



## CITY OF DANBURY OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

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Livable Neighborhoods 2015  
*“Building a Better Danbury”*

**July 2015**

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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	June 29 – July 27, 2015
<b>Number of Quality of Life Issues</b>	141
<b>Year to Date - 2015</b>	653

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (44)
- Miscellaneous (24)
- Abandoned/vacant property (13)
- Front lawn parking (12)
- Abandoned vehicles/parking violations (11)
- Exterior Blight order/Notice of Violation (6)
- Overcrowding/Unsafe living conditions/Unpermitted construction (6)

Much needed reinforcements have joined our department, and as a result, the UNIT has had an extremely busy and productive month. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeffrey Preston joined the UNIT and his transition into our department has been seamless. Together, we have efficiently improved response time to new complaints, as well follow up on closing out older issues.

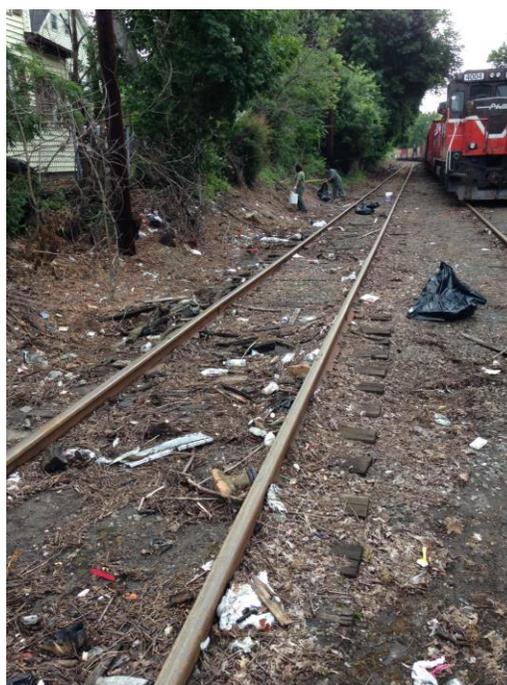
The 311 office has now been moved to the Danbury Police Department, where representatives will provide 24/7 coverage. This is a wonderful enhancement to an already great service to the community.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:**

The UNIT and Mayor Boughton will be hosting a neighborhood meeting for the residents of Tilden Road, Olive Street, Springside and Melrose, etc. It is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. The UNIT has received a few neighborhood nuisance complaints in the area and this meeting will help provide a forum for the residents to voice their concerns. Additionally, the UNIT will perform ACTION in the area and respond to any other issues that residents bring to our attention.

### **FCI COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

The UNIT hosted inmates from FCI twice in July. On both occasions, we took the opportunity to clean up areas around town, most notably at the railroad crossing on Wildman Street and downtown on Main Street and Kennedy Park area. This week, we have scheduled some painting work to be completed outside at the Senior Center.



### **EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS/NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS:**

**Orders written by UNIT      This period: 8**  
**(YTD):                              52 (Includes Notice of Violations)**

**9 Hospital Avenue:** Received complaint from resident regarding general condition of this abandoned property. Property is overgrown and in neglect. Sent an order to property owners to clean up and routinely maintain.

**14 Dartmouth Lane:** Sent order to the property owner to remove and/or re-register what is apparently, an inoperable vehicle that is in the back yard and appears to have been there for a long time without moving. Originally, UNIT left a tag for the property owner, but that went unresponded.

**19 Stevens Street:** An exterior blight order was sent as a result of rubbish accumulating around the exterior of the property. A pile of furniture was left out in the front of the yard and more debris was in the rear.

**5 Sunrise Road:** An exterior blight order was sent to the property owner requiring the removal of a large wood pile that has been left along the road side. Previous tags left by the UNIT have gone unresponded to, so as a result, an order was sent.

**5 Elmbrook Drive:** Received a complaint regarding high grass at the property and rubbish outside in the front yard. An exterior blight order was sent last year for the same reason as well. Sent another one out as this property continues to be an eyesore on this small street.

**30 Irving Place:** While on a nearby inspection, noted this rental property with excessive rubbish around the front and back yard. Sent an order to the property owner for immediate cleanup.

#### **Notice of Violations:**

**15 Wildman Street:** UNIT sent a notice to meet with the property owner of the structure that is adjacent to the railroad tracks. It is close the road and in disrepair. The roof is compromised, windows are broken and it is an overall eyesore. To avoid sending a Structural Blight order, the intent of this notice is to review these issues with the owner so that these items can be addressed promptly.

**29 Hayestown Road:** Similar to 15 Wildman Street, this is a structure that has remained dormant for several years. Who can remember when it was a bustling hot dog stand at the entry way to the town park at Candlewood Lake? Remodeling has been completed to another structure on the property, so it time for this structure to get its due attention.

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

Sincerely,

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