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Honorable Mayor & Common Council Members:

As I reported last month we are involving ourselves more with communication than the traditional enforcement methods. We have been successful in building communication channels through the different departments.

Our efforts to keep a watchful eye on the downtown area will be one of the focuses of the UNIT as we head towards Clean City Danbury Day and continue our efforts to keep our downtown clean and safe for shoppers and businesses. We have had some responses from our mailings to all Main and West St owners and hope that we can keep a good relationship and work together on the litter and blight issues. We are in the process of keeping the alley ways on Ives St clean. The property owners must keep an eye on these locations as well as our team and law enforcement. A systematic check and walk through of the alleys will decrease these activities. During our last inspection we found numerous couches, furniture, and approximately 500 vodka bottles. We have cited the owners and they were quick to comply, but this is not the answer. A constant watch and vigilance to monitor these alleys is the way to ensure that we disrupt the pattern of negligence. We will continue to do this and keep these alley ways clean and safe.

The UNIT also sent a mailing to the Farm St neighborhood reminding them that the city property across the street which is city park area is not a dumping ground. As spring approaches the residents were reminded of our spring clean up efforts that involves the pickup of leaves and brush. Also any Danbury resident can bring their leaves or brush to the recycle facility on Plumtrees.

A neighborhood meeting with the residents of Mountainville Ave was held at city hall April 19th. Discussion included speeding and signage, illegal dumping, and general neighborhood concerns. The possibility of a speed hump and other measures to slow people down were discussed.

I am pleased to announce that Jeffrey Preston has been appointed as our 311 Call Center employee. The 311 Call Center has become the information and telephone number for people to get information or voice their concerns. The 311 Call Center has worked out as planned, as the hub to document and doll out the responsibilities for rectifying our citizens needs and concerns. During the recent snow storms the 311 Call Center has proven its worth as a reliable source of information that Danbury residents can rely on. Please give the 311 Call Center a call and introduce yourself and voice your concerns as councilmen and women. This is one way of accessing any of our department so your citizen's inquiries can be routed to the right departments.

Do not forget Clean City Danbury Day April 21st.

Included below are some examples of the many inspections we conduct if we can be of any assistance in your wards please give us a call at 796-8026 or try 311.

Sincerely,



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Coordinator Office of Neighborhood Assistance

Summary of UNIT Inspections

UNIT inspections for March 2007 for the purpose of illegal code violations pertaining to the City of Danbury ordinances. These activities were conducted for the integrity of our neighborhoods and the safety of the individuals living in these dwellings.

Violations:

39 Division St

Two Family

Fighting roosters (12)

Fighting pen

When we inspected the basement evidence of a pen for rooster fights was evident along with scarred fowl. Clearly the fowl were in some kind of action that damaged their feathers and bodies. Birds were removed along with the cages.

11 Ken Oaks Dr

Single Family

Illegal apartment in basement

Kitchen needs to be removed unable to legalize apartment because there is no city water.

11 Division St

Two Family

Illegal commercial business

Owner was operating a car detailing business

8 out of 10 cars were not registered

Owner immediately complied with the orders

63 Maple Ave

Three Family

Dwelling brought into compliance

Ceiling height raise on stairwell

Electrical wiring upgraded from cheap zip wire

Two egress windows installed in the third floor apartment

16 Farm St

Single Family

Illegal addition

No permits

In required front yard setback

Owner is in the process of a possible variance or removing the addition

16 Park lace

Three Family

Illegal apartment

Non-permitted electrical and plumbing

Illegal 4th kitchen

Apartment brought into compliance apartment returned to storage

Apartments/Dwellings brought into compliance/March

63 Maple Ave

45 Highland Ave

484 Cowperthwaite St