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Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Common Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

February 24, 2009

Re: Department of Health, Housing & Welfare's Monthly Report

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The January 2009 Department of Health & Housing monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for each Division, including the Housing & Food Service, Welfare and Environmental Health which identify specific inspections, tasks and hours provided by our staff. The Department also receives and responds to resident communications through the new *City Line* 311 customer service line and the electronic Q-Alert system. Should you have any questions regarding these issues, feel free to contact myself or each Division Head directly.

## Main Topics

The Food Service Inspection summary scores are continuously posted for public information on the City of Danbury web site. Current inspection results are available for public review, these results area added to the web site by City staff.

On January 29, 2009, Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) hosted a community forum for the release of the regions first Community Report Card (CRC). This *Community Report Card of Western Connecticut* establishes a comprehensive baseline profile of our community's health status by assessing several key quality-of-life factors in the

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Housatonic Valley region. *The Report Card* focuses on the following areas: Economic Stability; Education; Health Status; Health and Lifestyle Behaviors and Risk Factors; and Diseases.

The indicators ultimately provide consistent measurements for comparison among other communities, the state, and the nation. With regular monitoring, the region can identify disparities, establish priorities, measure improvement, and facilitate direction in improving the quality of life for all citizens throughout the region. The CRC can be accessed through the WCSU web site at <http://www.wcsu.edu/reportcard> .

### Additional Topics

You are encouraged to review all the information for each Division, as it provides details concerning ongoing activities. Also, I thank you for giving the Department of Health, Housing & Welfare the opportunity to serve the Citizens of Danbury and feel free to contact the Division Supervisors or myself with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Director of Health, Housing & Welfare

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## HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT

January 2009

### INSPECTIONS

#### NUMBER

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	Last YTD	Number YTD	% Diff.	% Diff.
A.	259	315	(56)	(18)	2391	2091	300	14
B.	51	41	10	24	389	394	(5)	(1)
C.	65	54	11	20	559	573	(14)	(2)
D.	139	218	(79)	(36)	1419	1098	321	29
E.	125	130	(5)	(4)	920	938	(18)	(2)
F.	22	21	1	5	210	214	(4)	(2)

- A. Total Housing Inspections
- B. Total Housing Inspections Common Areas
- C. Total Housing Inspections Dwelling Units
- D. Total Housing Inspections Nuisance
- E. Total Food Service Inspections
- F. Total General Nuisance/Miscellaneous Inspections

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Associate Director

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### NARRATIVE FOR MONTHLY REPORT HOUSING AND FOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

The statistical report reflects field activities conducted in connection with housing, public health and food service functions undertaken by the department. This narrative report is intended to summarize administrative activities and enforcement actions initiated by these sections. The narrative also highlights tasks and initiatives that may be of special interest.

The Office of the Corporation Counsel processed thirteen housing/health code referrals in January. The inspectors made no court appearances but a number of cases were resolved by the City's attorneys prior to court hearings being held. While every effort is made to encourage cooperation to correct violations, non-compliance with department orders leads to court action and possible penalties for contempt of court.

The department continues to participate in systematic and complaint inspections with the UNIT program as needed. Senior Housing Inspector Don Melillo serves as the department's liaison to UNIT and participates in inspections as requested. The department also investigates complaints throughout the city referred through the Mayor's complaint line and from other departments in addition to complaints filed directly with the department. The department also receives complaints and service requests through the 311 system.

The department's lead poisoning prevention efforts for the month included monitoring of laboratory reports regarding blood lead levels in children in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Staff made contacts with clients in need of follow up tests according to State testing protocols. Preparations were also made to deal with the increased activity expected to result from the implementation of Connecticut's new law that mandates universal blood lead testing of all children in Connecticut. The law went into effect on January 1, 2009 and will result in an increase in department activity in tracking and follow up of child blood lead test results. Increased testing may also result in the need for more mandatory environmental inspections by the department to address individual cases of elevated blood lead levels. The law also lowers the action level for triggering such investigations. The department also performed functions as a community partner in the LAMPP Program during the month. Participation makes Danbury property owners eligible to apply for grant funds to abate lead paint, replace windows and perform other repairs necessary to make units lead safe. One application involving a Danbury property is currently being processed by LAMPP. One family referral to LAMPP was made for on-site education and counseling involving a Danbury child in January.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer received four fair rent inquiries during January, conducted one site investigation and attended one formal hearing conducted by the Commission. The officer also received one housing discrimination inquiry. The officer also assisted with and participated in the Point In Time homeless count on January 29.

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February 23, 2009

TO : Danbury Common Council  
FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division  
RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division  
January, 2009

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Management &amp; Public Health Preparedness (hours)</i>	142	161	(19)	(11)	142
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	135	136	(1)	(<1)	135
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	64	42	22	52	64
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	68	59	9	15	68

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## **Program Status Report**

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for January, 2009 can be summarized as follows.

### **Wetlands / Water Resource Management:**

The EHD continued to provide technical support staff to the Environmental Impact Commission (EIC). EHD staff has conducted review of permit documentation and site plans, site inspection of on going construction of EIC Permitted Projects, attended EIC Meeting and discussed environmental issues related to future projects by organizing pre-application meetings with developers and their consultants.

The EHD continued its management of water resource projects, including Tarrywile Lake. The EHD continued to provide staff support and liaison to the Environmental Impact Commission. (EIC), conducting oversight, environmental monitoring and inspection of public and private construction Projects.

The EHD conducted site investigations of complaints and construction activities along the shore front of Candlewood Lake in cooperation with The Candlewood Lake Authority (CLA), The EHD receives and processes complaints, service requests and inquiries through the 311 “City Line” and Q-Alert systems.

### **Program Planning and Administration:**

The Director of Health (DOH) and Senior Inspector continued to coordinate various environmental programs

### **Subsurface Sewage Disposal & Private Water Supply Wells Compliance Program:**

The on-site sewage disposal and well permitting program staff continued to perform plan review, site soil suitability testing and inspection.

### **Land Use:**

The EHD continued administration of the Grading Permit Program, conducting permit application review, site inspection and enforcement.

### **Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness:**

The Environmental Health Division (EHD) continues in planning, training and preparedness activities for all hazard events as well as completion of annual contract deliverables required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza Grants.

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To: City of Danbury Common Council  
From: Welfare Department

Re: January 2009 Monthly Report

The following are the highlights of the division's activities:

- In January 2009 City Welfare collected 155 lbs of Pasta The State Welfare donated 10 lbs of Pasta
- Our Housing Caseworker managed 44 active cases.
- The Day Center Caseworker managed 124 unduplicated active cases for the month of December with 20 new cases added. 371 separate services were provided at our Day Center. The Day Center had a total of 403 visits from homeless individuals.
- 32 individuals were assessed for social service needs at the AmeriCares Free Clinic, 60 Indignant Drug Program applications were completed and processed as well as 24 individuals on the Wellness on Wheels van received services from our Medical Caseworker.
- Our Emergency Shelter provided 12 new homeless individuals with services and had 400 stays from homeless individuals.
- 19 homeless individuals were successful in finding employment and 27 were assisted in completing job searches.
- 10 homeless individuals were placed in permanent housing, and 3 homeless individuals were placed into transitional housing.

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City of Danbury-Welfare Division

December 2008 Report

<u>Social Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>	<u>Day Center Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>
Medical Case Management	158	Unduplicated Active Cases	124
Emergency Prescriptions	9	Initial Assessments Completed	18
Holiday Drive (# of clients served)	n/a	Housed (persons placed into housing)	10
Indigent Rx Applications	102	Mental Health Referrals	35
Medical Assessments (WOW)	24	Substance Abuse Referrals	60
Medical Assessments (Americares)	32	Employed w/ Assistance from Caseworkers	19
Education & Employment	3	Clothing Vouchers	17
Housing Case Management	70	Meals Served (breakfast & lunch)	310
Housing Requests for Service	24	Total # (different services)	403
Back Rent Assistance	12	Total # Served (clients at Day Center)	155
Housing Search Assistance	7	<u>Night Shelter Program Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>
Housing Retention Services	3	Total # Served (unduplicated)	25
Housing Admissions/Leases	1	Total # Served (Day Center + Night Program)	180
Housing Related Home Visits	0	Other Housing Assistance	3

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