progress and Accomplishments 2010

The Committee, with the aid of our contractor Waters Edge Restoration and Management (WERM) were able to accomplish the following in 2010.

1- Accomplish our Annual Maintenance Program which is a complete scan and removal of 1.1 acres of milfoil in the main body of Crystal Lake, including removing 1.2 acres of milfoil from the Route 140 pond and the connecting stream between the pond and the main section of the lake. After cleaning a benthic barrier was installed at the exit stream under Route 140 which was removed and cleaning in the fall of 2010.

2- We also began removal of milfoil in Aborn Cove, but after re-

moving 1 acre of dense infestation of milfoil, it was determined for the remainder of 2010 we should concentrate on the main lake and postpone the remainder Aborn Cove for the future.

3- Our next area of concentration was the Dam Area between the 'large sandbar' and the Conklin Road Dam. We removed 1 acre of milfoil in this area.

4- Water testing program which includes taking samples and lab analysis.

PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011

1- In May and June WERM spent 38 hours and removed approximately 1 acre of dense milfoil in the Dam Area. An additional 24 hours of work were also performed by WERM in this area during this fiscal year.

2- Northeast Aquatic Research provided detailed mapping of the variable leaf milfoil for the entire lake including the open water areas, the Dam Area, Northeast Cove and Aborn Cove. This is the first mapping of all of the shallow water areas of the lake. We are in good shape in the open water areas of the lake but still have a lot of work in the shallow areas where plant removal is more difficult. This mapping will be used to focus our Contractor's efforts.

3- We coordinated with the Connecticut DEP to obtain Invasive Plant information brochures that DEP has authorized the Town Constables to distribute at the boat ramp.

4- Two information signs were erected on private property at the entrance to Aborn Cove to warn boaters on the dangers of spreading milfoil by cutting the plants with paddles or propellers.

5- We continued obtaining water quality samples for the lake.

FY 2011-2012 UPCOMING TASKS

1- Continue the removal of milfoil in the Dam Area

2- Remove the milfoil in the selected areas of the Northeast Cove.

3- Annual Maintenance Program of main lake.

4- Installation of "Invasive Plant Signs" at Northeast Cove and the Dam Area.

5- Continue removal of Milfoil in selected areas of Aborn Cove.

6- The benthic barrier will be re-installed in the Route 140 Pond.

7- Plant survey reports (not just milfoil) for the entire health of the lake for use in future planning.

8- Annual monthly water testing program

9- Contract with Northeast Aquatic Research to provide a 3 year report on "the health of Crystal Lake", based on the monthly water sampling conducted during the summer months.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE

The Pinney House committee has been working with the Permanent Building Committee to complete phase 1 of the restoration plan for the house. We are currently attempting to achieve 501C(3) status in order to begin the process of raising funds for the next phase of the project.

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. We received \$6,450 which has allowed for extra DWI patrols during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day and July 4th weekends. Also, in conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Drug Abuse Prevention Council we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

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

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Criminal Cases Investigated	236	221	247
Motor Vehicle Investigations	189	179	162
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	2,690	2,610	1,807
DWI's	40	46	28
Marine Safety Inspections	523	625	717
Calls for Services	4,921	5,379	5,788

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

	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11
New Single Family Homes	68	67	30	40	21
New Commercial Buildings	6	2	4	0	0
New Multi-Family Buildings	5	5	4	3	0
Residential Alteration & Additions	74	87	64	66	52
Repairs/Replacements to Existing Mechanical/Electrical	174	163	174	168	173
Other	793	688	651	600	541
Totals	237	249	149	126	132
Field Inspections	1,357	1,261	1,076	1,003	919
	1,814	1,468	1,276	1,198	976

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Selected statistics covering past 20 years	1990-1991	2000-2001	2010-2011
Investigations	78	68	54
Criminal	28	17	15
Non-criminal	49	50	37
Suspicious	0	0	0
Undetermined	1	1	2
Fire Casualties	1	1	2
Fatal	0	1	0
Non-fatal	1	0	2
Building Fires	29	17	13
Motor Vehicle Fires	9	13	4
All Other Fires	39	17	23
Hazardous Materials Incidents	8	8	8
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$ 115.965	\$ 294.1	\$ 416*
Criminal	\$ 2.56	\$ 6.1	\$ 70
Non-criminal	\$ 113.405	\$ 288	\$ 346
Suspicious	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Undetermined	0	0	0
Value of All Properties Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)	\$ 2,316.2	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,810.18*
Enforcement Inspections	49	86	1,034
Commercial	11	4	152
Public Assembly	7	15	47

Educational	8	15	12
Residential (Multi-family)	2	31	809
Hazardous Materials	14	16	8
Other	7	5	6
State Licenses and Permits Approved	NA	47	12/12
Open Burning Permits Processed / Approved	-	78/57	19/19
Enforcement Citations Issued	90	176	206
Arrests and/or Referrals	3	4	4

*The investigation of the fire at Kloter Farms is not complete at this writing. As value and loss statistics become available they will be added into this Annual Report. The cause is currently being carried as "Undetermined".

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Vincent L. Gambacorta

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

CAPTAINS: Brendan Burke, Jack Rich II

LIEUTENANTS: Robert Smith, Peter Hany, Jr., Karl Neubecker

SECRETARY: Jonathan H. Allen

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman

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

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

MEMBERS

Thomas Adams	Sarah Gambacorta	Bryan Platt
Valerie Adams	Mitchell Griswold	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Clayton Bannock	Bradford Hoffman	Randall Smith
Paul Bigelow	Robert F. Levandoski	Kelly Toomey
Fred Bird	Jae-P Levitan	Regan Toomey*
Jeff Bird	Francis Maguire	Dennis C. Varney
Bryan Blotniski	John Meigel	Karen Violette
Steven Breault, Sr.	Debra Messier	Frederica Weeks
John Burns	Colleen Novak	Ben Stephens
Dominick Cristelli	Dan Novak	*2010 Firefighter of the Year
Richard Daugherty	Daniel Parisi	
Donald Davis	Earl Palmer-Lavoie	
Kevin Gambacorta	Robert Parlante	
Kim Gambacorta		

LIFE MEMBERS

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

EXPLORER MEMBERS

Brandon Bartell	Zachary Doyon	Blaize Levitan
Justin Bird	Gary Feldman, Jr.	Brendan Norton
Scott Crickmore	Michael Flannery	David Schoolnick
Timothy Daigle	David Godek	Tanner Tate

HONORARY MEMBERS

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

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

Helicopter transport team, are requested.

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

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

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

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. During this period, the department responded to 781 emergency calls, 724 hours, donated more than 7813 man-hours for emergency services, this represents a 9% increase of activity from the previous year.

Significant incident activity for the year included a large number of structural weakening or collapse events due to heavy snow load and the large fire at Kloter Farms showroom which occurred during this time period.

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

Fire, Explosion	39
Structural/Building fire	11
Cooking fire	1
Chimney/Fuel Burner/Boiler malfunction	5
Vehicle/Mobile property fire	4
Forest, brush, grass, crop fires	9
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	6
Outside Equipment fire	2
Excessive heat, scorch with no ignition	1
Rescue Call	427
Emergency Medical Call / Assist	370
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle	48
Lock In	1
Water / Swift Water/Ice Rescue	3
Extrication from Building/Structure	1
Trapped by Power Lines	1
Rescue Incident, other	1
Rescue Standby	2
Hazardous Condition Standby	84
Flammable / Combustible liquid spill	3
Gas leak (Natural or LP)	5
Chemical hazard spill or leak	3
Carbon monoxide incident	8
Power line down	22
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	13
Accident other	4
Vehicle accident no extrication	14
Building Collapse/Weakened	10
Hazardous Condition, Other	2
Service Call	112
Service call, other	8
Lock out	4
Water or steam problem, other	10
Water evacuation, leak	20

Smoke, odor removal	5
Police or other govt. agency assist	19
Public service assistance	14
Unauthorized burning	5
Cover assignment, standby, move up	24
Good Intent Call	27
Good intent call, other	11
Cancelled en-route, wrong location	3
Authorized controlled burning	2
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor	6
EMS Call party transported prior to arrival	1
Hazardous materials investigation	4
False Call.....	75
False call, other	3
Malicious False Alarm	4
Alarm system malfunction.....	27
Unintentional alarm	33
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	8
Other Type of Incident	17
Severe weather or natural disaster, other.....	6
Severe weather standby	6
Wind Storm, tornado assessment	4
Other type of incident	1

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

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

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

Members of our department also attending specialty courses held at the International Fire Chiefs Conference in Chicago and the New England Fire Chiefs Conference in Springfield, Mass. We are very proud of our high levels of training and certifications held by our members in Ellington. Several of our members are adjunct faculty for many of the area regional fire schools as well as the State Fire and Emergency Medical Training programs.

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

Fire Fighter I	11
Fire Fighter II/III	23
Fire Service Instructor I	9
Fire Service Instructor II	4
Fire Officer I	7
Fire Officer II	5
Safety Officer	6
Pump Operator	5
Aerial Operator	8
Hazardous Materials Operational.....	14
Hazardous Materials Technician	20
Emergency Medical Technician	18

Emergency Medical Responder	21
Emergency Medical Services Instructor	4

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

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

EQUIPMENT

A new Crimson Ladder Pumper truck was placed into service this year. This piece of apparatus will provide capabilities to the department which previously it did not have. It has a full class "A" pump of 1500 gallons per minute, elevated waterway and ladder of 103 feet, a full complement of ground ladders, hose and associated equipment. This piece was used to its full capabilities during its first few months of service, especially at the Kloter Farms fire where it was used to significantly reduce fire loss the building and nearby exposures. The 1975 American LaFrance pumper was replaced and taken out of service as part of this project.

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

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

FACILITY

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

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

SPECIALTY TEAMS

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

County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team. Responses of our members of these teams included several incident management team activations around the state, hazardous materials incidents in the capitol region and dive team responses throughout the Tolland County area.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary was established January 30, 1997. The mission of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is to provide a network of support for the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and the Ellington community. Activities that support both the fire department and the town that are regularly performed by our group include: Supporting fire department personnel at fire department incidents; contributing to the town's human services organization, especially at holiday time; contributing to the safe graduation party and providing an annual scholarship for a graduating high school senior. We meet once a month for regular meeting topics and occasionally participate in making crafts for sale at craft fairs and other fund raising events. We also participate in the town's Winterfest celebration by putting on a dinner for all participating firemen. We are a group of dedicated individuals who provide whatever support is needed for both our fire department and our community and we welcome new volunteers.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

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

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

FUTURE PLANNING

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

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

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 81st year of our service to the community a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the Internet at www.ellingtonfire.org or www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd.

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

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

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

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAP's is in place and is distributing funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are distributed to all eligible dispatch centers. The funding formula for distribution of these revenues supplements capital improvements and dispatcher training. That funding has been held to FY 09-10 funding levels. Any increase in operating expenses, salary or capital costs will most likely be passed along to the member towns of the regional center in the future.

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

Increase usage of the system, communications coverage and inter operability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan. Dispatch software upgrades, base radio replacements and compliance with the FCC narrow banding requirements are being addressed.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Chris Marks

DEPUTY CHIEF: Bryan Harvell

CAPTAINS: Paul Secker, Brian Pippin

LIEUTENANTS: William Trisler, Rob Edwards, Bob Ludwig

SECRETARY: Britney Conklin

TREASURER: John Strieber

MEMBERS

James Adkins	Brian Legare	Mike Richey
Mike Allen	Richard Legare	Cindy Rivard
John Aubin	Chris Levesque	Doug Rogala
Rob Bulduc	Bob Ludwig	Sarah Rogala
Jason Carroll	Gregory Manner	Paul Secker
Britney Conklin	Ashley Marks	Annemarie Seitz
Dannielle Decina	Chris Marks	Timothy Seitz
Tom Descheneaux	Amanda Morrison	John Streiber
Matt Dickson	John Olynynk	Brian Sutton
Rob Edwards	Erik Person	Susan Trisler
Allen Harvell	Brian Pippin	William Trisler
Bryan Harvell	Chuck Pippin	John Wrynn
Shane Lamb	Cindy Richey	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Thomas Trapp
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis

CO-CHAIRMAN: John Wrynn

CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

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

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

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

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

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

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

This year the Crystal Lake Fire Department took delivery of a new Rescue/Pumper truck which replaced two of our older trucks. We would like to thank the Ellington tax payers who unanimously supported this.



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

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. We will be utilizing the Town web site to give tips on preparing an Emergency Communications Plan, an Emergency Supply kit, plans for Persons With Special Needs and more. Also, we will be installing a new Emergency Notification System (ENS) that will alert the citizens in time of emergencies or other significant events in town. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

Conceived by former President Bush after Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the south, while recognizing the need for communities to become more self-reliant in the first 72 hours after a disaster, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was born and is supported by Federal and Local Homeland Security Departments. The Ellington CERT is supported and managed by the Ellington Office of Emergency Management. In addition to training of new recruits along with the basic CERT class, we have been busy learning additional specialties in order to create a diverse team that will be able to handle a multitude of tasks. Within the next two years we would like to form a Mountain Bike Team and solidify our Animal Sheltering Team while training all CERT members in all aspects of CERT functions.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are able to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency

response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

We now have three Certified Trainers for the Community Emergency Response Team along with Certified Trainers from the Vernon and Somers CERT. We are now able to train our people to be CERT members without having to wait for an outside instructor.

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

The winter of 2010 – 2011 was a winter like we have not seen in several years. The Office of Emergency Management was busy with conference calls for weather updates, working with the Human Services Department and the American Red Cross to house people whose property were damaged and they were not permitted to stay in their residence. The town housed seven people when this happened to their residence. The Office of Emergency Management also helped the different town agencies with the damage assessment forms to help the town recoup from the unexpected storm costs. This office worked very closely with the First Selectman's Office to ensure the proper paper work was submitted to the State on time.

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

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.

SECRETARY: Dan Flanagan

TREASURER: Becky York

TRAINING: Bruce Hoffman

SCHEDULING: Jenn Hays

SUPPLY: Greg York

MAINTENANCE: Joe Glomboske

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Angie Sandberg

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Veronica Bailey
Matt Brown
Doreen Connor
Renee Cyr
Dawn Gerber
Jennifer Gallup
Rachel Harris
Simon Hessler

Ashley Hulstein
Annalise Hurley
Deborah Kopper
Laura Lakenbach
Don Lanier
Andy Litrenta
Brittany Martin
Wendy Pospisil

David Rice
Andrew Slicer
Taylor Somma
Eric Thepsiri
Diane Turner
Jessica Weyman
Nicole Fillion

PAID STAFF

Kim Courville
Danielle Cowee
Katie Dunn
Kristin Fries

Tonya Glomboske
Robin Neuman
Kerri Pliszka

John Rooney
Debbie Schiessl
Melissa Zurek

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Jeff Gerber
Bryan Goulet

Barry Lanz
Aaron Lapointe

Krista Schulz
Becky York

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Andrea Balatkova
Bryan Gannon

Brandon Getty
Steven Jachym
Narda Nadeault

Bena Salerno
Cassandra Smith

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault
Ray Close

Jean-Marie Currier
Denise Rioux

Angie Sandberg
John Watts

ACTIVITIES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc. (EVAC) is a dedicated group of volunteers and paid personnel. EVAC is responsible for providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EVAC responded to 900 EMS requests during the previous year, 82 of which were in the Crystal Lake district. All crews and equipment meet or exceed the State of Connecticut requirements and remain fully licensed through examination and inspection.

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

EVAC continues its commitment to current and ongoing training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conference's. This allows EVAC and its members to remain educated concerning the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision and delivery of emergency medical services. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of first aid and CPR training to various organizations and individuals in our community. As part of this commitment, the number and locations of AED's in town has been expanded to provide ease of public access during cardiac arrests. As a result of this effort the Town of Ellington was designated a Heartsafe Community by the American Heart Association.

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

Explorer Rescue Post 512

EXPLORER RESCUE POST 512

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Explorer Rescue Post 512. All 24 of these high school students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as EMR's or EMT's and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition to the rigorous medical training they must excel at. The Rescue Post is one of only two programs in the State of Connecticut that allows students to ride on ambulances and has been active in Ellington for almost 45 years. In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year that benefit both the community and EVAC.

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

Tonya Glomboske, *Head Advisor*

Joe Glomboske
Ray Close

Bryan Goulet

Aaron Lapointe

Deb Schiessl

Kim Courville

HIGHLIGHTS

Through the past year, EVAC became one of the first EMS services in Connecticut to put the LUCAS 2 chest compression system / device into service. The LUCAS 2 delivers effective, consistent, uninterrupted chest compressions during CPR while ensuring the best possible outcome for the patient. This machine reduces the number of EMT's required to assist with chest compressions during CPR while providing a safer environment in a moving ambulance. Two units were purchased, one for

each ambulance, with funding from the EVAC's billing program. No tax dollars were spent putting this lifesaving equipment to work in Ellington.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

As Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc. prepares to celebrate its 50th year of service, we would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Ashlee Leone. The shelter is open seven days a week between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. To speak with an animal control officer please call 870-3155. Appointments are recommended to visit the pets for adoption. The Shelter, which is located on Main 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

Ellington Animal Control will be conducting the yearly 'Door to Door' survey in search of unlicensed dogs. This survey is requested by the State of CT. per Section 22-347 of the CT.

General Statutes. The completed survey allows the town to keep a larger percentage of the revenue from the dog license fees. The Survey also is a way of verifying dog license compliance and the requirement for current rabies vaccinations, as the dog owner must present a copy of the dog's rabies certificate when obtaining a license. Rabies Vaccination of pets is extremely important with the incidents of Rabies in the state. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans.

Stay updated on Animal Control news by following our newsletter which is produced every few months. You can obtain a copy of the current issue, as well as past issues on the town's website. To be included on the automatic email list, please contact the animal control office. Each newsletter contains updates on new laws, helpful hints on animal care and training, animal control issues, and more.

Search for Ellington Animal Control on your Facebook Page, and "like" us. You will receive news about lost & found animals, animal related news articles, seasonal information and tips, events in the area, and much more. Please continue to call our office in regards to complaints, to make sure they are addressed in a timely manner.

PET ADOPTION

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

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

The shelter has had much success with our micro-chipping program. We will continue to microchip adopted dogs, at a minimal cost to the adoptee. This is made possible from the help of Home Again Microchips. The reason for micro-chipping is to be able to reunite lost pets back to their owners and for the pets to spend minimal time in a shelter.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

Ellington Animal Control is very grateful for all the donations that have been made to the shelter again this year. It really makes a big difference and the animals show great appreciation for all the treats, food and toys. We will continue to take donations throughout the year. Our most used items here are dog food and bleach for sanitization. We currently have an over abundance of towels or blankets, with very little room to store them. We try to pass them on to other shelters or rescues that may need them, so if you know of another place to bring them, I'm sure they will appreciate it. Also, a special thank you to a few birthday girls this past year that decided to have their guests bring items to donate to our shelter in lieu of gifts for themselves. This is truly a wonderful gesture on their part and the items are greatly appreciated.

"Whenever you observe an animal closely, you feel as if a human being sitting inside were making fun of you."

~Elias Canetti

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Complaints Investigated	904	1040	1040

Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	42	47	53
Animals Adopted	41	20	28
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	6	7	7
Animal Bites	23	26	27
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	15	5	11
Infractions/Summons Issued	7	12	6
Total Impounded Animals	100	79	99
Licensed Dogs	2199	2325	2328

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

NEW EQUIPMENT: This year we purchased a Bobcat Skid Steer with bucket, mower and a trailer. This piece of equipment will be used to mow the 14 detention ponds the town is responsible for maintaining. We also purchased through a lease arrangement a John Deere 444K loader.

ROAD WORK: This year's road work consisted of reconstruction and paving of Orchard Street, Cliff Street, and Walnut Street. North Park Street had drainage work and water lines replaced. We will complete North Park St. in fiscal year 2011-12. We chipsealed the following streets: Lower Jobs Hill Rd, South Rd, Buff Cap Rd, Pinnacle Rd, Tolland Turnpike, Lord Rd, E. Cider Mill, Tomoka, Reeves Rd, Old Reeves Rd and Griswold Rd. We improved Wheelock Rd with sufficient drainage and surface improvement so that it is no longer a dirt road. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents in these areas for their patience during our road construction projects.

BUILDING PROJECTS: The boiler at the Town Hall was replaced with a natural gas boiler. We converted the Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex to natural gas and are experiencing a substantial savings in fuel cost. We completed the renovation to the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse and received a certificate of occupancy.

SNOW REMOVAL: The crews went out 23 times for sanding, salting or plowing. This year we experienced a large amount of snow in a short two month time period. This took a toll on the equipment, the overtime budget and the crew. We purchased 3,181 tons of Clear Lane and 32,221 gallons of Liquid Calcium

Chloride. The only sand we purchased was for use by the residents.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: The automated garbage and recycling system continues to be working well in Ellington. We are seeing a trend in increased recycling from residents since the program started and encourage residents to continue to increase their recycling. Ellington residents recycled 1,439 tons of materials in 2010-11. Additional recycling containers are free of charge to residents that need them. Please call the Public Works Dept. at 860-870-3140 if you would like one.

We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 18, 2010.

342 Households from Ellington dropped off hazardous waste on this day. This fiscal year we implemented an expanded electronics recycling program which includes televisions and other electronics as well as the computer components. Over the last 12 months and including the September 18 collection day, residents dropped off 4,605 gallons of waste oil, 25.32 tons of electronics, 1.20 tons of batteries and .62 tons fluorescent light bulbs. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We also implemented a spill containment program for the garage.

The following items can be dropped off year round at the Town Garage at 21 Main Street: batteries, propane tanks, televisions, computer components, fluorescent light bulbs, waste oil, filters and antifreeze.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

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

Library



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for entertainment and education. The collection consists of items in many formats, including books, periodicals, newspapers, audiobooks, 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 time sessions are run by the Children's Librarian for children from 9 months to 2 1/2 years old, 2 1/2 year-olds, and 3-5 year-olds. Seasonal events for children include the annual summer reading program, movies, craft workshops, and various entertaining and educational speakers and performers. Young adults may participate in book discussions, contests, 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 there is a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 86,679 patrons, circulating 133,487 items and answering 3,073 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers and truck day. For teens there were book discussions, including an intergenerational program with members of the senior center, a read-a-thon, several craft programs and the creative writing group. Members of the Young Adult Advisory Board sponsored a trip to New York City, where they toured the New York Public Library. Programming for adults included a visit from local author M. William Phelps, a look at Connecticut inventions, monthly book discussions, and several Sunday afternoon poetry sessions. The bi-weekly knitting group expanded to welcome all types of handcrafters and several sessions of free knitting lessons were once again provided by Knitting Creations Shop of Somers. Exhibits included model airplanes from the North Central Radio Control Club and art from the Tolland Country Art Association, the high school and several community artists and photographers. The summer reading programs "Make

a Splash: Read" for kids, "Water Your Mind" for adults and "Make Waves@Your Library" for YAs featured a variety of arts and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, the Fourth Grade Choruses from Center and Crystal Lake Schools, and the 6th grade Windermere Instrumentalists. As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted a "Tel-labration" story telling program in November 2010 that was attended by over 100 children.

The friendly staff members at the Library have become fixtures, with turnover happening infrequently—the newest staff member has been here for over 10 years! This year, however, saw the retirement of Greg Frey, a 13-year veteran. He was replaced by Francie Berger, who served as an intern during the previous year. During her internship, Ms. Berger prepared historical photos from the library's collection for input into the "Treasures of Connecticut Libraries" online collection, a project sponsored by the Connecticut State Library.

An exciting grant opportunity presented itself to the Library in FY2010-11. In celebration of its 85th anniversary, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving offered libraries in their service area noncompetitive grants of \$30,000 to improve their computer and technology services. In Ellington, a long-recognized and growing need has been instruction in the use of computers and technology for the general public. Every day, a continuous stream of patrons visit the library to make use of the computers and internet access provided here. The difficult economic times have brought even more job-seekers to the library to write resumes and to search for and apply for jobs online. Previously, due to staff time constraints and the physical arrangement of the computer area, the assistance and instruction that was provided was done mostly on a one-on-one basis or in impromptu group sessions. In response to this situation, the Library developed a project to expand access to computer instruction opportunities by developing a dedicated instruction space and a structured series of classes on a variety of topics.

The computer lab/instruction space was developed by removing a wall to combine an unused alcove area and a storage closet and enclosing the resulting area with French doors to provide light and visibility while providing privacy and noise control. The area was fitted with portable tables and chairs, funded by the Friends of the Library, and equipped with ten laptop computers containing software for office functions and internet access, a digital projector and wireless network access. Five initial instructional topics were identified: basic computer use; word processing; email; internet use; and resume writing. Throughout the winter and spring several sessions of classes covering these topics were offered to students of all ages and additional sessions are being planned.

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.....	47,516
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	6,356
Children's Books and Periodicals	42,127
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>36,436</u>
TOTAL	133,487

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	33,584
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	2,773
Children's Books and Periodicals	18,432
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>7,839</u>
TOTAL	62,628

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	7,019
Young Adults	662
Children	<u>1,735</u>
TOTAL	9,446

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

The recreation department is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 860-870-3118, and the fax number is 860-870-3198.

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

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

STAFFING

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

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

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

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 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 newly approved volunteer disclosure form. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to taking part in the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse. In addition, the recreation department provides pre-season certification in: CPR/FIRSTAID/AED classes (NO fee) for all volunteers that contribute to the town's programming needs.

PROGRAMS

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

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

exterior facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include but are not limited to: youth and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events. A new hiking program has been formed.

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

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

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

Enrollment in the spring youth lacrosse program continued to increase, both male and female.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

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

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

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

SHARED SERVICES

The recreation department continues to interact, on a daily basis, year-round, with Board of Education's business office/school staff as well as the department of public works.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency, 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. A town-wide recreational sub-committee has been engaged in preparing a draft that addresses both the short and long term needs of the entire community.

Summer day camp has entered its 8th year of full-time hours.

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

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

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

- The Town of Ellington and Friends of Ellington Tennis organization secured a State of Connecticut STEAP grant to assist in building (4) new tennis courts on the Abram and Rachel Schwartz park property, located on Maple Street. The youth and adult tennis programs continue to expand, including a USTA adult program, a ladder type of format and summer lessons/camps. There are only 2 public tennis courts in Ellington, both located at Brookside Park.
- The Friends of Ellington Tennis has been instrumental in helping to support and develop participation in both youth and adult programs.
- The Ellington Little League Boys baseball and girls softball programs have continued their traditional approach to enhancing the athletic facilities at Brookside Park.
- The boys' program installed a new irrigation system along with upgrading the turf on (3) baseball fields.
- The girls' program secured permission to upgrade their storage space, batting cage area and installation of new, protective fencing located at the first and third base dugouts. A new scoreboard is being considered.

Crystal Lake School House (old)

The major renovations on the Crystal Lake Schoolhouse have been completed (across from Sandy Beach), both internally and externally. It is hoped that the facility will be available year-round for passive recreation programs along with scheduled meetings by local organizations.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to show interest in creating and helping sustain town-wide walking or bicycle trails. A CT State DEP grant is being applied for in the FY 2011-12.

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

The Brookside Park playground Phase 2 has been completed, thanks to many volunteers, led by town residents Jill Maznicki and Cheri Murphy. The playground received new pieces of equipment for all age groups and a town-wide installation occurred on Aug. 21, 2010. A brick-walk-way was created; residents and businesses have been providing generous donations. Thanks to Cheri Murphy for her continued assistance in 2009-2010 to coordinate the buy-a-brick program. A combined FALL festival _grand opening was held in October 2010, with hayrides and special events, a brief ceremony and acknowledgement of all the sponsors that helped make this project a reality.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	75	70	85
Beach Passes	243	255	292
Swim Lessons	336	330	266
Open Swim	62 days	62 days	61 days
Boys' Basketball	296	340	311
Girls' Basketball	217	236	214
Men's Basketball	70	115	95
Summer Basketball	20	20	50
Instructional Basketball	154	165	174
Men's Volleyball	20	20	20
Co-Ed Volleyball	75	80	60
Girls' Softball	180	165	175
Instructional T-Ball	156	180	141
Women's Softball	20	0	30
Co-ed Adult Softball	0	30	75

Junior Soccer	656	665	647
Indoor Soccer	110	115	125
Letters to Santa	30	30	40
Tennis Lessons/Camp	275	290	325
Sports Coaches' Clinics	0	25	55
Mini Programs	2,400	2,550	2,450
Basketball Camps	140	145	140
Red Cross Courses	75	60	20
Integrative Programs	50	40	45
Teen Activities	220	230	240
Track & Field	110	109	78
Adult Fitness	202	275	290
Yoga	70	60	25
Jukido	55	55	80
Little League Baseball	325	340	340
Football	125	140	170
Lacrosse	180	175	144
Soccer Camps	70	80	90
Vacation Camp	125	100	40
Triathlon-Summer	165	185	220
American Heart Association			65
Afterschool Bowling			98
CPOHeart Babysitter			50

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 2010, the population was approximately 14,786.

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

SEWERS

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

WATER

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

SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of 2010 is 2,725 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 \$78,252 as of the 2010 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2009 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,313 housing units, including 462 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes, one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

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

RECREATION

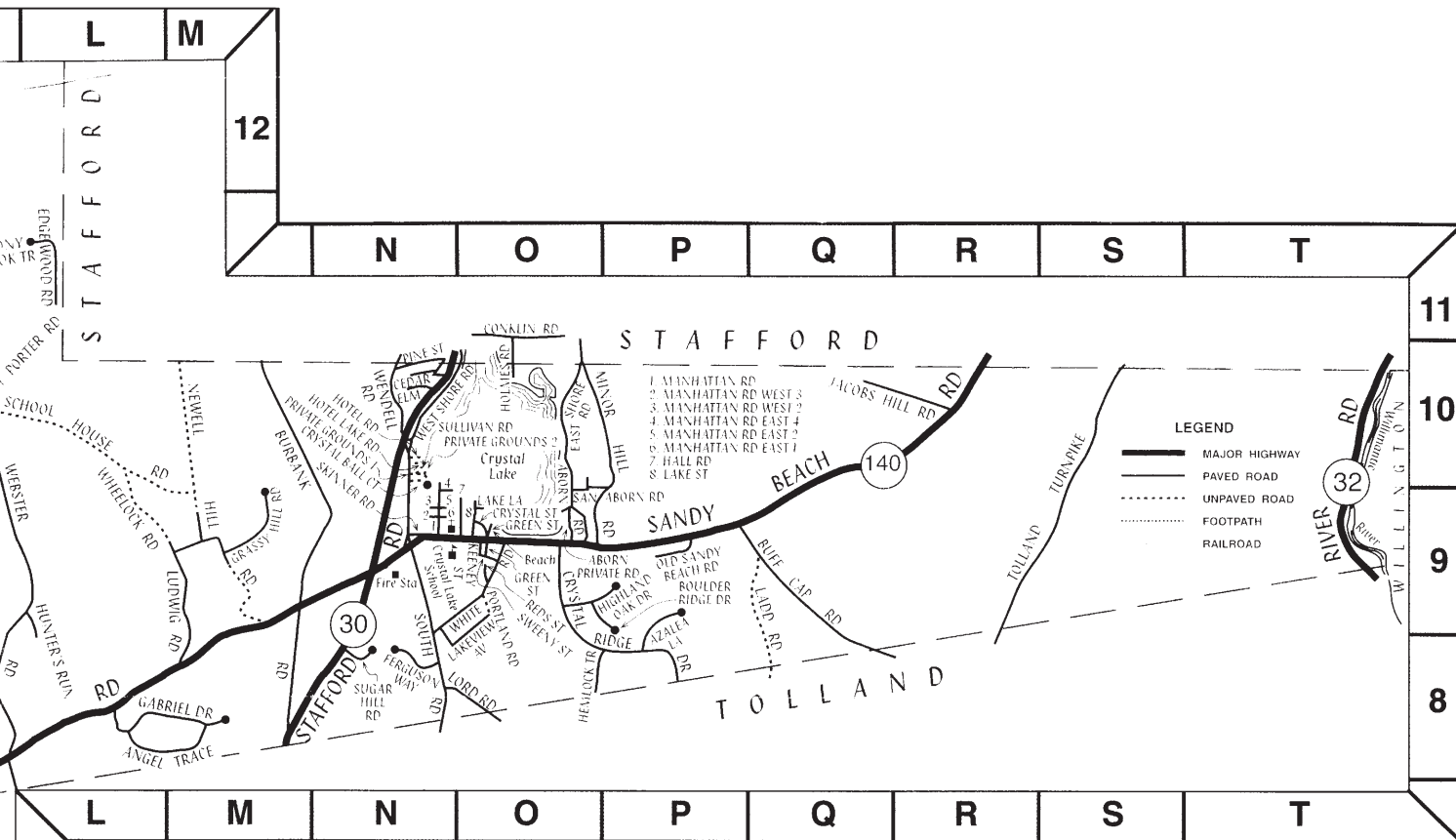
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a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

LOCAL BUSINESS

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

SENIOR CENTER

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



STREET INDEX

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

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

PROGRAMS

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

DIRECT SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM: Funds are available to make no interest loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties. Funds for the program come from a Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development. To be eligible, low and moderate-income residents must live in the housing units. Landlords owning buildings in Ellington with up to seven units whose tenants meet the income guidelines are eligible for assistance. Typical repair work address building code and serious maintenance problems. These no-interest loans do not have to be repaid as long as the applicant lives in the home.

When the home is sold in the future the loan must be repaid to the Town. Community Opportunities Group (COG) manages this program for the Town.

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

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

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

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

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The department established its first fuel bank this year. The initial donation came from the Ellington Triathlon Committee. Fuel bank funds are used to supplement heating and utility costs when all other resources have been exhausted. The fuel bank provides flexibility to provide assistance to households before the heating season starts and after other programs end.

Seniors credit a senior center with benefiting their emotional and physical well being. Senior center enhance learning and travel opportunities. Senior centers provide and connect seniors to support services and serve as a referral source on aging issues. Seniors come from all socioeconomic groups to participate in activities, and they are of all ages. Senior centers have a positive effect on their lives. These are some of the reasons that the Senior Center Steering Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to research and report on the need to build a new senior center with adequate space for program development and service availability and parking.

To the volunteers that help make this department's programs a success, a special thanks for your time and or donation. We could not have done it without you.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

APPLICATIONS	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Ellington Fuel Bank	0	0	0
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	14	18	25
Operation Fuel	50	18	16
ACCESS Fuel Program	298	242	240
Salvation Army Vouchers	4	8	1
Salvation Army Boots N' Shoes	50	50	60
Salvation Army Camp Connri	2	0	1
Thanksgiving	96	108	106
Christmas	121	140	144
Renters' Rebate	87	96	102
AARP Tax Program	55	48	74
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	65	60	35
Food Pantry	82	135	70
Notary Services	3	20	24

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

THE PRIMARY MISSION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

In 2010-2011, North Central District Health Department offered Health Education programs open to residents of our District. Nine exercise programs were offered including six A.C.T.I.V.E. Classes (Activity Class To Improve Vitality in Everyone), one Intermediate Tai Chi Class, one Yoga/Pilates Class, one Strength & Stretch Class and one Splashin= Action Class. These classes were very successful in attracting older participants who would probably not consider joining a gym.

Four Nutrition and Weight Management Classes were offered to residents 18 years of age and older. One six week class and three four week classes were held (one of which was held at Ellington Senior Center and had an attendance of 20).

Putting on AIRS (Asthma Indoor Risk Strategies) was offered for residents of Ellington that suffer with asthma. The AIRS Program is an in-home assessment and education program. The goal of the AIRS Program is to reduce acute asthma episodes and improve asthma control through recognition and elimination/reduction of environmental and other asthma triggers. The Putting on AIRS Program has been very successful by showing a reduction in asthma related trips to the Emergency Room and doctors, and asthma related days absent from school/work for the clients we have seen. All Health Education programs are open to residents in the North Central District Health Department member towns.

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

The Bioterrorism section of NCDHD has accomplished many deliverables over the last year which directly provides the community with the tools needed to overcome a large scale disaster. NCDHD took approximately eight months to plan a tabletop drill called Community Maneuvers. This exercise brought nine towns together, working toward one goal which was analyzing the current Mass Dispensing Plan and making necessary changes through the After Action Plan. A planning workgroup was initiated after the tabletop exercise due to the different departments requesting to be part of the revision process.

This past contract year, NCDHD has also provided a plan for the specific efforts of school-aged vaccination program. This program will specifically focus on the inoculation of school-aged children which would become the leading vehicle of disease distribution during an outbreak. NCDHD worked closely with town officials and especially the school departments to formalize this new plan.

Each year the Technical Assistance Review is performed and requires the health department to update the majority of plans within emergency preparedness. This process takes large quantities of time and only works to improve many documents that need to be updated or revisited. These documents and plans encompass all towns yet are also specific to the logistics of each town. This year the inspection was held in May. To date no written score has been received by NCDHD was verbally informed at the end of the review that we did well.

During the past year, the staff within the food service division, reviewed and approved construction projects for new food service operations in Ellington. We received 27 temporary event permit applications during the past year. Each temporary event application received by our office is evaluated by a staff inspector. Depending on the complexity of the proposed food service, our department will inspect evening and weekend events as needed such as Ellington Fair on the Green, the Ellington Fire Department Carnival, and others.

During the past year, our department issued 36 Food Service Licenses. In addition to routine food service inspections, well water supply reviews for food service and other related food service inspections, we respond to and investigate food related complaints and possible food borne illness reports received by the department. The department also responds to, and provides follow-up to certain food recalls.

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

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2010-2011 indicates that the economic downturn affected the housing

industry. While construction activities have slowed, as has been the case historically, Ellington is one of the busiest towns in the district for septic system construction. The one area that showed a significant downturn was testing of new lots for new, proposed subdivision. In Ellington this past year, there were more septic systems repaired or replaced vs. new systems installed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Soil Tests (Total)	32	21	13
New	18	11	2
Repair	14	10	11
Septic Permits			
New	23	23	13
Repair	16	14	19
Septic Inspections	150	125	106
Well Permits	19	27	17
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	119	129	75
Plans Reviewed			
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	40	15	6
New Plot Plans	26	43	21
Repairs	27	17	21
Wells Only	8	9	4
Well Water Test Reviews	27	23	7
Permits to Discharge	23	33	17
Food Licenses Issued	36	34	36
Temporary Food Permits	30	30	27
Food Service Inspections	61	61	63
Plans Reviewed for Food	4	1	4
Food Orders Issued	6	1	4
Complaints (Total)	20	26	28

Garbage & Refuse	3	3	3
Housing	9	9	10
Rodents & Insects	3	2	3
Sewage Overflow	2	3	3
Water Quality	-	1	11
Food Complaints	1	5	3
Miscellaneous	2	3	5
Complaint Orders Sent	2	2	2
Swimming Pool Inspections	3	3	6
Blood Lead Level Case Reviews	0-10 ug/dL - 4	0-10 ug/dL - 1	0-10 ug/dL - 1*
	10-19 ug/dL - 1	10-19 ug/dL - 0	10-19 ug/dL - 0
	20+ ug/dL - 0	20+ ug/dL - 0	20+ ug/dL - 0

Barber Shops, Hair & Nail Salons	7	8	-
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*Reports for children that test <10 ug/dL are not routinely sent to the local health department.

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

Other HVCC services that benefited approximately 200 seniors of the over 60 population this past year included: Medicare, Medicaid and other entitlement assistance: 40 hours; Social Support (Coordinating multi-agency services for clients):100 hours; Personal Assistance/Friendly Visitors assignments (volunteer provided assistance): 800 hrs; Home assessments/Outreach: 50 new clients; Reassurance, Client status, Collateral calls: 2,000 calls; Recreation/Socialization activities: 100 hrs; Transportation Coordination: 400 rides; Mental Health Counseling: 240 hrs; Food Delivery to homebound clients: 670 deliveries. We are grateful to the many volunteers who contributed their time and talents for the well-being of our seniors.

FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is an emergency food source for Vernon, Tolland and Ellington. It's a free service. Our primary focus is providing nutritious food items along with opportunities to access additional internal and external social services. The Pantry is supported by acquisitions from Foodshare, the regional food distributor, and donations of food and services received throughout the year from Vernon schools, local businesses, area churches and individuals.

The numbers of individuals and families in need of our service continues to grow; 4,597 individuals were registered for food in 2010/2011. On average, 528 bags of food were distributed a month. Families consisted of 317 seniors, 2,366 adults and 1,914 children. During the 2010 holiday season, over 1,300 food baskets and/or gifts were distributed.

In addition to food from the Pantry, clients could take advantage of the following workshops and services: Shuttle Service to and from the Pantry, Farmers Market Coupons, Haircuts, Pet Vouchers for free spaying or neutering, Dental Workshop, Coupon Workshop: Learn how to shop with coupons, Nutritional Cooking Classes, Gardening Workshop: Grow your own vegetables

Thrift Store Shopping at Good Cents, On site representative from East Hartford Community Healthcare (access Health, Dental

care), Seventy-five school-aged children received backpacks filled with back to-school supplies.

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

The Boy Scouts Troop 86 collected 10,000 pounds of food on Saturday November 13th for the Food Pantry.



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GOOD CENTS TREASURES: For the past 5 years, Good Cents has had an enriching and beneficial partnership with the Rockville High School work experience program. The students who have completed a work experience at Good Cents have benefited from the nurturing and supportive environment. They are exposed to various job skills and more importantly an opportunity to work on appropriate social skills at the workplace. Good Cents continues to receive donations from a very generous community, which allows us to continue to provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. We also offer clothing vouchers for people who are without funds. The small surplus generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs at HVCC. We have a wonderful team of employees and volunteers at Good Cents.

TRANSPORTATION: The Dial-a-Ride program has provided over 31,900 rides to area residents during FY 2010/2011 covering over 140,625 miles. The Dial-a-Ride program in Ellington, Tolland and Vernon started collecting \$1.00 donation each way per ride. We have taken on a courier service, and now have 4 full time courier routes contracted through Eastern Connecticut Health Network. Our couriers transport medical specimens to and from local doctors' offices and hospitals.

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

HVCC's counseling services has been very busy over the past year. The clinic has added an additional 21 hours per week of staffing hours due to the increased need. A third psychiatrist was added due to more clients suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues needing medications. From July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010, the clinic had acknowledged 11,759 appointments (this includes all services). From July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011, the clinic has acknowledged 14,418 appointments (this includes all services). HVCC has increased the number of Family Violence Education Program (FVEP) groups per year. The Parenting Education Program (PEP) also has increased the number of cycles and the number or participants. HVCC has a HIV / AIDS Prevention program funded by the Department of Public Health, prevention staff have seen over 100 clients. HVCC was granted a separate substance abuse license from the Department of Public Health during this year.

WE DID IT! 40 years ago we were incorporated and not only did we survive, we moved to a new location where we increased our client base, our services and our budget! This is something that we are all very proud of. Now that we are entering our 41st year of service, I am proud to say that we completed a five year strategic plan, have strengthened our position on services that we offer and look to our future with much enthusiasm. So what does all of this mean? In a nutshell, we are a vibrant, strong and positive force to the communities we serve. We want to do our

very best and not be "the best kept secret in Vernon". So you ask, "How do I help"? My answer is easy. Come and visit. See our day to day operations. Then you will know what you can do for us.

David A. Engelson, *Chief Executive Officer*

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

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

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

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

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

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

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

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

V. A CARING HAND, LLC

Companions
Home Care Aides
Homemakers
Live-Ins
Personal Care Attendants

VI. ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCY

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE

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

VISITS

2,596
992
333
9
72
1,994
5,946

HOSPICE

Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Chaplin

VISITS

311
0
0
8

Medical Social Work	40
Home Health Aide	564
Total Visits	923
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	1,741 (2 Meal Packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	211 (Residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	88 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

STATISTICAL

Tri-Town Shelter Services, Inc. provides emergency shelter for fifteen residents, either individuals or families and is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Given our 15 bed occupancy, we have the capacity to provide shelter for a total of 5,475 evenings. During the past year we provided shelter for 252 clients. Of these, 112 / 45% were un-duplicates. We have noticed that, since 2008, the residents we serve are more educated, fall within a higher age bracket, have been in the workforce longer, and have more marketable skills. Of the un-duplicated clients 71 / 63% were White, 31 / 27% Black, 8 / 8% Hispanic, and 2 / 2% Asian. On an average day 56% of clients have substance abuse histories and are in recovery support services and 48% have mental health challenges for which they receive local provider services. These conditions, along with the contributing factors resulting in their homelessness, mitigate against their ability to function according to their potential. We have noticed a significant increase in the demand for services by families too large to accommodate due to space and/or configuration facility limitations. This year we had 4,737 bed - nights occupied with a 87% utilization average. We also provided referral services to 1,984 callers, an average of 166 calls per month.

HIGHLIGHTS

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

PROGRAMS

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

We are fortunate to have a multi-purpose room. It is here that we coordinate case review meetings with other service providers that are also involved in our residents lives. This is done with the intent to minimize redundancy and to maximize effectiveness. Residents also have access to educational and informational materials here. The multi-purpose room also houses our computer lab. Each of the computers are internet capable and residents can job search and receive one-on-one computer instruction thanks to local volunteers. We also utilize volunteers and other providers to facilitate workgroups on a wide range of pertinent topics. The multi-purpose room also has skills assessment instruments, the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE), Workforce Readiness and

Retention curriculum, Social Skills Training, and a growing assortment of other Adult Daily Life Skills material.

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

Thanks to Rockville General Hospital, we have a locally reliable lab to provide drug testing when needed in order to maintain a zero tolerance for substance use. River East provides our residents with an assortment of services ranging from assessment, individual therapy, group sessions, and psychiatric and clinical supports. The Cornerstone Foundation provides a community kitchen and clothing bank that they frequent often. The Perception Program provides a team of trained staff to conduct in-house workgroups, along with free and confidential HIV / AIDS testing and private counseling and referral services. The parishes and churches represented by the Greater Rockville Clergy Council have provided us with countless practical forms of help. There are numerous local venues that offer 12-Step meetings and Tri-Town Shelter now has a weekly, closed in-house 12-Step meeting that is facilitated by a former client who is pursuing his Licensed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counseling Certification. Finally, the Vernon Community Network, which we are an active part of, sponsored a Forum on Homelessness November 29, 2010. As a result of this forum a Task Force has formed made up of a cross-section of concerned and compassionate people who are offering their professional and personal resources to join us in the cause of homelessness.

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

Kindest Regards

Pieter Nijssen, Executive Director

YOUTH SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community services activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2010-2011 year, Youth Services and DAPC had a total of approximately 5,000 children and their families participate in the following programs including assemblies, in school, afterschool programs and other events:

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

In school Programs: Youth Services worked in a 39 classrooms and taught about 975 students from the kindergarten through fifth grade programs.

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

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

Peace Makers, 3rd graders: The main goals are to develop an understanding on how our actions affect ourselves and others,

copied with feeling, and learning to set goals. The program was provided to Windermere Schools.

All Star Communications: The program is for 4th graders and runs for six weeks. 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. Three of the 4th grade classrooms in Windermere and one classroom at Center school participated in the program.

Conflict Resolution program for 5th graders: Youth Services partnership with Windermere school counselor to provide this 9 weeks program in the classrooms.

123 I am me: This program is a recess social skill for 1st and 2nd graders. During the summer we having an evening 123 I am me for pre-k to 3rd graders.

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

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

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance life skills including dealing with feeling, communication, and social skills. Parent with special needs children Discussion Night was started this year, it meet on a monthly basis. We ran a True Love workshop for middle school girls on dating safety issues.

Homework Club: We ran five homework clubs this year. This year for 5th and 6th graders we had 20 students with 15 high school tutors. For 1st thru 4th grade clubs we had total of 46 students with 18 middle school volunteers and 6 high school volunteers.

The Ellington Drug Abuse Prevention Council (DAPC) is a long standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for the youth of Ellington for more than ten years. Membership includes key stakeholders in the community, including Ellington Youth Services, Ellington Human Services, Ellington Public Schools, Ellington Recreation Department, Resident State Troopers and student representatives. The DAPC received a \$325,000 grant for five years, called Partnership for Success, to be used for the prevention of underage drinking in Ellington. Two subgroups continue to bring awareness and education to both the student and adult community.

The Parent Connection is a group formed in February 2007 of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community of the dangers of underage drinking. The group published a quarterly newsletter and mailed it to parents of middle school and high school students. They also distributed informational bags at all school open houses.

Rise Above, a group of Ellington High School students with a mission of being role models and encouraging those students around them to make positive choices increased in size again to close to 130 members. They continued to be a presence and encourage alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly throughout the school year.

Activities included: Two high school dodgeball tournaments and one middle school dodgeball tournament which included outreach to students with the theme Be Yourself. The group also hosted a movie night, billiards night, bowling night, flag football tournament, game night, senior send off and participated in Channel 3 Cool Schools and Connecticut Youth Forum. In addition, Rise Above members performed community service by helping out at Fall Festival, Snipsic Village and developed and implemented the kids games at Fair on the Green.

In the spring, the DAPC launched a media campaign called Is It Worth It? that was directed to those adult individuals who supply alcohol to youth and allow underage drinking to take place in their homes. The campaign consisted of a billboard on Route 83 in Vernon, lawn signs, newsletters, postcards and giveaways. The campaign was also highlighted on the front page of the summer edition of The Ellington Connection.

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

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

SERVICES

- Conducts home visits and individual needs assessments for programs and services. Works in collaboration with local visiting nurse agencies to coordinate in-home care services to benefit the elder.
- Make appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/case management on an as-needed basis.
- Assists clients and/or family in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to supplemental health insurance & COBRA, emergency call systems like Lifeline, Medicare, Medicaid/Title 19, USDA SNAP (foodstamp) benefit, Veteran's Health Services, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, the Geri-psychiatric Day treatment program, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications, legal aid services, and information on funeral & burial service options.
- Works with the Protective Services for the Elderly Program to assist elders &/or family members who have concerns or issues of neglect, abuse or fraud.
- Works with the Tax Assessor's office on the State of CT Office of Policy & Management tax credit programs for elderly re homeowners & eligible veterans; assist elderly & disabled renters with the State of CT Office of Policy and Management Renters Rebate program applications.
- Works with the Ellington Senior Center to provide informational programs and clinics to the senior public.
- Assist eligible seniors in applying to the ACCESS Energy assistance program & for additional heating assistance benefits with Operation Fuel & the Citizens Oil program.
- Coordinator of the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program which this year provided public programs attended by 422 Ellington residents on such topic as: Medicare, Veteran's Aid & Assistance pension, emergency preparedness, local assisted living homes, handicap accessible devices, Medicare Part D prescription benefits, health education/fall & stroke prevention programs, the annual flu shot clinic, internet safety/personal identification protection, and fraud protection issues.
- Co-facilitator of monthly Parkinson's Disease support group
- Coordinator of annual collection for Veteran's Stand Down day

HIGHLIGHTS

- Responded to 47 calls about Social Security issues
- Addressed 87 inquiries regarding the Elderly, Totally Disabled, and Additional Veteran's tax relief program
- Replied to 172 calls about the Medicare Savings program; 105 calls about ConnPACE; 120 calls about Medicare Advantage plans; 117 calls regarding Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits; and 27 calls about pharmaceutical discount prescription program eligibility
- Advised 31 callers on programs & services to assist those with Alzheimer's Disease/dementia; 33 calls on nursing home issues; and 102 calls on in-home care options
- Reviewed program eligibility and application process with 150 callers on energy assistance issues
- Did 415 home visits with Ellington residents to address in-person their questions/concerns and assist with applications for various programs of benefit to them
- Met with 388 persons in office to review & counsel them on matters/service questions and make referrals to appropriate programs

STATISTICS

Month	Calls	Office	Correspondence	Home Visit
July	190	28	49	39
August	170	33	43	37

September	246	45	67	34
October	218	48	75	32
November	232	42	67	43
December	235	27	46	61
January	121	16	22	12
February	250	29	73	26
March	230	29	48	39
April	178	19	53	31
May	246	34	51	22
June	217	38	64	39
TOTAL	2,533	388	658	415

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The role of the Municipal Agent is to advocate the needs of residents age 60 and older in the community. The Municipal Agent also serves as the Elderly Outreach Worker for the Town of Ellington.

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

In 2010, the Town established the Senior Center Steering Committee for the purpose to build a Senior Center on town owned property. The first meeting was held on December 1, 2010 and continues every month. These meetings are opened to the public. The committee members are Wayne Reynolds, Chairman, Susanne Hannigan, Vice-Chairman, Morris Webber, Thomas Dzicek, Amelia Kurpat, M. Estelle Williamson, Peter Williams, Building Department; Doris R. Crayton, Human Services Director; Anna L. Turner, Municipal Agent, Elder Outreach Social Worker and Erin R. Graziani, Senior Center Director.

The Senior Center was a recipient of a grant from North Central Area Agency on Aging for \$ 3,000 for transportation to medical appointments for our residents. The Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services, (EMATS) has been in existences since 2004.

Some new activities are colored pencil drawing class with artist, Mrs. Mary Wolff. Another new activity is chess instructed by Mr. Alex Cardoni.

STAFFING

The Senior Center is staff by a full-time Director and part-time staff includes Assistant to the Director, (2)Drivers, (2) Transportation Secretaries and (2) Receptionists. One receptionist position is paid by the Easter Seals Employment Program and the other position is as a volunteer. We are very fortunate to have 35 (thirty-five) volunteers who dedicate their time to the center.

SOCIAL / HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The Senior Center is a gathering place to come to meet new friends while you participate in activities from cards, shuffleboard, mahjongg, bridge, movies, wii games, crafts, memories and creative writing and musical programs. The Municipal Agent, Elderly Outreach Social Worker and Senior Center Director work together to present various informative programs held at the Senior Center. Some of these programs are TRIAD events , annual Flu Shots Clinic, health and financial programs.

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

- Monthly podiatry clinic held on the first Wednesday of the month by a registered nurse.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

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

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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

FUNDRAISERS

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

COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM

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

SENIOR CITIZENS ENDOWMENT FUND

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

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

For information on programs and activities held during the day and evening hours visit the town website: www.ellington-ct.gov, click "Our Town News

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION INTRODUCTION



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It is hard to look back at the 2010-2011 school year without first thinking of the incredibly snowy winter and the impact it had on all of us. As early as November 8, a late opening of school was called due to icy conditions. Looking back, maybe this was a sign of things to come. Surprisingly, December went by without any problems, but then on January 7 the snow began to fall - and fall - and fall.

By the time winter ended, there had been ten school closings, four late openings and one early dismissal due to inclement weather. The accumulation of snow created dangerous intersections, impassable sidewalks and serious concerns about the weight of snow upon roofs.

In consultation with a structural engineer, school maintenance workers and custodial staff cleared roof drains and leveled snow drifts, but the snow continued to accumulate. As more and more snow fell, we began to become concerned about the safety of the schools' roofs due to the weight of the accumulating snow. The design specification for our schools is thirty pounds per square foot. Samples were taken and after initial measurements of the actual weight of the snow showed between forty and fifty pounds per square foot, the decision was made to close school to begin a massive snow reduction project. It would be impossible to write all that transpired over the next eight-day period to allow us to safely open the schools. Quite simply, the snow needed to be removed and it took a lot of people and resources to accomplish the task. The combined efforts of school maintenance and custodians, teachers and administrators, support staff and van drivers, volunteer fire department and ambulance members, students and parents, outside contractors as well as support from the First Selectman Maurice Blanchette and the public works department along with unnamed others completed enough of the snow reduction project that the town engineer declared the schools safe to open on February 7, 2011. The turnout from the Ellington community was most impressive. Some volunteered their entire weekend, while many offered the hours they could spare. Many did this work at the expense of foregoing similar snow removal needs at their own homes. Some helped by providing water and snacks for the volunteers. On behalf of the students and staff of the Ellington Public Schools, for all of the efforts of so many people, we thank you. Not only did you guarantee the safety of so many people, you also protected six very valuable resources for this community.

Standardized testing such as the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Advanced Placement Examinations (AP), are important, even if they represent only a small portion of the totality of student achievement measures.

On the Connecticut Mastery Test, the state assessment for grades three through eight, Ellington students consistently score close to or above 90% proficient. In the 2011 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above proficient:

- Grade 3 Math 93.1%; Reading 87.0%; Writing 89.5%
- Grade 4 Math 94.0%; Reading 83.0%; Writing 90.4%
- Grade 5 Math 97.4%; Reading 88.7%; Writing 97.0%; Science 95.5%
- Grade 6 Math 98.7%; Reading 93.7%; Writing 92.6%
- Grade 7 Math 99.0%; Reading 96.9%; Writing 95.4%
- Grade 8 Math 98.6%; Reading 95.3%; Writing 94.3%

On the Connecticut Mastery Test, Ellington students consistently

score at the higher goal level as well. In the 2011 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above goal:

- Grade 3 Math 74.5%; Reading 69.5%; Writing 72.9%
- Grade 4 Math 75.8%; Reading 72.6%; Writing 80.3%
- Grade 5 Math 88.7%; Reading 76.3%; Writing 85.4%; Science 75.6%
- Grade 6 Math 88.8%; Reading 85.2%; Writing 75.1%
- Grade 7 Math 85.6%; Reading 88.1%; Writing 82.0%
- Grade 8 Math 85.4%; Reading 87.7%; Writing 84.0%; Science 85.4%

Ellington High School students continue to do very well on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, the statewide high school assessment. The 2011 CAPT results show strong performance in all four areas: reading, writing, math and science.

- In Reading, 89.6% at or above proficiency; 57.7% at or above goal.
- In Writing, 92.2% at or above proficiency; 67.0% at or above goal.
- In Math, 91.5% at or above proficiency; 59.2% at or above goal.
- In Science, 91.3% at or above proficiency; 55.1% at or above goal.

Last year, forty-three EHS students took forty-nine Advanced Placement Exams in calculus, chemistry, English literature, U.S. History, and American government. Twenty-eight students received a score of 5, the highest score, and 13 students received a score of 4. Four students were named AP scholars for taking 3 or more exams and scoring a 3 or better on each.

Annual results of the SAT show that Ellington students continue to score above the state. A review of the SAT scores results in the following comparison:

	EHS	CT
Critical Reading	521	508
Mathematics	527	503
Writing	531	506

In alignment with the school and district instructional plans, curriculum and assessment initiatives continue to be an area of focus. The development and implementation of common assessments to measure student achievement continues to be a focus from kindergarten to grade 12, and the district began the work of aligning our curriculum with the newly adopted Common Core State Standards. A vertical team for grades 5-12 continued work to support implementation of the Scientific Research Based Intervention model in reading by developing a systematic approach to universal screening and identification of students for remedial services.

In 2008 Ellington became a member of the National Affiliate Network of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. Through this affiliation, two staff developers worked with teachers in grades K-6 for a total of 15 days of professional development and coaching over the 2010-11 school year. This year, the district completed the fourth year of full implementation of reading workshop in grades 5 and 6, the first year of required full implementation for grades K-4, and began the expansion of the workshop model to the middle school. Teachers in grades K-4 are implementing differentiated word study instruction. At the middle school, teachers participated in a study group on assessment and grading practices in a differentiated classroom. Teachers at the high school worked on data team cycles and continued to revise curriculum documents in preparation for the NEASC review.

To support implementation of these initiatives, many professional development opportunities for staff members were offered. During the fall professional development series, more than 200 certified staff members participated in thirty courses focused on reading and writing workshop, Responsive Classroom, curriculum development, differentiated instruction, and technology literacy. Approximately 28 teachers and administrators supported our professional development initiatives by presenting workshops or facilitating professional study groups or curriculum development work with their colleagues. Due to the school calendar change as a result of the unusual number of weather related school closings, certified staff worked two days beyond the end of the student school year. These unexpected two days of professional development allowed further study of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, de-escalation, and World of Difference diversity training.

Sixteen teachers and administrators who were new to the district received training in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams. Study groups for special education teachers provided ongoing opportunities for special services staff members to learn and to share best practices, including new learning about cortical visual impairment, autism, communication systems for students with paralysis and childhood apraxia.

Ellington High School teachers continued work on Differentiated

Instruction with the support of an on-site technical advisor. A grant of \$195,000 to the Connecticut Academy for Education and its partners, Ellington, Windsor and Windsor Locks, provided funds to support professional development, curriculum development and the development of common assessments through collaborative work across the three districts. Four teachers from Windermere Intermediate and Ellington Middle Schools participated in American Voices, a Teaching American History grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

Over the course of the year, special educators continued to participate with their regular education colleagues in a number of professional development opportunities to improve the quality of teaching and refine the process for modifying individualized education plans of special education students.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

At Center School's opening assembly students were welcomed back to school with third graders Ryan Zahner and Sydney Gill leading the Pledge of Allegiance. New teachers and students were welcomed and awards were presented to students who had perfect attendance last year, as well as, those who attended summer learning programs. Music teacher Tim Adams led the student body in the 'Welcome Back to Center School song, 'This Land is Your Land,' and a partner dance called 'Jump, Jim Joe.'

On September 7 language arts consultant Louise Kelly recognized those students who participated in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Grade level groups met to discuss the books they had read over the summer with language arts consultant, Mrs. Kelly; remedial reading teacher, Mrs. DeFrino; media assistant, Mrs. Brookes and Crystal Lake Principal, Mr. Larkin.

Seventy-two Crystal Lake School students completed this year's challenge.

School counselor Marilyn Toback-Reveley met weekly with sixth grade social studies classes throughout the fall. The students role-played how to "cool down" when angered or upset, how to use active listening to understand both sides in a conflict, and how to communicate how you feel to the other disputant using "I Messages." Students also learned how to brainstorm and develop "Win/Win" solutions to conflicts, how to respond assertively when teased by others, and how to identify bullying behaviors and respond if they witness bullying or are bullied themselves.

Ellington Middle School also began a school-wide anti-bullying initiative. A kick off school-wide assembly presented by the Anti-Defamation League was held where students were asked to take a stand against bullying and harassment. Several students opened the assembly presenting the ground rules of anti-bullying and introducing the presenter. Students volunteered to participate in several of the activities presented. A teacher/faculty advisory committee was developed and planned multiple activities throughout the school year. Professional development opportunities for all teachers and paraprofessionals were provided using the Anti-Defamation League "World of Difference" program as a guide.

A student led anti-bullying committee was also established, dedicated to developing strategies and activities which promote a healthy life style. Middle school health teacher John Hostetler worked with approximately 20 students in a program entitled "Free to Be" to produce an anti-bullying video which was presented at grade level assemblies. Student surveys and small group focus groups were held at the beginning and end of the year to help measure the effectiveness of this initiative. In addition, student discipline data was collected and analyzed. These assessments will be used for planning year two activities including adjustments to the health curriculum, enhancements to student orientation activities, and continued efforts in promoting active student participation in this initiative.

On Constitution Day, September 17, Center School students James Maznicki and Gianna Paseka shared a background for the recognition of the Constitution and read the Preamble aloud on the intercom during morning announcements.

Windermere school counselor Mrs. Toback-Reveley organized cross-age teaching groups for approximately 30 students where fifth and sixth grade students take time from their recess to assist first grade teachers.

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

Two seniors from Ellington High School's Young Educators Society, Joanna Schneider and Krista Pregony, volunteered to help Center School second graders paint pumpkins donated by Kloter Farms as part of their fall-theme project.

On September 28 the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored an interactive science assembly for kindergarten students. The program, entitled

"Weather or Not" is sponsored by the Connecticut-based High Touch, High Tech school program company. A guest scientist engaged the students in activities about the weather.

Firefighter Brian Blotniski presented the Fire Prevention Assembly during Fire Prevention Week where Center School students were able to review home safety procedures and observe the firefighters wearing full equipment for familiarity and assurance.

The Program for Alternative Learning at Windermere School continues to be implemented into the school schedule. The PAL program, which services students from all three elementary schools, saw several successes this year with a student being brought back into the district from an out of district placement, students returning to their sending area schools and student transitions from full-time placements in the PAL program to full-time placements in the regular classroom setting. Special education teacher Sarah Nicholson provided multiple staff meetings and professional development training on students with emotional disturbances. This program, in some cases, allows an alternative to a student's out of district placement to a private educational setting by allowing the student to remain in district with his/her peers.

Center School students celebrated Red Ribbon Week with physical education/health teacher Pam Schlechtweg creating thought-provoking daily activities to build school-wide awareness of the importance of a being "Drug Free: The Healthy Way to Be."

Ellington Middle School began its conversion to a Balanced Literacy approach to reading and writing instruction using a Teachers College Readers/ Writers Workshop model format. It began with a physical conversion of all language arts classrooms into a "Barnes and Noble" feel with a comfortable reading area, and space flexible enough to support both high quality small and large group instruction. Attractive book shelves and book racks were filled with classic and "just released" books that young adolescents would find interesting and relevant, and targeted to meet their cognitive and developmental levels. Instructionally, students are asked to participate in authentic and engaging types of learning activities such as book clubs, creative writing projects, inquiry-based research units and author blogs.

In an effort to increase special education student achievement, the special education department continued to review student individual education plans working with parents to help assure that goals and objectives were aligned, when appropriate, with the district's curriculum standards. In this way, parents, special and regular education teachers shared a common and collaborative understanding of each student's performance levels and were better able to measure student learning as well as meet special education needs.

On October 4 the Crystal Lake School PTO's Reading-at-Home program was kicked-off with Principal Larkin visiting each classroom to explain the program and conduct a read aloud. This year, the PTO program has the space theme, Blast into Reading!

The Center School Recess Mileage Club began in October with coordinator Cathryn Couzens setting up parent volunteers on the playground to help students track their laps and build physical fitness and stamina.

On October 8 Crystal Lake School celebrated Fire Prevention Week with representatives from the Crystal Lake Fire Department conducting an assembly for students on fire safety measures.

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

On October 14 Crystal Lake School fourth grade students initiated a year-long community service project by making their first visit to Evergreen Healthcare Center in Stafford. Grade four teachers Christine Marshall and Nancy Connelly coordinate this project each year to give students an opportunity to partner and do activities with a senior buddy.

Renata Bowers, author of Frieda B. Herself visited Windermere School and met with grades K-2. Her message was to dream big and believe in each person's own unique and wonderful story. A message card was sent home with each child so parents could go online to learn more about what she shared with the children during her visit.

On October 25 the first Crystal Lake School Town Meeting Assembly was held. Town meeting assemblies are held every other month to celebrate the learning taking place in classrooms. Grade 3 students shared poems with the school. Weekly CARES awards were also distributed, with fourth grade helpers, Michael Shuman, Grace Hurlburt, Alex Judkins, Trevor Johnson and Olivia Guard reminding the school what each letter in the CARES acronym stands for: Cooperation, Advocacy, Respect, Empathy and Self-Control.



Crystal Lake students enjoying activities with a senior buddy at Evergreen Healthcare Center.

An assembly program called Rachel's Challenge was run at Windermere School this past fall and featured Dana Scott who presented the story of her sister, Rachel Scott to all of the fifth and sixth grade students and staff. Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School and her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for a school program that inspires students to spread a chain of kindness in the school. Students attended a 60-minute assembly and 90-minute chain links training session. Rachel's Chain Links Clubs began following the program and carried out Rachel's positive messages at Windermere School. A "chain of positive messages" was begun at both the fifth and sixth grade end of the intermediate hallway with each link signifying a positive message/comment sent from one student to another. Each chain grew to be the entire length of the hallway by the end of the year.

Room parents under the direction of PTO Vice President Lori Caron helped with Center School's harvest parade on October 30. Families and community members admired the costumes displayed as the preschool through fourth grade students held their annual parade around Arbor Park.

At Windermere Intermediate School, the fifth and sixth grade Study Island classes were created and students in the sixth grade have begun to utilize the CMT preparation package at home via the internet. The program continues to be paid for through the middle school grant and was extended to the fifth grade this year. The program was used by all fifth and sixth grade classes and allowed students to log in from anywhere an internet connection is present to work on topics built from the Connecticut Curricular Frameworks. Teachers were provided with weekly reports of student usage.

On November 5 the Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored the National Marionette Theatre's performance of Hansel and Gretel.

Music teacher Tim Adams led fourth grade students from Center and Crystal Lake Schools in a chorus performance of holiday songs during the Winterfest celebration on the Town Green.

At Windermere School a new School-Wide Positive Behavioral Supports and Intervention Team (SW-PBIS) was created and is comprised of Steve Moccio, David Pechie, Sara Varga, Pam Mirabello, Lori Purcaro, Cheryl Warriner, Sarah Nicholson, Carin Faraci, and Lisa Schumacher. The team attended training throughout the year and spends time at each faculty meeting sharing information with the K-4 staff. Information shared included timelines, creation of a behavior matrix, a new office discipline referral form, a behavioral flowchart, and possible incentives. Sara Varga and Steve Moccio attended the Connecticut Summit on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports at UCONN. The purpose of the summit was to provide school leaders, policy makers, and educators an opportunity to learn about national PBIS efforts and shape an action plan for PBIS implementation in Connecticut which would enhance academic school reform efforts.

The 36th Annual Crystal Lake School Pancake Breakfast was held on December 22. Staff members arrived at school early in the morning to prepare pancakes for students and guests. Member of the Board of Education in attendance included Dale Roberson, Dan Keune, Gary Blanchette and James Stoughton. Kindergarten teacher Valerie Gagnon



36th Annual Crystal Lake School Pancake Breakfast

coordinated this year's breakfast which was followed by a sing-a-long in the gym.

Center School third grade students visited the Mashantucket Pequot Museum as a connection to their social studies units of study.

Windermere's cafeteria rewards program offering whole class incentive for positive behavior in the cafeteria continued this year. Students earned "Windy Whales" for good behaviors and the one K-4 class with the most whales at the end of a 6-week period earn a whole class pizza lunch with Principal Steve Moccio, Assistant Principal Kristy LaPorte, and lead teacher Lisa Schumacher. Congratulations to the classes of Cheryl Warriner, Sara Varga, Laura Gentilcore, Christine Mooney, and Andrea Dziadul for winning the pizza parties throughout the year. Any fifth or sixth grade class that earned a "Windy Whale" each day of the week was allowed to sit with other classes at lunch that also earned the same reward. Individual classes benefited from an "extra" recess with Mr. Moccio and Dr. LaPorte as a reward for repeated exceptional cafeteria behavior.

The Crystal Lake PTO sponsored Recess Mileage Club held a Hat Day Spirit Day on November 19 in recognition of students having walked over 500 miles!

Music teacher Tim Adams planned and prepared students for the well-rehearsed performances during the Center School Grandparents and Special Persons' Day. Students performed to a packed house with over 700 parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and other special persons enjoying the musical performance. It was a wonderful example of the strength of community surrounding Center School.

On December 6 a group of teachers and administrators from the Wethersfield Public Schools visited Crystal Lake School to learn about Readers Workshop. The visitors had a chance to visit Amy Duff's third grade classroom and see Readers Workshop in action. Dr. Erin McGurk, Ellington's Director of Educational Services and Principal Michael Larkin met with the Wethersfield visitors after their observation to answer questions about Ellington's Readers Workshop.

Center Schools PTO arranged three cultural events for students this year. The first offering, "Liberty Belles," was a social studies performance which was both entertaining and instructive. Actress Anne Pasquale provided a "living history" program, introducing many significant females from America's past emphasizing our diverse cultural and ancestral backgrounds. Rich in cultural songs, ethnic stories and 'join-in' reenactments, Ms. Pasquale's performance introduced historical heroines such as Harriet Tubman to the children. Center School also participated in the nationally famous NED Show. NED is an acronym which stands for Never Give Up; Encourage Others; Do Your Best. The NED Show emphasizes the importance of good character and helping others. Students were encouraged to become champions at school by working hard in the classroom and by doing things the 'best way' as their teachers instruct them. The high energy presenter told a story about NED and how he learned to make good choices for his behavior. NED learned how to be a champion at school and in life. Students watched in delight as the story was punctuated by sound effects and tricks done on the yo-yo, including some classic favorites like 'around the world' and 'walk the dog.' With many thanks to the PTO each student and teacher received a free yo-yo along with a handout explaining the tricks. The final cultural arts assembly presented Susan Reed's Hand Jive. Ms. Reed, a Suzuki musician, performed her own songs supporting mathematical thinking.

Windermere's music teachers, Sharon Bigge and John Cheman, did a great job with the choral groups and band. The annual holiday concert for the fourth grade chorus, fifth/sixth grade chorus, and intermediate band was moved to Ellington High School. Additional concerts were also performed in the spring and included the third grade recorders.

Fourth graders from Center School experimented with scientists from the High Touch, High Tech program, exploring force and motion. Students made balloon rockets to take home.

On December 9 library staff Laurie Brookes and Lisa Garofalo hosted a Nutmeg Tea for sixteen fourth grade students who were reading nominees for the Nutmeg Book Award. Students who read five out of the ten nominees were invited to vote for their favorite book in January. On January 27 a Nutmeg Voting Lunch was held and fourth grade students who had read the Nutmeg nominated books were invited back to discuss the books over a pizza lunch.

Reading teacher Sheila Byrne organized a field trip to the Dr. Seuss museum as well as other museums in Springfield, MA for 23 third grade Center School students to meet with their pen-pals from the Springfield school system.

Center School's Reading for Fun store supported student reading at home. Students were able to attend the 'store' as a reward for logging hours of at-home reading time. Parent Toni Bannock organized this monthly event.

The Windermere Intervention Team entered its second year after transforming itself from the Student Assistance Team of the past. Student data was collected and reviewed every eight weeks and used to monitor student progress through a review of the student's data.

Students were either dismissed from the process or specific goals, objectives and interventions were decided upon as part of the new WIT process. The use of the data allowed for the school to better determine the effectiveness of interventions and if the time allocated toward those interventions needed to be increased, decreased, or kept the same. A total of five rounds of meetings were held for both the elementary and intermediate schools.

Crystal Lake School grade four students culminated their biography unit of study on January 14 with a living wax museum. Students dressed as famous people as diverse as Diogenes and Beyonce, coming to life for museum visitors and teaching all about their lives, accomplishments, obstacles and characteristics.

Diane Lasher-Penti from the Town Youth Services program collaborated with the school system on several occasions. Worked with seven classrooms at Center School, Mrs. Lasher-Penti worked with students through the "Quarks" program. In addition, Ms. Lasher-Penti, together with Center School teacher Renee Sheriffs, organized a homework center in connection with students from the middle school. Youth Services also provided evening "Choices!" programming for girls and boys, and a recess program for first and second graders entitled, "1-2-3, I am ME!"

On March 2 Center School media specialist Patricia McAuley led the recognition of Read Across America, Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Among the many varied activities, students were involved in cross-grade book buddies reading together in the media center.

Windermere library/media specialist Mary Varley worked with students on creating commercials for the 2012 Intermediate Nutmeg books. The students videotaped their commercials which will be shown to fourth and fifth grade students as the new Nutmegs are introduced. Students participating were: Nick Cantin, Ashley Cioto, Bri Fraser, Preethi Kannan, Adam Mayne, Erik Nordmark, Chris O'Connell and Serena Travers.

Crystal Lake teachers, Kathy Marohn, Whitney Schindley, Amy Duff and Nancy Connelly worked in December and January with Karen Bailey, a consultant with the Connecticut Academy for Education, on incorporating inquiry-based science into the current grade level units of study.

In spite of the weather, Center School families came for the interactive education of this year's science fair. Over 90 students created self-selected projects from all four strands: physical science, earth science, life science and science and technology. Parents and children worked together to create the informative exhibits for the fair which proved to be an incredible learning opportunity for all Center School students.

On April 1 third graders from Crystal Lake School took a field trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum to culminate their study of Native Americans. The students toured museum exhibits which enabled them to see "Life Through the Eyes of A Pequot Child."

Center School parent Patti Gamble chaired the committee for TV Turn Off Week. Over 200 students went 'screen-free' for the week. Suggestions for healthy play alternatives were offered to participating families. To culminate the TV Turn-Off Week celebration, parents Lori Caron and Monica Dallahan organized the second annual Center School Talent Show to great reviews! Over 50 students participated in the show as performers or masters of ceremonies.

Windermere third grade students went on their annual field trip to the Pequot Museum where they viewed life-size walk-through dioramas, live performances of contemporary arts and cultures, interactive exhibits depicting Native and natural history, and a diverse selection of materials on the histories and cultures of all Native peoples of the United States and Canada.

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

Windermere Intermediate School counselor Marilyn Toback-Reveley introduced each student to an online program called Career Cruising. Career Cruising provides guidance and planning where people of all ages can use tools to find a career that matches their particular interests. Students will be matched to career clusters and will be able to explore the education required and any training options.

The district's preschool teachers hosted four playgroups in March to select typically developing children from the community to integrate into the Early Childhood Special Education Program. There was, as always, tremendous interest and support from the community. Selection choices were based on children who display good language and social skills. A range of 3 and 4 year olds were enrolled to help balance the classes for the coming year. Next year, the pre-school will host a fifth classroom to better service the needs of our community.

The Crystal Lake School PTO sponsored curriculum-based science assemblies on April 5 and 12. High-Touch, High-Tech presented programs for students in grades 1, 2 and 4. Topics included electricity and insects.

Windermere Intermediate's sixth grade teacher Kathy Fitzgerald

scheduled a school visit from the WoW Express (Watershed on Wheels Express). The express is a traveling exhibit created by the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The purpose of the visit was to foster awareness of the refuge and to educate about the watershed which includes parts of four states. Students walked through a large trailer and saw a diversity of habitats and viewed wildlife found within the watershed. The express also set up seven interactive kiosks and one interactive watershed table where students explored topics such as migration, habitats, environmental issues, and learned about the many facets of the 410 mile watershed.

On April 27 Crystal Lake third grade students had a special guest teacher, Marcia Krepcio, a conchologist or scientist who studies shells. Ms. Krepcio taught students about the ways in which Native Americans used shells and wampum in their everyday life.

Windermere Intermediate's sixth grade got a feel for possible future occupations during Career Day. Career Day caps off a month-long career awareness program run by school counselor Marilyn Toback-Reveley. The students were provided with a list of twenty different professionals and signed up for those in which they were most interested. The results were tallied and the professionals volunteered their time to speak with the students regarding what it is they do for a living and what schooling was necessary to qualify. Each professional gave two 30-minute long presentations to students who attended four different presentations in total. Students were asked to evaluate each presentation and the results are used to plan for the following year. Assisting Mrs. Toback-Reveley with the coordination were staff members: Mary Temple, Lisa Schumacher, and Brianne Jackpisc.

Center School welcomed many aspiring educators to the school again this year. Ellington High School student Nicole Chamberland worked with Katie D'Addona's kindergarten class for a day as part of a job shadow opportunity. In addition, twenty-one students in Dave Helmin's early childhood class have been volunteering in the Center School classrooms, gaining experience from teachers, Maura Kleszczewski, Katie D'Addona, Chris Feeney, Jessica Buttafuoco, Marita Francis and Tomi Raver. Ellington High School students Erica Feenstra, Gordon Gamble, Kelsey Janssen, Alex King, Krista Pregony, Courtney McGowan, Emily Rancourt, Ashley Sojka, Cayla Dixon, Sydney Bassett-Wooley, Josie Gerber, Alyssa Gilson, Brittney Millane, Joanna Schneider, Stephanie Bannock-Sanborn, Jackie Halloran, Alex Marella, Christina Martin, Lucianna Thieringer, Tiffany Morissette, and Cassie Zborowski have been reading with students and teaching them math activities to strengthen their skills. We are grateful to all teachers for their willingness to share their expertise with future teachers.

As part of their social studies curriculum, Windermere's sixth grade students participated in a day-long trip to Ellis Island. Students were able to see the American Immigrant Wall of Honor which displays more than 700,000 names, as well as the museum which includes artifacts, photographs, prints, videos, interactive displays, oral histories, and temporary exhibits. Students were brought to Ellis Island by ferry transportation and circled the Statue of Liberty before returning to Liberty State Park in New Jersey.

The combined Center School/Crystal Lake School Grade 4 chorus concert was held May 3 in the Crystal Lake School gymnasium. Under the direction of Mr. Timothy Adams, the chorus entertained the audience of friends and family.

Windermere's sixth grade classrooms were treated to a visit by the K-9 unit of the Connecticut State Police. The visit was organized by Trooper Timme who is one of the school's D.A.R.E. officers. The dogs were accompanied by their handlers who spent time with the classes explaining the training involved for both the dogs and the handlers. The sixth grade was also visited by Michael Rafferty and Oleyetta Priestner, two presenters from the Anti-Defamation League. Following introductions, the presenters led the classes through three activities designed to emphasize that individuals are different and to respect those differences. The ADL presenters were funded by a grant for Open Choice Schools.

The annual Crystal Lake School Academic Fair was held on May 26. This year's Academic Fair had a science theme and with the generous support of the Crystal Lake School PTO, there were three activity stations from the Connecticut Science Center in the gym and one activity station from the Lutz Children's Museum. Students participated in hands-on demonstrations with electricity, bubbles and hovercraft and got to get up close and personal with a snake, gecko and turtle! In addition, artifacts from students' science learning were on display in the classrooms.

Windermere PTO successfully ran another round of Mileage Club during first through fourth grade recesses. Students walked/ran laps around the playground and accumulated miles and rewards along the way. The students covered 5,415 miles in total!

On Spirit Day, Center School students wore red, white and blue to a Memorial Day assembly. Student Spirit Leaders Jodi Norton, Alexis Kubas, Dylan Munroe, Nick Sivo, Nathan Pyne, Gianna Paseka, and James Maznicki taught students about Memorial Day, the significance

of wearing poppies as remembrance, and the memorial playing of Taps.

In May, Crystal Lake kindergarten students traveled to the Lincoln Theater at the University of Hartford for the play, *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*.

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



Windermere students during American Revolutionary War Day.

The 2010-2011 school year was the first year of implementation of some of the core components of the Responsive Classroom approach. The Crystal Lake School three-year timeline for implementation included the following components for year one: All staff trained in four of the Core components of RC: (Morning Meeting, Logical Consequences, Rule Creation, Inter-active Modeling); Four Components Implemented K-4 (January-June); Complete Book Study of Morning Meeting Book ; and lastly, Present Responsive Classroom Overview to PTO. Each of these action steps were completed. Additionally, the Crystal Lake School staff completed a book study of a Responsive Classroom companion publication, *Rules in School*.

June 7 was Special Visitors' Day at Crystal Lake School. Students invited special guests to tour their classrooms, meet their teachers and were treated to a Special Visitors' Concert under the direction of music teacher Tim Adams. Hundreds of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and other invited friends filled the Crystal Lake gym for the concerts.

The fourth grade at Windermere School held its third annual Reading Olympics – Opening Ceremony. The opening ceremony included a procession of classes by class color and flag. Activities as part of the ceremony were opening remarks by language arts consultant Kathy Bienkowski and special guests from central office including Steve Cullinan, Erin McGurk, Anthony Littizzio, and Nancy Daley along with First Selectman Maurice Blanchette. Groups were then run for students to discuss book recommendations. At the conclusion of the ceremony, each class pledged that they would read during the month-long Reading Olympics and keep track of the number of minutes read in their log. The closing ceremony included a procession of classes, read aloud by kindergarten teacher Jackie Low, closing remarks by Kathy Bienkowski, and the medal presentation for the top three readers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, fourth grade teacher David Pechie presented Principal Steve Moccio with "The Golden Book" logging how many total minutes each class read during the month-long activity. Students were awarded with an ice cream party for their total of reading 187,000 minutes (3,117 hours) which easily topped last year's amount of 155,277 minutes (2,588 hours) of reading!

Crystal Lake School language arts consultant Louise Kelly organized the annual Young Authors Readers Conference (YARC) which was held on June 8. Students met in multi-age groups to share a published piece of writing from the year. Special guest group facilitators included Mr. Cullinan, Dr. McGurk, Mr. Littizzio, Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Mancuso.

As part of their social studies curriculum, Crystal Lake School's third grade students culminated a unit of study on communities of the past with a visit to Sturbridge Village on June 17.

Ellington Middle School staff members Jennifer Larkin, John Hostetler and Joyce Agnew accompanied sixty students on a "College Knowledge" visit to Eastern CT State University. The program helped students begin the process of planning their post high school education choices. Sessions included learning college facts, preparing for the future, college life, financing a college education, career exploration, and a tour of the campus.

With its largest enrollment ever of 880 students, Windermere School reached its highest capacity during the 2010-2011 school year. Shared and creative usage of space has become even more necessary to provide office and classroom space for all students and staff within the building.

Ellington Middle School lead teacher Jen Larkin and library media

specialist Lisa Garofalo will be teaching at this year's second annual Ellington middle school summer reading camp. This year, the 60 available slots for the summer mini camp were quickly filled with eager readers. Beyond the summer camp, Ms. Garofalo also offers a summer book check out service to middle school students. During the last 10 days of school, Ms. Garofalo extended the middle school library hours and met with students making summer reading recommendations, allowing students to check out up to 10 library books for the summer. Now in its third year, the summer book check out program has been a huge success with over 45 families participating and is a key component to the schools very successful summer reading program.

On June 23 Michael Larkin facilitated an in-service session with Crystal Lake School teachers on developing lessons to support the school's CARES program. Cooperation, Advocacy, Respect, Empathy and Self-Control are the traits embedded in the Responsive Classroom approach and are the traits the staff will be working to explicitly teach to students as well as recognize students who demonstrate them.

ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

The high school year got off to a great start welcoming 778 students. For the first time in the high school's history, five students from the Open Choice Program were enrolled as freshmen. The community also welcomed two foreign exchange students – Enrico Shirvariandya from Indonesia and Merle Morgenroth-Kutz from Germany.

In September the Ellington High School Marching Knights Band performed during Connecticut Day at The Big E. The band performed on the Storowtown Green and then marched in the parade.



EHS Knights Marching Band and Color Guard performing at the Big E.

In November selected students from the music department performed in the NCCC band and chorus concert at Stafford High School. The Ellington High School music department also presented winter and spring concerts. Both concerts featured the chorale, vocal ensemble, jazz band, concert band and wind ensemble groups.

The high school staff began a self evaluation process for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) as it is scheduled for an evaluation visit in the fall of 2012. In preparation for its evaluation visit, the high school has revised its core values, beliefs about learning, and 21st century expectations for student learning to ensure that the document meets the requirements of the Commission's Standards. The high school's new 21st century expectations for student learning are accompanied by new or revised analytic rubrics to measure student progress. Ellington High School has also revised a majority of its curriculum to align to the school's 21st-century learning expectations. A process is in place to assess and report out the progress of all students in achieving these expectations using school-wide rubrics. Currently the entire high school staff and community members are engaged in an intensive self-study that will document the school's adherence to seven NEASC standards for accreditation. The school's accreditation status will be reviewed when the Commission considers the evaluation report resulting from the decennial visit.

On November 19 Mark Dixon from WFSB Channel 3 featured Ellington High School as a "Cool School." The event was organized by teacher Mrs. Kandace Murdock. Over 550 students took part in the program. Students arrived at the high school by 4:30 a.m. showing a great deal of enthusiasm and school spirit. Mark Dixon, the host of "Cool Schools," commented that Ellington High School was one of the best broadcasts that he has been part of to date. The students brought in enough perishable items to keep the Ellington food pantry well supplied through spring.

In November over 800 students, staff and guests gathered in the gymnasium to honor our veterans. The Veterans' Day ceremony was organized, planned and implemented by the high school student council under the direction of Mrs. Cynthia Fontanella. Students Kelly Stauffer greeted guests and Oliviana Bailey served as Master of Ceremony. The highlight of the ceremony was a reading of an original essay by Jessica Baker. Former State Representative Ted Graziani, State Representative Christopher Davis, Senator Gary LeBeau, Senator Tony Guglielmo and Ellington Board of Education Chairman Dan Keune all provided remarks

on the significance of Veterans' Day. Kelly Stauffer provided the closing commentary for the ceremony after which the student council hosted breakfast for the veterans. The high school's vocal ensemble provided music. This annual event aligns with the high school's Core Values and Beliefs that all Ellington High School students demonstrate responsibility, integrity, respect, cultural understanding and ethical behavior.

The Ellington Friends of Music (EFOM) hosted its first Pancake Breakfast Cabaret at Ellington High School on March 19. EFOM was formed in the spring of 2010 to support music throughout the Ellington Schools. Those attending enjoyed a delicious breakfast while they were entertained by singers and musicians of all ages.

The Opening Knight Players presented the play "Where the Sun is Silent" on March 23 and 24. The play, written by drama teacher Mr. Bill Prenetta, was inspired by the life of Phoebe Prince and dealt with the sensitive issues of bullying and suicide. The play was also presented to the entire Ellington High School student body. A question and answer session was held immediately after each performance. The high school administration, staff and students have followed-up on suggestions as a result of these sessions and will be implementing anti-bullying strategies that have been deemed most important.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Third grade teacher Terry Johnson coordinated Crystal Lake School's annual food drive to benefit the Crystal Lake food pantry. Students and families generously contributed over 700 items to the food drive. Mrs. Johnson involved her students in the food drive by having them count and graph each week's donations.

Thanksgiving baskets were collected and organized by Center School staff members Jen Barone and Tomi Raver. Student spirit leaders from third and fourth grade helped count and separate items as they were brought in. This year seventeen Ellington families were provided a shopping bag filled with food to complete their holiday dinner (and a few extras) along with a \$25 gift card to Big Y. Center School staff and students were also able to donate ten boxes filled with food to be used by the food pantry. Twenty families also volunteered to help fill bags and make "Happy Thanksgiving Day" cards.

Lisa Garofalo, EMS school media specialist, was chosen as the chairperson for the 2013 Teen Nutmeg Committee. This statewide committee consists of thirteen librarians and three students representing towns across Connecticut. The committee met six times before September and read about 80 books before choosing the ten nominees for the 2013 Teen Nutmeg Book Award. As chairperson, Ms. Garofalo was responsible for forming the committee, facilitating discussions, and reading reviews to research which 80 books would be read for consideration. In addition, once the ten nominees were chosen, Ms. Garofalo contacted each author and publisher to make sure the nominated books fit the state award requirements.

The Center School community sponsored a Penny Drive called "Pennies for Patients" to support the American Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Representative Christianna Ward attended a school-wide assembly where student spirit leaders presented a check for \$2,139.36 to support the work of the organization.

Art teacher Steve Bernard accompanied Crystal Lake School fourth grade students Matthew Mayne and Elizabeth Gerlach to the annual Art at the Capitol celebration where their art was exhibited.

On behalf of our staff and the students, we wish to once again thank the hundreds of parent volunteers for the time and effort they willingly give to our schools. Parent volunteers provide a variety of classroom support throughout the school year and are an important part of our school community.

At Center School over 300 student-made valentines were given to local community Meals on Wheels programs as well as the Lutheran Family Services, bringing a smile to the elderly and homebound on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Tracy Thibert for her efforts in distributing the cards.

Bruce Workentin from the VFW presented awards to this year's Patriot's Pen essay contest winners. This year's Windermere winners were Ciara Dobrowolski - First Place, Thomas Arbeiter - Second Place, and Sreyash Raychaudhuri - Third Place. Each winner was presented with a certificate and check from Mr. Workentin.

In February Ellington Middle School students traveled to the University of Hartford to compete in the annual MathCounts competition. These math passionate students met after school all year practicing and preparing for this competition. Participants this year were Jeremy Baouche, Nick Bennett, Kerri Bergeron, Brandon Bogrette, Zach Cargill, Basudha Chaudhuri, Kyle Fitzgerald, Megan Nicoletti, Albie Tebbetts, Hannah Traynor, Jon Wing, Jerry Xu, Tom Kindall and Jessica Palmer Lavoie.

The following Windermere students' art work were chosen for Art-at-the-Capitol 2011: Gabriella Krajewski - 1st grade, Samantha Curtis - 3rd grade, Zachary Judson - 4th grade, Katrina Zahner - 4th grade, and Madelynn Dillingham - 5th grade.



2010-2011 EMS MathCounts Team

Three Center School students Gianna Paseka, Clara Mattson and Clarissa Welti also were chosen to attend Art at the Capitol with art teacher Steven Bernard to exhibit their art work.

In February 45 Ellington High School Latin students joined over 150,000 others from all 50 states and several other countries in taking the 2011 National Latin Exam. Awards on this exam are given according to the student's score on the exam, with summa cum laude being the highest level of honor, followed by maxima cum laude, magna cum laude and finally, cum laude. This year, Ellington High School had 12 award-winners. This year's winners were: Latin One - Savannah Kresge and Alexis Merkouriou, magna cum laude, Andrew Parker, cum laude; Latin Two - Joshua Condron, maxima cum laude, with silver medal

Benjamin Friedman and Andrew Roets, magna cum laude, Thomas Cottle, cum laude; Latin Three - Holly VanWyck, magna cum laude, Brandon Chesworth, Todd Costello, and Victor Viega, cum laude.



On Windermere's Career Day, Board of Education member Howard Friedman speaks to sixth grade students about careers in technology.

Ellington fourth graders made posters to reflect this year's theme, "Fire Prevention; Everyone, Everyday." Congratulations to Center School students Grace Palmer and Jenna Selochan for top honors. Windermere fourth grade student Sam Walch received an honorable mention.

On March 31 the state-wide awards luncheon for county winners of the annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest was held. Crystal Lake fourth grader Elizabeth Gerlach was honored as a Tolland County winner in the poster contest. Elizabeth's teacher Christine Marshall and Principal Michael Larkin were able to celebrate with Elizabeth and her family by attending the luncheon.

The fifth grade fire prevention winners were: First Place - Madelynn Dillingham; Second Place - Aedan Randall; and Third Place - Gina Carroll.

The students were awarded \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place at a Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Madelynn Dillingham was also a county winner and in recognition of the achievement, Madelynn attended an award presentation luncheon at the Cromwell Courtyard by Marriott.

We are fortunate to have strong and supportive PTOs and booster clubs in our districts. These groups are an integral part of our school community. Through their continuing efforts and fundraising events, these volunteers help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. We wish to thank the officers and coordinators of these groups, as well as, the parents who volunteer their time, talents and resources to help support the many activities and programs offered to our students throughout the year.

Twelve students in Mrs. Tetreault's fourth grade class were accepted for publication by Creative Communications Fall 2010 competition. Center School students Anthony Beasley, Auralia Bailey, Caitlin Boice, Kyle Brown, Alex Dean-Schneider, Julia Dobosz, Jordyn Engler, Billy Jones, Luke Kloter, Tina Ma, Jodi Norton, and Gianna Oren had their writing on display in the main school hallway for all to appreciate.

Windermere teachers Matt Murphy and Sara Varga led a group of brave souls into the chilly waters of Crystal Lake for the first annual Penguin Plunge. With the help of a staff fundraiser, the school was able to earn over \$1,200 for the Special Olympics of Connecticut. Windermere School also held a "Tacky Thursday" fundraiser where students donated \$1 and staff donated \$5 to wear their tackiest/mismatched outfit. All

proceeds were donated to the Springfield Rescue Mission to assist the hundreds of homeless and needy men, women, and children due to the June tornado that devastated a portion of western Massachusetts.

A Pennies for Patients Campaign was begun by student spirit leaders at Center School. This student-led initiative raises money and awareness of childhood blood cancers. The collection supports the American Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The drive resulted in \$2,159.06 being collected. Over 25,000 schools nationwide were involved in this three-week penny drive. The money raised provides care for people who are sick with blood cancers, like Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and Myeloma to improve their quality of life. The campaign also supports research to find a cure for these diseases.

Three students from the middle school captured the top three awards at the local level of the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. This year's essay topic was "Does Patriotism Still Matter." Over 120 essays were submitted by EMS students. Presley Taylor captured first place winning \$50 with Kerrie Bergeron and Zoe Angelakopoulos placing second and third respectively with both girls receiving awards of \$25.



EMS Students Presley Taylor won first place, Kerrie Bergeron took second place and Zoe Angelakopoulos came in third place in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

The Ellington High School fine and performing arts groups continued to be the pride of the community. JoAnna Paul and Amanda Schroth were selected by Ellington High School to be honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools' Sixteenth Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts. The young ladies were recognized at a banquet in April at the Aqua Turf.

Windermere language arts consultants Liz Conlin and Sarah Martin worked alongside other language art consultants in grades 5-12 and created a universal assessment system to better identify those students at risk and in need of intervention services.

Staff members continue to participate in the Teachers College Readers and Writers Project through visits to New York City as well as working in district with staff developers. Participating this year were: Valerie Gagnon, Kathy Marohn, Louise Kelly, Penny DeFrino, Christine Marshall, Sheila Byrne, Linda Grad, Renee Sheriffs, Katelyn Moule, Kathy Tetreault, Tomi Raver, Abbey Manzone, Ashley Caputa, Jessica Buttafuoco, Pam Whiting, Nancy Connelly, Florence Robert, Whitney Schindley, Celinda Weber, Amy Duff, Terry Johnson, Lisa Garofalo, Catherine Hatt, Cheryl Warriner, Cindy Garrow, Sara Varga, Pam Mirabello, Andrea Dziadul, Christine Mooney, David Pechie, Susan Horvath, Aimee Lewis, Matt Murphy, Jen Ryan, Cheri Burke, Liz Conlin, Karin Perkins, Cathy McCullough, Steve Moccio, Trudie Luck Roberts, Michael Larkin and Erin McGurk. Staff attended workshop sessions and seminars on a variety of literary topics based on the Readers/Writers instructional model.

Ellington Middle School was named the top reading school in the 2010 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. On average, an EMS student reads eight books over the summer as well as an additional fifteen to twenty books during the school year.

In other community outreach fundraisers, Windermere special education aide Patty Antonaras coordinated Windermere School's annual "Wear Red Day" in support of the American Heart Association. The staff was able to raise \$340 for the association.

Windermere's Olivia Palmer and Catherine Bedson were both selected as two of the top ten finalists in Congressman Joe Courtney's Black History Month Essay Contest. The top ten finalists' essays were posted on Congressman Courtney's website as well as in the news media.

Nicole Angelica, Justin Gottier, Nishant Patel, and Jeffrey Patrick were nominated to attend the 48th Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in March at the University of Connecticut. The symposium recognizes students who have demonstrated intellectual achievement and promise and a genuine interest and enthusiasm in science courses. At the Physics Bowl competition held in April, honors physics students, Lauren Arbeiter, Katryna Gouin, Ian Grinaski, Kevin Lapointe, Nicholas Larew, Tracy Marholin, Justin Markowski, Jeffrey Patrick, Samuel Sirag, and Christine Spartz achieved the second highest score in New England!

EMS French teacher Yurah Robidas attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages spring conference in Boston. Ms. Robidas was asked to present at this national conference based on

her recent graduate research work while in London. The title of her presentation was "Teacher Autonomy in the Classroom in Relation to the British National Curriculum." The focus of this extensive study involved the comparison of the British and American approaches to curriculum design and teacher autonomy.

Meeting a need for ongoing emphasis on safe and respectful behavior, Center School's grade 3 and 4 teachers nominated students, Dylan Munroe, Nick Sivo, Nathan Pyne, James Maznicki, Alexis Kubas, Gianna Paseka and Jodi Norton to serve as school leaders. These students worked with Principal Trudie Luck Roberts throughout the year to promote school spirit and elements of good character through supporting School Spirit Days, whole school assemblies, and charitable community service projects. Next year, student leaders will serve as ambassadors for the Positive Behavior Support System to model school-wide behavior expectations throughout the school.

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

Middle school teachers Debbie Slattery and Beth Tautkus both participated in the American Diabetes countrywide Tour de Cure 50k ride. The EMS team raised \$1,500 through donations and a dress down day fundraiser at the school.

The high school's visual arts department presented an Advanced Art Student Exhibition at Hall Memorial Library from May 4-26. Students displaying art work were: Logan Marcus, Holly VanWyck, Chelsea Lundeberg, Alyssa Toth, Joanna Paul, Jonathan Cheesman, David Della Penna, Alexander Iverson, Tessa Judkins, Jacqueline Reed, Matthew Thibodeau, Heather Davis, Chris Bruno, Alyssa Ostrout, Hannah Myers, and Anthony Giard. The high school jazz band, under the direction of Ms. Alexis Stolarun, provided musical entertainment for the occasion.

English Language Learner teacher Joan Penders held the fifth annual ESL Potluck Supper. Parents of students involved in the English as a Second Language program brought a variety of ethnic dishes and enjoyed a night of conversation. ELL colleague Colleen Palozej shared a wonderful slide show with the audience to commemorate Joan's years of service in Ellington as she would be retiring at the end of the school year.

The following students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society during a special ceremony at Ellington High School on May 11: Elizabeth Bedson, Marc Castonguay, Katherine Chamberlin, Emily Cohen, Kelly Conley, Mitchell DiResta, Monica Ferrara, Emily Fillion, Jennifer Gentile, Josie Gerber, Savannah Kresge, Meredith Kuraska, Meaghan Maguire, Morgan McPartland, Jeffrey Patrick, Catherine Payzant, Shea Riley, Lyndsi Skewes, Sarah Smith, Alexandra Stephan, Zachary Topor, Holly VanWyck, Victor Viega, Mackenzie Whiting, Christopher Wing, and Jessie Zwiesler.



Members of the EHS girls' soccer team with Athletic Director Tim McCluskey during the "Two Teams One Goal" Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.

Windermere teachers Sara Varga and David Pechie have taken the lead role as school coaches for the School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SW-PBIS) team. Mrs. Varga and Mr. Pechie collaboratively organize two meetings per month, meet periodically outside of the school day to review data collected through office discipline forms, and prepared a 3-hour professional development for Windermere elementary staff.

The following students were nominated by Ellington High School faculty members to be Ellington High School's representatives to the 70th American Legion Boys' State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State. The Boys' State delegates were Mitch DiResta, Austin Heffernan, Joseph Korzeb, Jeffrey Patrick, and Alec Weiner. The Girls' State delegates were Emily Cohen and Kelly Conley. Nominations were based on leadership, ability, friendliness, good sportsmanship, civic interests, cooperativeness and academics. Boys' and Girls' State train students in the ideal and

objectives of American government by teaching them to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, not by classroom lectures or textbook learning, but by participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with its governing bodies and elected public officials.

The Crystal Lake School faculty and staff used its Dress Down Friday collection to donate \$500 to the Ellington Community Scholarship Association for the second year in a row.

Ellington High School students Stone Oliver and Ryan Whiting were recognized before an audience of 300 at the Annual Michael's Cup Award and Dinner for their participation in an annual essay contest sponsored by Unified Sports. As senior members of the team, Ryan and Stone had been nominated by their coaches and had submitted essays describing each of their personal experiences with teammates, on and off the court, highlighting the benefits both partners and athletes obtained as a result of the program. Host, Kevin Nathan, sportscaster for Channel 30 news, presented Stone and Ryan and thirty other students from around the state with plaques honoring their efforts and achievements as dedicated partners of Ellington High School's Unified Basketball program.

The President's Education Award was awarded to twenty-one sixth grade students for their educational excellence and academic achievement. The recipients were announced at the sixth grade D.A.R.E. graduation and awards assembly. They each received a congratulations letter from President Obama, certificate of achievement and a pin. The award recipients were selected according to their 2010 CMT scores and academic performance throughout the school year. This year's recipients were: Thomas Arbeiter, Daniel Bocchino, Julie Brisson, Nicholas Cantin, Austin Chen, Alison Choate, Ciara Dobrowolski, Jenni Giacalone, Caitlyn Gresh, Allison Hill, Emma Johnson, Preethi Kannan, Adam Mayne, Erik Nordmark, Brianna Pekala, Helen Roets, Timothy Ross, Alicia Russell, Naomi Schneider, Candace Settle, and Kelly White.

On June 24, 2011, Ellington High School proudly graduated 170 seniors. Mr. Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools, presented the diplomas. The students were reminded by their class officers to reflect on their past and have faith in themselves after high school. Students were also encouraged to have a positive attitude and with that they would have the ability to achieve anything. Principal Neil Rinaldi praised the seniors' academic accomplishments and introduced the class as the, "collaborators, innovators, communicators, and critical thinkers who will lead us through the 21st Century." He also stated that the Class of 2011 collectively earned more than \$400,000 in scholarships. This year, the school's top scholars were Valedictorian Nicholas Larew and Salutatorian Christopher Wing. In addition, the following students were recognized as the Class of 2011 scholars who represent the top 5% of their class: Emily Baker, Christine Spartz, Lauren Arbeiter, Katryna Gouin, Samuel Sirag, Justin Markowski, and Kevin Lapointe. After the ceremony the Ellington Safe Graduation Committee, chaired by Natalie Lapointe, hosted an all-night event that promoted a drug and alcohol-free celebration at Ellington Middle School. The community appreciates the many volunteers who provided this opportunity for our graduates.

We are proud to announce the Class of 2011 valedictorian Nicholas Larew and salutatorian Christopher Wing. This year's valedictorian, Nicholas Larew, is the son of Robert and Kathy Larew. Nick was the recipient of the Harvard Book Award, the Rensselaer Medal Award, and was selected as a Governor Scholar Semi-Finalist. A member of the National Honor Society, Nick's academic achievements have been recognized at the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad competition where he received an award for outstanding achievement. Nick was also selected to the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at The University of Connecticut. The Connecticut Association of Schools has identified Nick as a Scholar Athlete and he has received the Ellington High School Scholar Athlete Award for every season that he has participated in varsity athletics. Nick volunteered as a "buddy" for the Connecticut Wave Unified Basketball Team helping children with special needs to play basketball and has served as a player, coach, and referee for the Ellington Recreation Department. Nick will attend Tufts University to study engineering.

Christopher Wing, the son of Philip and the late Lynne Wing, was the class salutatorian. Chris has pursued a strong academic schedule at Ellington High School, especially during his senior year, by taking five honors and advanced placement classes while still managing to consistently receive high honor roll status. Chris also participated in numerous fine arts course work between co-chairing the lighting crew for the Opening Knight Players, the high school's drama club, as well as playing lead trumpet in both the Ellington High School jazz band and wind ensemble. Chris was also selected to play in the NCCC honors band as well as competed in the National Chemistry Olympiad. Chris was inducted into the National Honor Society in his senior year, Chris has received recognition for excellence in world history, Spanish II and III, honors English, honors and advanced placement chemistry, honors physics, honors pre-calculus, and advanced placement calculus. At the Ellington High School academic awards ceremony held on June

8, Chris received the Cindy Dimenstein Memorial Scholarship, the Honors Physics Award, the Exchange Club of Rockville Award, and the President's Award.

Chris will be attending Georgetown University as a double major in biology and computer science. Eventually he plans to pursue a career in the medical field, either in research or as a doctor.

The Board of Education and administration gratefully recognizes Kathleen Tetreault, fourth grade teacher at Center School; Susan Murphy, second grade teacher at Center School; Joan Penders, systemwide English Language Learner teacher; Virginia Waller health/physical education/cooperative work experience teacher at Ellington High School and Gloria Wraight, language arts/reading consultant at Windermere School on their retirements. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their 143 years of combined service.

DISTRICT NEEDS

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

The most significant issue impacting the Ellington Public Schools will continue to be growing enrollment. Student enrollment in most Connecticut towns and cities is either stagnant or declining. In Ellington, however, student enrollment increased by approximately twenty percent over the past decade and is projected to grow by another twenty percent in the decade ahead. Windermere School grew by more than one hundred students in the past four years. The need for classroom space has been extensively reviewed by the Board of Education. The Ad Hoc Facilities Committee of the Board of Education has recommended a renovation and expansion of Crystal Lake School. The completion of this project would provide required classroom space for the next decade and will allow the district to be reconfigured as three K-6 elementary schools.

The 2011-2012 budget process saw some restoration of positions eliminated in the previous budget cycles. It also saw the addition of required classroom positions to meet enrollment growth. Unfortunately, some of this staffing is funded through one-time federal funds, so although we have made strides to meet student needs, it will be a challenge to maintain those resources in the future. The 2010-2011 fiscal year saw the restoration of funding for year one of the Board's three-year Athletic Restoration Plan for our secondary schools. Also, the 2011-2012 budget included year two of that plan. Hopefully, this plan will be completed next year.

The changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neil settlement continues to unfold, and the financial impact upon local communities continues to evolve. Even though Ellington is at the lower end of recommended participation in the Hartford Choice program, the Ellington Board of Education has again increased its participation in both the Hartford Choice and the various magnet school programs. With continued growth in student population, further expansion of available seats for this program may be severely limited. Also, without a significant increase in state aid, continued growth will be most problematic. Rulings from the Connecticut State Department of Education regarding funding for magnet schools continue to drain funds from local communities. In an effort to preserve local programs and to provide equity of opportunity, the Ellington Board of Education joined five other Connecticut communities in initiating legal action against the Connecticut State Department of Education. The results of that process may take a full year to unfold.

2011 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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 Sarah C. Bedford
 Kevin James Bernardino
 Stephen Berube
 Robert Berzenski
 Nina Frances Betancourt
 Brian Steven Borbas Jr.
 Alyssa Paige Brawn
 Christopher Bruno
 Kiersten Noelle Burke
 Marc Maurice Castonguay*
 Alyssa Marie Chase
 Jonathan Cheesman
 Alexandria Clemson
 Dylan Joseph Coles
 Meaghan-Rose Costello
 Thomas Patrick Cottle
 Dakota D'Achiardi
 Angela Marie Daigle*
 Aaron Astley Daley
 Danielle Evangeline
 DeCarli*
 Connor Michael Defemia
 Nicholas DiGiacomo
 Joanna Rose DiStefano
 Jacob W. Donzell
 Zachary Tyler Doyon
 Matthew Jameson Duguay

Kevin James Dwire
 Deonna Marie Fabrycki
 Nicole Ashley Finkle
 Rebekah Louise Fox
 Krystal D. Fraser
 Julia Marie Gage
 Eric Steven Garvey
 Ryan Matthew Gay
 Carolyn Jayne Gill*
 Katryna Aleksa Gouin+*
 Zachary Taylor Graves*
 Michael James Gresh*
 Ian Charles Grinaski*
 Taylor Marie Haggerty
 Jacqueline Rae Halloran
 Francis Patrick Hamm
 Jordan R. Hayes
 Kelly Rose Hayes
 Samuel Henderson
 Brendan Home
 Alexander N. Iverson
 Matthew Aaron Janiga
 Kelsey Janssen
 Samantha Rose Johnson
 Callahan Damian Jones
 Claiborne Ashley Jones
 Kady Lynn Joy
 Meghan Elizabeth
 Kacmarcik
 Bhrighde Eileen Kehoe
 Alexandria King
 Samantha Anne King
 Zachary Kraus
 Ariel Amber Kresge
 Ryan Kuczynski
 Joseph R. LaChance
 Renee Elizabeth Landry
 Kevin M. Lapointe+*
 Nicholas R. Larew+*
 Elizabeth Nicole Leonard
 Benjamin Lindblom
 Chelsea Marie Lundeberg
 Michele Macchiarella*
 Alexandra Paige Maciolek

Kelly Anne Maguire
 Brian Thomas Malone
 Kara L. Maloney
 Austin James Maniatis
 Michael Logan Marcus
 Alexandra Jane Marella
 Tracy Nichole Marholin*
 Justin Henry
 Markowski+*
 Christina Marie Martin
 Anastasia Matveeva
 Morgan Elizabeth
 McPartland*
 Brianna Hope Mellen
 Benjamin Midyette
 Dustin James Mocadlo
 Elliot T. Montoya
 Tiffany Jeanne Morissette
 Taylor Paige Moskites
 Haley Katherine Moss
 Alexandria Mouttas
 Emily St. Clair Nedwick
 Kaylee Marie Niemann
 Sarah Rebecca Nolan
 Ryan Andrew Orszulak
 Alyssa Marie Ostrout
 Ryan Craig Ostrout
 Olivia Lanz Palozej
 Michael Patsun
 JoAnna Mary Paul
 Claudia-Marie Perez
 Stephen David Pernal
 Christopher Philavong
 Amy Marie Pinard
 Dylan Planeta
 Natalie Marie Poitras
 Megan Ann Potamianos
 Krista Elizabeth Pregony
 Chelsy Amanda Quiles
 Amy Leigh Rafaniello
 Emily Anastasia Rancourt
 Amir Arsalan Ranjbar
 Kelly Maureen Remenik
 Zachery Remington

Brittany Ann Rhodes
 Elizabeth Jayne Risley
 Andrew Roets
 Keena Patricia Romeo
 Jeanette Rowe
 Kenneth Brian Sage
 Alyssa Mae Savage
 Charles Vincent Savona
 Curt Joseph Schiessl Jr.
 Andrew Douglas Schneider
 Joanna Vi Schneider*
 Daniel D. Schofer
 Amanda Rose Schroth*
 Casey Rose Settle*
 Samuel J. Sirag+*
 Sarah N. Smith*
 Natalie Rose Snow*
 Ashley Marie Sojka*
 Christine Leah Spartz+*
 Megan Marie Squadrito
 Kelly Marie Stauffer
 Patrick David Stavens
 Erika Ann Streib
 Kelsey Louise Sullivan
 Thomas P. Sullivan
 Jennifer Rose Tautkus
 Matthew Ronald Thibodeau
 Lucianna Lynn Thieringer
 Michael J. Thomas
 Alyssa Taylor Toth
 Justin P. Vamvilis
 Adam F. Vieweg
 Marissa Erin Violette
 Heather Lynn Walters
 Michelle Nicole Walters
 Cameron Alexander Waters*
 Abigail Marie Welch
 Brannen Girard Wesley
 Christopher Philip Wing+*
 Amanda Wright
 Ying Ye
 Cassandra Marilyn
 Zborowski
 Margaret Chaplen Ziomek
 Jenna Marie Zuffelato

† Class Scholar

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

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

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

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Maurice W. Blanchette
Executive Assistant: Carol York
Executive Assistant: Marie Sauve

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach
Assistant Animal Control Officer: Ashlee Leone

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Rhonda McCarty
Deputy Assessor: Kevin Lonergan
Administrative Assessment Technician: Kimberly Bechard
Assessment Aide: Mary Thiesing

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Program Assistant: Diane Fiore
Rehabilitation Specialist: Peter Kenefick

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton
Admin. Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino & Felicia LaPlante
Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani
Asst. To Senior Center Director: Jean Baseel
Senior Center Van Driver: Margaret Anderson & Michael Joslin
Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Susan Shepard & Florence Brennan
Senior Center Receptionist:
Mary Ann Mandell (*Green Thumb Enrollee*)
Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner
Director of Youth Services: Diane Lasher-Penti
Assistant Program Coordinator: Chantal Haracsy
Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Anna Turner

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director: William Blitz

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resident State Troopers:
Sgt. William Konieczny
TFC Ron Richardson
TFC Robert Given
TFC Keith Timme

Road Constables:

Bart Alexander
Michael Bard
Aaron Blank
Arthur Carlson, III
Michael Caron
Thomas Clark
Martin Dorey
Joseph Grayeb
Robert Hoffman
Maureen Lowe
Sebastian Magnano

Marine Constables:

Allen Bump
Thomas Davenport
Michael Hesnan

Police Support Administrator:

Maureen Lowe

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

TAX DEPARTMENT

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

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

TOWN COUNSEL

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

TOWN ENGINEER: James Thompson, Buck & Buck Engineers

TREE WARDEN: Timothy Webb

WPCA ADMINISTRATOR: Peter Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, *Chairman*
Richard J. Cleary, Jr.
Mark A. Joyse
Barry C. Pinto
John Rachek
Michael D. Varney

TERM EXPIRES

December 2011
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December 2011
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

November 2013
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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

January 2015
January 2015

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, *Chairman*
Douglas Harding
Mort Heidari
William R. Hogan
Robert G. Hoffman
David Stavens
Carol A. Strom

December 2013
December 2011
December 2011
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December 2011
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December 2011

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

December 2011
December 2011
December 2013
December 2013
December 2011

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

TERM EXPIRES

AD HOC BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Term through 2011-12 budget season
Peter Charter
Rudolph Luginbuhl
Rick Neal

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

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

May 2012
May 2012
May 2012
May 2012
May 2012

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 yr.)

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

June 2012
June 2012
June 2012
June 2012
June 2012

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

Joyce Agnew
Mary Bartley
Yale Cantor
Doris Crayton

August 2011
August 2011
August 2011
August 2011

Chantal Haracsy	August 2011
Lisa Kelly	August 2011
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2011
Erin McGurk	August 2011
Nancy Netherwood	August 2011
David Pearson	August 2011
Ron Richardson	August 2011
Deborah Stauffer	August 2011
Daniel Uriano	August 2011

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Laurie Burstein, <i>Board of Selectmen Rep.</i>	December 2011
Robert Clements, <i>Board of Finance Rep.</i>	February 2012
Donald Davis, <i>Director of Emergency Mgt.</i>	February 2012
Peter Hany, <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Rep.</i>	February 2012
Bryan Harvell, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Department Rep.</i>	February 2012
Robert Smith, <i>Ellington Fire Department Rep.</i>	February 2012
Edward Ludwig, <i>Crystal Lake Fire Department Rep.</i>	February 2012
Simon Hessler, <i>Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Rep.</i>	February 2012
John Turner, <i>Board of Selectmen Rep.</i>	December 2011
Michael Varney, <i>Ellington Fire Department Rep.</i>	February 2012
Vacant – <i>Board of Finance Rep.</i>	February 2012

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Jeffrey Martin, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2011
Michael Currier	December 2011
David Grim	December 2011
Alan Lewandosky	December 2011
Robert McConnell	December 2011
David Milnes	December 2011
Cheryl Samborski	December 2011
James Stemmerman	December 2011
Michael Stupinski	December 2011
Michael Varney	December 2011
James Wiley Dumas	December 2011
Vacant	December 2011

AD HOC PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Gerry Gillung, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2011
James Gage	July 2011
Marcia Kupferschmid	July 2011
Dale Roberson	July 2011
Debby Wallace	July 2011
Vacant	July 2011

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

John Rachek, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2012
Marie Bedor	January 2014
Charles Jackson	January 2013
Alternates (2 yrs.)	
Joel Nadel	January 2012
Vacant	January 2013

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 yrs.)

James Alexander	April 2015
Donald Gobeille	April 2012
Dennis Milanovich	April 2016
Howard D. Reckert	April 2013
Vacant	April 2014

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

Galen Semprebon	June 2012
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COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Christopher Moyer	June 2012
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Walter Moody, <i>Chairman</i>	March 2013
Jesse Amsel	March 2014
James Gage	March 2015
Joan Kovel	March 2014
George Nickerson	March 2013
Rebecca Quarno	March 2015
Nathaniel Stafford	March 2012
Alternates (2 yrs.)	
Charles McCleary	March 2013
Vacant	March 2012

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 yr.)

TERM EXPIRES

George Shaw	August 2011
Alternate – Vacant	August 2011

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (4 yrs.)

Roberta Printy (<i>Republican</i>)	January 2015
Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	January 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) (4 yrs.)

Christopher Todd, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2011
David Hurley	July 2014
John Luginbuhl	July 2012
Charles McCleary	July 2013
Stanislav Moline	July 2014
Alternates (2 yrs.)	
Stefanie Cunningham	January 2013
Vacant	January 2013
Vacant	January 2013

ETHICS COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Ronald Hull, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2012
Elizabeth Feldman	January 2013
Phyllis McConnell	January 2012
Elaine Pont	January 2014
Maya Smyth	January 2015

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yrs.)

Margaret Bean	June 2014
Stephen Bidwell	June 2015
Judith Plantier	June 2012
Deborah Stauffer	June 2016
Harold Tibbetts	June 2013
Ted Yampanis, <i>Executive Director</i>	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

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

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2015
Hocine Baouche	January 2013
Joseph Boucher	January 2015
Ron Brown	January 2013
Jean Burns	January 2013
Steven Hoffman	January 2015
Beth O'Neil	January 2015
Alternates (2 yrs.)	
Vacant	January 2012
Vacant	January 2013

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.) TERM EXPIRES

Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2015
Jonathan Allen	April 2013
Mark Boone	April 2015
Lisa Howard	April 2015
Diane O'Hagan	April 2013
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., <i>Finance Officer (Ex-officio)</i>	

LAND RECORD INSPECTOR (1 yr.)

Nancy Lemek	September 2011
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 yrs.)

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

Edward S. Kramer	June 2013
Tami Miller	June 2013

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

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

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 yrs.)

Peter W. Welte, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2014
Thomas Adams	February 2014
Gary Feldman	February 2014
Jeffrey Gerber	February 2012
Katherine Heminway	February 2014
Gary Magnuson	February 2012
Lori Spielman	February 2012
Ronald Stomberg (<i>Board of Selectmen Rep</i>)	December 2011
Gary Blanchette (<i>Board of Education Rep</i>)	December 2011
John Rachek (<i>Board of Finance Rep</i>)	December 2011
David Stavens (<i>Planning & Zoning Rep</i>)	December 2011
Timothy Webb, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Michael Francis	September 2011
James Prichard	September 2011

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (3 yrs.)

Carolyn Cook	October 2011
William Enes, Jr.	October 2013
June Lyons	October 2012

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

Timothy Derby	March 2013
Vacant	March 2012
Vacant	March 2014
Vacant	March 2014
Leo Miller (<i>Board of Selectmen Rep</i>)	December 2011
Daniel Keune (<i>Board of Education Rep</i>)	December 2011
Mark Joyse (<i>Board of Finance Rep</i>)	December 2011

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Michael Young	June 2013
Vacant	June 2012

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

Renee Irvin	June 2012
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)

Daniel Parisi, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2013
Edward Duell	April 2014
Jeff Gerber	April 2015
Shawn Koehler	April 2012
Joe Stimac	April 2014

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)

Ronald Brown	August 2011
Ronald Stromberg	August 2012
Michael Agranoff	August 2012

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**DEMOCRAT**

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

TERM EXPIRES**REPUBLICAN**

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

UNAFFILIATED

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

Ellington Public Schools

August

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7 8 9 10 11 12 13
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21 22 23 24 25 26 27
28 29 30 31

September

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2011-2012 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 31
Last Day of School** Jun 12**

** Tentative

NO SCHOOL

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Convocation Aug 29
Teacher Day Aug 30
Labor Day Sept 5
Columbus Day Oct 10
Teacher Inservice Oct 11
Teacher Inservice Nov 8
Veterans' Day Nov 11
Thanksgiving Nov 24-25
Christmas Recess Dec 26-Jan 2
Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 16
Presidents' Day Feb 20
Teacher Inservice Feb 21
Good Friday Apr 6
Spring Recess Apr 16-20
Memorial Day May 28

October

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November

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December

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January

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February

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March

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EARLY DISMISSALS

7-8 Conferences Nov 16-18
½ Day - All Schools Nov 23
K-6 Conferences Nov 30-Dec 2
Christmas Recess Dec 23
7-8 Conferences Feb 8-9
K-6 Conferences Mar 21-23
Last Day June 12**
High School Exams T.B.D.
(4 days in January & June)
Graduation June 15**

** Tentative

April

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May

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June

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 12th. If more than eight school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the last day of the week. This decision will be made by March 16, 2012.

"Where Children Come First!"

Approved :
3/23/2011

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

NON EMERGENCY CALLS		TOWN HALL
AMBULANCE:	870-3170	55 Main Street, PO Box 187; Ellington, CT 06029
FIRE: Crystal Lake Fire District	870-3174	Website: www.ellington-ct.gov
Center Fire Department	870-3190	Hours: Monday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER:	875-1522	Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
STATE POLICE – TROOP C:	896-3200	Friday – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
TDD/TT Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196		

ADMINISTRATION:		PROBATE COURT:	872-0519
Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman		PUBLIC WORKS:	
and General Information:	870-3100	Timothy Webb, Director	870-3140
Selectman's Office Fax	870-3102	Public Works Fax	870-3147
ANIMAL CONTROL:		RECREATION:	
Barbara Murdach, ACO	870-3155	Robert Tedford, Director	870-3118
ASSESSOR:		Recreation Office Fax	870-3198
Rhonda McCarty	870-3109	RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR:	
Assessor's Office Fax	870-3197	Timothy Webb	870-3140
BUILDING PERMITS:		Bulky Waste Disposal	289-7850
Peter R. Williams, Building Official	870-3124	SCHOOLS:	
Building Office Fax	870-3122	Superintendent's Office	896-2300
BURNING PERMITS:		Superintendent's Office Fax	896-2312
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal	870-3126	Special Services	896-2300
CEMETERIES:		Center School	896-2315
Rachel Dearborn	875-8204	Crystal Lake School	896-2322
COMMUNITY SERVICE:		Ellington High School	896-2352
Hockanum Valley Community Council	872-9905	Guidance Office	896-2357
DEP CONSERVATION OFFICER:		Ellington Middle School	896-2339
Laura Pettus	424-3333	Windermere School	896-2329
ELDERLY OUTREACH CASEWORKER:		SENIOR CENTER:	
Anna Turner	870-3131	Erin Graziani, Director	870-3133
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:		Transportation	870-3137
Donald Davis, Director	870-3182	Sr. Center Fax	870-3136
Emergency Management Fax:	870-3768	SEWER ADMINISTRATION:	
FINANCE:		Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator	870-3124
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance	870-3115	SEWER MAINTENANCE:	
Officer		Timothy Webb	870-3140
Bills and Accounts: Felicia LaPlante	870-3115	Emergency Maintenance Number	870-3145
Finance Office Fax	870-3158	STATE ROADS:	
FIRE MARSHAL:		East Windsor Garage	623-4473
Allan Lawrence	870-3126	Vernon Garage	875-4993
Fire Marshal Fax	870-3122	TAXES:	
HEALTH:		Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector	870-3113
North Central District Health Department:		Tax Office Fax	870-3704
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Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc.	872-9163	Diane McKeegan	870-3105
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HOUSING REHABILITATION:	870-3132	Robert A. Phillips	870-3120
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Doris Crayton, Director	870-3128	TREE WARDEN:	
Human Services Fax	870-3198	Timothy Webb	870-3140
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Susan Phillips, Director	870-3160	Susan Luginbuhl/Wanda DeLand	870-3107
MUNICIPAL AGENT:		YOUTH SERVICES:	
Anna Turner	870-3131	Diane Lasher-Penti, Director	870-3130
Municipal Agent Fax	870-3198	Youth Services Fax	870-3198
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Resident Troopers' Fax	870-3152	Zoning & Wetlands Fax	870-3122
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Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Saturday in July & August 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
Sunday: 1:00 PM to 5 PM October through May

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