



CITY OF DANBURY OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

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Livable Neighborhoods 2016 "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	March 28 – April 25, 2016
Number of Quality of Life Issues	79
Year to Date - 2016	304

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (30)
- Unregistered vehicles (13)
- Blighted properties (8)
- Overcrowding/Illegal Apartments and Construction (7)
- Exterior Blight Orders/Notice of Violation (5)

NEW ORDINANCES: NOISE and NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION

Danbury's City Council unanimously approved Mayor Boughton's proposal for the enhancement of the Noise Ordinance, Section 12-14 and the creation of the Neighborhood Protection Zone, Section 12-14.1. In addition to the Police, the UNIT has been assigned enforcement authority within these ordinances.

The Regulation of Noise ordinance was enhanced to include "plainly audible standards." In addition to the excessive noise that can be read on a meter, if there is a noise or sound disturbance that is considered to be too loud and is causing a negative effect to the quality of life

of the surrounding residents, than this will be considered a violation and violators can receive a fine.

The Neighborhood Preservation ordinance is a substantial benefit to the city's residential neighborhoods. The intention of this ordinance is to limit repeated occurrences where residents are conducting repeated outdoor group activities within their neighborhood. As a result, the neighborhood becomes unsafely congested with vehicles and people. Noise complaints begin to increase as well. The UNIT will have the authority to issue a fine up to \$250 for repeated behavior.

CLEAN CITY DANBURY DAY:

Saturday, May 7 from 8a-12p is the annual Clean City Danbury Day, where residents can dispose of their bulky waste at no cost. We encourage our residents to take advantage of this excellent event.

EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS:

Orders written by UNIT (YTD): 29 (Includes Notice of Violations)

Below is a review of the Exterior Blight Citations sent this past period:

Exterior Blight Citations:

- **55 Wildman Street:** Issued order to property owner to clean up rear wooded area where large dumpings have occurred. Mattresses, furniture and car parts have been dumped in the woods, unbeknownst to the owner.
- **12 Albert Rd:** Issued order for collapsed structure in rear of property filled with garbage.

Notice of Violation letters:

- **279 Main Street, 285-287 Main Street, Ives Street:** Issued NOV to surrounding property owners of alley way between three different property owners. Encouraged them to work together to maintain the alley.

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

Sincerely,

Shawn Stillman
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