

**Service Activities:** Department staff record activities on a daily basis. Activities can be referrals to other agencies or they can be direct services such as emergency Rx, application completion for state or federal assistance & indigent drug programs & applications for housing; security or back rent payments. These are activities/services performed by staff at 254 Main Street and do not include the activities of the homeless services division, which are reported on separately. Categories into which service activities fall are:

<b>Service activity category</b>	
<b>Food Assistance</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Medical: including assessments for WOW, Am</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Indigent Prescription applications</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Legal Issues</b>	
<b>Evictions</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>State DSS</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	
<b>Case management</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Vocational</b>	
<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Social Security</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Energy assistance</b>	

**\*There were 26 people who requested that the City assist them with their housing problems during the months of July and August**

7 were seeking housing and needed housing search assistance;

8 seeking back rent assistance- 1-granted, 4 denied, 2 pending, 1 referred to another agency

11 received assistance with some other aspect of housing, legal referrals, mediation etc.

**\*The requests consisted of the following family compositions:**

2 adult couples

14 single adults

6 single parent families: 9 children

4- 2-parent families: 6 children

**\*Shelter:**

**Night Shelter**

32 different people utilized the night shelter, one person was turned away for reasons other than lack of beds. The occupancy rate was 76% for the month.

**Day Center:**

145 Different homeless people were provided services during the month of September

18 initial assessments were completed

3 persons found permanent employment

2 person found housing or were placed in housing programs

24 referrals for substance abuse treatment were made

***attached: unduplicated count of homeless using city shelter & minutes from Blind Brook housing committee meeting***

**CITY OF DANBURY**  
**EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR HOMELESS ADULTS**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> 2003 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2004**

*Unduplicated numbers of individuals that used the City's facility\*\**

**462 people walked through the doors at 41 New Street seeking services from the City of Danbury:**

**Night Shelter:**

- 160 Different individuals slept at the City Shelter
- 40 of those 160 never availed themselves of day center services
- 47 chronically homeless individuals (as defined by HUD) used the night shelter

**Day Center**

- 390 people came through the day center between the hours of 8:30 – 3:30.
- 51 people accessed follow-up services at the Day Center that were not homeless. They used those available services to retain housing obtained prior to 10/03.
- 120 of those people had also stayed at least one night in the shelter
- 219 homeless people that used the day center never stayed overnight at the City shelter.

We were able to identify 85 chronically homeless individuals from this unduplicated list, 38 of whom had not slept at the shelter.

*\*\* these are numbers of people seeking assistance ; numbers do not include agency personnel or volunteers*

**Blind Brook  
Housing Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2004**

**Attendance:** This meeting was held at the City Welfare and Social Services Department, 254 Main Street. In attendance were: Kathryn Kinasewitz, Reverend and Mrs. Rubin Bush, Deborah Shepherd, Regina Yacko, Jacquelyn Hogan, Bill Hogan and Mary Sharp.

**Meeting called to order:** This meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM.

**Old Business:** Kathryn provided the committee with information received from Don Mellillo of the Health Department regarding outstanding exterior violations. They are as follows: **1.** 9-9 ½ William Street owned by William Malone, violation regarding refuse container. Rubbish on side of house on the exterior porch and in back yard. This has not been corrected and has been referred to Corporation Counsel for legal action. **2.** 6 East Pearl Street owned by Val Burke large accumulation of rubbish in yard and porch. This case has also been referred to Corporation Counsel. **3.** 5 Linden Place has also been written up for both interior and exterior violations. The owners are Selvyn and Anna Marie Shrouder.

In general the consensus was that the neighborhood is looking much better on the whole, which is positive.

Reverend Bush reported that the Stop sign was replaced at Linden Place.

General feeling was that there seems to be a more noticeable Police presence in the neighborhood.

**New Business:** There is a concern that there are rubbish conditions at #27 West Wooster St. Kathryn will notify Don at Health and Housing to investigate that situation. Committee also discussed the interest in having a neighborhood fall clean up. Jacque will check with Park Ave. School to see if there is any interest in having their students participate. She is also going to check with the Mayors office to see if he could offer City assistance to do curb side pick up of the debris. Committee was looking at November 6<sup>th</sup> for this event. If it is a go, the Committee will get flyers out to notify the neighbors.

Neighbors also reported that there continues to be Drug Activity at the location of Linden Place. Jacque stated that Barbara B. is following up on that problem.

Also reported that the playground sight on William Street was badly flooded with the very heavy rains last Saturday.

Deborah Shepherd was concern with the "evil" going on in the city. She presented the Committee with a flyer insert that was in the newspaper. She

Wanted that with her note forwarded to the Mayors office. Kathryn will follow through with forwarding it to Mayors aide Rich Antous.

Bill Hogan reported that the new owner of 8 William Street, Hos R. and Ut.T. Thach, knocked part of the Blind Brook retaining wall into the Brook while he was paving his driveway. He then proceeded to back fill the area. Result is a decrease in the ability of water flow. Kathryn will contact city depart. to check on the proper procedure in the case.

Committee members all signed a Get Well card for committee member Marguerite Stahl who is currently in a nursing facility.

Next Meeting: To be decided.