



CITY OF DANBURY
OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

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Livable Neighborhoods 2015
“Building a Better Danbury”

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Honorable Mayor Boughton and City Council Members:

Below is a table highlighting UNIT activity from the time of last month’s City Council report. This does not include any UNIT activity regarding follow up and re-inspection work from previously noted issues. The UNIT works to ensure that each and every issue is resolved as quickly as possible.

Time Period	October 26 – November 19, 2015
Number of Quality of Life Issues	86
Year to Date - 2015	1081

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (29)
- Miscellaneous (15)
- Abandoned vehicles/parking violations (10)
- Front lawn parking (10)
- Overcrowding/Illegal Apartments and Construction (8)
- Exterior Blight order/Notice of Violation (4)

The pleasant weather continues on into mid-November enabling our department to continue our efforts of maintaining the quality of life in our city. In addition to the data shown above, the UNIT has cleaned up various locations around town of litter and bulky trash. Areas such as the woods off of Kennedy Street, Backus Ave by the mall, dumping off of Briar Ridge Road, etc. have been addressed. Currently, the UNIT is following up on properties with outstanding orders ensuring that compliance has been achieved.

Over the last three months, our department has been receiving complaints of vehicles being sold at random locations around town by many of the same individuals, none of who have permission

to sell the vehicles at these locations, or who have a used car dealer license. The UNIT has been vigilant in tracking these vehicles, contacting and meeting the people who sell them, and also having these vehicles removed. All the while, vehicles were being moved throughout different locations of the city so as to not be in one spot for too long. The issue was more common than initially thought, and after three months, we are proud to note that these violations have dramatically decreased. It is a difficult problem to enforce, but with enough attention and focus, we were able to have a positive impact on the reduction of this activity.

FCI COMMUNITY SERVICE: DOG POUND

On Wednesday, November 18th, the UNIT visited the Danbury Dog Pound with the FCI inmates to do fall cleanup around the property. The cleanup consisted mostly of leaf and branch pick up. The facility looked much better when they were done. The dogs were happy to see them and afterward, to the delight of the ladies, Officer Jay Mortara introduced them to all of the dogs.



EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS/NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS:

Orders written by UNIT This period: 5
(YTD): 70 (Includes Notice of Violations)

17 Walnut Street : Issued order to the property owner, in this case a bank, as the property is in foreclosure. Property is not being maintained, has a little bit of rubbish in the rear and needs routine maintenance throughout the seasons.

21 Walnut Street: Issued order to the property owner, in this case a bank, as the property is in foreclosure. Property appears to be routinely maintained, however, there are two unregistered and presumably abandoned vehicles in the rear, as well as some rubbish around the exterior of the property.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S)

70 James Street: NOV was sent to the owner of the house to remove a commercial ice cream truck that was being stored at this residential location. In the past, the property owner had been warned on more than one occasion. The truck has now been removed.

95 Main Street

298 White Street: NOV was sent to the owners of these properties to have graffiti removed from the exterior of their building. Graffiti is an eyesore and a source of blight in the community. Our department works very hard to eliminate it as quickly as possible

If we can be of any assistance to you or residents in your ward please contact us at 203-796-8026.

Sincerely,

Shawn Stillman
 Director of Neighborhood Assistance