



**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.

<b>Time Period</b>	July 27 – August 24, 2015
<b>Number of Quality of Life Issues</b>	165
<b>Year to Date - 2015</b>	816

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (69)
- Miscellaneous (34)
- Abandoned/vacant property (6)
- Front lawn parking (8)
- Abandoned vehicles/parking violations (16)
- Exterior Blight order/Notice of Violation (6)
- Unregistered Vehicles (20)

August was one of the busiest months for our department in several years. The addition of Jeff to the UNIT has been a much needed and overdue asset, where our department can expand its coverage throughout the community. Response time to new complaints, as well as the required administration needed to follow up on these issues has improved tremendously.

### **UNREGISTERED & ABANDONED VEHICLES:**

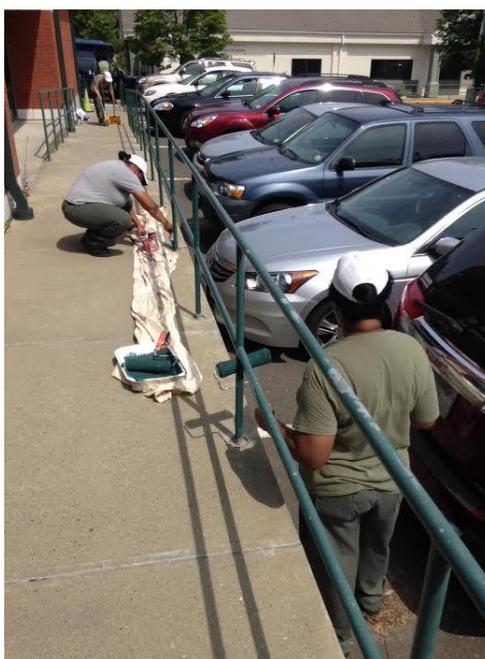
Over the past few months, the UNIT has noted an increase in the number of unregistered vehicles that are listed FOR SALE throughout the city. Residents are reminded that vehicles must be registered at all times and cannot be arbitrarily left at different locations in an attempt to sell. Vehicle owners will be contacted and told to remove and register vehicles, which are also subject to towing.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE – Misdemeanor Charges:**

The UNIT partnered with Zoning and Special Investigations Division within the Danbury Police Department and earlier in the month, visited two locations on a Sunday evening. These locations were suspected of unauthorized sale of food, alcohol and cigarettes to visitors as they would come to participate in large scale volleyball games at these residences. As a result of the inspection, the Danbury Police issued multiple misdemeanor summons, requiring property owners to appear in court due to these illegal sales. The UNIT had received complaints from nearby residents as a result of the noise, cars and activity in their area, which had become a nuisance. More of these random inspections are scheduled.

### **FCI COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

The last few community projects with the inmates of FCI included painting all of the railings and doors outside of the Senior Center off of Main Street, as well as litter pickup off of the exit ramps and downtown. Scheduled projects this month include graffiti removal, as well as more litter cleanup. The program has so far, been a tremendous success.



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

**Orders written by UNIT      This period: 6**  
**(YTD):                      58 (Includes Notice of Violations)**

**30 Wildman Street:** UNIT noted three inoperable, unregistered vehicles in the rear of the property, as well as rubbish around the exterior. Vehicles have apparently been there for an extended period. Sent an order to property owner to remove vehicles and rubbish.

**33 Taylor Street:** While responding to a nearby complaint, UNIT noted a few unregistered vehicles in front, as well as multiple vehicles in the rear. The vehicles were inoperable and many damaged from accidents or being used for parts. Also, there was rubbish around back of the property and on the rear porch. Property was also not being maintained. Sent an order to the property owner to remove all inoperable vehicles and re-register any vehicles that will be kept on the property. Additionally, clean up the rubbish and maintain the property.

**35 Taylor Street:** In a response to a complaint, an order was sent to the property owner to remedy the following items: clean up the exterior of rubbish and furniture pieces, remove all unregistered and inoperable vehicles, also, detached garage is deteriorating at the roof line to the point where there are holes in the roof. This will also need to be repaired.

**37 Taylor Street:** An exterior blight order was sent to the property owner requiring the re-registration or removal of an unregistered vehicle, cleanup of rubbish in the rear of the property and back porch, as well as the removal of a long deteriorated shed-like structure that appears close to falling down.

**3 Concord Road:** This is a property that the UNIT has had much history with, and the EBO process has been an effective tool toward mitigating any issues of blight at this location. Sent the property owner an order, as well as personally reviewed with him everything that needs to be done to the property to ensure compliance. This includes cleaning the driveway area of all rubbish, junk and litter, removing various rubbish around the property, as well as moving a boat to the rear of the property and repairing the fence to the back yard.

**Notice of Violations:**

**A&P Supermarket, Padanaram Road:** UNIT sent a notice to the store to alert them of dozens upon dozens of shopping carts that are in our possession as a result of collecting them off of the street side, sidewalks and various properties. The inventory continues to grow with no response from the store. As a result, a notice was sent alerting the store that the carts will be discarded unless the UNIT hears from them to arrange for the carts to be retrieved

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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