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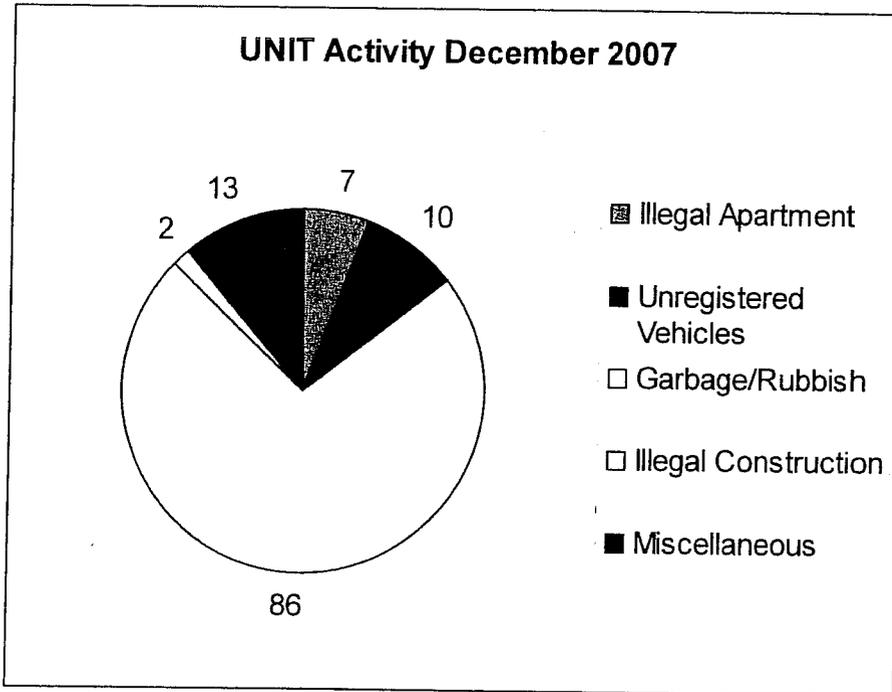
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Honorable Mayor & Common Council Members:

The UNIT's continuing fight against blight in our great City is not a seasonal operation; despite poor weather conditions the UNIT inspectors still go out every day in an attempt to keep a high quality of living for the residents of Danbury. The UNIT has accomplished much in the past month, but there is still work to be done. One of the constant problem areas for UNIT inspectors has been the access road (which is privately owned) off of Great Pasture Rd and Crow's Nest Lane; an article was recently published in the News Times about illegal dumping on the road and as a result of such activity the road is now blocked with no access on either side. With nobody being allowed to travel on the road this will hopefully curb and/or halt the illegal dumping that has taken place for the better part of this past year. Similarly, Rowan St Playground has had cinder blocks installed that now block access behind the park where illegal dumping had also been a problem. Joe Sauer Park is now fully lit to deter people from sleeping in the park overnight and to prevent illegal activity that would normally occur under the cover of darkness. The boat ramp at Candlewood Lake is also now fully lit to prevent illegal dumping which had also been a problem. An inspection of 19 Thorpe St found unsafe conditions for residents and the UNIT is proud to say that the residence is now safe from fire damage and there is no longer illegal occupancy on the third floor.

While this is a brief list of accomplishments by the UNIT in the past month, there is still much to be done in order to keep Danbury beautiful. One of the major problems faced by the UNIT inspectors is the parking of cars on front lawns; the UNIT inspectors request more powers to enforce these ordinances. Commercial vehicles being kept overnight in residential zones is also a problem for UNIT inspectors and it is the plan of the UNIT to publish an article in the News Times explaining the ordinances pertaining to commercial vehicles and parking on the front lawn.

The following chart represents UNIT activity over the past four weeks and is labeled accordingly. This chart will change depending on UNIT activity and how many calls are received by the office. Miscellaneous may include such items as, but not limited to, parking on the front lawn, assisting animal control, telling residents to clean their leaves off the road, and enforcement of the shopping cart ordinance.



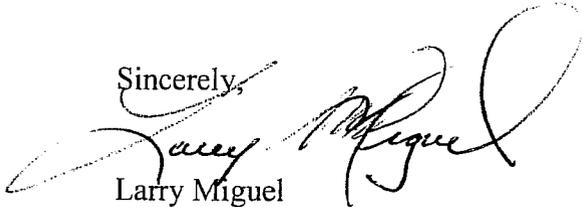
311 Call Center Report December 2007

As expected, December brought about a foreshadowing of what is to be expected in the upcoming winter months. During this past month the 311 Call Center received over 530 calls with the majority of calls being weather-related; specifically to the snow storms in mid-December. Residents used the 311 Call Center to report damage to their mailbox by City plow trucks, sidewalks not being shoveled, and many residents called for traffic updates to find out specific road conditions and possible traffic jams. In response to such demands the 311 Call Center worked very closely with the Highway Department to keep up on road conditions, the Department of Construction Services to report sidewalk violations, and with the Traffic Engineering Department to evaluate road safety by utilizing the traffic cameras that have been set up around town. Also in the month of December the fumigation of the house contaminated with Anthrax became a major issue; as Padanaram Rd was closed in one direction (or both in some cases) the week of December 17. Many residents called for traffic updates as to when this closure may end and some looking for alternate routes to take. The western side of town was not spared from traffic problems as well; for construction work for a new gas station brought about problems for motorists which were then further complicated by closure of Lake Ave

Extension after an accident. Residents called from their cell phones to find out information as to what was going on, how long the problems would last, and where to go to find alternate routes to get to their destination. Once again, inter-department communication between 311, the Police Department, Traffic Engineering, and Construction Services gave everyone the same information and a standard-issue response and conclusion was reached to ease traffic problems during the Christmas season.

If we can be of any assistance to you or residents in your ward please contact us at 796-8026 or 311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Miguel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Larry Miguel

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