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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.

In the month of June we have come up with the process that we will employ for our new litter ordinance. We have created a three step process for enforcement of the ordinance. We will first engage in a conversation of the violation and will give the tenant or owner a warning tag to rectify the violation with a specific time frame. If the violation is not corrected we will send the tenant/owner a citation warning with another specified time for compliance. If after the tag with a verbal conversation and the official written warning we are still having difficulty, the actual citation will be sent certified mail. Violation schedule will be a \$100.00 fine the first time with the violation doubling for repeat offenders. If the litter/garbage issue is an egregious problem the fine will be subject to the Litter Control Officer's judgment on the level of penalty which is up to \$1000.00 per violation. In the short period we have had the new ordinance on the books we have achieved compliance by simply tagging the violation and having a simple conversation. We have explained to owners of property and tenants that they need sufficient garbage cans/containers to handle their refuse and that they need to be properly covered. Our first systematic sweep occurred in the Hobson St neighborhood and we have already seen and received appreciation from the neighborhood. Several multi-family houses did not have covers for their cans/containers which was easily solved, and a few multi-family dwelling just needed to increase the amount of container capacity. Another issue was placement of cans/dumpsters which need to be located 40ft from the curb after they are emptied. The UNIT team will continue to improve the quality of life in our city's neighborhoods and this new ordinance has initially worked very well in our efforts to keep our city clean.

A successful neighborhood meeting was held for Oil Mill Rd June 18th

The main concern was traffic and the estimated time of road completion. They were concerned about parking and overcrowding in the new multi-family dwellings. We will do inspections of all the condominium complexes this coming month. They requested a street light at the end of the cul-de-sac and also no parking signs for the 2nd half of the road. Overall the meeting went very well and the residents were very happy that a city official came out to listen to their concerns,

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

49 Chestnut St Ext

Illegal Basement Occupancy
Insufficient window size
Permitted for two family not three

21 Ta-agan Pt Rd

Illegal Construction
Interior and exterior renovations to detached structure
No permits

7 Albert Rd

Garbage/junk piled throughout yard
Standing water in pool 2 to 3 inches stagnant
Commercial landscaping supplies and equipment
PVC/wiring/appliances/trucks/commercial(3) lawnmowers

39 Skyline Dr

Detached structure no permits
Pulled permits next day

19 & 21 Mountainville Rd

Retaining walls 4to 10 feet high 100 yards in length no permits
Required to get engineered drawings
21 Mountainville Rd has started the process
!9 Mountainville Rd has to redesign his wall due to very poor design and construction

Unregistered cars:

14 Snug Harbor	3
14 Shepperd Rd	2
1 E Broad St	1
6 Old Stadley Rough Rd	2

Litter/Garbage Compliance Inspections/ new ordinance
 These locations all were brought into compliance using the new ordinance

- 7 Hobson St
- 9 Hobson St
- 11 Hobson St
- 13 Hobson St
- 6 Hobson St
- 19 Wildman St
- 35 Park Ave

Illegal apartments discovered from Fire Marshal Inspections

- 9 Clark St
- 27 Balmforth Ave
- 49 Chestnut St
- 13 Linden Place

311/Qalert report

The month of June saw the City's 311 Department continue to grow and develop as a valuable resource center for the residents of Danbury. During the past four weeks the 311 Center has received over 500 calls with resident's utilizing the phone line primarily as an information center asking questions about such topics as wildlife safety (bears, coyotes, ticks), the City Fair (hours of operation), consumer protection, FEMA and disaster relief, future events held by City Center Danbury, and concerts at the Ives Center. Residents also called asking to be sure that their address was on the list for the Spring Debris Pickup held by the Highway Department, sought information regarding the location of the recycling truck, as well as information for our local Parks such as location, hours of operation, and cost of admission.