



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	April 25 – May 26th, 2016
Number of Quality of Life Issues	104
Year to Date - 2016	408

The top issues addressed by the UNIT were:

- Garbage/Debris and Blighted property (20)
- Miscellaneous (15)
- Abandoned/Unregistered vehicles (13)
- Front lawn parking (11)
- Blighted properties (10)
- Exterior Blight Orders/Notice of Violation (9)
- Overcrowding/Illegal Apartments and Construction (9)

CLEAN START:

The UNIT kicked off the beginning of its Clean Start Program on Monday, May 23rd. In partnership with Jericho Partnership, members of the homeless population apply and interview for positions to complete light work around the city for 8 hours a week. Most of the work will be litter cleanup around the city’s streets, sidewalks and parks. However, additional jobs may be added such as light landscaping, painting and other tasks. Two work groups will work 2

days/week and in return they will earn gift cards for their service. This offers an excellent opportunity for this population to get back to work and focus on opportunities for re-employment. Additionally, the city and its residents benefit.

The UNIT will be responsible for seeking out and assigning tasks to the work groups. Various city agencies such as the Danbury Parking Authority, City Center and Danbury Housing Authority will also benefit from these works services.

CLEAN CITY DANBURY DAY:

Despite the rain, hundreds of residents took advantage of this annual local “holiday” to dispose of their bulky waste, some even made multiple trips. It was another successful event as multiple drop off locations were set up throughout the city. Also, remember that Winter Brothers will accept electronic waste for free, as it is recyclable. Until next year..

EXTERIOR AND STRUCTURAL BLIGHT CITATIONS:

Orders written by UNIT (YTD): 38 (Includes Notice of Violations)

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

Exterior Blight Citations:

- **5 Victor Street:** Issued order to property owner to remove a variety of commercial equipment including a food truck and its supplies. Additionally, the rear of the property was littered with garbage/rubbish. Property has since been cleaned up.
- **99 West Street:** Issued order for the removal of a variety of garbage/rubbish in the rear of the property. Property owner has ordered a dumpster and is currently working on it.
- **95-97 West Street:** Issued order for the removal of discarded furniture and a variety of litter in the rear of the property. Property has been cleaned up.
- **49 Locust Avenue:** Issued order for the removal of at least 4 unregistered vehicles, as well as some construction debris.
- **61 Osborne Street:** Issued order for the removal of at least 4 unregistered vehicles, as well as rubbish in the rear of the property. Also the removal of an unpermitted shed-like structure.
- **5-7 Main Street:** Issued order for the removal of at 5 unregistered and inoperable vehicles, as well as rubbish/litter around the entire property. Additionally, the property needs to be routinely maintained, including the lawn being mowed and the repair of a gutter that is hanging off the front of the building.
- **80 South Street:** Issued order to the property owner of this gas station for the clean up of the entire property. Litter and garbage scattered about. Also the removal of 2 commercial

trucks that have been at the property for years and have not moved. Rubbish is being stored underneath and around them.

Notice of Violation letters:

- **50 Boulevard Drive:** Issued NOV to property owner requiring the necessary routine maintenance of the property. Lawn to be mowed, small rubbish to be removed.

Structural Blight Order:

- **46 Kenosia Avenue:** Issued order to owner of mobile home for the necessary exterior repairs of the structure. The siding is rotting and in need of repair, overgrowth around the structure to be removed as it is conducive to rotting conditons.

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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