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Mayor Mark D. Boughton
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155 Deer Hill Avenue
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July 25, 2006

Re: Department of Health & Housing Monthly Report to the Common Council

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the Common Council:

The June 2006 Department of Health & Housing monthly report is provided for your review. Detailed reports are attached for both the Housing & Food Service and the Environmental Health Divisions which identify specific inspections and hours provided by our staff. 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.

A "Healthy Neighborhood is a Lead Safe Neighborhood" continues the collaborative with the Danbury Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) to provide free blood lead screenings for children under 6 with the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Van. Ms. Jennifer Percec, Lead Outreach Coordinator, has provided additional lead poisoning prevention outreach services to families at the YMCA Boughton St. Daycare & Grassy Plain Daycare, St. Peters Church, Philadelphia Pentecostal Parish, and the St. Paul's Lutheran Church this month.

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Eviction Prevention 797-4565
Information-Referral 797-4569

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Emergency Shelter 796-1661
Em. Shelter Fax 796-1660
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Additional Topics

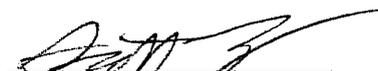
Transition meetings were continued with Debbie MacKenzie, Patricia Bowen, Paul Schierloh, Dena Diorio, Mayor Boughton and myself to ensure a proper transition of duties and assignments before the end of June, 2006. Additional transition meetings were also continued with Mr. Dan Baroody, Senior Inspector, Mr. Jack Kozuchowski, and me to ensure a proper transition of duties and assignments in the Environmental Health Division before the end of June, 2006.

Interviews were conducted for a new Local WIC Coordinator and an offer of employment was accepted by the top candidate identified by the interview panel. Ms. Aimee Budnik, a WIC Program Nutritionist, is promoted to Local WIC Coordinator starting July 27, 2006. WIC is currently promoting a "Breastfeeding Celebration" to be held at the Danbury Library on August 29, 2006, from 1:30 to 3:30pm (see attachment).

Also, the City of Danbury's existing Bioterrorism / Emergency Preparedness Grant, provided through the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH), for the contract years August 2005 to August 2007 has been increased from \$169,400 to \$187,400. The \$18,000 increase is specifically earmarked for providing the City of Danbury with Pandemic Influenza Response Planning in accordance with Federal & CTDPH directives (see attachment).

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 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

Cc: Dena Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel

Please join Danbury WIC Program to celebrate our Moms and Families during "Our Breastfeeding Celebration: "

Date: August 29, 2006
Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Location: Danbury Public Library, Farioly Program Room
(in the basement of the main library)

Join us for food, activities, prizes and fun.....

Compartan con el Programa WIC de Danbury para celebrar a nuestros madres y familias durante "Our Breastfeeding Celebration: "

Fecha: August 29, 2006
Hora: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Adonde: Biblioteca publica de Danbury, Farioly Program Room
(en el sotano de la biblioteca principal)

Compartan con nosotros comidas, actividades, rifas and un rato agradable.



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HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT

June, 2006

INSPECTIONS

	NUMBER							
	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	YTD	Last YTD	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	313	289	24	8	3271	3559	(288)	(8)
B.	127	91	36	40	1068	905	163	18
C.	116	102	14	14	1400	1421	(21)	(1)
D.	69	91	(22)	(24)	749	1199	(450)	(38)
E.	95	150	(55)	(37)	1060	949	111	12
F.	35	17	18	11	350	263	87	33
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							



Paul Schierion
Associate Director

NARRATIVE FOR MONTHLY REPORT

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES SECTION

Field activities for housing and food service functions conducted during the reporting period are reflected in the statistical summary attached. In addition to the normal administrative, inspection and enforcement activities associated with these functions, the section undertook the initiatives outlined below which would be deemed to be of special interest or importance.

Four members of the housing and food section continued to participate in bioterrorism and hazmat response training as part of the department's initiative to expand its capability to respond to emergency incidents. A slight decrease in the year-to-date inspection numbers for the housing and food sections resulted from this effort.

Section personnel have completed training in pool inspections to join Environmental Health Section personnel in implementing a comprehensive pool inspection program. Two members of the section are participating in this year's pool inspection program, which may result in a slight decrease in food service and housing inspection totals.

Food service inspection totals for the year surpassed last year's year-to-date totals but were lower than prior years due to the food inspector position vacancy and the time required for the new public health inspector to obtain the required State certification. The inspector became provisionally certified on January 26 and commenced inspections on January 30. Food service inspection totals have shown a significant increase since then. Housing inspection services have also been adversely impacted this year by an extended leave of the public health inspector assigned to housing inspections.

The department is in the midst of renewals of food service operating licenses for 2006-07. As of July 3, 2006, a total of 376 of the approximately 560 permanent food establishments in Danbury had submitted applications. Of these, a total of 348 had been approved by July 3. Issuance of 28 licenses for which applications were received were being held due to lack of compliance with the Qualified Food Operator and designated alternate requirements, past-due reinspection fees, delinquent taxes on equipment and significant violation issues. A reminder letter was mailed to all establishments that had not submitted applications by July 1. Establishments that do not renew their licenses by August 1 are assessed a late fee of \$100.00. The department also is processing renewals for approximately forty itinerant food vendors.

The Office of the Corporation Counsel processed four housing/health code referrals in June. The housing section made court appearances on one case while several other cases were resolved

prior to court appearances. Every effort is made to encourage cooperation in making needed improvements, but non-compliance leads to court action and possible penalties for contempt of court orders.

The department will coordinate systematic inspections with the UNIT program this year rather than conduct nuisance sweeps independently as in prior years. Senior Housing Inspector Don Melillo will be the department's liaison with UNIT and will participate in inspections as needed. The Department continues to investigate complaints throughout the city referred through the Mayor's Blight Hotline and from other departments in addition to complaints made directly to the department. The department also receives complaints and service requests through the City's Q-Alert program.

The department continued working with the LAMPP Project, the entity sub-contracted by the State to administer lead poisoning prevention and remediation funds awarded to Connecticut by the Federal government. This enables Danbury property owners to access funds available to abate lead paint, replace windows, doors and perform other repairs to make units lead safe. Danbury has had two projects consisting of seven total units funded through LAMPP or LAMPP partners. There are currently four additional applications under review by LAMPP, three of which have bid proposals under consideration. There have also been a total of 12 referrals to LAMPP for lead assessments/education for eligible Danbury families, including two new referrals made in June.

Lead Outreach Worker Jennifer Percec continued lead screenings for children under the Lead Safe Neighborhood grant secured by Director of Health Scott LeRoy. She also continued outreach efforts, education and case management services. During June she conducted screenings at the YMCA Boughton Street facility (8 children) as well as the YMCA Grassy Plain facility (16 children). As of June 30, 2006, a total of 142 Danbury children have been tested for blood lead levels under this program. Jennifer will continue to conduct screenings through the VNA WOW van as well pursue special screening clinics with day cares and community organizations. Screenings are currently scheduled for July 11-13 at the Action Early Learning Center on Balmforth Avenue.

The housing section also provides the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. The part-time fair housing officer received two fair rent inquiries during June. The officer and the associate director also assisted with re-sale inquiries and monitoring of compliance in connection with three affordable housing projects. The director and associate director have continued planning for transition of the Danbury Housing Partnership to enable it to oversee implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness approved by the Common Council.



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July 21, 2006

TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Daniel Baroody, Senior Inspector, Environmental Health Division

RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division
June, 2006

Key Indicators	This Month	Last Month	# Difference	% Difference	YTD
<i>Hazardous Materials Management (hours)</i>	68	80	(12)	(15)	1445
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	246	222	44	20	1813
<i>Natural Resource Management (hours)</i>	21	40	(19)	(47)	377
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	99	98	1	1	642
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	186	157	29	18	1856

Program Status Report

Narrative

The status of major project and program activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for June, 2006 can be summarized as follows.

Water Resource Management. The EHD continued its management of water resource projects, including Lake Kenosia Tarrywile Lake and Rogers Park Pond.

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 weekly water quality sampling of Candlewood Lake , public swimming area at Candlewood Park.

Program Planning and Administration. The Director of Health (DOH) and Coordinator of projects Environmental Occupational Health Services (CEOHS) finalized plans for the transition of all programs and after July 1 departure of the CEOHS.

Land Use The EHD continued administration of the Grading Permit Program, conducting permit application review, site inspection and enforcement. The on-site sewage disposal and well permitting program continued to perform plan review, site soil suitability testing and inspection.

Hazardous Materials Management. The EHD participated continued in planning and preparedness activities for Bioterrorism. An interim consulting contractor has been chosen to serve as Bioterrorism Facilitator. The Bioterrorism Facilitator will assist EHD in implementing tasks required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Bioterrorism Grant.



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RE: Increased funding for Bioterrorism / Emergency Preparedness Grant

Please note that the current Bioterrorism / Emergency Preparedness Grant, provided through the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH), for the contract years August 2005 to August 2007 has been increased from \$169,400 to \$187,400. The \$18,000 increase in funding is earmarked for providing the City of Danbury with a specific Pandemic Influenza Response Plan in accordance with Federal & CTDPH directives.

A separate budget was requested and prepared that would provide the services required by the CTDPH grant and is consistent with the previous grant year requirements. If you have any questions concerning the planning process, feel freed to contact me at any time. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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

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