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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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June 30, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The May 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 us 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

May 2009

INSPECTIONS

NUMBER

	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	% YTD	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	258	321	(63)	(20)	3433	3289	144	4
B.	35	50	(15)	(30)	542	564	(22)	(4)
C.	41	76	(35)	(46)	793	847	(54)	(6)
D.	181	189	(8)	(4)	2059	1829	230	13
E.	44	96	(52)	(54)	1229	1494	(265)	(17)
F.	12	18	(6)	(33)	294	310	(16)	(5)

- 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 twenty new housing/health code referrals in May. The inspectors made court appearances on one case. 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 resignation of the full-time food service inspector at the end of April.

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 conducted meetings to make arrangements for covering lead program responsibilities following the retirement of current staff members on July 1. Three additional staff members were assigned to receive lead inspector training in early June from the State Department of Public Health. 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 May.

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June 11, 2009

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division

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

Key Indicators	This Month	Last Month	# Difference	% Difference	YTD
<i>Hazardous Materials Management & Public Health Preparedness (hours)</i>	137	161	(24)	(15)	767
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	139	153	(14)	(9)	715
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	43	46	(3)	(7)	250
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	119	101	18	18	383

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Program Status Report

Narrative:

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for May, 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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The following are the highlights of the Welfare Division's activities during May 2009

- In May 2009 City Welfare collected Meals in a Box and Ensure.
- Our Housing Caseworker managed 33 active cases.
- The Day Center Caseworker managed 142 unduplicated active cases at our Emergency Shelter for the month of May with 12 new cases added. 363 total units of service were provided at our Day Center. The Day Center had a total of 481 visits from homeless individuals.
- 29 individuals were assessed for social service needs at the AmeriCares Free Clinic, 168 Indignant Drug Program applications were completed and processed as well as 15 individuals on the Wellness on Wheels van received services from our Medical Caseworker.
- Our Emergency Shelter provided 10 new homeless individuals with services and had 481 stays from homeless individuals.
- 19 homeless individuals were successful in finding employment and 24 were assisted in completing job searches.
- 1 homeless individual(s) were placed in permanent housing, and 4 homeless individual(s) were placed into transitional housing. 3 homeless individual(s) were placed into residential housing.

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City of Danbury-Welfare Division

May 2009 Report

<u>Social Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>	<u>Day Center Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>
Medical Case Management		Unduplicated Active Cases	121
Emergency Prescriptions	0	Initial Assessments Completed	12
Holiday Drive (# of clients served)	n/a	Housed (persons placed into housing)	8
Indigent Rx Applications	168	Mental Health Referrals	34
Medical Assessments (WOW)	15	Substance Abuse Referrals	53
Medical Assessments (Americares)	29	Employed w/ Assistance from Caseworkers	19
Education & Employment	2	Clothing Vouchers	17
Housing Case Management	71	Meals Served (breakfast & lunch)	154
Housing Requests for Service	16	Total # (different services)	154
Back Rent Assistance	3	Total # Served (clients at Day Center)	363
Housing Search Assistance	4	<u>Night Shelter Program Service Category</u>	<u># Served</u>
Housing Retention Services	1	Total # Served (unduplicated)	35
Housing Admissions/Leases	3	Referred to Dorothy Day (duplicated)	4
Housing Related Home Visits	6		
Other Housing Assistance	8		

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