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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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April 28, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The March 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.

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,

Scott T. LeRoy MPH, MS
Director of Health, Housing & Welfare

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HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT

March 2009

INSPECTIONS

NUMBER

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	% YTD	Last YTD	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	227	236	(9)	(4)	2854	2650	204	8
B.	24	44	(20)	(45)	457	478	(21)	(4)
C.	48	69	(21)	(30)	676	703	(27)	(4)
D.	153	117	(36)	(31)	1689	1430	259	18
E.	70	99	(29)	(29)	1089	1219	(130)	(11)
F.	31	23	8	35	264	253	11	4

- 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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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 three new housing/health code referrals in March. The inspectors made court appearances on two cases. Several other 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. Food service inspections for the month were affected by the extended leave of a full-time food service inspector. Housing inspection totals for the month were affected by the extended leave of a full time housing inspector.

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 has resulted in an increase in department activity in the monitoring 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 LAMPP Program application involving a Danbury property is pending.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer received two fair rent inquiries during March. The officer received one housing discrimination inquiry. The officer also planned and organized the Fair Housing Forum to be conducted on April 28, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Farioly Room of the Danbury Public Library as part of Fair Housing Month activities. The event is co-sponsored by the Fair Housing Office and the Danbury Housing Partnership.

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April 23, 2009

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division

RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division
March, 2009

Key Indicators	This Month	Last Month	# Difference	% Difference	YTD
<i>Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)</i>	166	161	5	3	469
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	151	137	14	10	423
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	52	45	7	16	161
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	49	46	3	7	163

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Narrative:

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for March, 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: March 2009 Monthly Report

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

- In March 2009 City Welfare collected 216 lbs of soups, stews and crackers.
- Our Housing Caseworker managed 33 active cases.
- The Day Center Caseworker managed 147 unduplicated active cases with 29 new cases added. 413 total units of service were provided at our Day Center. The Day Center had a total of 567 visits from homeless individuals.
- 32 individuals were assessed for social service needs at the AmeriCares Free Clinic, 143 Indignant Drug Program applications were completed and processed as well as 27 individuals on the Wellness on Wheels van received services from our Medical Caseworker.
- Our Emergency Shelter provided 13 new homeless individuals with services and had 567 stays from homeless individuals.
- 15 homeless individuals were successful in finding employment and 30 were assisted in completing job searches.
- 7 homeless individuals were placed into transitional housing.

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<u>Social Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>	<u>Day Center Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>
Medical Case Management	143	Unduplicated Active Cases	147
Emergency Prescriptions	3	Initial Assessments Completed	24
Holiday Drive (# of clients served)	n/a	Housed (persons placed into housing)	7
Indigent Rx Applications	143	Mental Health Referrals	35
Medical Assessments (WOW)	27	Substance Abuse Referrals	65
Medical Assessments (Americares)	32	Employed w/ Assistance from Caseworkers	15
Education & Employment	2	Clothing Vouchers	18
Housing Case Management	71	Meals Served (breakfast & lunch)	280
Housing Requests for Service	41	Total # (different services)	413
Back Rent Assistance	4	Total # Served (clients at Day Center)	140
Housing Search Assistance	16	<u>Night Shelter Program Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>
Housing Retention Services	4	Total # Served (unduplicated)	147
Housing Admissions/ cases	33	Total # Served (duplicated)	140
Housing Related Home Visits	4	Referred to Dorothy Day (duplicated)	10
Other Housing Assistance	9	Total # Served (Day Center + Night Program)	180

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