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Honorable Mayor & Common Council Members:

This month the UNIT has been fortunate to have a new member of the team Officer Ken Utter. We have widened the scope of our inspection to weekday evenings and weekends. Officer Utter has been a perfect fit for the team and has expanded our abilities for compliance. We have been very successful with unregistered vehicles with the Police Officer. The Police Officer allows us to have a team member tag a vehicle parked on a city street. The process gives the vehicle owner 24 hours and then it is towed. We usually find unregistered vehicles parked on private property and city streets so having the officer gives us complete coverage to solve the unregistered vehicle problems. We also have the ability with the officer to run license plates many cars can be traced to the owners giving us a much better chance of getting the vehicle registered or removed.

With our wider inspection hours we have come across numerous illegal vending operations. The sale of food and alcohol is more prevalent in the evening and weekends. We have ceased the sale of food and beverage at these locations just recently:

57 Sheridan St  
28 Osborne St  
29 Chestnut St  
102 Elm St

We have found that the food is sold by the plates  
\$6 to \$8 per plate  
Beer by the bottle  
\$2.50 a Corona

At 102 Elm St a small altercation broke out over an argument that someone present at the party did not receive his \$50.00 worth of alcohol. The owner of 102 Elm St is an

absentee owner when she became aware that this type of activity was occurring she was very cooperative. The UNIT team and the owner went to every apartment and explained the problems of this activity. She also brought her property into compliance by removing two unregistered vehicles, commercial dump truck from the premise and removing all the discarded furniture and debris/garbage.

We have made it very clear that the sale of food and beverage is not legal for many reasons.

- 1) Commercial sales are not allowed in residential zones.
- 2) No permit or tax ID/they would not be issued
- 3) Improper handling/storage of food product
- 4) Criminal activity to sell alcohol without a liquor permit

The owner of 28 Osborne St was arrested for sale of alcohol. The General Store on Division St has also been warned about selling beer with no permit. They have been recently closed for multiple health violations. We have been back to all these locations and this activity has ceased for now.

Recent systematic inspections for litter/garbage and vehicles have been done on:

Balmforth

Ives St/Downtown Dining district

Moss Ave

This is not one stop shopping. We keep weekly systematic inspections of these neighborhoods. Please contact us if you feel there are any streets you would like us to concentrate on. These neighborhoods include:

Osborne St

Griffing Ave

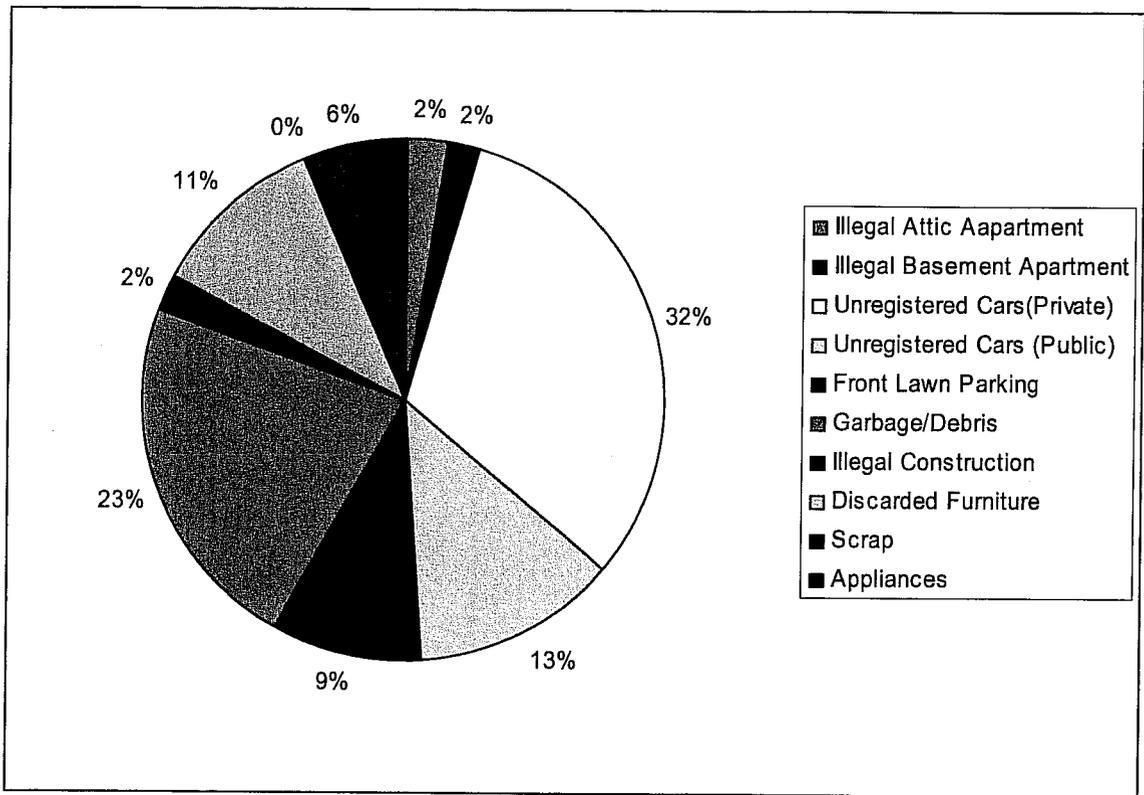
Summit St

Maple Ave

Ives St

Delay St

We have spoken and written letters to most of the store/business owner that comprise the Downtown Dining and Entertainment district. Reiterating the importance of keeping their store fronts cleaned. Tuxedo Junction was issued two litter citations for failing to comply with several warnings verbal and written. A letter was written to all the major retailers to keep a better eye on their shopping carts. It is quite common to find CTown's carts strewn all over Maple and Balmforth. They have started to send a pick-up truck to retrieve them daily. We have also caught someone who admitted to taking three carts from CTown and walked them all the way to 15 Franklin St. This is theft we tagged the carts with orange paint and told her to return them. They returned to the store immediately.



This chart represents a two week slice of UNIT observations. It will change from month to month depending on what type of inspection activity we perform. We have concentrated on cars and garbage and it shows in the chart.

Recent examples of illegal apartments brought into compliance:

98 Clapboard Ridge Rd  
 Illegal basement apartment  
 Illegal kitchen  
 Non-permitted work  
 3 Unregistered vehicles  
 Vehicles and apartment were removed within a two week period

10 Sixth St  
 Garage converted to an apartment  
 Illegal construction  
 Non-permitted  
 Returned to original garage status in a week  
 During our re-inspection cars were parked where the apartment had previously been.

172 White St Wrap & Roll Restaurant  
Illegal bedrooms above the restaurant  
Converted office space into 3 bedrooms  
Bedrooms abated  
The restaurant was also closed for Health violations  
4 Unregistered vehicles removed from property  
Owners currently bringing the restaurant up to code and will open as the Montana Grill

Friday night inspections 8/24/07 Rich J Antous Jr/Inspector Miguel/Officer Utter  
Volleyball activity: Rowan St/Moss Ave/Mill Plain Rd/Orchard St  
The volleyball game on Rowan St is on private property but everyone parks on city property. Empty beer bottles consist of most of the garbage. Two indoor couches and other discarded furniture they watch the games from.

7 Austin St	Garbage/Unregistered Vehicles
49 Williams St	Garbage/Sidewalk in disrepair
37 Osborne St	Garbage
22 Hausmann St	Illegal occupancy mobile home
199 Franklin St	Illegal apartment/Detached Shed Extension cord power from house/No water facilities 15 to 20 Chickens Unregistered Vehicles
15 Wildman St	Illegal vending of food

UNIT inspectors were out all three weekend days 8/24, 8/25, & 8/26

The month of August saw the 311 Call Center continue to evolve as the City of Danbury's central nervous system; receiving more than 450 calls during the timeframe. The Call Center continued to be used primarily as an information line for residents with such inquiries as, but not limited to, consumer protection issues, information on the Exit 2 Welcome Center, Equal Opportunity Employment, OSHA, wildlife concerns, the local military museum, Legal Aid, the Volunteer Center, Hazardous Materials Day, local parks, DAWS, hot-air balloon tours of Connecticut, Connecticut Food Bank information, City Center Danbury events and information, the next bulk waste drop-off day, and local support groups. The 311 Call Center has also frequently been used by other City Departments looking for phone numbers as well as information on local events.

Sincerely,

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