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ARBOR PARK ON MAIN STREET



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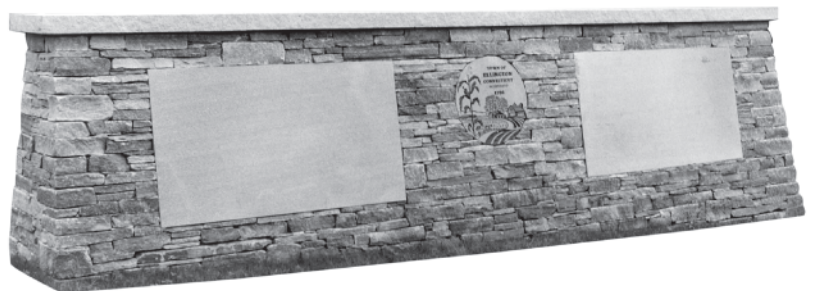


Construction progression for new Senior Center on Maple Street.

Wall of Honor Recipient 2013

HOMER R. PECKHAM, 1922-2012

Homer Peckham lived most of his life in Ellington and it is where he and his wife Kay raised their children, Jaime and Marianne. Mr. Peckham made many outstanding contributions to the Ellington community. He served with distinction on the Board of Tax Review as well as numerous civic organizations. He served as Chairman of the Beautify Ellington Bicentennial Arbor Park Committee where his efforts were instrumental in the establishment of Arbor Park. Mr. Peckham served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and was an active member of the Ellington Congregational Church for over 60 years. A formal induction ceremony was held on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the site of the Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park.



Front cover: Arbor Park on Main Street. Two new gazebos and walkways were constructed in 2012. Arbor Park is used for weddings and other events, a farmers market every Saturday and passive recreation year round.



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Dear Ellington residents:

The long awaited renovation of the Crystal Lake Elementary School and changing demographics in the school age population have combined to allow/require a shift in the destinations of some in the elementary school population. The major shift is in the location of the various grade levels. With the increase in the student capacity of the Crystal Lake school, the 5th and 6th grades from the Crystal Lake area will no longer need to endure the long bus rides each day to the Windermere School to attend the intermediary school (5th and 6th grades). Crystal Lake will now accommodate grades 1 through 6.

Absent the existence of the 5th and 6th "intermediate school at Windermere School, it too will become a 1 through 6 school with additional Kindergarten responsibilities. Center School will revert back to a 1 through 6 grade school also. This should allow far less busing of students between Crystal Lake the Windermere and Center Schools. Less time on a school bus will be less stressful on the students.

Another major building project is the new Senior Center being built across from the High School. The seniors are anxious to see that facility finished so they can move into a permanent home and not need to rent space in the center of town.

We also recently, finally, closed out the reimbursement grant from the State for the renovations done to the High School and Center schools a few years ago. Due to the tenacity and diligence of our Town Treasurer in dealing with the state Department of Education on this issue and his persistence in pressing for a fairer reimbursement, the Town of Ellington received \$1,078, 392 in excess of the amount previously promised by the state. We thank Nick DiCorleto for his persistence.

The last major expenditure over the past year was the purchase of a new ambulance, which was done at no expense to the town or tax payers. All funds came from the "charging fund", which is the money paid to the ambulance service by the insurance companies of the citizens who were serviced.

All in all, in spite of a terrible economy and high unemployment, Ellington has again made itself a better place to live without any major tax increases.

We await the current budget season with the usual apprehension about how the State will handle the ECS (education cost sharing) program, hoping they will send Ellington what it deserves and what it needs to continue to provide a first rate education to the youth of Ellington.

September 27, 2013

Robert J. Clements, Chairman

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Selectmen is collectively responsible for the administration of the town offices, the maintenance of the town highways and parks, the public safety of its citizens, the keeping of financial accounts and the appointment of administrative officers, boards and commissions.

The First Selectman is the chief administrative and executive officer of the town, and, as such, is directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the administration and supervision of all town departments, agencies and officers appointed by the board. The First Selectman is also responsible for the enforcement of all the laws and ordinances governing the town.



Board of Selectmen:

Back Row (L-R): James Prichard, John Turner, Lori Spielman, A. Leo Miller
Front Row (L-R): Ted Graziani, Maurice Blanchette, Ronald F. Stomberg

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month. There were a total of twelve regular meetings plus sixteen special meetings. Three public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called six town meetings including the Annual Budget Town Meeting. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the freedom of information act. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2012-13:

REFERENDA:

April 2, 2013: "shall The town of Ellington increase by \$400,000 the \$2,500,000 appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a senior center to be located on property owned by the town at 40 Maple Street (formerly known as 22 Maple Street) in Ellington?" Results: Yes: 418 No: 304

May 21, 2013: "Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the Board of Finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a.k.a budget grand total for the fiscal year 2013-2014, the sum of \$50,180,837?" Results: Yes: 490 No: 319

AGREEMENTS:

- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the lease agreement between the Town and Bahler Farms, Inc. To lease 57 acres of town-owned land on Middle Road for agricultural purposes
- Endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program project through CRCOG to apply for grant money

CONTRACTS

- Awarded contract to Silver/Petrucelli & Associates of Hampden CT for architectural services for the Crystal Lake School Expansion and Renovation Project and the Windermere Elementary School Renovation Project
- Waived the bid process to allow the Permanent Building Committee to engage the services of the Capital Region Education Council (CREC) to assist in the selection of a construction manager for the Crystal Lake School and/or Windermere School Renovation Projects for an amount not to exceed \$23,640
- Renewed the current contract with All American Waste, LLC for an additional five (5) years to June 30, 2018
- Waived bid process to allow PBC to engage services of CREC in Crystal Lake School and Windermere School projects
- Authorized the First Selectman to sign the contract for the MidNEROC Program for the Town of Ellington Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program
- Waived bid for snow plowing services for 2012-2013 to extend the contract with Barber Utilities, LLC
- Awarded contract to Safe Homes for lead paint inspection service for the FY 2012 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Approved the Collective Bargaining Teachers' Contract for 2013-2016
- Renewed the current contract with Action Air Systems, Inc. for an additional 1 year
- Renewed the current contract with Adams and Adams Building Services for an additional 1 year
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the bid for renovations to the Arbor Park bridges to the Barn Yard of Ellington
- Signed a contract with Silver Petrucelli and Associates for architectural services for the Crystal Lake School Project and the Windermere School Project
- Ratified the contract between the Town and the Ellington Police Union, Local 2693 of council 15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (effective 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2016)
- Renewed the current contract for the service and maintenance of the Town's computer system with the Computer Company of Cromwell for 1 year
- Awarded contract - preparation of Small Cities grant Application/Program Administration for FY 2013-2014 to Community Opportunities Group, Inc., Boston Massachusetts
- Awarded the bid for the 2013 EVAC ambulance to Eastford Fire and Rescue Sales, Inc. of Eastford, CT
- Authorized the EVFD to enter into a lease agreement with Nutmeg Industrial Park
- Awarded the contract for the demolition and asbestos abatement of the house, barn and shed located on town property (17 Main Street) to Associated Building Wreckers, Inc. of Springfield, MA
- Ratified the contract between the Town and the Ellington Supervisor Employees, CSEA/SEIU, Local 2001 (effective 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2016)
- Ratified the contract between the Town and the Ellington White Collar Employees, CSEA/SEIU, Local 2001 (effective 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2016)
- Ratified Ellington EMS Professionals and volunteer Ambulance Corps IAEP Local R1-512 Employees Contract (through 6/30/2016)
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the contract for the Route 83 Corridor Planning and Zoning Study to Planimetrics of Avon, CT
- Waived the formal bidding process and awarded the contract for payroll services to Paylocity of Illinois

- Executed the agreement between Visiting Nurse and Health Services of CT, Inc. and the Town
- Ratified DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement (effective 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2016)

EQUIPMENT

- Purchased new Human Services Van (\$21,689)
- Purchased new GMC Terrain for the Director of Public Works (\$24,689)
- Purchased a new GMC Terrain for the Fire Marshall (\$24,689)
- Awarded contract for new ambulance to Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc.

FINANCES

- Authorized the Senior Center Steering Committee to promote major single contributions for the new Senior Center by recognizing contributors with individual plaques
- Approved an additional appropriation to the 2012 - 2013 CIB for EVAC's new ambulance to replace the 2006 Ford ambulance (\$200,000)
- Set trash collection fee at \$103.00, no change from last year
- Approved an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,865 to cover cost to repair the basketball courts at Brookside Park
- Approved the budget execution for by 2012 - 2013; approved the additional appropriation for BOE-ADM reroofing gutter repairs of \$30,000
- Approved and sent to Town Meeting an additional appropriation of \$45,500 for by 2013 DUI enforcement program for Resident Trooper towns (75% reimbursable through a State of CT DUI Enforcement Grant) (approved at Town Meeting)
- Approved the year-end transfers, adjustments and additional appropriations for FY 2011-2012
- Approved and sent to Town Meeting/Referendum an additional appropriation for the Senior Center of \$400,000. (approved at referendum)
- CIRMA Budget Stabilization Program for 2014-2016
- Approved an additional appropriation for \$20,000 for the Route 83 Corridor Study
- Authorized the Finance Officer to expend boards', agencies' and departments' budgets for FY 2013-2014

GRANTS

- Accepted the CT State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant
- Endorsed the Municipal Affordable Housing Regional Technical Assistance Grant as part of the Route 83 corridor Study
- Authorized First Selectman to enter into and execute the Joint Community Application Cooperation Agreements by and between the Town of Ellington and the Town of Somers, and the Town of Ellington and the Town of Suffield, and to take all other actions necessary regarding joint participation in the Ellington Housing Rehabilitation Program, to be funded through the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program
- Accepted and expended, for the benefit of the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program as detailed in the grant application for the small cities grant #SC1204801 - Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program, a grant in the amount of \$300,000, as approved by the Board of Finance

PROPERTY

- Accepted ownership and approved the capitalized maintenance fee for the storm water basin - Gasek Farms Parcel and Drainage Basin
- Accepted Highland Avenue, Miller Lane, Bronisz Drive and Rosa Court as Town roads
- Accepted Oak Hill Farms Road, Quarter Horse Drive, Percheron Way and Clydesdale Circle as Town roads

- Approved the acquisition of development rights with respect to the McKnight Farm for farmland preservation
- Approved the acquisition of development rights with respect to the Charter Farm for farmland preservation

STAFF

- Authorized an increase in salary of up to 2% above the adjusted range for the exempt, non-represented employees that are above the maximum range for 2012 - 2013
- Granted permanent status to Patrick Roy, Maintainer I
- Granted permanent status to Bob Ouellette, Maintainer I
- Appointed Cynthia Roman, Assessor
- Granted permanent status to Felicia Laplante, Accounting Assistant/Deputy Treasurer.
- Granted permanent status to Gail Moran, Administrative/Accounting Assistant.
- Reclassified Kevin Gambacorta from Maintainer I to Maintainer II
- Granted permanent status to Paul Prouty, Maintainer I
- Granted permanent status to Taylor Olson, Mechanic I
- Granted permanent status to Dana DiNallo, Custodian
- Granted permanent status Cindy Roman, Assessor
- Approved job description for DPW Brush Drop-off Area Facility Attendant
- Approved job description for DPW Seasonal Worker
- Approved the job description for the WPCA Technician/Maintainer II
- Acknowledged the retirement of Gail Avino, Library Assistant, after 20 years of service to Hall Memorial Library
- Accepted the resignation/retirement of Maureen Lowe, Assistant Police Support Administrator after 27 years of service
- Revised Tax & Revenue Collector job description
- Approved the revised job description for Administrative Assistant for Public Works/WPCA position
- Approved job description and reclassified Mary Bartley to Assistant Director of Recreation
- Approved job description and reclassified Cynthia Boscarino to Administrative Secretary II
- Approved job description and reclassified Michael Joslin to Senior Center Lead Driver

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted the resignation of Rachel Wheeler-Rossow from the Board of Selectmen
- Appointed Ted C. Graziani to the Board of Selectmen to complete Mrs. Wheeler-Rossow's term to December 2013

OTHER ACTIONS

- Issued a special event license to Brent Moser for a Jeep Show Event
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House
- Authorized Girl Scout Bethany Parisi to construct an outhouse on the Batz Property as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Council for developing Positive Youth Culture
- Granted the request of the Winterfest Committee to hold the 2012 Winterfest on the Town Green on Saturday, December 1, 2012
- Approved the capitalized annual maintenance for three storm water detention basins of the Ellington Highlands Subdivision and transferred ownership of the storm water detention basins to the Town of Ellington
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee
- Approved the application for a Regatta Permit as requested by the Crystal Lake Sailing Club
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Approved and sent to Town Meeting the adoption of the

tax exemption for Farm Buildings Ordinance (adopted at Town Meeting)

- Approved the 2013 BOS meeting schedule
- Made formal application to the State for a full-time State Trooper School Resource Officer for the Ellington Public Schools
- Held Citation Hearings for zoning violations; 159 Jobs Hill Road and 406 Somers Road
- Approved the revised Economic Development Tax Abatement policy
- Revised membership and reestablished the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the Pinney Street Town-owned property
- Approved the Emergency Contingency Plan presented by the Registrars of Voters
- Recommended to the State Department of Transportation that the waiver to permit delayed parachute jumping at Ellington Airport be renewed for one year
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Design Review Board
- Conservation Commission received the Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Award

BOARD OF FINANCE



Board of Finance:

Seated L-R: Richard Cleary, Robert Clements-Chairman, John Racheck

Standing L-R: Barry Pinto, Mark Joyse, Michael Varney

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Board of Finance is Financial Authority of the town. The Board of Finance represents the taxpayer on all matters concerning the receipt or expenditure of taxpayer funds. The Board also represents taxpayer interests in other policy or operational matters which would affect the tax base or impact the future receipt of taxpayer funds. While the Board of Finance's principal responsibility is in the preparation of annual budget, the Board works closely with the Finance Director to establish and enforce fiscal policy, and implement the recommendations of the town auditors. The Board also directs fiscal policy such as the establishment of Reserve Funds, and the allocation of funds among sectors such as departmental budgets, capital expenditures and debt service.

The Board of Finance meets monthly, except during the period of January through April, when it meets weekly toward assembling the annual budget.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public hearings from January through March on submitted departmental budgets.
- Hold the annual Budget hearing in April.
- Deliberate and approve a completed budget for taxpayer approval.
- Upon budget approval by taxpayers, the Board sets the mill rate.

- Authorize/deny expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.
- Authorize/deny the issuance of Municipal Bonds.
- Monitor town revenues and expenditures on monthly basis.
- Interview and engage the outside auditing firm.
- Prepare the Annual Town Report.
- Provide fiscal expertise to other town boards and agencies.
- Observe and consult in labor contract negotiations.
- Represent the town's financial position in contract arbitration hearings.

TOWN ASSESSOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to compile the Grand List, (the record of all taxable and tax-exempt property in the Town of Ellington). This is accomplished by identifying and placing value on all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st of each year. The objective is to ensure that all property is assessed equitably in accordance with applicable law so that every property owner bears the appropriate share of the total property tax burden. Accomplishment of this requires uniform assessments within each category of property. Real Estate assessments are 70% of the market value as established by the October 1, 2010 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

The Assessor's Office is also responsible for administering various exemptions and tax relief programs. These programs are targeted to benefit active military servicemen and veterans, the totally disabled, the blind, senior citizens, manufacturers, charitable organizations, farmers and owners of land classified as farm, forest and open space.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2012 Grand List
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer and property maps
- Expanded use of technology to improve efficiency

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/10	10/01/11	10/01/12
Real Estate	1,094,539,616	1,100,236,325	1,113,939,027
Personal Property	38,570,430	39,086,761	40,317,050
Motor Vehicle	<u>109,851,670</u>	<u>116,838,137</u>	<u>117,200,796</u>

TOTAL \$1,242,961,716 \$1,256,161,223 \$1,271,456,873

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (Inspection Sec. 7-14) "an inspection of the Land Records of each municipality in this state must be done annually." The Land Records Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year, which commences in September. The Land Record documents prepared by the Town Clerk's Office have been inspected for the period from January 2012 through December 2012, the corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

By resolution of the Board of Selectmen in 1963, James Thompson of the firm of Buck & Buck Engineering in Hartford was appointed as the Town Engineer. In November 1980, the Ellington Board of Selectmen established the policy that the Town Engineer shall be utilized by all town boards and commissions. Upon the request of a town agency, designation of a temporary town engineer for a particular function to be performed may be approved by the Board of Selectmen when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed subdivisions and made recommendations to various land use commissions.
- Reviewed and issued recommendations to land use commissions regarding proposed commercial, industrial, and residential site plans and permits.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Finance Officer is responsible for the accounting and reporting of all financial transactions for the Town of Ellington. Other duties include the investment of Town funds, preparation of financial statements, submission of annual budget to the Board of Finance, preparation of bid documents, purchasing agent, and serving as financial advisor to all boards and agencies. The Finance Officer oversees operations in Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's offices.

HIGHLIGHTS

Staffing changes during the year

- Hiring of replacement Deputy Treasurer
- Hiring of replacement Assessor
- Hiring of replacement Administrative Accounting Assistant
- Orientate/Interface/review town procedures with replacement Board of Education Director of Business Services
- Interface/review town procedures with new Board of Education position-Director of Facilities

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversees Information Technology
- Assisted in administration of Capital Projects –Senior Center/Crystal Lake School Addition/Renovation/Windermere Alterations/Improvements
- Continue close out of the Ellington High School Project Number 048-0050, and Center School Project Number 048-0051 for final state grant reimbursement
- Implementation of Pension changes to the ING 401A Money Purchase Plan
- Assist in overseeing the Board of Education Administration Building Roof Replacement project
- Bonding Resolution for additional appropriation to Senior Center \$400,000
- Bonding Resolution for Acquisition of Development Rights for Charter Farm \$193,635
- Bonding Resolution for Acquisition of Development Rights for McKnight Farm \$230,533
- Bond Anticipation Notes-DoJo Farm Preservation – April 4, 2012 – December 17, 2012
- Bond Anticipation Notes-DoJo Farm Preservation – December 17, 2012 – June 10, 2013
- Bond Anticipation Notes-DoJo Farm Preservation – June 10, 2013 – September 25, 2013
- Assisted in the implementation of the upgraded telephone system for Town hall and Town Hall Annex
- Commenced process of upgrading Payroll system
- Upgraded accounting system
- Worked on changing State Statue Section 7-148v-Competitive Bidding Requirements

The Finance Office requested and/or awarded bids on the following projects:

- RFQP-Architectural and Related Consultant Services for Crystal Lake and Windermere Elementary School Renovation Project
- Bid-To Provide Tree Trimming, Removal and Treatment Services
- Bid-To Provide Electrical Services

- Bid-Reconstruction of Brookside Park Tennis Courts
- Bid-Sewer Extension Stafford Road (RTE 30)
- Bid-Construction of a Senior Center Facility
- RFQP-Hazardous Materials Testing Services at Crystal Lake and Windermere Elementary Schools
- RFQP-Commissioning Authority for Indoor Air Quality and M/E/P System Renovations at Crystal Lake Elementary School
- RFP-Geotechnical Investigation and Engineering Services at Crystal Lake Elementary School
- Bid-EVAC 2013 Ambulance
- RFQP-Construction Cost Estimating Services Renovation Like New at Crystal Lake Elementary School and Windermere Elementary School
- Bid-Fertilization of Town and Board of Education Turf Areas
- RFQP-Construction Cost Estimating Services Addition and Renovations Like New at Crystal Lake Elementary School
- Bid-Ellington Avenue Sewer Extension
- Bid-To Provide Food Services at Town beach
- Bid-To Provide Electrical Services
- RFQP-Local Official Reviewer (Code Consultant)-Services Addition and Renovations Like New at Crystal Lake Elementary School and Windermere Elementary School Renovation Project
- Bid-Roof Replacements-Brookside Pavilion and Town Hall Annex

The Finance Office assisted the Board of Finance in the following areas:

- Budget preparation (tables and books) and capital improvement books
- Provided historical statistics for maintaining reserve and contingency funds
- Interim budget expenditures/revenue projections

The Finance Office assisted the Permanent Building Committee in the following areas:

- Senior Center Building Project
- Crystal Lake School Renovation, Addition, Alterations and Improvements Project
- Windermere School Renovations, Alterations, and Improvements Project
- Project accounting
- Grant reimbursements

TAX COLLECTOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of the real estate, motor vehicle, personal property taxes, water assessments, trash collection fees, sewer use and assessments. These responsibilities are governed by Connecticut State Statutes, Town Charter, and Town Ordinances.

A consistently high rate of collection is the key to fiscal stability for the town and remains the number one priority of the Tax Collector. Balancing the need to maintain a high rate of collection with the sensitivity necessary to deal with the individual taxpayer issues is an integral part of the tax collection function.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2011 Grand List was comprised of the following accounts:

5,853	Real Estate
927	Personal Property
15,738	Motor Vehicle
2,590	Supplemental Motor Vehicle

Totaling \$35,309,963

COMPARISON

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Current Collections	\$31,788,687	\$33,887,727	\$34,866,838
Back Collections	106,297	359,188	309,220
Interest & Liens	175,091	306,471	351,896
Collection Rate	98.7%	98.7%	98.7%

There are several statutory methods used to collect past due taxes. Liens are placed on all past due real estate accounts, demand letters are prepared and mailed and non-responsive accounts are referred to the Town Attorney for Tax Sales or foreclosure. UCC liens are filed with the Secretary of State on all past due personal property accounts. All past due motor vehicle accounts are reported to the State Department of Motor Vehicles, which prevents residents from renewing their registration.

The Tax Office provides ongoing technical information and assistance to taxpayers, attorneys, bankers, appraisers, and leasing companies. We deal electronically with escrow services and banks which make it more critical for the customer to ask questions if there is a discrepancy.

TOWN CLERK PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office consist of the following, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statutes govern the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Records.

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of absentee ballot election material for all elections, primaries, referenda.
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- Aircraft Registration Official
- Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings. All Town Meeting Minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.
- The Town Clerk also serves as accepting agent for civil actions brought against the Town and is responsible for processing claims and suits and submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On-line Dog registration is now available through the Town website.
- Awarded Historic Document Preservation Grant for \$3,500 to complete Vital Records preservation project.
- Land record indexes are available on the internet at no cost to public. Land record images are available at a nominal charge.
- All recorded survey and subdivision maps are available electronically for public retrieval in the Town Clerks office.

SUMMARY	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Births	155	108	137
Marriages	101	84	87
Deaths	83	73	86
Land Record Recordings	3022	2855	2983
Map Filings	36	38	37
Trade Names	46	67	51
Dog Licenses	2329	2328	2329
Kennel Licenses	9	8	8
Sportsman Licenses	357	295	496
Liquor Permits	16	10	10
Veterans Discharges	32	27	38
Cemetery Deeds		24	21
Aircraft Registration	32	31	25

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Planning Department services five permanent land use commissions. The commissions include the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Economic Development Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Conservation Commission. Department staff consists of a full-time Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Town Planner, a full-time Assistant Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer and a part-time Administrative Secretary.

In addition to carrying out planning, permitting and enforcement duties, department staff also provides assistance to members of the development community and to the general public. The planning department also coordinates closely with other town, state and federal agencies and their staff. Land use policies are created by the five commissions and then incorporated into local planning documents. Related policy objectives are then translated into land use regulations and related procedures. Planning Department staff assists elected and appointed officials to achieve these objectives by administering the regulations and procedures.

TOWN ATTORNEY

While land use work has remained relatively slow, we have wrestled with efforts to persuade some property owners of the necessity to bring their property into compliance with our zoning ordinance. For the first time we have found it necessary to resort to the citation ordinance for enforcement. Contract action on behalf of the town has been active with the construction of the Senior Center and the planning work for the renovations to the Crystal Lake and Windermere Schools. Both projects have required multiple contracts with consultants and contractors that will continue into next year and beyond. The Tax Collector has been energetic in attempting to resolve several outstanding tax issues that have resulted in tax sales and foreclosures and there remains one tax appeal scheduled for trial in september. There have been several small extensions to the sewer service system and unfortunately there remains an issue concerning ellington's share of the cost of renovation to the Stafford Sewer Treatment Plant that may result in additional litigation. As I have regularly reported, the fascination of the Town Attorney position is and has always been the variety of issues that must be addressed. It is and has been a pleasure to be a part of making Ellington a great place to live.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The PZC is responsible for maintaining and updating the Plan of Conservation and Development for the town, as well as processing subdivision, site plan, special permit, and other development applications. These applications are processed in accordance with regulations such as the zoning and subdivision regulations. In addition, the PZC reviews proposed public improvements for consistency with land use goals and objectives and makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the acceptance of proposed public streets and open space areas. Through its staff, the PZC is obligated by law to ensure that developments comply with applicable regulations and approved plans through the issuance of zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.

In 2012-2013, commission initiatives included pursuing the implementation of the goals and objectives of the revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The Connecticut General Statutes require that municipalities prepare or amend a

POCD at least every ten (10) years and the PZC last amended the plan in April of 2008. The POCD is primarily an advisory document and is intended to provide a framework of consistent decision making in conservation and development activities in town over the next ten years. More specifically, the POCD:

- Establishes land use policies to guide residential and commercial development in town;
- Encourages economic development;
- Protects natural, scenic and cultural resources, and promotes quality of life for residents;
- Enhances and preserves the rural character and small town aesthetics;
- Establishes zoning to promote development towards appropriate areas and away from sensitive areas;
- Creates more comprehensive and flexible land use regulations to effectively manage growth in a responsible manner.

Subdivision and zoning regulations are the main tools that the town uses to guide conservation and development practices and are derived from the POCD. Both sets of these regulations are now being reviewed and amended over the next several years in accordance with the goals and objectives of the POCD.

Other highlights of the past fiscal year include:

- One (1) zoning regulation amendment.
- One (1) subdivision regulation amendment.
- One (1) subdivision or re-subdivision application approved, resulting in one (1) new building lot.
- Twenty-six (26) other zoning applications were submitted composed of site plan reviews and modifications, special permits and modifications, earth excavation permits or renewals, zone changes or statutory referral reports.
- Nine (9) administrative actions were processed including extensions, release/reduction in bonding and changing approval classifications.
- Two (2) applications withdrawn.
- One (1) application denied.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY (IWA)

The IWA is responsible by state law to protect our inland wetlands and watercourses. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial (found along a watercourse or water body) and floodplain soils. Depending upon the location of the resource, the IWA regulates areas either one-hundred (100) feet or two-hundred and fifty (250) feet away from these resources, as well as direct impacts to wetlands and watercourses. The IWA does this via permits and through enforcement of the regulations by field inspections, notices, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten (10) Agency permit applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Ten (10) Administrative Agent applications approved/approved with modifications or conditions.
- Two (2) Requests for Notification of Permitted & Non-Regulated Uses.
- Two (2) Amendments to the Inland Wetland Regulations and one (1) Amendment to the Inland Wetland Map.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

The EDC is committed to fostering a pro-business environment which encourages a growing, sustainable and diverse tax base. The EDC continuously looks to facilitate communication between businesses and town officials. The EDC adopts policies consistent with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development and strives to improve the quality of life in Ellington.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to support the establishment of a tax abatement program for qualifying farm buildings, as provided for by the Connecticut General Statutes.
- Supported amendments to the Tax Abatement Policy clarifying the Purpose and Outcome and application requirements.
- Continued to support tax abatement/incentive programs such as C-PACE, a commercial property assessed clean energy program.
- Supported legislation to facilitate greater availability of natural gas for Ellington homes and businesses.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

The ZBA is essentially a court consisting of local volunteers who judge applicant's claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This land-based hardship can be the basis for the granting of a variance to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. In addition, the ZBA hears appeals from people who feel that department staff had made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations, or if they have been denied a zoning permit from the designated Enforcement Officer(s). The ZBA also currently approves locations for an applicant who desires to obtain a license for dealing in or repairing motor vehicles from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Although this authority given to the ZBA has been the subject of many statutory revisions in recent years, it is subject to change during any upcoming state legislative session.

HIGHLIGHTS

Reviewed thirteen (13) applications of which:

- Ten (10) variances approved (five (5) with modifications or conditions).
- Two (2) variance applications withdrawn.
- One (1) decision of the Town Planner reversed wholly.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (CC)

The CC focuses on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space and farmland preservation. The commission is advisory, and does not issue permits for development, rather its members make recommendations to the PZC, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, acquisition of farmland development rights and similar topics.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Continued to support three (3) properties for consideration under the Town Farmland Preservation Program. During this fiscal year the Myers Farm received final approval for permanent preservation of approximately seventy (70) acres. Created an on-line directory of Preserved Farms and a summary explaining how development rights of farmland are purchased while the farm owner retains ownership.
- Continued to support the Hockanum River Trail Association in their efforts to create and maintain trails in and around the Hockanum River.
- Continued an ongoing interest in monitoring Crystal Lake and its water quality concerns.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Site improvements started in the previous year were completed in the Fall of 2012. New entry and storm doors were installed in all 42 apartments. All ventilation fans and related ductwork were replaced. Two existing apartments were converted to full ADA compliant handicapped units. Most of the funds for this work came from a Small Cities Grant, which the Town made available to the Housing Authority.

During the year, two tenants passed away, two moved elsewhere, and 6 new tenants moved in. At the end of the previous year, the two apartments undergoing handicapped conversion were vacant.

The newly-formed Housing Subcommittee, created to explore the possibility of building additional affordable elderly housing in town, met several times. The subcommittee met with several Town officials to solicit input as to identifying the need, possible sites, funding sources, and other similar matters. Town Planner, Rob Phillips, provided a list of 13 vacant lots on or near to water and sewer services, to consider. Owners of some of these sites have been contacted regarding availability. At year end, the committee was preparing to request predevelopment funding from the (newly created) State Department of Housing. Such funds would be used to conduct market studies, site evaluations, preliminary structure design, and any other prerequisites to construction funding.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five-member board with the responsibility for the administration and maintenance of the two sewer systems in the Town, the Hockanum Sewer System that collects residential and commercial sewage for treatment at the Vernon Sewer Plant and the Crystal Lake Sewer System that collects residential sewage for treatment at the Stafford Sewer Plant. All town sewer maintenance is handled by the Public Works Department, by agreement with the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed Stafford Rd. Sewer Extension
- Granted addition flows to County Pure Foods

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars' of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve four-year terms.

The Democratic Registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican Registrar is Wanda DeLand.

The registrars are responsible for organizing and conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for registering and maintaining accurate voter records for the town and numerous other duties.

This past year, the Presidential Election was held. The percentage of registered voters who actually voted was 76.8%.

The town is divided into two districts. District #1 currently has 1,832 registered Democrats, 1,729 registered Republicans, 3,789 registered unaffiliated voters and 86 registered voters from other political parties. District #2 has 520 registered Democrats, 498 registered Republicans, 1,095 registered unaffiliated and 32 registered voters from other political parties.

The total number of registered voters in the Town of Ellington is currently 9,581 which is an increase of 481 registered voters from the preceding year.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has eleven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The duties of this board are to investigate sites for future public building and to

make recommendations as requested by the Town Meeting for acquisition and construction of all building projects and/or work with construction costs of over \$20,000. The Committee may investigate sites and make recommendations of acquisition and construction of building projects and/or work with construction costs of less than \$20,000 if requested to do so by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee undertakes such functions as: surveying sites, recommending acquisition, preparation and disposition of sites and buildings, engaging architects and engineers through quality base selection, approving plans, procuring bids and entering into contracts for construction, supervising construction and accepting work as authorized and delegated by the Town Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- During fiscal Year 2012-13 the Permanent Building Committee was very busy with the Crystal Lake School Renovation/Addition and Windermere School Alteration project and the Senior Center Project and met 16 times.
- The Senior Center project went out to bid and came back over budget. Value engineering was done and items eliminated from the project. Millennium Builders received the contract and went to work assisting with the value engineering. The taxpayers approved an additional appropriation and items are being reinstated. The building is progressing, the foundation, shell and windows, as well utilities and some site work have been completed. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2014.
- Silver Petrucelli & Associates was hired as the architect for the Crystal Lake and Windermere School projects. An option to hire a construction manager was explored and it was decided not to hire one due to the potential cost. A schematic for Crystal Lake School addition as well as the Windermere School was chosen and approved by the users and the drawings have been presented to the State for approval. An independent estimator and third party reviewer has been hired to review the budget and the plans. Peter Williams was hired as the owner's representative for the two school projects.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (BAA)

The purpose of the BAA is to hear appeals of taxpayers who believe there is an error in the assessed value of their real estate, motor vehicle or personal property. The three member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen conducts appeal hearings and adjusts assessed values, if necessary, based on the board's determinations.

The BAA conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March and hearings for motor vehicles in September. Shortly after the appeal, the BAA deliberates and the applicant is notified by mail prior to the first day of either April for real estate and personal property or October for motor vehicles of the Board's decision.

Taxpayers who feel their property is incorrectly assessed should visit the Town Assessor's Office and complete an appeal application prior to the cutoff date of February 20th. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing scheduled in March. Motor vehicle appeals held in September may be completed on the night of the hearing and are heard on a first come first heard basis.

AD-HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

The water quality in Crystal Lake continues to be very good. The annual maintenance was performed in the main body of the lake. Milfoil, Large Leaf Pondweed and Red Leaf Pondweed was removed. The majority of the plants were removed from the Dam Area, the entrance to Northeast Cove, the entrance to Aborn Cove and in a deep water area off of Aborn Cove.

An Aquatic Plant Survey was conducted by Northeast Aquatic

Research in the fall to verify the contractor's plant removal work and to make recommendations for work to be performed in FY 2013-2014. No milfoil was found in the main channel of the Dam Area or in shallow water portions (5' or less) of the main body of the lake. Several milfoil plants were found off of the Town Beach in water between 5' and 8' deep. Large Leaf Pondweed was only found in the two coves. Red Leaf Pondweed was present off-shore and to the east and west of the mouth of the Northeast Cove as well as in both coves.

Northeast Aquatic Research conducted a second plant survey in June (at no cost to the Town) to verify and map the locations of the plants to be removed. Their recommendations for FY 2013-2014 are: Conduct the annual maintenance in the main body of the lake and the Dam Area; Monitor and remove plants in the "hot spots" off of the Northeast Cove and Aborn Cove; Remove milfoil along the shores at the Dam Area; Concentrate on the removal of milfoil in Aborn Cove; Consider removal of milfoil in the Route 140 Pond (near the Town Beach); and Conduct an aquatic plant survey in the fall of 2013.

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police is to protect life and property. The team consists of a Sergeant, four Resident State Troopers, twelve Town Officers, three Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland. The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads. Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. In conjunction with the Town of Ellington Youth Services and the Ad Hoc Council For Developing Positive Youth Culture, we continue working on an Underage Drinking Grant which is allowing the police more patrols specifically targeting underage drinking.
- The Town-wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome residents of any neighborhood to contact our office for help in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program.
- During the past year the Resident Troopers and Town Officers made numerous presentations to schools and civic groups regarding drug abuse, drunken driving, seatbelt safety, home and business security, careers in law enforcement and various other issues concerning public safety.
- The Ellington Marine Officers continue to administer vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake enforcing both State Statutes and Town Ordinances that promote water safety.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The following is a brief summary of the Police Team's Major Activities:

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Criminal Cases Investigated	247	243	302
Motor Vehicle Investigations	162	187	174
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	1,807	2,736	3,318
DWI's	39	26	18
Marine Safety Inspections	717	780	759
Calls for Services	5,788	7,071	11,420

BUILDING OFFICIAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Building Official is responsible for the public safety, health and welfare, as it relates to the use and occupancy of all town buildings and structures.

The Building Official's office is located in the Town Hall Annex.

Building inspections are generally done the next day after notification is given to the Building Official.

ACTIVITY REPORT

	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
New Single Family Homes	30	40	21	35	40
New Commercial Buildings	4	0	0	0	2
New Multi-Family Buildings	4	3	0	8	0
Residential Alteration & Additions	64	66	52	49	44
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	174	168	173	200	158
Mechanical/Electrical	651	600	541	707	669
Other	149	126	132	152	149
Totals	1,076	1,003	919	1,151	1,062
Field Inspections	1,276	1,198	976	1,305	1,291

FIRE MARSHAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Department of Town Fire Marshal performs both investigative and code enforcement roles within our community. Direct responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by Connecticut General Statutes. Administrative and criminal search warrant applications and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed with the court system when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of all buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are mandated (more than 2,000 inspections) by state statute. This requires enforcement of the following State of Connecticut codes: Fire Safety, Fire Prevention, Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Hazardous Chemicals, Explosives, Liquid Petroleum Gas, Liquid Natural Gas, Gas Equipment, Fireworks and Special Effects, Oil Burner Equipment, Tents and Portable Shelters. Numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes are also enforced. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes and arrest warrants are prepared when appropriate. In cooperation with the appropriate state agencies, permits are processed for all liquor establishments, day care centers, group day care homes, explosives operations, and all trucks transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed and approved prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning is regulated, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals are regulated, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary. Of the more than three hundred enforcement citations issued, many resulted in the issuance of construction permits with those fees reflected in the Building Department revenues.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

<i>Selected statistics covering past 20 years</i>	1992-1993	2002-2003	2012-2013
Investigations	131	53	40
Criminal	66	19	5
Non-criminal	26	27	31
Undetermined	39	6	4
Fire Casualties: Fatal	2	0	0
Non-Fatal	0	4	1
Building Fires	21	20	20
Motor Vehicle Fires	10	5	4
All Other Fires	19	16	12
Hazardous Materials Incidents	9	8	1
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$ 74.5	\$ 168.1	\$ 159.0
Criminal	\$ 40.73	\$ 35.0	\$ 0
Non-criminal	\$.3	\$ 130.0	\$ 135.3
Suspicious	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Undetermined	\$ 33.4	\$ 3.6	\$ 23.7
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X \$1000)	\$ 1,402.0	\$ 1,434.6	\$ 4,768.5
Enforcement Inspections	105	337	1,118
Commercial	11	27	167
Public Assembly	10	19	41
Educational	7	20	13
Residential (Multi-family)	11	238	874
Hazardous Materials	66	10	4
Other	0	24	19
State Licenses and Permits Approved	76	52	18
Open Burning Permits Processed/Approved	N/A	30/24	15/14
Enforcement Citations Issued	74	272	301
Arrests and/or Referrals	3	6	0

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Gary T. Feldman, Sr.

DEPUTY CHIEFS: Brendan L. Burke, Karl S. Neubecker

CAPTAINS: Robert Smith, Jack Rich, II

LIEUTENANTS: Thomas Adams, Valerie Adams

SECRETARY: Jae-P Levitan

TREASURER: Elizabeth Feldman



MEMBERS

Jonathan Allen	Sarah Gambacorta	Bryan Platt
Clayton Bannock	Vincent Gambacorta	Keith Ruff
Brandon Bartell	Mitchell Griswold	Andrew Slicer
Fred Bird	Peter Hany, Jr.	Randall Smith
Bryan Blotniski	Bradford Hoffman	Kelly Toomey
Steven Breault, Sr.	Blaize Levitan	Regan Toomey
Dominick Cristelli	Jae-P Levitan	Dennis C. Varney
Richard Daugherty	John Meigel	John W. Turner*
Donald Davis	Debra Messier	Frederica Weeks
Robert Federigan	Andrew Nelson	
Gary Feldman, Jr.	Earl Palmer-Lavoie	
Kevin Gambacorta	Daniel Parisi	
Kim Gambacorta	Jeff Parent	

*2010 Firefighter of the Year

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Jerry Connors	Jack Rich
Authur Caldwell	Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Daniel Connors	Allan Lawrence, Jr.	Allen Smith

EXPLORER MEMBERS

Michael Bahler	Zachary Greco	Doug Parent
Tim Bahler	Zachary Hazzard	John Vogel
Kevin Gilson	Matthew Moser	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Stephan Chase

Ted Graziani

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. We are proud recognize over 80 years of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's mission is the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies in the Town of Ellington; to honor all emergency calls, and to support fire prevention education activities. Currently the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department is rated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) as a class 5/8B. During the past several years, the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth, the town has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

The greatest care and concern are given to those who become injured. The most up to date rescue tools and techniques are used to extricate those who have become injured as the result of a motor vehicle or industrial accidents. Our rescue personnel work with the Ellington Ambulance to provide the best possible care for the injured. For those patients in need of advanced life support or trauma team services, the Rockville General Hospital Paramedic Unit, frequently supported by the LifeStar Helicopter transport team, are requested.

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. formally signed a multi-year agreement in 2009 to provide services to the Town of Ellington as outlined in the Town of Ellington Charter as revised.

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the state is experiencing shortages of manpower. It is not easy with today's employment and family commitments to be a volunteer firefighter. Many hours of training are required to be a part of our emergency service delivery team.

For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., Visit our award winning websites at www.ellingtonfire.org , facebook.com/ellingtonfd or leave us a message at 870-3190.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a summary of emergency response statistics for the time period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. During this period, the department responded to 703 emergency calls, 563 hours, donated more than 5977 man-hours for emergency services.

Significant incident activity for the year included single family home structure fires, and several a large mutual aid fires. Most significant were the extensive volunteer hours spent responding to and assisting residents and businesses in the aftermath of super storm Sandy and the significant snow event in early spring.

To report an emergency, enhanced 911 telephone services are available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center. The following outlines the emergency activity and related services provided by the department to the Town of Ellington:

Fire, Explosion	38
Structural/Building fire	12
Cooking fire	1
Chimney/Fuel Burner/Boiler malfunction	4
Vehicle/Mobile property fire	3
Forest, brush, grass, crop fires	7
Refuse, construction, dumpster fire	7
Outside Equipment fire	3
Excessive heat, scorch with no ignition	1
Rescue Call	427
Emergency Medical Call/ Assist	376
Vehicle Accident, Extrication from vehicle	45
Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Accident.....	2
Search for Person on Land	4

Hazardous Condition Standby.....	59
Flammable / Combustible liquid spill	4
Chemical hazard spill or leak	2
Carbon monoxide incident	9
Power line down.....	11
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	9
Accident other	4
Vehicle accident no extrication	20
Service Call.....	53
Service call, other	7
Person in Distress, other	2
Water or steam problem, other	2
Smoke, odor removal	4
Police or other govt. agency assist	9
Public service assistance	12
Cover assignment, standby, move up	17
Good Intent Call	37
Good intent call, other	4
Cancelled en-route, wrong location	6
Authorized controlled burning	10
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor.....	12
EMS Call party transported prior to arrival	1
Hazardous materials investigation	3
False Call.....	77
False call, other	7
Alarm system malfunction.....	26
Unintentional alarm	37
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	7
Other Type of Incident	12
Wind Storm, tornado assessment	12

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the year Ellington firefighters spent over 8000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of planning, management skills, interoperable communications, incident command and regional response plans. Training sessions were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: National Incident Management System (NIMS), Rural Water Supply and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also hosted and sponsored several courses this past year including; Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials and OSHA reviews.

Attendance at regionally sponsored training programs included classes in the following skills; firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercises, decontamination, management and planning, water rescue, and several areas of technical rescue. The Connecticut Fire Academy, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Fire Academy, or some other recognized organization/agency accredited all courses attended.

Members of our department also attended specialty courses held at several International Fire Chiefs Conferences and the New England Fire Chiefs Conference in Springfield, Mass.

Live burn exercises were conducted regionally by EVFD personnel for area departments and using the Departments Live Burn Trailer, that was funded by a federal grant.

We are very proud of our high levels of training and certifications held by our members in Ellington. Several of our members are adjunct faculty for many of the area regional fire schools as well as the State Fire and Emergency Medical Training programs.

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

Fire Fighter I	13
Fire Fighter II/III	20
Fire Service Instructor I	9
Fire Service Instructor II	4
Fire Officer I	7
Fire Officer II	5

Safety Officer	6
Pump Operator	5
Aerial Operator	8
Hazardous Materials Operational.....	14
Hazardous Materials Technician	18
Emergency Medical Technician	18
Emergency Medical Responder.....	21
Emergency Medical Services Instructor.....	4

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

Several of our officers and members are also very active within regional and state organizations. Michael Varney was awarded the 2012 Fire Department Instructor of the Year award from the Connecticut Fire Department Instructor's Association. The officers listed held the following leadership positions in these organizations; Michael Varney, President of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and board member of the CT Fire Chiefs Associations, Lieutenant Frederica Weeks, Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association Treasurer. Chief Varney also is a Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Plan Coordinator as well as serving on several other regional and statewide workgroups. Chief Varney was also a contributing member Volunteer Combination Officers Section Strategic Planning Task Force, IAFC Technology Council and Economic Challenges Task Force. These again show the dedication of our members and the respect they receive through the state with their training and leadership. In addition Jack Turner currently serves as the Tolland County Coordinator.

EQUIPMENT

A new gear all-terrain vehicle was purchased with capital funds and placed in service. It has already been used on several occasions to provide search and rescue operations in remote and hard to access areas of the town. The department's radio equipment was upgraded to fulfill federal narrow banding requirements.

All safety inspections for apparatus and equipment were conducted as required by DOT, DMV, OSHA and NFPA. It should be noted that extensive efforts are necessary to meet these regulations. Examples of specific annual tests include: Apparatus, Ladder, Hose, Pump, SCBA, SCBA Cylinders, and all Fire Extinguishers.

This year we continued a program with the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to consolidate the purchase of our respective agencies emergency medical service equipment and supplies. This promotes standardization of equipment and the leverage of bulk purchases.

FACILITY

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department continues to occupy a second facility through a lease agreement. This additional facility is located in the southwest section of town on Nutmeg Drive. This facility allows our department to respond from a location with a ladder / pumper truck, fire pumper and a small rescue, as well as store the utility terrain vehicle (gator). The Center Fire House located at 29 Main Street houses 8 vehicles, several trailers and all dept offices, equipment and records. Department meetings and trainings are also conducted at this facility. During this year we continued with our regular maintenance and safety inspections.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Members are active participants in several regional and statewide teams supporting regional emergency service activities. Members actively participate on The Capital Regional Hazardous Materials Response and Incident Management Teams and the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Dive Team and Search and Rescue Team. The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department also actively participates on several State Fire Rescue Disaster Plan; Strike Teams and Task Forces. Responses of our members of these teams included several incident management team activations around the state, hazardous materials incidents in the capitol region, dive team responses throughout the Tolland County area and Strike Team and Task Force deployments in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER / EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is open to youths between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. Explorers participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they engage in their own training and activities. This program continued its affiliation with the National Fire Service Exploring program. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization as fully training members.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 20 public education presentations were conducted. The majority of emphasis is placed on the younger children trying to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and mind a safety presence. These included visiting the Elementary schools, K through Grade 2, the area nursery schools, Pre-K programs, and the Senior Center and participated as a TRIAD member providing support to this program fun through the Town Social Service office. During the year we also gave numerous tours to groups of our firehouse and spoke to other organizations on fire and safety related issues. Please contact us if you would like to set up an appointment for us to host or speak to your organization.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

It is essential that we continue to support the volunteer character of the emergency services that protect our community. To aid in this effort the Town of Ellington's emergency services instituted a program to provide funds to run a volunteer incentive program in an attempt to attract new volunteers as well as increase the activity of the current members. Members are paid a monetary stipend based on their activity levels. Since the inception of the program, we believe the program has benefited the town by attracting more members and increasing the activity of the existing staff.

FUTURE PLANNING

The Town is experiencing an increased growth rate and we are planning now to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for improved facilities, apparatus replacement and relocation are areas of immediate concern. The Town has appointed an Emergency Services Committee and had previously hired a consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies to address these areas which need improvement.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 81st year of our service to the community a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the Internet at www.ellingtonfire.org or www.facebook.com/ellingtonfd.

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

This office has several key functions that help to deliver efficient emergency services to the citizens of Ellington. Jack Turner was appointed Ellington's E911 Municipal Coordinator in July of 1985 by the Board of Selectmen. Since the start of the statewide E911 emergency network your local coordinator has maintained a Master Street Address Guide, MSAG, for the telephone computer database. This insures that all streets and all numbers assigned to properties on those streets are within the parameters of the E911 database guide. New streets are added to the database at time of construction. Existing streets are adjusted for extensions or additional lots. Several times during the course of a year conflicts will arise and need to be reviewed by this office. The Coordinator consults with the Planning Department and Building Official concerning street names and house numbering.

In cooperation with the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Connecticut State Police Resident Troopers Office, this office insures the efficient handling of all 911 calls for assistance. As a member of a regional dispatch center, the Town of Ellington is able to provide a professional answering and dispatch service at a very economical rate.

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAP's is in place and is distributing funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are distributed to all eligible dispatch centers. The funding formula for distribution of these revenues supplements capital improvements and dispatcher training. That funding has been held to FY 09-10 funding levels. Any increase in operating expenses, salary or capital costs will most likely be passed along to the member towns of the regional center in the future.

Efforts have continued to further develop the use of the Computer Aided Dispatch, CAD programs to further benefit the user agencies.

Increase usage of the system, communications coverage and inter operability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee as they move forward to implement the long range plan. Dispatch software upgrades, base radio replacements and compliance with the FCC narrow banding requirements are being addressed.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Chris Marks

DEPUTY CHIEF: Brian Pippin

CAPTAINS: Rob Edwards, Timothy Seitz

LIEUTENANTS: Bryan Harvell, Britney Edwards, Erik Person

SECRETARY: Lois Goodin

TREASURER: John Strieber



MEMBERS

Mike Allen	Richard Legare	Cindy Rivard
John Aubin	Bob Ludwig	Doug Rogala
Jessica Casey	Sam Ludwig	Paul Secker
Brandon Clark	Elaine Lupoletti	Annemarie Seitz
Dannielle Decina	Ashley Marks	Timothy Seitz
Tom Descheneaux	Chris Marks	John Streiber
Britney Edwards	Erik Person	Bryan Sutton
Rob Edwards	Brian Pippin	Susan Trisler
Bryan Harvell	Chuck Pippin	John Wrynn
Brian Legare	Stephanie Pratt	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell	Jessica Harvell	Cindy Bregoli
Reka Wrynn	Larry Booth	David Bregoli
Sarah Rogala	Frank Sutton	Lois Goodin

LIFE MEMBERS

William Morrison	Paul McDonald	Thomas Trapp
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis

CO-CHAIRMEN: John Wrynn

CLERK: Tonya Glomboske

BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

The Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department proudly continues to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Crystal Lake community while providing assistance to surrounding communities. The department is staffed by state certified firefighters, emergency medical technicians and emergency medical responders. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of the members that makes the success of the department possible.

With the responsibility of responding to a variety of emergencies, members maintained or advanced required skills through in-house training drills and by attending courses offered by the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Fire School, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercise, thermal imaging camera technology, water rescue, and ice rescue.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department has certified scuba divers on the department. Department members certified as divers may also participate as part of the Tolland County Dive Team. These members train with the dive team attending drills and meetings each month.

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Responders, work side-by-side with Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps to ensure the best pre-hospital medical care possible. In addition, for serious medical emergencies requiring advanced care we work with the ASM & AMR Paramedics and the Life-Star Helicopter. Our members train diligently and routinely to make sure our patients receive excellent pre-hospital care.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department currently has over 30 members on our roster. The department is continuously looking to expand its membership with new members. We also offer a junior program to the youth of the community. Junior members are able to join at sixteen years of age and train and operate with the fire department members under the supervision of an advisor.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-4 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, and most importantly fire prevention.

The Crystal Lake Fire Department would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support in our efforts as we strive to make our community a safe place to live in. We would also like to thank all the businesses and residents of the Crystal Lake area for their support in the community and all donated monies toward the purchase of equipment. We hope for everyone's continued support and hope the best for the community and all the residents.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town Emergency Plan as filed with the State Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Department of Emergency Management/Homeland Security concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. We will be utilizing the Town web site to give tips on preparing an Emergency Communications Plan, an Emergency Supply kit, plans for Persons with Special Needs and more. Also, the new Emergency Notification System (ENS) is up and running. Please remember that this system is an OPT-IN SYSTEM, which means that you must sign up for the COMMUNITY ALERTS that the system offers. Please see the Town Web Site for more details or call the Emergency Management Office at 860-870-3182. The Office is manned part time so please leave a message if no answer and someone will

get back to you. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

Conceived by former President Bush after Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the south, while recognizing the need for communities to become more self-reliant in the first 72 hours after a disaster, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was born and is supported by Federal and Local Homeland Security Departments. The Ellington CERT is supported and managed by the Ellington Office of Emergency Management. In addition to training of new recruits along with the basic CERT class, we have been busy learning additional specialties in order to create a diverse team that will be able to handle a multitude of tasks. Within the next two years we would like to form a Mountain Bike Team and solidify our Animal Sheltering Team, our Animal Shelter Team coordinator has written procedures and items needed for those residents who choose to bring their pets with them when they have to go to a shelter. We train all CERT members in all aspects of CERT functions.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members are able to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

We now have three Certified Trainers for the Community Emergency Response Team along with Certified Trainers from the Vernon and Somers CERT. We are now able to train our people to be CERT members without having to wait for an outside instructor. Our group has grown since we started just four short years ago. We have been activated for major storms but we have also been activated for other activities in our town as well as our neighboring towns of Somers and Vernon. If you would like information on how you can help your families, neighbors and fellow citizens by joining the Ellington CERT, please call the Emergency Management office at (860)870-3182 or email the Deputy Director of the Emergency Management Office, John Streiber, at jstreiber@ellington-ct.gov.

2012 – 2013 was not to be outdone by the previous two years, as far as major weather events. The Office of Emergency Management was busy with conference calls for weather updates, working with different town agencies to make sure town services were returned as quickly as possible. Since STORM ALFRED, CL&P has created programs that will help the towns get the needed information in a quick and efficient manner. We participated in the MAKE SAFE PROGRAM that CL&P developed as result of previous storms. This program places crews in a strategic location so they can be dispatched from locations closer to the towns in the area. We had a LINE CREW and TREE CREW in town for HURRICANE SANDY and they provided the help we needed to make sure we could get the roads opened for our emergency vehicles. These crews worked very closely with our DPW. The Town Emergency Operations Center was opened for four days for HURRICANE SANDY. In February when we had the Blizzard and the EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER was opened from Friday at 1800 hours until noon on Saturday. We did not have as much snow for the winter as we had the previous two winters but this storm dump a large amount of snow in a short time.

The Office of Emergency Management maintains and operates Town of Ellington Emergency Operations Center from which critical town government functions are conducted during any large-scale emergency situation, maintenance of an emergency shelter of record.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: Peter Hany, Sr.
VICE PRESIDENT: Dan Flanagan
SECRETARY: Matt Lontz
TREASURER: Nancy Stillman
TRAINING: Brandan Bartell
SCHEDULING: Doreen Connor
SUPPLY: Don Lanier
MAINTENANCE: Joe Glomboske
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Wendy Pospisil
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS



ACTIVE MEMBERS

Doreen Connor	Wendy Pospisil	Peter Hany Sr.
Nancy Stillman	Dan Flanagan	Jennifer Hays
Renee Cyr	Alexis D'Aloisio	Bruce Hoffman
Dawn Gerber	Andrew Slicer	Matt Lontz
Cassandra Smith	Eric Thepsiri	Nicole Fillion
Annalise Hurley	Brandon Bartell	Gregory York
Don Lanier	Joe Glomboske	Laura Lakenbach

PAID STAFF

Kim Courville	Kristin Fries	Debbie Schiessl
Bryan Goulet	Tonya Glomboske	Brittany Martin
	Kerri Pliszka	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Krista Schulz	Becky York	Barry Lanz
	Diane Turner	

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

Paige Flanagan	Narda Nadeau	Elise Juliano
	Matt Morrisette	

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Jean-Marie Currier	Angie Sandberg
Ray Close	Denise Rioux	John Watts

The Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Inc. (EVAC) is a dedicated group of volunteers and paid personnel. EVAC is responsible for providing emergency medical service to the Town of Ellington and its surrounding communities, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EVAC responded to 1001 EMS requests during the previous year, 78 of which were in the Crystal Lake district. EVAC also responded to 35 mutual aid calls to the towns surrounding Ellington. All crews and equipment meet or exceed the State of Connecticut requirements and remain fully licensed through examination and inspection.

An active first response system allows EVAC and both fire departments to render immediate lifesaving care when it is needed most. All members are provided with emergency medical supplies and are encouraged to respond whenever possible. Additionally, automated external defibrillators (AED's) are provided to most active members for rapid response to victims in acute cardiac arrest.

EVAC continues its commitment to current and ongoing training by sending representatives to both State and National EMS conference's. This allows EVAC members to remain educated concerning the latest challenges and updates affecting the provision and delivery of emergency medical services. In addition, EVAC remains an active source of first aid and CPR training to various organizations and individuals in our community. As part of this commitment, the number and locations of AED's in town has been expanded to provide ease of public access during cardiac arrests. As a result of this effort the Town of Ellington was designated a Heartsafe Community by the American Heart Association.

As a responsible municipal member of the Town of Ellington, EVAC is working in conjunction with other departments and the town to streamline services and reduce costs to the taxpayers whenever possible. In addition to the centralization of the AED program, EVAC is the central purchasing point for all EMS supplies for town wide fire and rescue services. Funding for this is provided by utilizing money generated by ambulance billing resulting in a reduction of the town budget.

EXPLORER RESCUE POST 512

EVAC continues to look to the future by providing sponsorship for Explorer Rescue Post 512. All of these high school students assist EVAC by responding to calls during the daytime hours. All Post members become certified by the State of Connecticut as EMR's or EMT's and most continue their medical education beyond high school graduation. Members are held to high academic standards in addition to the rigorous medical training they must excel at. The Rescue Post is one of only two programs in the State of Connecticut that allows students to ride on ambulances and has been active in Ellington for over 45 years. In addition to emergency medical service exposure, Post members participate in various events throughout the year that benefit both the community and EVAC.

Rescue Post 512 could not function without the adult advisors who volunteer their time and knowledge.

Tonya Glomboske, Head Advisor	Deb Schiessl
Joe Glomboske	Kim Courville
Kristin Fries	Laura Lackenbach
Bryan Goulet	

HIGHLIGHTS

For the past two years, EVAC has been mailing surveys to patients asking them to evaluate their experience with the ambulance service and responding personnel. The overwhelming majority of responses have been positive and any improvements suggested are thoroughly evaluated.

EVAC and Ellington Rescue Post members participated in a mass casualty incident drill held at Bradley Airport in September. The drill simulated a large plane crash and served to satisfy FAA requirements that such an exercise be held every 3 years.

Representatives from EVAC joined other health care providers at the State capitol to urge legislators to pass a law requiring CPR to be taught in all Connecticut High Schools.

EVAC continued the tradition of awarding scholarships to graduating Rescue Post members who planned to continue their education in the medical field.

MEMBERSHIP

Like any active organization, EVAC is always looking for good members. Prospective members must be committed to providing high quality emergency care at any hour of the day. EVAC provides uniforms, continuing education and equipment at no cost to all members.

For additional information call EVAC at (860)870-3170 or visit us on the web at www.ellingtonambulance.org.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support as we strive to make our community a safer place to live.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Ellington Animal Control is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut State Laws pertaining to domestic animals. This department responds to complaints of violations of Animal Control Laws by telephone or by police dispatch. The officer also investigates complaints of vicious, diseased or neglected and abused animals as well as picking up stray and roaming dogs. Impounded animals are cared for at the shelter by the officer. Unclaimed animals are carefully evaluated before being placed for adoption. Following the month of June, when all dog owners must renew their dog licenses, a search for unlicensed dogs on our delinquent list begins. The Officers are available to assist the police or the public with any animal emergency. This department also works closely with Emergency Management to ensure a plan is in place to provide temporary shelter for residents and their pets together, in the event of a disaster. The Animal Control Department makes every effort to insure that all functions of this department and the operation of the shelter are carried out in the most economical manner with cost savings in mind, while providing the highest degree of professional service to the townspeople.

STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach and Assistant Animal Control Officer, Ashlee Leone. The shelter is open Monday - Friday between 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. and Saturday - Sunday from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. To speak with an animal control officer please call 860-870-3155. Appointments are recommended to visit the pets for adoption. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. The Animal Control Officer is available for emergency calls by contacting the Ellington Resident Troopers Office. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals or wildlife that has had contact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State D.E.P. Wildlife Department and they can be reached at: 860-424-3011. All routine calls will be handled during the normal shelter hours. Ellington Animal Control provides assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate about laws, solve problems and offer advice on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control will be conducting the yearly 'Door to Door' survey in search of unlicensed dogs. This survey is requested by the State of CT. per Section 22-347 of the CT. General Statutes. The completed survey allows the town to keep a larger percentage of the revenue from the dog license fees. The Survey is also a way of verifying dog license compliance and the requirement for current rabies vaccinations, as the dog owner must present a copy of the dog's rabies certificate when obtaining a license. Rabies Vaccination of pets is extremely important with the incidents of Rabies in the state. Pets, if not protected from rabies, can serve as a vector in the transmission of this fatal disease to humans.

Join Ellington Animal Control's Facebook page to stay up to date on news, lost & found animals and pets available for adoption. Our Facebook page has been a great asset to our department, to spread word fast and efficiently. We are very grateful for the support and help we get through our network of "friends". Keeping the community involved and up to date on current events and news is extremely important for our department. We do ask that you please contact our office directly by telephone for such as complaints, so we can attend to them promptly.

The State of CT Animal Population Control Program, is currently offering a Low-Income Pet Sterilization voucher. This program helps CT low-income residents by providing vaccination/sterilization vouchers for their pets. An application must be completed and submitted to the CT State Animal Control Division. Applications are available at our office. To qualify, the applicant must already qualify for one of six low-income state assistance programs listed on the application. For more information, please call (860) 713-2507.

This past June, we coordinated our 2nd Annual Rabies Clinic with the Ellington Center Animal Clinic and the Ellington Farmer's Market. Dr. Prichard was on staff, along with several volunteers, to administer Rabies vaccines and implant Microchips. All proceeds from the microchips and vaccines were donated to our shelter, to help impounded animals in need of medical attention. We administered almost doubled the amount of vaccines as last year! Thank you to the Ellington Farmer's Market for allowing us to be there and partake in the festivities, as well as the Ellington Center Animal Clinic for helping coordinate such a great fundraiser for the shelter. This year we were able to use some of the donated money to help an older impounded poodle mix that came to us in rough shape. She was in desperate need of some medical attention and a grooming. With the help of the Ellington Center Animal Clinic we were able to have blood work done, a Rabies vaccine given, and have her teeth cleaned up. Next stop, she was off to the groomer. Fancy Feet Grooming in Vernon was kind enough to give us a discounted rate to get Suzie more comfortable and into a

wonderful summer cut. She was adopted a few days later and on to a wonderful new life.

In an attempt to utilize our town resources, we have started a blog on Patch.com. Our department has been posting useful information about animal related topics or events, in an effort to reach more people in the Somers/Ellington area. It is another great way for us to spread the word about upcoming events, pets for adoption, and educational information. We hope to make regular posts in the future and keep the community involved with the happenings here at Ellington Animal Control.

PET ADOPTION

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets. This site is located at: <http://www.ellingtonaco.petfinder.com>. This free website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes, as well as post found animals in search of their owners. The adoptable animals are spending less time in the shelter waiting to be adopted. The Internet has offered us greater exposure for advertising these homeless pets for adoption.

Dogs and cats are adopted out under the Connecticut Animal Population Control Program. This program is for pets adopted from a Connecticut municipal shelter and provides two free vaccinations and assists with the costs of sterilization. The Animal Population Control Program intends to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats and to also reduce the cost and burden to the towns coping with pet overpopulation. The fee for adopting a pet from a pound in Connecticut is \$50 that includes a voucher for vaccinations and sterilization.

Adopted dogs will continue to be micro-chipped, at a minimal cost to the adoptee. This is made possible from the help of Home Again Microchips. The reason behind micro-chipping, is to be able to reunite lost pets back to their owners and for animals to spend minimal time in a shelter. Ensure that your pet will be returned to you and contact our office or your local veterinarian, to have your pet micro-chipped. If your pet is already micro-chipped, please make sure it is registered with your current address and phone number.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

We are always grateful for the donations that are brought to us throughout the year. The dogs especially love the treats, toys, and rawhides. Our most used items that we are always in need of, is dog food and bleach. If we have enough blankets and towels we pass extras along to other shelters in need.

As some of you may know, our facilities are a little outdated. We would love a new pound, but we thought we would take baby steps this year. We have utilized the use of a shed that was no longer being used by Public Works. This has made a huge improvement in the organization of supplies and donated items. Our department is planning on pushing forward with researching our options for building a new facility. As the town grows around us, unfortunately the animal facilities are being forgotten. As the population of people grows, so does the amount of animals in town. Our limited hours here and outdated resources are a concern. Eventually our department is going to have to catch up. In the future, please support our efforts for having a new animal control facility constructed.

"Man, unlike animals, has never learned that the sole purpose in life is to enjoy it." ~Samuel Butler

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Complaints Investigated	1040	1068	1126
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	53	46	39
Animals Adopted	28	27	36
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	7	5	5
Animal Bites	27	34	42
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	11	9	6
Infractions/Summons Issued	6	8	13
Total Impounded Animals	99	88	81
Licensed Dogs	2328	2315	2328

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

It is the duty of the Department of Public Works to maintain, repair, clean, and remove snow from all public streets and ways; maintain and operate storm sewers and other drains; care for and maintain all town buildings other than those under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education; prepare or supervise the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction or reconstruction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, drains, public buildings and other structures and construct or supervise the construction of the same; to care for parks, grassed areas in streets and public grounds, including athletic fields under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation Commission; to plant and care for trees within the street line; to enforce ordinances imposing on owners of property obligations to construct and maintain sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drains; contract with the Water Pollution Control Authority for the maintenance of the facilities and grounds which come under the jurisdiction of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Works Department has had another good year, with funds expended to get the most out of them. The men of the Public Works Department put in an all-out effort to accomplish the day-to-day demands put on the Department and still be able to accomplish other jobs over and above their daily duties.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: In 2012-13 the department purchased a GMC pick up truck, a waste oil heater for the garage, snow blower and planer attachments for the Bobcat and an aerator/overseeder.

ROAD WORK: Per the 2012-13 paving program, the following streets were repaired and repaved: Benjamin Drive, Brockway Rd, Brookfield, Pine Ridge, Windmill, Ellsworth, Hamilton and Wells Rd. Drainage work was done on Hopkins Rd. Webster Rd and Edgewood Drive were chipsealed using a process of placing fabric under the chipseal to give the pavement a longer wear life. The following streets were shimmed in preparation for chipsealing next year: Jacobs Hill, Minor Hill, Webster, Wheelock, Newell Hill, and Ludwig. East Porter Rd was completed this fiscal year. We had many curbs that needed to be replaced due to the winter damage from the plows. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents in these areas for their patience during our road construction projects.

BUILDING PROJECTS: The two walkways at Arbor Park were replaced. This year we found that the roof at the Town Hall was leaking and causing chimney damage. We had that repaired and a catwalk installed in the attic for easier access. We hauled loam from the Senior Center site to the Brush Dump in anticipation of ground breaking for the new building. We worked to secure the easements necessary for the replacement of the bridge on Strawberry Road.

SNOW REMOVAL: Last winter we received 81" of snow. The crews went out 18 times for plowing or treating of roads for ice. We purchased 2,980 tons of Clear Lane which we used exclusively this winter season. The Town of Ellington was spared major damage from Storm Sandy but did receive some FEMA reimbursement for time spent. We received FEMA reimbursement for Winter Storm Charlotte for snow removal time, materials and equipment.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: The automated garbage and recycling system continues to be working well in Ellington. Ellington residents recycled 1,388 tons of materials in 2012-13. Additional recycling containers are free of charge to residents that need them. Please call the Public Works Dept. at 860-870-3140 if you would like one. We had our last Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 27, 2012. 192 Households from Ellington dropped off hazardous waste on this day. In 2013, the Town joined the MidNEROC and Ellington residents have begun to bring their household hazardous waste to the Willington drop off facility. This has saved the town money and gives residents more options as to days when they can dispose of these items. Residents can

continue to bring electronics, waste oil, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and propane tanks to the shed at the Public Works Complex. NO paint is to be dropped at the Public Works shed; paint goes to the MidNEROC facility. This shed is only open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM and on the MidNEROC Saturday schedule from 9-12. The town website has all the details on this program. Over the last 12 months and including the collection day, residents have dropped off 3,300 gallons of waste oil, 49.43 tons of electronics, and .5 tons fluorescent light bulbs.

WPCA: We are continuing to monitor the Vernon Pump Station and this year it required many repairs. A new flow meter was installed; H2S logger system, LEL Sensor and a spare muffin monster were purchased. A new grounding system was also installed by town staff. The town purchased a generator for the Route 140 Pump Station and a mobile unit to pump down the grinder pumps around Crystal Lake. We are continuing our grinder pump inspections and maintenance at Crystal Lake.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Public Works Department developed specifications and went out to bid for Turf Maintenance and Fertilizer, Chip Sealing, Tree Removal and Trimming Services, Electrical Services, Brookside tennis court and basket ball reconstruction and vinyl siding and window replacements for the Parks & Recreation/Human Services building. The Town developed and completed a Spill Prevention Program and made various safety changes resulting from a visit from CONN-OSHA. We demolished the house at 17 Main Street and will be moving our stock yard to this area.

RECREATION: The Public Works Department assisted in the installation and relocation of scoreboards at Brookside Park as well as the reconstruction of the tennis courts at Brookside. We have also been working to preserve the playing fields with turf maintenance items including overseeding and aerating. Public Works also maintained an account for the miscellaneous repairs to the backstops and fences at the school fields and parks.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

1. Continued commitment of the four-year road-resurfacing program.
2. Continued equipment replacement as per Capital Improvements Program.

Library



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Hall Memorial Library is the principal public library for the Town of Ellington, providing free and equal access to a variety of materials and programs for all residents. The Library plays an active role in the community as a popular materials library, a preschooler's door to learning, a formal education support center and a community reference source and gathering place.

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for entertainment and education.

The collection consists of items in many formats, including books, periodicals, newspapers, audiobooks, videotapes, compact discs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online databases and reference materials, and equipment, such as e-readers and mp3 players. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and Reference non-circulating collection. Also available are computers for word processing and access to the Internet. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, and recommend reading materials using this collection.

The Library also provides a variety of programs for both adults and children. Story time sessions are run by the Children's Librarian for children from 9 months to 2 1/2 years old, 2 1/2 year-olds, and 3-5 year-olds. Seasonal events for children include the annual summer reading program, movies, craft workshops, and various entertaining and educational speakers and performers. Young adults may participate in book discussions, contests, and their own summer reading program. For adults, there are book discussion series, cultural programs, concerts, and speakers on a range of topics, both informative and entertaining.

For those patrons who are unable to come to the Library, outreach services are provided. At Snipsic Village, the senior housing complex, a rotating collection of library books is made available on a monthly basis, and there is a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 123,114 patrons, circulating 143,215 items and answering 3,562 reference questions. Programs for children included over 100 story time sessions, the annual holiday ornament workshop and a variety of programs including musicians, magicians, book discussions, story tellers and truck day. For teens there were book discussions, including two intergenerational programs with members of the senior center, a read-a-thon, several craft programs and the creative writing group. Programming for adults was greatly expanded due to a generous grant from the Connecticut State Library and the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services. Program topics covered cultural, historical and educational topics, including presentations on G. Fox & Co., historic house renovation, Post Roads in Connecticut, solar energy, financial management, retirement planning, college funding, healthy eating and cooking, cake decorating, painting and drawing, computers and technology, book discussions and author talks. Bi-monthly movie showings of newly released DVDs proved to be a hit, and a monthly musical coffee series brought music to the cozy atmosphere of the library afterhours. The summer reading program "Dream Big—Read!" featured a variety of performers and arts and crafts programming, as well as reading fun, games and prizes for all ages, all generously funded by the Friends of the Library. The Library again participated in the Winterfest celebration, hosting musical performances by the EHS music department, the Fourth Grade Choruses from Center and Crystal Lake Schools, and the 6th grade Windermere Instrumentalists. The annual holiday tree festival was expanded to include "Not-Just-Trees" and once again the library was transformed with the imaginative decorations created by community members and groups. As an outreach project to the preschools of Ellington, the Library hosted two story telling programs, both of which were attended by over 100 children.

In addition to the great programming for adults, the grant funds allowed the library to subscribe to some databases. They include: ConsumerReports Online, ChiltonLibrary.com for auto repair info, Pricer! Antiques and Collectibles, Universal Class, which features over 200 continuing education classes, A-Z World Travel, with maps and travel information for destinations world-wide. All are available both in the library and from home. And also Ancestry.Com, which is available only in the library.

In spring 2013 long-time staff member Gail Avino retired. Gail joined the Hall Memorial Library in 1992, shortly after the completion of the addition/renovation project, to help staff the

newly expanded space. Her duties evolved over the years to include the full time job of the interlibrary loan operation. She contributed a world of wisdom and experience over the years and will be missed by staff and patrons alike.

During the extreme weather emergencies of the past year, the library once again served as a place of refuge for those seeking warmth, electricity to charge phones and laptops, computer access, water to take home and the camaraderie and support of friends and neighbors.

Five years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process, resulting in a plan that included goals for improvements to the library facility and services, such as expansion of the young adult area, rearrangement of the audio room, the addition of a computer lab and classes, Sunday hours, Saturday hours in the summer, the new webpage, more materials and more programming for adults. The plan has been carried out and the goals completed, so the Board and staff have begun the process again. A community survey was distributed in the spring of 2013 to gather ideas and opinions to help guide the direction of library services for the next five years.

All in all, the library has been busy, inside and out, once again illustrating its importance in the lives of the citizens of Ellington.

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals	45,611
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	5,915
Children's Books and Periodicals	46,596
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	44,504
TOTAL	143,215

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals	35,392
Young Adult Books and Periodicals.....	3,036
Children's Books and Periodicals	18,884
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	7,677
TOTAL	64,989

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	8,643
Young Adults	788
Children	1,999
TOTAL	11,657

Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Parks and Recreation Commission and recreation staff continue to make a concentrated effort to provide a cross section of quality programming on a year-round basis. An earnest effort has been made to create and offer programs, both on a passive and non-passive basis, for all age groups within the community. Additional special events and "creative" programming continue to be of interest to the residents of the community, providing department staff with the opportunity to plan and implement family oriented activities too.

The recreation department is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 860-870-3118, and the fax number is 860-870-3198.

Normal business hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30-1:30 p.m.

Our general email address is: recreation@ellington-ct.gov. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, either via a phone call to a staff member, fax, email or written form.

STAFFING

The department is staffed by two full-time recreation professionals, one of which also serves as the director of the waterfront. Part-time positions (generated by revenue) include athletic officials, special skills instructors, lifeguards, day camp counselors, and program supervisors. Town of Ellington applications are available at the recreation office during normal business hours. In addition, the recreation and human services departments share the services of (2) part-time support staff.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Those who volunteer are a vital component of the department. We are always indebted to those who have the time, talent, and ability in providing assistance with coaching, transportation, and encouragement.

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 350 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. A person wishing to volunteer must complete a newly approved volunteer disclosure form. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to taking part in the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse. In addition, the recreation department provides pre-season certification in: CPR/ FIRSTAID/ AED classes (no fee) for all volunteers that contribute to the town's programming needs. All coaches/volunteers must complete a background check form and receive clearance before becoming a member of the department.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs continue to enjoy increased enrollment, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the "pulse" of the community when arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. The department is always on the lookout for skilled artisans and/or individuals with special talents. Please feel free to contact the office with your suggestions.

The department provides indoor and outdoor activities on a year-round basis, using the following locations: Brookside Park (Route 140), Sandy Beach (Crystal Lake), and both interior and exterior facilities located at the public schools.

Classes and programs include but are not limited to: youth

and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events. A hiking program formed last year has been well-received and meets on Tuesday morning s at Arbor Park (9:30am) before heading out to the defined location.

Extensive efforts have been made to expand summer program offerings in addition to seasonal events. The following is an example of such efforts.

The Sunday evening summer concert series at Arbor Park continued this summer, due to the generous donation of First Niagara.

Pre-school programming has continued to be a very successful component of the department's year-round offerings, specifically for ages 2 through 5.

Enrollment in the spring youth lacrosse program continued to increase, both male and female, including the K-2 instructional program.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The Recreation Department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreation teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. The Recreation Commission is proud of the fact that coaches, players and spectators, in general, are well versed in their roles regarding their sport, along with promoting good sportsmanship.

Fall/Winter: To become eligible for selection to a travel team a player must attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics, based on evaluations submitted by the head coach and independent evaluator. Travel teams compete versus surrounding communities while the recreation division teams participate in an in-house program only.

Although participation is the key component, providing the coaches with the "tools" for coaching is the number one priority.

SHARED SERVICES

The Recreation Department continues to interact, on a daily basis, year-round, with Board of Education's business office/school staff, and in particular, the Board of Education's custodial staff, who's dedication and assistance in greatly appreciated.

The every-day assistance from the Department of Public Works does not go unnoticed, the parks crew takes special care in keeping up both park and school facilities.

The support and in-kind services that are provided by both agencies are greatly appreciated, as the continued, behind the scenes support helps identify Ellington as a quality community.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency, is taking a serious look at the present and future, both short and long term. The need exists for a long-term athletic facility plan to be formulated. The commission's mission statement still revolves around safe and useable athletic facilities. A town-wide(9-11 ad hoc committee) recreational sub-committee has been engaged in preparing a 'draft' that addresses both the short and long term needs of the entire community.

Summer day camp has entered its11th year of full-time hours.

The department will continue to publish quarterly newsletters, using the Ellington Connection as the main vehicle for keeping the public informed of current and upcoming programs. The town website, with instant access, will have the same, and in some cases, updated information.

The Town of Ellington implemented (spring-2012) a program to enhance the safety of the children that participate in contact athletics, specifically soccer, lacrosse and football. The program, ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized evaluation system.

A special note of appreciation should be forwarded to ALL of the part-time staff that service town programs. Ellington is fortunate to have secured and continued to retain quality athletic officials, summer staff and talented program instructors.

- The Ellington Little League Boys baseball and girls softball programs have continued their "traditional" approach to enhancing the athletic facilities at Brookside Park.
- The boys' program, with budget support from the Town of Ellington, completed a major upgrade @ Brookside Park, inclusive of new safety netting, scoreboard and batting cage upgrades.
- The girls' program secured permission to upgrade their storage space, batting cage area and installation of new, protective fencing located at the first and third base dugouts. A new scoreboard was installed as well.

CRYSTAL LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE (OLD)

The major renovations on the Crystal Lake Schoolhouse have been completed (across from Sandy Beach). The parks and recreation department has begun regular use of the schoolhouse, offering middle school and pre-school programming.

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to show interest in creating and helping sustain town-wide walking or bicycle trails, as well as potential new athletic fields to support the current strain on the existing facilities.

Vandalism has been limited the past year, but increased supervision at the various parks and schools may be part of that decrease.

A long-time member of the parks and recreation commission, Hunter K. Giroux, passed away in November 2012. We will always remember and acknowledge the outstanding contributions that Hunter made to the town's parks and recreation programs.

A December 2013 youth holiday basketball tournament will be held in honor of Hunter and the EHS scholarship fund has already been established.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Summer Day Camp (avg./day)	85	70	
Beach Passes	292	243	227
Swim Lessons	266	336	243
Open Swim	61 days	62 days	62 days
Boys' Basketball	311	315	346
Girls' Basketball	214	245	200
Men's Basketball	95	90	65
Summer Basketball	50	50	70
Instructional Basketball	174	175	147
Men's Volleyball	20	25	0
Co-Ed Volleyball	60	65	25
Girls' Softball	175	165	140
Instructional T-Ball	141	160	97
Co-ed Adult Softball	75	80	75
Junior Soccer	647	674	423
Indoor Soccer	125	90	50
Letters to Santa	40	30	45
Tennis Lessons/Camp	325	255	194
Sports Coaches' Clinics	55	40	60
Mini Programs	2,450	2,550	1,650
Basketball Camps	140	160	80
Red Cross Courses	20	50	30
Integrative Programs	45	30	15
Teen Activities	240	240	175
Track & Field	78	95	76
Adult Fitness	290	240	40
Yoga	25	65	40
Jukido	80	70	63
Little League Baseball	340	340	225
Football	170	135	150
Lacrosse	144	183	201
Soccer Camps	90	70	144
Vacation Camp	40	80	75
Triathlon-Summer	220	190	179
American Heart Association	65	75	50
Afterschool Bowling	98	80	117
CPOHeart Babysitter	50	40	30

Information Guide

AREA

Ellington is located 16 miles, northeast of Hartford with 34.8 square miles of area.

ALTITUDE

The altitude ranges from 200 feet to 950 feet above sea level. Most of the town is approximately 450 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE

The average temperatures in the town are 74 degrees during the summer months and 25 degrees during the winter months. Wind directions are south to southwest in the summer, and north to west in the winter.

POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2011, the population was approximately 15,856.

GOVERNMENT

The Town has a Selectman form of government, which operates under a charter adopted in 1975. The Town Meeting serves as the legislative arm of the government. The Board of Finance recommends the annual budget to the Town Meeting for approval and sets the tax rate.

STREETS

The Town has 94 miles of municipally maintained roads. The State of Connecticut maintains 24.62 miles of state roads which intersect the town. These are Routes 140, 286, 83, 30, 32 and 74.

TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 28.4 mills applied to the 2012 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate was completed in 2010.

SEWERS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority manages three major sewer systems: Longview, Hockanum River and Crystal Lake. Approximately 90% of the commercially zoned land has direct access to the sewer system. Windermere Industrial Park has either direct or reasonable access to the sewer system.

WATER

The Town is serviced by CT Water Co. which have the capacity of accommodating approximately 70% of the commercial and industrial zoned land. Shenipsit Lake is the largest local water source which spans the borders of two adjoining towns. Crystal Lake is located in Ellington and stretches over an area of 175 acres. The Hockanum River runs north-south and is located in the southern part of town.

SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of 2013 is 2,482 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$83,132 as of the 2012 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2009 Census, the Town of Ellington had 6,406 housing units, including 462 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes, one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

The Town has a privately-owned airport that is centrally located to provide air carrier service to both New York and Boston. The airport can accommodate both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

RECREATION

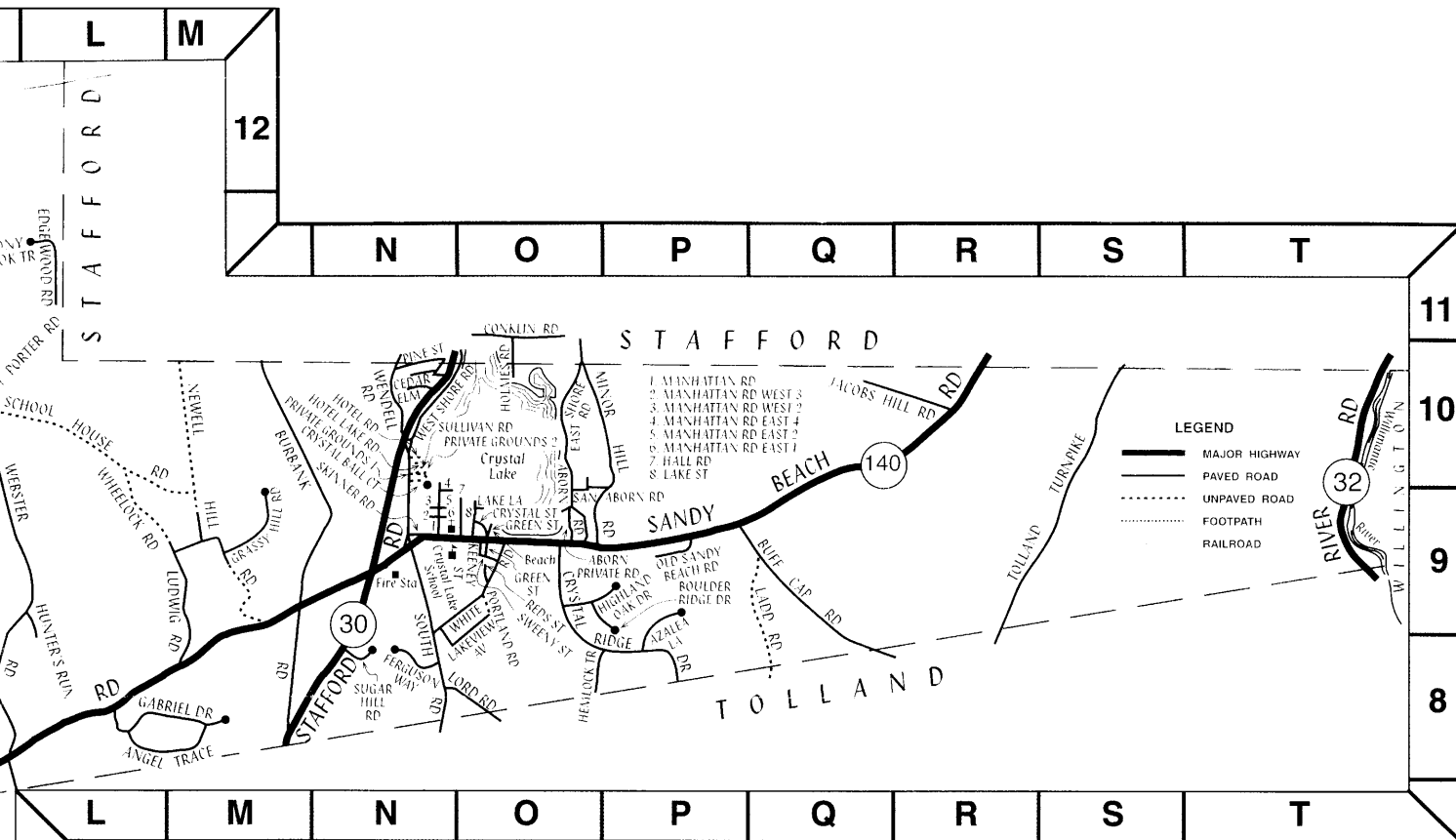
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a new playscape was constructed for elementary children at Center School. Brookside Park Pavilion was completed in 1991. The building, equipped with restrooms and a concession stand, is available to local groups by obtaining a permit from the Parks and Recreation Office. Arbor Park, located on Main Street, contains a walking course and 2 gazebos, picnic tables, and Sunday evening concerts sponsored by the Recreation Department. In 2012, four new tennis courts were completed at Schwartz Field next to Ellington High School.

LOCAL BUSINESS

The Ellington business community is currently a blend of agriculture and small commercial and industrial enterprises. The dairy industry has long been the major producer of goods, but Ellington also provides products in the fields of packaging, pharmaceuticals, sporting goods, automobiles, industrial designs and printing. The Farmers Market runs Saturdays from May - October; 9am -12:00pm in Arbor Park.

SENIOR CENTER

The Ellington Senior Center is located in the Center Plaza, 16 Church Street. The hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



STREET INDEX

Abbott Rd	B2	Daisy La	B6	*Hall Rd	O9	Main St	E6-F5	Quarry St	H2	Upper Butcher Rd	G2
Aborn Rd	P9	David Dr	F10	Hamilton Rd	D8	Majus Cir	B1	Quarter Horse Dr	G4-H4	Victorian House	F2
*Aborn Private Rd	O9	Davis Rd	G5	Hare Rd	H6	*Manhattan Rd	N9-N10	Randy Rd	F8	View Point La	H4
Adrian Av	G2	Deborah Dr	E10	Harvest La	F6	*Manhattan Rd East 1	N9	Raspberry La	F11	Viewside Dr	F10
Allen Ridge Dr	C3-D3	*Deer Run	H6-H7	Hatheway Rd	D7	*Manhattan Rd East 2	N9	Reds St	O9	Village St	D2
Amy La	G5	Deer Valley	D2	Hayes Av	B1	*Manhattan Rd East 4	N9	Reeves Rd	A10-C11	Virginia Dr	G6
Andrew Dr	G9	Deerfield La	D7	Heather Rd	D5	*Manhattan Rd West 2	N9	Ridge Dr	H6	Walnut St	G2
Angel Trace	L8-M8	Dogwood La	F10	Hemlock Trail	O10	*Manhattan Rd West 3	N9	Ridgeview Dr	C3, D3	Wapping Wood Rd	A1-C1
Anthony Way	C3-D3	Eagle Dr	A3	High Ridge Rd	F2	Manning Av	G3	River Rd	T9-T10	Webster Rd	K8-K10
Arbor Way	F6	East Cider Mill Rd	H6-J6	Highland Av	F4	Maple St	E6-G7	Robinson Cir	B2	Wells Rd	D8
*Ardsley La	C3-P9	East Porter Rd	K10-L11	Highland Oak Dr	O9-P9	Maplewood Dr	F10	Rockland Dr	D7	Wendell Rd	N10
Azalea La	P9-P10	*East Shore Rd	O9-O10	Hillsdale Dr	B1	*Maria Dr	G7	Rosa Ct	G4	West Rd	F2-F5
Bancroft Rd	F2	Edgewood Rd	L11	Hillside Dr	F10	McKnight Cir	F2	Rothe La	A2-B2	West Shore Rd	N9-O10
Barbara's Way	B1-C1	Egypt Rd	F10	Hilltop Dr	G2	Meadow Brook Rd	E7	Ryan Dr	C5	Westland Rd	C1
Benjamin Dr	C8-D8	Elderberry La	F11	Hilltop Dr Ext	G2	Meagan Cir	D5	Rye Field Rd	B6	Westview Ter	G3
Berr Av	E6	Elizabeth St	G2	Holmes Rd	E8-G10	Middle Rd	A4	1776 Townhouses	C2	Wheelock Rd	L9
Birch View Dr	D10	Ellington Av	G2	Hopkins Rd	O10-O11	Miller La	F3	Sadds Mill Rd	A10-E6	White Rd	O9
Blueberry Cir	F11	Ellington Ridge Condos	C2	*Hotel Lake Rd	N10	Minor Hill Rd	P10	*San Aborn Rd	O10	*Willi La	F11-G10
Boulder Ridge Dr	O9-P9	Ellsworth La	C8	*Hotel Rd	N10	Monticello Cir	C2-C3	Sandy Beach Rd	N9-R10	Windermere Av	C2-D3
Bridge St	F8	Elridge Pl	C3	Hubbard La	G8	Moser Dr	F2	School House Rd	L10	Windermere Village Rd	D2-E2
Brittani's Way	B1-C1	Elm St	N10	Hughes Cir	F2	Mountain Rd	F5-H4	*Setting Sun Trail	H5	Windmill Rd	C8-D8
Broad Brook Rd	A7	Ertel Dr	F2	*Hunter's Run	L8-L9	Mountain St	H4-F3	Settler's Way	B2	*Windsor Walk	C2
Brockway Rd	D8	Esther Av	G2	Industrial Dr	F8-G8	*Mountainview Cir	D2-E2	Shenipsit St	H3	Windsorville Rd	B2
Bronisz Dr	F4-G4	Eva Cir	C1	Jacobs Hill Rd	R10	Muddy Brook Rd	C8	Shenipsit Forest Rd	G10-J12	Woodbine St	G2
Brook Crossing	D10	Fairview Av	F2	Jobs Hill Rd	E6	Newell Hill Rd	M9	Shepard Way	A2	Woodland Trail	C2
Brookfield Dr	D8	Fairview Av Ext	F3	Joel Dr	E8	Nile Rd	F10	Skinner Rd	N9,C1	Woodmar Cir	B1-C1
Brookmeadow La	A2-B2	Fairway Dr	A3	Jolly Rd	F5	North Park St	G2	Snipsic Lake Rd	G5	Woodside Dr	F10
Buff Cap Rd	O9	Farmstead La	F2	Jonathan Dr	A1	Nutmeg Dr	D2	Snipsic Ter	H3	Zimmerman Way	B6
Burbank Rd	M8-M10	Ferguson Way	N8	Justin Dr	C5-D5	Oak Hill Farms Rd	G4-H4	Snipsic View Hgts	H3	* Private	
Cantor Knoll	C3-D3	Field Dr	C1	Katherine Way	E2	Oakwood Cir	F10	Somers Rd	F6-G12		
Carolyn Cir	A1	Fieldstone Village	C2	Keeney St	O9	Old Country La	B2	South Rd	N9		
Cedarwood Dr	E10	Flanders La	A2-B2	Kenneth Dr	G9	Old Reeves Rd	A10	Springwood La	F6		
Cedar St	N10	Florence Av	F2	Ketchbrook Ct	B2	Old Sandy Beach Rd	P9	Sprucewood Dr	E10		
Chapin Av	G3	Foster Dr	G9	Ketchbrook La	A2-B2	Olde Farms Rd	D5	Stafford Rd	M8-N10		
Charter Rd	F2	Forest Hill Rd	A2	Kibbe Rd	G2	Orchard St	F2-F3	Standish Rd	B3		
Chase Hollow Rd	D2-E2	*Forestview Cir	E2	Kreyssig Rd	A10	Orchard Av	G2-G3	Steeple View Dr	F6		
Cherrywood Dr	E10	Francis Av	G2	Ladd Rd	O9	Overhill Rd	E10	Stein Rd	G4		
Chestnut St	G2	Franlee Dr	E9	*Lake La	L8-M8	Overlook Pass	F11	Stony Brook Trail	L11		
Christopher Ct	E2	Frog Hollow Rd	A5	Lake St	G6	Patriot Cir	D7	Strawberry Rd	G11		
Church St	E6	Gabriel Dr	L8-M8	Lakeview Av	C3	Pease Farm Rd	F6-G5	Sugar Hill Rd	N8		
Cider Mill Rd	G6-J6	Gail Dr	G6	Lanz La	C1	Penfield Av	D1	*Sullivan Rd	N10		
Cider Mill Condos	F7	Gasek Farms Rd	C3	Laurel Rd	F10	Percheron Way	H4	*Summit Cir	E2		
Cindy Rd	E8	Geraldine Dr	F10	Lee La	D6	*Pine Dr	G5	Sunset Rd	F5		
Cliff St	G2	Geraldine Dr So	F10	Lewis Cir	D6	Pine St	N10	Sweeney St	O9		
Cornfield La	F6	Glenwood Rd	D6	Linden Dr	F9	Pine Cone Rd	G9	Teaberry Ridge Rd	K8		
Country Farm La	D5	Gloria La	D2-E2	Longview St	B1	Pine Ridge Dr	D8	Timber La	G9		
Courtney Dr	E2-E3	*Grand Blvd	D2-E2	Lookout Landing	M9-M10	Pinnacle Rd	F10	Tolland Tpk	S9		
Cranberry La	F11	Grant Rd	B1	Lord Rd	C8	Pinney Rd	G5	Tomoka Av	D6		
Crane Rd	A5	Grassy Hill Rd	M9-M10	Lower Butcher Rd	O9	Pinney Rd	B2	Tree Top Rd	G9-G10		
Crescent Cir	C1	Green Rd	C8	Ludwig Rd	E2	Pioneer Dr	C1-D6	Tripp Rd	A2		
Crystal St	O9	*Greencycle Dr	A10-B10	Lyons St	M8-M9	Porter Rd	D7	*Tyler Dr	H2		
Crystal Ball Ct	N10	Griswold Rd	B10		F2	Portland Rd	G9-J10				
Crystal Lake Rd	G7-M8					*Private Grounds 1	O9				
Crystal Ridge Dr	P8-O9					*Private Grounds 2	N10				
Clydesdale Cir	G4-H4					Punkin Dr	E8				

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES/ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Since, 1997, the Ellington Senior Center offers a variety of activities and programs designed to enhance the social, physical and physiological well-being for individuals age 60 and older. Transportation services are available for medical appointments and social, nutritional purposes.

HIGHLIGHTS

On April 2, 2013, voters passed a referendum for an additional \$400,000 for the new Senior Center because construction costs were over budget. Millennium Builders, Inc. was awarded the construction contract with The Lawrence Associates as the architectural firm. The new Senior Center is anticipated to open in early Spring 2014.

North Central Area Agency on Aging awarded a grant for \$4,400 for the EMATS "Ellington Medical Appointments Transportation Services" program. This grant is partially funded by the Older Americans Act.

Program/Activity Coordinator position was filled in August 2012 for 15 hours per week.

The Program/Activity Coordinator's role is to create and maintain activities/programs and to coordinate the volunteers program.

STAFFING: Employees consists of a full-time director, part-time employees are an assistant to director, program/activity coordinator, two drivers and two transportation secretary clerks. The Senior Center sponsors a part-time receptionist for 18 hours per work. This position is funded under the Easter Seals of Connecticut, Senior Community Services Employment Program.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS: Activities to promote health range from exercise classes, dance classes to a walking club.

A Podiatry Clinic is offered by a registered nurse and is held monthly.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES: The Ellington Singers established for many years meet weekly and perform annually at the Ellington High School. Chess, bridge, knitting, dominos, setback, color pencil art, shuffleboard, mahjonn are some regular activities. A new language class "Learning Latin" is offered weekly, in addition to classes in German. The evening program "Musical Insights" is offered two evenings a month. Musical Insights is a program that volunteers research and present on a specific category of music.

The Program/Activity Coordinator enhanced the Volunteers Program from 30 to 40 individuals with more activities offered; walking club, ladder ball, wii games and re-established the golf league with the partnership with Rolling Meadows Country Club. Also, a partnership was developed with Best-Buy technicians who instruct individuals on all levels in computer and other technological devices. This partnership is provided by a grant obtained by Best-Buy

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: The Senior Center has offered transportation services since 2001 for social activities at the senior center and shopping at local destinations. In 2003, transportation services for medical appointments began to be offered.

FUNDRAISERS: Volunteers assist in helping raise funds. The Holiday Bazaar is an annual fundraiser that takes place on the first Saturday in November. The bazaar showcases hand-crafted items made by dedicated volunteers every Thursday morning.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM: The Senior Center uses the software program, MySeniorCenter, which is used to maintain statistical information for social programs and transportation services.

SENIOR CITIZENS ENDOWMENT FUND: The town established the Senior Citizens Endowment Fund in 2005, this is an interest bearing account for donations and designated fund-raisers. The funds in this account can be utilized for a new building and for the awarding of two scholarships annually to high school seniors pursuing a career in human services. Endowment Committee members are Carolyn Cook, June Lyons and William Enes.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The North Central District Health Department provides Ellington with full-time health department services and is on call seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day for emergencies.

The Department is governed by a Board of Directors (Board of Health) in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. Jamie Woodside serves as one of Ellington's two representatives to the Board. Edward Kramer is the second Board member from Ellington. The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services (both Registered Sanitarians), nine sanitarians and a support staff of 2.5 clerical workers and a part-time bookkeeper. The Department has a Medical Advisor and contracts for auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of the NCDHD is disease prevention, surveillance and health promotion in the districts population. The District is responsible for programs in a number of areas including:

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases; undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.
- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations follow-up and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.
- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.
- Water quality testing of bathing areas.
- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for system repairs and/or expansion.
- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples such as insects and birds as may be necessary in the investigation of outbreaks and illnesses.
- Investigation of complaints in regard to public health hazards, nuisances, rodent or insect control.
- Inspection of housing units in response to physician's positive lead blood tests in children.
- The provision and support of health education and prevention programs.
- Monitoring the health status of the population.
- Assistance to the Department of Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Director continues to review all communicable disease reports from labs, physicians and hospitals pertaining to residents of Ellington and follows up on any cases that need to be followed to stop any potential transmission. Ellington is served out of the Enfield office at 31 North Main Street, the Stafford office (Stafford Town Hall), the Windham office (Windham Town Hall), and the Vernon office at 375 Hartford Turnpike.

Health Education

In 2012-2013, North Central District Health Department offered Health Education programs to all residents throughout our Health District. The goal of NCDHD's health education efforts is to improve the health conditions and behaviors of each community member through the promotion of healthier lifestyles, education on chronic disease prevention, and support of strong health policies and environmental changes. Our health education programs seek to reduce the incidence of preventable diseases and increase the well-being of the community.

As stated by the Center for Disease Control, regular physical activity can improve health and the quality of life of Americans of all ages, regardless of the presence of a chronic disease or disability. In 2012-2013, NCDHD continued to offer an A.C.T.I.V.E. (Activity Class to Improve Vitality In Everyone) Fitness program which included:

- Nine fitness classes held throughout the District and offered to all residents.
- Three nutrition classes were offered in the 2012-2013 year for residents 18 years and older residing in our member towns.

Putting on AIRS (Asthma Indoor Risk Strategies)

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways characterized by episodes of reversible breathing problems due to airway narrowing and obstruction. These episodes can range in severity from mild to life threatening. Daily preventive treatment can prevent symptoms and attacks and enable individuals who have asthma to lead active lives.

- In 2012-2013, NCDHD continued to implement the Putting On AIRS (Asthma Indoor Risk Strategies) Program funded by a grant through the State Department of Health.
- NCDHD serves Ellington, Stafford, Vernon and Windham through the State's Region 3.
- The Health Educator and one of our Sanitarians are trained to provide in-home assessments for the Putting On AIRS Program.
- Presently, referrals are received from the community members, health care providers and the Region 3 coalition upon which in-home visits are then scheduled.

The Community Transformation Grant (CTG) was awarded to six counties in Connecticut. These county-wide grants directly impact four of NCDHD's towns located in Windham and Tolland Counties including Stafford, Windham, Ellington and Vernon. As a result, NCDHD is participating in CTG efforts including coalition building and technical support for the Tolland Prevention Coalition and data collection and report for Windham. The remaining towns in the District indirectly benefit from this funding. CTG Community Assessment framework and data will be merged with NCDHD's Community Assessment to provide a comprehensive report of health needs for each town in the District.

During 2012-2013, the Health Educator supported efforts to conduct a NCDHD Community Health Needs Assessment. The Community Health Assessment will help identify and prioritize the health needs of the District and will guide strategic planning for future health education programs and initiatives.

Emergency Preparedness/Bioterrorism

In 2013, NCDHD received a score of 91 for the Mass Dispensing Plan. This is an above average score and one to be proud of. The Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC) is continually training, reviewing and revising the Mass Dispensing Plan to ensure Ellington residents effectively and efficiently receive the proper medicine in the event of a pandemic or terrorist attack. He has also attended and will continue to attend the Ellington Advisory meetings and provide input as requested.

The state recently cut a \$6,000 grant for the bio-terrorism/emergency response program. The ERC will continue to do everything possible to provide the best service to the residents of Ellington in spite of the loss of program funding.

Our department has been working with Don Davis to ensure the Town of Ellington has the proper public health tools and resources at its disposal for real events and state-wide drills. We look forward to participating in the September 2013 Ellington Community Day event and meeting Ellington Residents.

We continue to work to supplement the Health District's volunteer pool with the MRC (Medical Reserve Corp) organization. This will take some time, but it will provide the residents of Ellington with a better trained and effective emergency resource as well as another avenue for community involvement.

Summary of Environmental Services Activity

A review of the environmental services activity report for 2012-2013 indicates that there was an increase in the number of new lots tested and plans for new lots submitted for review. In general, the economic downturn still affects the housing industry in our area and in Ellington especially as there were no new subdivisions proposed. There are at least two subdivision projects that are working on future proposals. Ellington is still one of our busiest towns in the District for septic system construction.

On-Site Sewage Disposal

The Health Department conducted 29 soil tests for new or repair septic systems. We issued 24 septic system construction permits; 15 for new homes and nine for repair/replacement septic systems, and conducted a total of approximately 80 inspections.

Fourteen new well permits were issued. Some of the permits were for geo-thermal wells used to reduce energy cost to heat and cool buildings.

The District continues to work with the Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town Engineer to promote the expansion of the public sewer system where needed.

Seventy-nine building additions/change of use projects were reviewed where the house is serviced by an on-site sewage disposal septic system and/or a private water supply well.

Salons

The Health District has enacted Barber Shop, Beauty Salon and Nail Salon Regulations pursuant to state statutes to license and inspect these salon facilities. All new facility plans are reviewed by staff. A state licensed cosmetologist subcontractor does most yearly inspections for sanitation and infection prevention but the health department is involved in initial inspections and re-inspection. The department has translated the Sanitary Code regulations into Korean, Vietnamese and Mandarin languages to assist new operators of nail and/or beauty salons. In Ellington, 11 salons were inspected and licensed this year.

Food Service

One of our main functions in Ellington is the licensing and inspection of food service facilities providing protection against food borne illness to the public. 42 facilities plus five public schools were licensed during this period with 135 inspections conducted. Eight plans were submitted for review and related inspections were conducted for new food service facilities.

In addition to inspection of restaurants, the Department inspects cafes, bakeries, cafeterias, food vendors at fairs and carnivals, itinerant food vendors, shellfish vendors, grocery stores, food facilities in rest homes and convalescent homes and some non-profit organizations where food or beverages are offered or sold to the public. The Health Department also inspects cafeterias and eating facilities in the public and private school systems.

We have received 50 temporary event permit applications. Each temporary event application received by our office is evaluated by a staff inspector. Depending on the complexity of the proposed food service, our department will inspect evening and weekend events as needed such as the Ellington Fire Department Carnival; Valley Truck Event 2012; and the Ellington Farmer's Market.

The Health District is responsible for conducting follow-up interviews and on some occasions, follow-up inspections related to possible food borne illness. The food borne alerts form (for single cases) and the enteric disease interview form (for confirmed cases) are both confidential and are submitted to the State Health Department for review.

In addition to routine food service inspections, well water supply reviews for food service and other related food service inspections, we respond to and investigate food related complaints and possible food borne illness reports received by the department. The department also responds to, and provides follow-up to, certain food recalls.

Public Swimming Pools

Section 19-13-B33b of the Connecticut Public Health Code requires the inspection of public swimming pools and whirlpools at hotels, apartments and condominium complexes as well as public pools at schools or parks. The pools are checked for chlorine content, safety equipment and the operation of the pool filtration system. This year, six public swimming pools were inspected and the pools were licensed.

Day Care Centers

Day care centers are inspected once every two years at the request of the State Health Department to review environmental health and safety issues related to the building and grounds. Additionally, day care centers that serve meals are inspected approximately twice a year. The Department reviews food handling, water, sewer and the general physical condition of the facility, including the presence of lead painted surfaces and soils if the building predates 1978 construction. NCDHD inspects six day care facilities for annual safety and environmental health issues.

Lead

With new regulations in effect requiring all children under the age of six years have their blood tested for lead. This regulation lowered the action level of the blood=s lead level where the local health department must start an epidemiological investigation and conduct follow-up inspections of the possible source of the lead poisoning. 256 blood tests for lead were reported to the State Health Department. No cases were referred to the District for follow-up. It is hoped by following up on children with lower blood lead levels will prevent lead poisoning and the associated long term health effects. Also, by following up on these children early, the cost of lead remediation in the home can be greatly reduced.

Complaints

The District inspects complaints related to housing, trash, rodents and insects, sewage and water quality, and the food service industry (restaurants, etc.). This year, 23 complaints were received, more than any other year on record. There were 8 housing complaints - a sign of the economic times since property owners are finding it more difficult to keep up with property maintenance. There were also two trash complaints; five sewage complaints and one complaints regarding water quality.

Bathing Beaches

The water quality (bacteria levels) at the town beach on Crystal Lake is monitored by our Department. Water samples taken at the beach are sent to the State Health Department Laboratory for testing. The water samples again tested satisfactory for swimming last summer and up to this point in this current year.

The inspections and investigations are listed below. It should be noted that raw numbers are no indication of time spent or the relative complexity of inspections; therefore a comparison is only possible in the most general sense.

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* The State's new Lead Monitoring website allows the District to monitor lead related activities and children's blood lead test results.

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Soil Tests (Total)	13	9	29
New	2	3	17
Repair	11	6	12
Septic Permits			
New	13	14	15
Repair	19	14	9
Septic Inspections	106	90	80
Well Permits	17	17	14
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	75	89	79

Plans Reviewed

Subdivisions (Total Lots)	6	1	-
New Plot Plans	21	23	35
Repairs	21	18	9
Wells Only	4	7	2
Well Water Test Reviews	7	8	10
Permits to Discharge	17	15	17
Food Licenses Issued	36	41	42
Temporary Food Permits	27	31	50
Food Service Inspections	63	111	135
Plans Reviewed for Food	4	8	3
Food Orders Issued	4	5	8
Complaints (Total)	28	40	23
Garbage & Refuse	3	3	2
Housing	10	24	8
Rodents & Insects	3	5	-
Sewage Overflow	3	3	5
Water Quality	1	2	1
Food Complaints	3	1	3
Miscellaneous	5	1	4
Complaint Orders Sent	2	6	2
Swimming Pool Inspections	6	6	6
Day Care Inspections	4	5	4
Blood Lead Level	0-10 ug/dL - 1*	0-10 ug/dL - 249*	0-10 ug/dL - 250*
Case Reviews	10-19 ug/dL - 0	10-14 ug/dL - 1	10-14 ug/dL - 0
	20+ ug/dL - 0	10-19 ug/dL - 1	10-19 ug/dL - 0
		20+ ug/dL - 0	20+ ug/dL - 0
Barber Shops, Hair & Nail Salons	9	10	11

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. (HVCC) is an independent, non-profit human service agency located in Rockville/Vernon. It is dedicated to meeting the needs of residents of the Tolland County area. HVCC provides services to individuals and/or families in a manner which will promote independence while assuring that basic needs are met regardless of ability to pay.

ELDER SERVICES: Our primary goal continues to be to help seniors obtain services that enable them to live in a safe, stable home environment as they age. In addition to our traditional services, this past year we took on two new initiatives. The first initiative was the formation of a network of Vernon service providers who support the elderly. The Vernon Multi-Disciplinary Team (VMT) is an impressive team comprised of social service agencies, senior housing representatives, healthcare providers, Emergency first responders, Vernon Police and EMS, Legal Aid, the Health Board, home care service coordinators, transportation service providers, probate court – all meet monthly to cross educate and brainstorm to help solve complex client situations. The second, was to offer Educational workshops for seniors for our new location and feedback has been very favorable. In collaborative arrangements with other service providers, seniors enjoyed learning ways to keep their memory sharp, reasons and ways to eat healthier and to recognize signs of depression.

FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is an emergency food source for Vernon, Tolland and Ellington. It's a free service. Our primary focus is providing nutritious food items along with opportunities to access additional internal and external social services. The Pantry is supported by acquisitions from Foodshare, the regional food distributor, and donations of food and services received throughout the year from Vernon schools, local businesses, area churches and individuals.

In addition to food from the Pantry, clients could take advantage of the following workshops and services: Shuttle Service

to and from the Pantry, Farmers Market Coupons, Haircuts, Pet Vouchers for free spaying or neutering, Dental Workshop, Coupon Workshop: Learn how to shop with coupons, Nutritional Cooking Classes, Gardening Workshop: Grow your own vegetables

Thrift Store Shopping at Good Cents, On site representative from East Hartford Community Healthcare (access Health, Dental care), Seventy-five school-aged children received backpacks filled with back to-school supplies.

We have over 50 dedicated volunteers working for the pantry. While some are visible, others work behind the scene on special projects picking up food from local grocery stores or dropping off food to our homebound seniors. If it were not for our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to provide the services we do. We appreciate their dedication to our clients and agency.

GOOD CENTS TREASURES: For the past 5 years, Good Cents has had an enriching and beneficial partnership with the Rockville High School work experience program. The students who have completed a work experience at Good Cents have benefited from the nurturing and supportive environment. They are exposed to various job skills and more importantly an opportunity to work on appropriate social skills at the workplace. Good Cents continues to receive donations from a very generous community, which allows us to continue to provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. We also offer clothing vouchers for people who are without funds. The small surplus generated by the store helps to fund the much-needed programs at HVCC. We have a wonderful team of employees and volunteers at Good Cents.

TRANSPORTATION: The Dial-a-Ride program in Ellington, Tolland and Vernon started collecting \$1.00 donation each way per ride. We have taken on a courier service, and now have 4 full time courier routes contracted through Eastern Connecticut Health Network. Our couriers transport medical specimens to and from local doctors' offices and hospitals.

COUNSELING: HVCC's counseling department is a licensed outpatient clinic serving area residents experiencing emotional, behavioral and/or substance abuse issues. Services available are individual, group, and family therapy, couples counseling, and medication management.

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. offers Home Health, Hospice and Wellness Services to residents of twenty-five communities in Eastern and North Central Connecticut. VNHSC is part of the continuum of care that communities depend on to provide services to their elderly, frail and disabled residents.

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

Skilled Nursing
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech Therapy
Medical Social Work
Home Health Aide

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

Routine Hospice Home Care
Inpatient Hospice Care
Respite Hospice Care
Continuous Hospice Care
Hospice Volunteers
Pastoral Care
Bereavement Services

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

Alzheimer Support Groups
Cardiac Rehabilitation
Diabetic Nursing
Enterostomal Therapy
Intravenous Therapy Services
Nutritional Counseling
Ostomy Support Group
Palliative Care
Psychiatric Nursing
Rehabilitation Nursing
Stroke Support Groups
Tele-Health Monitoring

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

Corporate Wellness
Elder Wellness
Flu Immunization
Lifeline
Meals-On-Wheels

V. A CARING HAND, LLC

Companions
Home Care Aides
Homemakers
Live-Ins
Personal Care Attendants

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE

Skilled Nursing	2,679
Physical Therapy	1,131
Occupational Therapy	373
Speech Therapy	30
Medical Social Work	131
Home Health Aide	1,790
Total Visits	6,334

HOSPICE

Skilled Nursing	258
Physical Therapy	0
Occupational Therapy	0
Chaplin	4
Medical Social Work	39
Home Health Aide	212
Total Visits	513

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

1,597 (2 Meal Packets)

ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS

48 (Residents)

FLU VACCINE PROGRAM

195 (Residents)

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES MISSION

Our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency shelter for the displaced, along with the services needed for them to move towards increased self-sufficiency.

STATISTICAL

Tri-Town Shelter Services, Inc. provides emergency shelter for fifteen residents, either individuals or families and is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. During the past year we provided shelter for 273 clients. The trend of serving more families and children continues. Of these 273 residents, 135 / 49% were un-duplicates. The trend of serving adults who are more educated, fall within a higher age bracket, have been in the workforce longer, have more marketable skills continues. We have also noticed that more clients have come from stable housing, but due to the inability to make their rents, they have been displaced. Of the un-duplicated clients 92 / 68% were White, 32 / 24% Black, and 12 / 8% Hispanic: On an average day 48% of clients have substance-abuse histories and are in recovery support services and 57% have mental health challenges for which they receive local provider services. We have noticed a gradual change in those struggling with substance abuse and mental health challenges. Previously, the higher percentage was on the substance abuse side, whereas now it is on the mental health side. These conditions, along with the contributing factors resulting in their homelessness, mitigate against their ability to

function according to their potential. This year we had 4,814 bed-nights occupied with a 88 average monthly utilization. We also provided referral services to 2,470 callers, an average of 205 calls per month.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the intake process with a resident, the contributing factors resulting in their homelessness are identified and addressed through intentional and directive case management, along with collaboration with other local and area service providers. Individualized Service Plans are created and residents meet weekly with the Service Coordinator to ensure that they are complying with program rules and their ISP's. By addressing these contributing factors and adopting an empowerment model i.e, Empathetic Care + Encouragement + Effective Life Coaching + Education + Equipping, we decrease recidivism and increase a residents self-resiliency, self-regulation, and self-determination. Staff model and mentor residents in the development of the adult life skills needed to overcome their unique challenges and thereby break the self-sabotaging cycle of dysfunction. During the intake process, residents are assessed to determine their eligibility for legitimate support services and their follow-through becomes an integral part their Individualized Service Plans.

PROGRAM

We help our residents navigate through the oftentimes complex landscape of the service delivery systems that are available. Together we examine the eligibility requirements, obtain applications, help them fill these out, along with the necessary support documentation, submit them, and ensure that they follow-through. This entire process requires numerous adult life skills, not the least of which are: planning, being organized, self-determination, self-resiliency, being proactive rather than reactive, detail-oriented, focused, purposeful, and thorough.

In our multi-purpose room we coordinate case review meetings with the other service providers that are involved in our residents lives. This is done with the intent of minimizing redundancy and maximizing effectiveness. Residents also have access to educational and informational materials here. The multi-purpose room also houses our computer lab. Each of the computers are internet capable and residents can job search and receive one-on-one computer instruction thanks to local volunteers. The multi-purpose room also has numerous assessment instruments, curriculum, and the Dept. of Health and Human Services TAP & TIP Series, as well as Addiction and Prevention materials relevant to the population we serve. Through internal and external sources, we offer workgroups on a wide range of pertinent topics, inclusive of Adult Daily Life Skills and Job Readiness and Retention.

In an effort to ensure that our services are resident-centered, we get their feedback via a Client Satisfaction Survey. This gives the residents an opportunity to evaluate us and to make suggestions on how we can improve our support and services.

Thanks to Rockville General Hospital, we have a locally reliable lab to provide drug testing when needed in order to maintain a zero tolerance for substance use. River East provides our residents with an assortment of services ranging from assessment, individual therapy, group sessions, and psychiatric and clinical supports. The Cornerstone Foundation provides a community kitchen and clothing bank that they frequent often. The Perception Program provides a team of trained staff to conduct in-house workgroups, along with free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and private counseling and referral services. The parishes and churches represented by the Greater Rockville Clergy Council have provided us with countless practical forms of help. There are numerous local venues that offer 12-Step meetings and Tri-Town Shelter now has a weekly, closed in-house 12-Step meeting that is facilitated by a former client who is pursuing his Licensed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counseling Certification. There are occasions when we need the assistance of the Vernon Police Department and we are fortunate that they

have been so responsive. Over the years we have established an excellent working relationship with them. Finally, we maintain an ever expanding database of local and area providers that we can access.

Thank you for your continued financial support and, on a more personal note, I would be delighted to give your readers a tour of our facility. On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and the residents entrusted to our care, thank you for your valued support.

Kindest Regards

Pieter Nijssen, Executive Director

YOUTH SERVICES PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

As a department of Ellington Human Services, Youth Services mission is to provide programs and services, while building relationships which bond youth in a positive way to their families, schools, peers and community.

The staff of Youth Services is here to support and assist children from birth to 18 years old through their life transitions. Youth Services provides programs that strengthen and develop life skills needed to succeed in the many challenges facing the youth of today. The staff of youth services consists of a full-time director, a part-time youth worker, prevention coordinator and volunteers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community services activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2012-2013 year, Youth Services and DPYC had a total of approximately 5,000 children and their families participate in the following programs including assemblies, in school, afterschool programs and other events:

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided to families. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Throughout the year, 40 + children and families were provided this service.

In school Programs: Youth Services worked in a 12 classrooms and taught about 350 students from the kindergarten through fourth grade programs.

- **Querks and Bucket Fillers:** A six week in-school program for kindergartners and 1st graders which teaches the students social skills and self-esteem. This program was provided to Center, Windermere.
- **Team Builders, conflict resolution for 2nd graders:** A six week in-school program for second grade which teaches recognizing and appropriate ways of dealing with emotions particular anger. Also the children learn ways to work as a team and handle conflict. The program was provided to Windermere School.
- **Peace Makers, 3rd graders:** The main goals are to develop an understanding on how our actions affect ourselves and others, coping with feeling, and learning to set goals. The program was provided to Windermere and Center Schools.
- **All Star Communications:** The program is for 4th graders and runs for six weeks. The main goals for the program are to increase positive peer relationships, teach and reinforce the use of conflict resolution skills and recognize and cope with feelings.

123 I am me: During the summer we having an evening 123 I am me for pre-k to 3rd graders.

Rachel's Challenge: This year Youth Services partner with Windermere Intermediate School to present a parent workshop on bullying. A facilitated an after-school program for 5th and 6th grade students on positive peer interaction and community service.

Safety Town: A summer program for children beginning Kindergarten which expands the children's knowledge of safety as it relates to fire prevention, personal safety, bus and car safety, stranger awareness and playground safety.

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th graders to enhance life skills including dealing with feeling, communication, and social skills. We also ran meditation groups, self-defense/awareness for girls. We partnered with YMCA for after-school programming. Parent's with special needs children Discussion Night ran with two speaker events.

In partnership with Ellington School, we ran in school groups on social skills. Also we provided childcare for parent events and preschool literacy program at the library. In partnership with the Ellington resident state trooper two new programs began this year: Side by Side program and Juvenile Review Board.

Homework Club: We ran eight homework clubs this year. We had a total of 145 sessions with 100 students participating, 82 tutors and 8 supervising teachers of the clubs.

The Ellington Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) is a long standing group that has been coordinating prevention services for the youth of Ellington for fifteen years. The group's mission is to create and sustain a positive youth culture for Ellington's youth through collaboration among the community, schools and town agencies. Membership includes key stakeholders in the community, including Ellington Youth Services, Ellington Human Services, Ellington Public Schools, Ellington Recreation Department, Resident State Troopers, faith and business community leaders and student and parent representatives. The DPYC continues to manage a five-year \$325,000 grant called Partnership for Success (PFS), to be used for the prevention of underage drinking in Ellington. Two subgroups continue to bring awareness and education to both the student and adult community.

The Parent Connection is a group formed in February 2007 of concerned parents interested in bringing awareness and information to the community of the dangers of underage drinking. The group published a newsletter three times a year and mailed it to parents of middle school and high school students. They also distributed informational bags at all school open houses.

Rise Above, a group of Ellington High School students with a mission of offering high school students the opportunity to learn and apply leadership skills along with being role models to their peers continued in its sixth year with over 50 members. They continued to be a presence in the community through service as well as encouraging alternate forms of recreation besides drinking. The group met monthly throughout the school year in the evening. A Core Group of 11 members served as the executive board for the group.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach Social Worker serves as a link between the Ellington senior residents and/or families/caregivers to programs and agencies that can enable the resident to access services that are beneficial to them in the community. The Elderly Outreach Social Worker serves as an advocate for Ellington senior residents and their families, providing information and counseling on service options/interventions, and long term care issues. The Elderly Outreach Social Worker also functions as the Municipal Agent for the Town of Ellington.

SERVICES

- Conducts in home visits and individual need assessments, then provides detailed information on care options
- Assist in making referrals to appropriate agencies for services
- As needed assistance with completion of Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D applications, Food Stamps/SNAP, tax credit programs, Adult Day Health Centers, Renters Rebate, Energy Assistance, caregiver support groups, grant programs, nursing and psychiatric services.
- Collaborates with other town departments (Senior Center, Tax Assessor, Fire Marshall, Resident Trooper) to facilitate services for Ellington Senior residents
- Works with Protective Services for the Elderly to assist at risk individuals in our community who have issues of fraud, neglect, or abuse.
- Works with the Ellington TRIAD Senior Safety program to provide programs and services to Ellington senior residents to reduce the incidents of fraud or exploitation

HIGHLIGHTS

- Annual TRIAD Senior Safety Day program held on June 6th on "Getting the Scoop on Senior Safety" attend by 36 persons. Presenters were: Attorney Marilyn Denny from Greater Hartford Legal Service on Living Wills; Chris Macklem from The Phoenix Insurance Company on "Life Settlements"; & State Police St. Pat Sweeney on local scam issues.
- Facilitated TRIAD informational programs at the Ellington Senior Center on: Osteoporosis; CL&P Energy Efficiency workshop; the Senior Medicare Patrol & Medicare Fraud; Probate issues; Wound Care; and "Mind & Meditation"
- Received 66 calls regarding transportation & referrals made to EMATS & Dial a Ride
- Assisted 28 clients with Elderly Homeowner Tax credit forms;& received 59 contacts regarding the Renters Rebate program
- 64 client contacts for the Access Energy Assistance program; 33 regarding utility assistance & 7 regarding weatherization program
- 38 client contacts regarding Social Security benefit; 45 contacts regarding Medicaid/Title 19; 43 contacts regarding Medicare; 85 call about Medicare Part D prescription drug programs; 32 calls about Medicare Advantage plans; 34 inquiries on Medicare supplemental insurance plans; assisted 106 clients with the Medicare Savings Program;
- Received 249 calls regarding home care/nursing services; provided information on support groups to 33 callers; 11 contacts about Adult Day health centers ; assisted 51 clients with information/applications for the Connecticut Home Care program for Elders; and responded to 25 calls about Alzheimer's care
- Received 93 calls about senior housing option; assisted 5 persons with Sect. 8 issues; 5 request for information on

Reverse Mortgages; 2 seniors sought information on foreclosure prevention;

- 50 seniors attend the annual Flu shot clinic
- Assisted 19 clients with information on dental programs; 28 referrals to the Lifeline Emergency call system; 41 inquiries on durable medical equipment; and 16 calls about eye care
- Facilitator for monthly Tri-Town Parkinson's Disease support group meetings. This year 32 people attended the "April is Parkinson's Awareness Month" program & luncheon.
- Provided information & assistance to 10 Ellington residents on burial/cremation issues

STATISTICS

Month	Calls	Office	Correspondence	Home Visit
July	152	12	43	42
August	197	24	75	55
September	193	50	45	52
October	194	54	60	32
November	181	42	50	37
December	138	28	58	63
January	187	17	46	49
February	163	25	60	39
March	169	26	66	36
April	160	37	67	39
May	120	46	58	34
June	117	18	31	27
TOTAL	1,971	379	659	505

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The role of the Municipal Agent is to advocate the needs of residents age 60 and older in the community. The Municipal Agent also serves as the Elderly Outreach Worker for the Town of Ellington.

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

During the 2012-13 school year, the district continued the work of aligning our curriculum with the Common Core State Standards. In order to ensure that our reporting tools match the new standards, intermediate grades report cards were revised and new grade level expectations were developed. This work will allow the grading key currently used in grades K-4 to be expanded to grades 5-6, creating a unified approach to performance reporting across K-6. In related work, the middle school staff began to identify reporting standards and trimester expectations in support of the transition to standards-based report card at grades 7 and 8 during the 2013-14 school year.

In 2008, Ellington became a member of the National Affiliate Network of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. Through this affiliation, three staff developers worked with teachers at grades K-8 for a total of 23 days of professional development and coaching over the 2012-13 school year. Sessions included both study groups on reading and writing workshop and job-embedded coaching for individual teachers and teams. In order to support students in meeting the expectations of the Common Core State Standards in Writing, middle school social studies teachers developed opportunities for students to write argument-based essays, to self-assess their performance using rubrics, and to use video-enhanced instruction to target areas of individual need. As a result of the NEASC self-study process, district administrators and high school teachers adopted a common curriculum design template and a process for the ongoing work of curriculum revision.

To support implementation of these initiatives, many professional development opportunities for staff members were offered. During the fall professional development series, more than 200 certified staff members participated in 29 courses, focused on curriculum development aligned to Common Core State Standards, differentiated instruction, flipped classroom techniques, developing a professional learning network, effective grading practices, developing student success plans, legal issues related to special education, Responsive Classroom, and technology literacy. Approximately 25 teachers and administrators supported our professional development initiatives by presenting workshops or facilitating professional study groups or curriculum development work with their colleagues. Eighteen teachers who were new to the district received training in Data-Driven Decision Making/Data Teams. Study groups for special education teachers provided ongoing opportunities for special services staff members to learn and to share best practices, including new learning about phonemic awareness, social awareness, autism, communication systems for students and new special education regulations.

At Ellington High School, significant work was done to update course offerings. New courses were approved by the Ellington Board of Education, including Jewelry and Metals, Sculpture and 3-D Design, Personal and Career Planning, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Advanced Placement Seminar in English Language and Composition, Advanced Placement Statistics, Probability and Statistics, History of Musical Theater, Steel Drum Band, Songwriting, Unified Physical Education, and Advanced Placement Economics. These new courses reflect the commitment of the Board of Education to provide a comprehensive program of studies supporting high levels of student engagement and achievement.

In an effort to increase special education student achievement, the special services department continued to review student individual education plans, working with parents to help ensure that goals and objectives were aligned when appropriate with the district's curriculum standards. In this way, parents, special and general education teachers shared a common and

collaborative understanding of each student's performance levels, and were able to better measure and understand student learning and meet special education needs. Special education teachers across the district also worked to align student objectives with the Common Core State Standards.

Standardized testing such as the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT), Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Advanced Placement Examinations (AP), are important, even if they represent only a small portion of the totality of student achievement measures.

On the Connecticut Mastery Test, the state assessment for grades three through eight, Ellington students consistently score close to or above 90% proficient. In the 2013 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above proficient:

- Grade 3 Math 96.7%; Reading 89.5%; Writing 93.1%
- Grade 4 Math 94.3%; Reading 92.6%; Writing 95.3%
- Grade 5 Math 99.0%; Reading 95.4%; Writing 98.6%; Science 96.2%
- Grade 6 Math 100%; Reading 97.5%; Writing 93.0%
- Grade 7 Math 96.5%; Reading 98.0%; Writing 93.5%
- Grade 8 Math 96.4%; Reading 90.5%; Writing 92.0%; Science 86.7%

On the Connecticut Mastery Test, Ellington students consistently score at the higher goal level as well. In the 2013 administration of the CMT the following percentage of students scored at or above goal:

- Grade 3 Math 81.5%; Reading 78.1%; Writing 77.5%
- Grade 4 Math 75.7%; Reading 81.8%; Writing 79.6%
- Grade 5 Math 94.6%; Reading 87.3%; Writing 90.5%; Science 85.2%
- Grade 6 Math 92.2%; Reading 89.5%; Writing 75.7%
- Grade 7 Math 84.5%; Reading 90.4%; Writing 77.6%
- Grade 8 Math 79.5%; Reading 83.7%; Writing 73.8%; Science 75.6%

Ellington High School students continue to do very well on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, the statewide high school assessment. The 2013 CAPT results show strong performance in all four areas: reading, writing, math and science.

- In Reading, 90.4% at or above proficiency; 64.9% at or above goal
- In Writing, 94.9% at or above proficiency; 73.1% at or above goal
- In Math, 91.1% at or above proficiency; 65.3% at or above goal
- In Science, 94.9% at or above proficiency; 60.4% at or above goal

Last year, 111 EHS students took 143 advanced placement exams in 2-D art, Calculus AB, English literature, U.S. History, music theory, psychology, studio art (drawing), biology, environmental science, U.S. Government and Politics, European History and Spanish. Ninety-five of the 111 students, or 85.6%, received scores of 3 or better.

Eight students were named AP Scholars for taking 3 or more exams and scoring a 3 or better on each. One student was named AP Scholar with Honor. This student received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Annual results of the SAT show that Ellington students continue to score above the state. A review of the SAT scores results in the following comparison:

	EHS	CT
Critical Reading	522	508
Mathematics	529	512
Writing	517	512

STRONG ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS



Windermere teacher Cheryl Warriner greets Open Choice students at a Meet and Greet.



Windermere teacher Cindy Garrow greets Open Choice students at a Meet and Greet.

Building Community through Shared Reading continues to promote school values through shared readings of picture books with the selection of one children's book per month to be read throughout the Center School community. Books are selected as having a powerful theme, as within the pages there is something the author has intended for readers to glean from the story. Themes of these books become common conversation points to help children solve problems and make wise choices. Copies of the book, accompanied by a letter from the principal, are raffled monthly to students and teachers. To date, 45 books have been added to the schools rolls.

Windermere's School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SW-PBIS) began its second year of full-implementation at the elementary level and its first year of full-implementation at the intermediate level. Both schools saw tremendous gains from the program which featured students earning positive tickets, classrooms earning "Whale Done Notes," and periodic school-wide celebrations when ticket goals were obtained. The two schools combined earned over 100,000 tickets throughout the year. Students and staff all enjoyed celebrating their positive behavior throughout the year. The school also began the Behavioral Intervention Team which analyzes and focuses on office discipline data to determine Tier II interventions. The Social Academy was created and designed as a Tier II intervention program for those students who have been referred for consideration. The general goal of the Social Academy is to increase a student's ability to communicate effectively with others through the use of functional communication. The skills addressed are identifying feelings of self and others, perspective talking, communication/social skills, conflict resolution and anger management, learning about oneself and the person they want to become, and finally identifying and decreasing bullying behaviors.

Center School completed its first full year of implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention System initiatives. The objective for our PBIS committee is to "facilitate a consistent common core of values and behavior expectations throughout the school community, fostering a safe and respectful environment in which all children can learn." This fulfills the second side of the SRBI triangle for Tiers of support and

interventions to benefit all students and create a pro-active school-wide culture of respect and dignity. Behavior expectations focused on safety, respect and responsibility. Students learned the school pledge and recited it daily. Two large banners invitingly welcomed the community to our school. Staff members purchased purple polo shirts with paw-print logo to wear on school spirit days. Students were offered an opportunity to purchase tee-shirts with the PBIS logo for wearing on school spirit days. Center School's PBIS has also been supported by the bus company, where students are acknowledged for their commitment to following school behavior expectations on the school buses.

This year Crystal Lake School continued to implement the Responsive Classroom approach to elementary teaching. Responsive Classroom is the core component in its social-emotional learning Tier I. There are ten components to Responsive Classroom. A three-year timeline of implementation has been developed at CLS and 2012-2013 was Year 3. All ten core components of Responsive Classroom are being fully implemented including: morning meetings, logical consequences, interactive modeling, collaborative rule creation, positive teacher language, collaborative problem-solving, guided discovery and classroom organization. In support of the Responsive Classroom work, each week at Crystal Lake School students are recognized for demonstrating Cooperation, Advocacy, Respect, Empathy, and Self-Control. Students are presented with a CARES Award by the principal, Mr. Larkin, and are acknowledge and recognized by have their pictures displayed on the school's bulletin board.

Library media specialist Pat McAuley coordinated a celebration for students who had read over the summer for the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Students independently practice the reading skills and strategies they have learned throughout the school year in order to help them be better prepared for that first day of school in the fall. Center School had 120 students enrolled in the Reading Challenge, and collectively these dedicated readers read a total of 2,275 books.

On September 6, language arts consultant Louise Kelly organized a Summer Readers Celebration. Crystal Lake students who completed the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge were invited to discuss some of their favorite summer books. Fifty-six students participated and read more than 1,400 books!

This year, both Center School and Windermere School participated in Recess Mileage Clubs with the support of staff and parent volunteers. At Center, students showed lots of enthusiasm running laps at recess, tracking on a U.S. map and trying to be the first grade to reach California. The race ended with the first graders winning after running a total of 140 miles! Winners enjoyed an extra recess period. Runners up were fourth graders who with a total of 128 miles. Windermere students similarly accumulated miles and rewards along the way. Thanks to PTO volunteers for their time and support in making this recess program successful.

The Center School's traditional Harvest Parade and Party was held on the day schools returned from the fall hurricane. Many families, residents and local business folk lined the pathways around Arbor Park with cameras and smiles all around.

School counselors Marilyn Toback-Reveley and Jessica Marshall met with sixth grade social studies classes throughout the fall. The students role-played how to "cool down" when angered or upset, how to use active listening to understand both sides in a conflict, and how to communicate how you feel to the other disputant using "I Messages." Students also learned how to brainstorm and develop "Win/Win" solutions to conflicts, how to respond assertively when teased by others, and how to identify bullying behaviors and respond if they witness bullying or are bullied themselves.

In November, Center School had the first school-wide award celebration for accumulating 10,000 earned tickets in its PBIS award program with a dance party on the blacktop in recognition of our students making so many PAWSitive Choices. In January, students were recognized for making the second 10,000 PAWSitive Choices with a crazy hair day. Not only students engaged in the fun. Teachers also colored and styled their hair in wacky ways, and the principal dyed her hair purple to acknowledge the students' achievement! By April, students had earned another 10,000 tickets for PAWSitive Behavior Choices and were rewarded with a third whole-school activity time. A final cel-

eburation for the fourth 10,000 ticket collection was held in June, with a beach party theme, Beach Boys music, and popsicles for all.

Rachel's Challenge returned to Windermere School and presented two different assemblies to fifth and sixth grade students respectively regarding Rachel Scott who was the first person killed at Columbine High School. The story of Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion are presented along with the contents of her six diaries. The information has become the foundation for the school program that inspires students to spread a chain of kindness in the school. Students attended a 60-minute assembly and 90-minute Chain Links training session. Rachel's Chain Links Clubs were established and will carry out Rachel's positive messages at Windermere School. School counselors Marilyn Toback-Reveley and Jessica Marshall also organized and ran Rachel's Rally at the end of the school year which highlighted the wonderful work being done by students within the Rachel's Challenge Friends of Rachel Clubs. Each of the nine clubs highlighted their acts of kindness throughout the year and many provided multimedia presentations. The clubs were: Senior Center Superstars, Fantastic Fundraisers, Cross-Age Caring Coaches, Positive Impact Publishers, Elderly Outreach, Acts of Kindness, Media Mania, Wall of Famers - Fifth Grade, and Wall of Famers - Sixth Grade.

Each school in its own way celebrated Veterans' Day with its own version of Bring a Veteran to School program. Students invited a family member or close friend to come to school that served, or is serving in the military. The response was amazing. Veterans from many branches of the military came and had an opportunity to share their experiences, show photographs, maps and other memorabilia to bring their stories to life for the students. Students read poems and essays, and the chorus sung "God Bless America." Visits culminated with receptions with the support of the PTOs.



Windermere students pose with Principal Moccio and teachers on School Spirit Day.

Once again Center School and Windermere School teachers teamed up with Diane Lasher-Penti from Ellington Youth Services to run the Homework Club. The program involves high school and middle school students served as tutors for elementary students in this valuable after school program.

The 38th Annual Crystal Lake School Pancake Breakfast was held December 18. Students were served pancakes in the cafeteria upon their arrival to school. Kindergarten teacher Valerie Gagnon coordinated the annual breakfast with the assistance of Crystal Lake School staff. Music teacher Tim Adams led the sing-along in the gym after the breakfast.

Middle school students in Jen Larkin's language arts classes took part in a special assignment during the year – they become online bloggers. As part of an experiment that began in 2009, students become owners of Larkin's Book Bloggers, a young adult fiction blog that reviews novels, hosts book giveaways and even interviews authors such as Tim Green, Marie Lu, and more. Students became experts at writing creative leads, isolating im-

portant quotes from the book, summarizing, and become critical readers and writers as they reflected about key events and their likes and dislikes.

Windermere's annual holiday concert for the fourth grade chorus, fifth/sixth grade chorus, and intermediate band under the direction of Sharon Bigge and John Cheman were held at Ellington High School to accommodate larger crowds.

The annual Center School/Crystal Lake School combined fourth grade chorus concert was held on December 10. Under the direction of Tim Adams students treated the audience to seasonal favorites. Mr. Adams also presented his third graders in a recorder concert at the high school to a packed house of families and friends. Fourth grade students from Center and Crystal Lake also participated in a chorus performance of holiday songs during the Winterfest celebration on the Town Green.

Crystal Lake's annual grade 4 Wax Museum was held on January 11. Students culminated their biography unit of study by transforming into a historical figure they had studied. When visitors to the Wax Museum approached, students came to life and shared important information about their lives.

Center School celebrated "Dozen Day" on 12/12/12. To acknowledge this unique date, teachers organized academic activities and games centered on the concept of a dozen, a gross, and the number twelve in other content areas.

Two assemblies were held at Crystal Lake School in March in preparation of a planned PTO sponsored author's visit. On April 10 author Nancy Elizabeth Wallace visited Crystal Lake. Ms. Wallace is the author of *The Kindness Quilt*, a story about how acts of kindness were recorded and woven together into a beautiful quilt. At the March assembly, Mr. Larkin read aloud *The Kindness Quilt* and asked the students to participate in a quilt project. Each student was given a quilt square to record an act of kindness on. Staff member Christine King is lending her quilting skills to the project and is assembling the squares into Crystal Lake's own Kindness Quilt. The hallways at Crystal Lake School were filling with the Kindness Quilt!

For the first time in many years students were in school on Earth Day, April 22. Center School selected *Earth Dance* by Joanne Ryder as the book-of-the-month to be read and shared in each classroom. Activities throughout the school acknowledged the importance of caring for the earth, the role of trees in shaping our environment, and projects made of recycled materials.

Windermere library media specialist Mary Varley held two Nutmeg celebrations for any grade 4 student who read at least two Nutmeg books and grade 5 and 6 students who have read at least four Nutmeg books. The celebration included a balloon volleyball game where the balloons were popped unveiling a question regarding one of the books that were being discussed. To qualify, fourth grade students must have read the five Nutmeg Nominees and the fifth and sixth grade students must have read eight Nutmeg Nominees. The students voted on which books they believed should be Nutmeg Award Winners. A total of 42 students met the requirements and participated in the voting.

As part of the social studies curriculum, grade 3 students visited the Mashantucket Pequot Museum where they viewed life-size walk-through dioramas, live performances of contemporary arts and cultures, interactive exhibits depicting Native and natural history, and a diverse selection of materials on the histories and cultures of all Native peoples of the United States and Canada.

The third graders explored local history and community visiting the Nellie E. McKnight Historical Society and the Town Hall as part of their social studies unit. Students in grade 3 also visited the CRRA Trash Museum in Hartford for a lesson on recycling to complement the science curriculum. They learned about the problems of prior methods of disposal and considered solutions, including explanations of source reduction, recycling, trash-to-energy and landfills.

English Language Learner staff Tara Kelly and Colleen Palozej held the 7th Annual ESL Potluck Supper. Over 100 parents, siblings, and family members of students involved in the ESL program brought a variety of ethnic dishes and enjoyed a night of conversation. The evening was concluded with a Polynesian Dancers' performance.

Windermere Intermediate School students were treated to thirteen year old mathmagician Ethan Brown. Ethan is an eighth grade student from Bethel, CT who performs assemblies to show

students how to do “math magic.” Ethan did an assembly for the fifth and sixth grades and then spent time visiting classrooms for smaller group discussions to further explain how he utilizes math to work his magic. Ethan has traveled across the country presenting his “mathmagic” at educational conferences and has even traveled to India where he presented at the England School.

Thanks to music teacher Tim Adams for the well-rehearsed performances during Center School’s Grandparents and Special Persons’ Day. Over 750 parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and other special persons enjoyed the musical performance. One morning and one afternoon presentation featured grade levels singing, dancing and playing recorders to a packed house! It was a powerful example of the strength of community surrounding Center School. Similar programs were held at Crystal Lake and Windermere where they were equally enjoyed by their special guests.

The sixth grade held its annual Immigration Day. Students began the day with the port of entry and were “processed” in the cafeteria. The entire day was created to simulate what an immigrant would go through when first arriving at Ellis Island in the early 1900s. Various stations were created to describe the different areas of Ellis Island such as a medical station, money exchange station, and musical folk songs from the time period. Students were treated to a catered lunch and the day ended with board member Dale Roberson officiating a Naturalization Ceremony where the students were officially sworn in as American citizens.

The annual Young Authors Readers Conference (YARC) was held at Crystal Lake School on June 3. This is an opportunity for students to meet in small multi-age groups to share a piece of writing that they authored. Language arts consultant Louise Kelly organized the celebration.

As part of its social studies unit, the fifth grade held its annual American Revolutionary War Day encampment. Students transitioned between various stations including marching exercises, medicine, games, candle making, militia, music, codes, debate, and journal writing. The day was collaboratively organized between the WPTO and the fifth grade teachers. The day was an experience the students will never forget and culminated with Principal Steve Moccio reading a portion of the Declaration of Independence.

Windermere’s fourth grade classes held their Reading Olympics Closing Ceremony in June. The ceremony included a procession of classes and closing remarks from Superintendent Cullinan. A medal presentation for the top three readers was done by teachers Lisa Schumacher and Amy Duff. At the conclusion of the ceremony, fourth grade teacher David Pechie presented Principal Moccio with “The Golden Book” logging how many total minutes each class read during the month-long activity. The overall total minutes read by this year’s fourth grade was 139,381 minutes (2,323 hours) which surpassed the challenge and allowed students to receive their reward of frozen popsicles. Congratulations to the students for the amount of reading and the fourth grade teachers for the organization of the month’s activity!

STRONG ONGOING 9-12 PROGRAMS

In August the incoming Class of 2016, was welcomed with a freshman orientation. Students gathered in an assembly with Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Uriano, and participated in break-out sessions about what to expect at the high school. The high school welcomed three foreign exchange students - Makiko Niigaki of Japan, Thanyalak Watcharavakhin of Thailand and Simone Winistoerfer of Switzerland.

As September progressed, the high school staff finalized preparations for its decennial evaluation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The accreditation visit of Ellington High School took place on September 23 - 26.

NEASC forwarded its final report indicating that the commission voted to award Ellington High School Decision #1: Continued Accreditation: Two Year Progress Report Requested, which is the highest of the four possible accreditation decisions. A letter from the commission stated, “The committee was impressed with the numerous programs and services and wishes to commend the school on the positive school culture that reflects your core values and beliefs. Also commendable is the student and staff pride in the Ellington High School community and the positive relationships and supportive learning environment that ex-

ist there.” NEASC has reported that only 20% of schools to go through the accreditation process receive decision number one.

The next step in the NEASC ten-year accreditation process is developing a two-year progress report on the commission’s recommendations. Follow-Up committees are in place to address all valid evaluation report recommendations and any highlighted recommendations. Mr. Rinaldi plans to finalize and share Two-Year Progress Reports with the faculty, central office, and the Board of Education. High school faculty members have already reviewed all recommendations and self-study findings and are in the process of developing strategies for the implementation of the NEASC recommendations. It should be noted that some of the recommendations such as developing a curriculum review process, developing a curriculum template, hiring a media and medical assistant, as well as other commission recommendations have already been completed. Mr. Rinaldi reports that there are no recommendations that would be rejected and that most of the recommendations will be completed by the time the two-year report is submitted.

NEASC requires that the high school report out to the public student progress on achieving the schools 21st Century Learning Expectations. The following table indicates our progress for the 2012-2013 school year:

2014	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	1.6%	98.4%
Creates or performs effectively	10.9%	89.1%
Reads effectively	2.6%	97.4%
Think critically & solve problems	0.0%	100.0%
Utilize technology effectively	6.2%	93.8%
Writes effectively	1.6%	98.4%
2014 Total	3.8%	96.2%

2015	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	2.0%	98.0%
Creates or performs effectively	54.5%	45.5%
Reads effectively	5.4%	94.6%
Think critically & solve problems	2.0%	98.0%
Utilize technology effectively	13.9%	86.1%
Writes effectively	3.5%	96.5%
2015 Total	3.5%	86.5%

2016	NOT MET	PROFICIENT
Collaborates effectively	2.7%	97.3%
Creates or performs effectively	71.7%	28.3%
Reads effectively	17.4%	82.6%
Think critically & solve problems	7.1%	92.9%
Utilize technology effectively	44.0%	56.0%
Writes effectively	10.3%	89.7%
2016 Total	25.5%	74.5%

In alignment with the EHS Core Values and Beliefs, Mr. Rinaldi announced that the high school will continue the practice started last year of a Community One Read with Outcasts United by Warren St. John. The high school invited all community members to read this book and the book was required summer reading for all EHS students. The purpose of a One Read is to bring various members of the community, who otherwise may not have an opportunity to interact, together through literature. This shared experience will foster rich conversations about what it means to be a citizen, a leader, and what it means to work together as a community.

Ellington High School students continue to do well in comparison to the rest of Connecticut on the CAPT, our statewide high school assessment. The 2012 CAPT scores are as follows: For reading, 90% of students scored at or above proficiency and 57% are at or above goal. For writing, 94% of students scored at or above proficiency and 74% scored at or above goal. For math, 89% of students scored at or above proficiency and 58% students scored at or above goal. For science, 90% of students scored at or above proficiency and 54% students scored at or above goal.

In November, over 800 students, staff and guests gathered in the high school gymnasium to honor our veterans. The Veterans’ Day ceremony was organized, planned and implemented by the Student Council under the direction of advisor Cynthia Fontanella. The highlight of the ceremony was a reading of an original essay by Thomas Mackintosh that was dedicated to all of our veterans. State Representative Christopher Davis, State

Senator Gary LeBeau, and Board of Education Chair Daniel Keune all provided remarks on the significance of Veterans' Day. The Student Council then hosted breakfast for the veterans. The vocal ensemble provided music for the ceremony, and breakfast was prepared by the culinary competition team and the baking and pastry arts students. This annual event aligns with the high school's Core Values and Beliefs that all Ellington High School students demonstrate responsibility, integrity, respect, cultural understanding and ethical behavior.



EHS Students celebrating with veterans on Veterans' Day.

The Opening Knight Players presented a number of outstanding performances. In the arts OKP explored the Israeli/Palestine conflict with *Stone Girls Dreaming*; traveled back to the time of Moliere in *Skinflints and Scoundrels*; created original student written one acts and enchanted our community with their Production of *Charlotte's Web* which included amazing puppets and an original score. Unfortunately, this year the Opening Knight Players were unable to participate in the Connecticut Drama Association Festival due to numerous students becoming ill the weekend of the festival.

The Connecticut Association of Schools awarded Ellington High School an Endowment and Flannigan Grant for a "multi-cultural author/illustrator program." The grant was submitted by English teacher Bill Prenetta and library media specialist Jen Smolnik. The grant will be used to fund an author-in-residence for a week-long program for all students. The goal of the program supports the high school's core values and beliefs about communication, innovation and critical thinking. The program will provide cultural enrichment through the diverse presentations of a minority author and illustrator for all students.

The high school band performed at Memorial Day services where Katherine Lee read the Gettysburg Address, Thomas MacKintosh read Logan's orders, and the band participated in the parades at both Crystal Lake and at the town green.

A new activity club called "A Better Society" received rave reviews in the *Journal Inquirer* for their work on creating "compliment walks." By the end of the year students involved in this club wrote compliments about every single student and teacher throughout and around the high school building.

Ellington High School awarded diplomas to 178 seniors and three Certificates of Achievement on June 14. Mr. Rinaldi praised the seniors' accomplishments stating, "The Class of 2013 made numerous contributions to the Ellington community. You have shaped each other's experience - by supporting a classmate in need, by actively participating in the classroom, by serving as campus leaders, by servicing the community, by competing in athletic competitions, by advancing our culture through the fine arts, and by traveling throughout New England and beyond as our ambassadors." Mr. Rinaldi also announced that for the first time ever the Class of 2013 had provided nearly ten thousand hours of community service.

The statistics for the Class of 2013 as of July 1, 2013 were as follows: The total number of graduates was 181 (84 males, 97 females). One hundred and seven students (60%) plan to attend four-year colleges, forty-eight (29%) students plan to attend two-year colleges, three students plan to enter technical schools, six students plan to join the military, twelve students plan to enter the workforce, and five students remained undecided. Three Certificates of Academic Achievement were also awarded. EHS

said goodbye to this year's foreign exchange students: Makiko Niigaki of Japan, Simone Winistoerfer of Switzerland and Thanyalak Watcharavakhin of Thailand.

The Ellington Safe Graduation Committee provided an evening of safe, alcohol and drug free, fun activities for all graduates at the Ellington Middle School which was well attended and a success. This year's attendance was approximately 85%, which was similar to last year's participation rate. The community appreciates the many volunteers who provided this opportunity for our graduates.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITION

On October 16 and 17, the eighth grade participated in the American Math Challenge online. The first day, all questions were directly related to curriculum. The second day of the competition was directed towards mental math and speed. Here the students could play against other students from around the world, or choose to play against the computer. Students could earn up to 15,000 points. Ryan Sherba was the middle school winner with 11,000 points. Ryan ended up placing second in the State. Several other students also finished in the State's top ten. They were: Kelly White in third place, Lokesh Katiki in fifth place, Adam Mayne in eighth place, and Jason Martin in ninth place. In total, 28 students scored in the State's top 100, with all of Ellington's ten classes scoring in the top 20 classes in the State.

The Ellington High School Marching Knight Band performed at Connecticut Day at The Big E in September. The band performed on the Storowtown Green and then marched in the parade. In November, selected students from the music department performed in the NCCC Band and Chorus Concert. The music department presented winter and spring concerts. Both concerts featured the chorale, vocal ensemble, jazz band, concert band and wind ensemble groups. The music department traveled to Virginia Beach where they were recipients of numerous awards including The Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser Award. This special award goes to a musical group that displays an exemplary attitude of positive support and outstanding personal behavior. The EHS Color Guard was awarded the first place in the special award area of "Best Parade Auxiliary Unit," and Annie Sawamura was awarded twice as the "Best Student Accompanist," and "Best Jazz Soloist" awards.

Congratulations to Center School students Sara Guerette, Hannah Bilbe and Claire McMenamin for placing first, second and third respectively in the fourth grade Fire Prevention Poster contest. All Ellington fourth grade students made posters to reflect the theme, "Fire Prevention; Everyone, Everyday." Center students worked under the guidance of art teacher Steven Bernard, learning how to present important information graphically using pictures and few words. These students were recognized for their efforts at the Selectmen's meeting on December 10. Sara's poster was also entered in the state contest and where she was selected as a County winner. Mrs. Roberts joined Sara at a luncheon honoring the winners where Sara received an award and a savings bond for her artistic efforts.

This year's Windermere Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners were announced in the fall. The fifth grade winners were: Grace Dubiel, first place; Ainsley Armstrong, second place and Marissa Chow, third place. The students were recognized for their hard work at a Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Middle school world language teacher Yurah Robidas organized a French language learners' student trip to Quebec in the fall for students in grades 8-12. Sixty five students spent three amazing days practicing their French language skills and exploring French Canadian culture. Other teacher chaperones on trip were Debbie Lubas, Sheron McCallum, Lisa Garofalo and Louann Landsberg.

Eighth grade student Abigail Wylie was selected to be a member of the 2015 Teen Book Award Selection Committee. There is a competitive application process with students applying from across the State to be on this thirteen-member committee. Abigail was one of only two students chosen to be on the committee. As a member of the selection committee, Abigail will read about 80 books between December 2012 and November 2013 in order to choose the 10 nominees for the 2015 Teen Book Award.

On February 2, fourteen middle school students attended a mathematics competition at the University of Hartford called MathCounts. These students have been meeting weekly after school. The matheletes were: Tommy Arbeiter, Dan Barrett, Ryan

Bergeron, Elizabeth Canavan, Austin Chen, Danielle DelPiano, Preethi Kannan, Lokesh Katiki, Stefanie Ma, Lukas Merkouriou, Dan Meaney, Chris O'Connell, Ross Omelchenko, and Hamza Suede. EMS high scorers were Austin Chen, Dan Barrett and Dan Meaney.

In February, 41 EHS Latin students joined over 150,000 others from all 50 states and several other countries in taking the 2013 National Latin Exam. Awards on this exam are given according to the student's score on the exam, with summa cum laude being the highest level of honor, followed by maxima cum laude, magna cum laude and finally, cum laude. This year, EHS had eight award-winners, and they are as follows:

Latin III: Andrew Parker, maxima cum laude, with silver medal; Nicholas Greika and Evan Welton, cum laude

Latin II: Albert Tebbetts, magna cum laude; Karli King and Kaitlyn Powers, cum laude

Latin I: Allison Letizia, magna cum laude; Kyle Fitzgerald, cum laude

Ann Sawamura and Joshua Feldman were selected by Ellington High School to be honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Seventeenth Annual Recognition Dinner for outstanding seniors who excel in visual or performing arts. They were recognized at a banquet at the Aqua Turf in April.

Crystal Lake first grader Abigail Matysik and second grader Annika Stimac traveled to the State Capitol on April 25 for the annual Art at the Capitol celebration. Abigail and Annika both had artwork on display at the capitol.

This year, five Windermere students were selected to have their art displayed at the Capitol. Madeline Doran, Sandhya Narayanan, Kaitlyn Hoyme, Ariana Bahavar, and Cole Kilgore spent the morning along with their parents, and art teachers, Mrs. Waine, and Mr. Bernard, touring the Capitol.

Three Center School students Sara Guerette, Emma Kloter, and Claire McMenamin attended Art at the Capital with art teacher Steve Bernard. The reception was held on May 16 in the Legislative Office Building.

Kayla Sgarlata was one of 22 students in Connecticut selected to participate in the CT Youth Financial Literacy Institute held at UConn's School of Business. Kayla met and networked with other students from schools across the state, and enjoyed a special luncheon program with top state business leaders.

Spanish students and staff at EMS raised \$1,927 for the "Help Children in Guatemala" campaign. Working through the organization Common Hope, the money raised allowed them to continue their full sponsorship of Jacqueline Barrera, and partial sponsorship of Johana Salazar – both thirteen years old. With the additional funds raised, students have elected to provide access to fresh water for a section of the village, purchase a new roof for a family whose present roof is made of mud and sticks, and make five dental check-ups and four cancer screenings available to anyone in need of these services.

Bruce Warkentin from the VFW presented awards to this year's Patriot's Pen essay contest winners. The Windermere Intermediate School winners were Elyssia Beaulieu, Alexis Bigelow, Alexander Gervin, Suchet Kadari, Matthew Mayne, Amelia Snyder, and Theresa Yu. Each winner was presented with a certificate. Amelia Snyder was also presented with a cash prize as she finished third among all fifth through eighth grade entries.

Center School teacher Maren Sussman was recognized for being one of six Connecticut finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching at a dinner held in the Legislative Building to present the state awards.

Middle school teachers Edie Vibert-Johnson and Mike Nash became nationally recognized when noted author and Columbia University Teachers' College presenter Chris Lehman tweeted about the literacy work they were doing in their eighth grade social studies classrooms. It was exciting and an honor to see the work being done in Ellington Schools being recognized by Columbia's Readers/Writers program.

Alissa DelPiano has been nominated by the principal and appointed by the Board to serve as the student representative on the Board of Education. Alissa will serve this one-year term during her senior year in a non-voting capacity.

The Ellington Middle School music department held its twelfth annual piano competition with ten very talented students: Rebekah Gerber, Erin McConnell, Sydney Avgtes, Sarah Olender, Adam Mayne, Ian Pyne, Dan Meaney, Naomi

Schneider, Sophie Wei, and Stefanie Ma. There were two winners this year, Stephanie Ma and Sophie Wei. They performed at the Spring Choral Concert on May 21.

We are very fortunate to have strong and supportive PTOs and booster clubs in our district. They are an integral part of our school community. Through their continuing efforts and fund raising events, these volunteer groups help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. We wish to thank the officers and coordinators of these groups, as well as, the hundreds of parents who volunteer their time, talents and resources to help support the many activities and programs offered to our students.

Music teachers Stephanie Pruden and Bobbie Angelica had eleven middle school students accepted into the Eastern Region Festival ensembles. Sydney Avgtes was accepted into the Eastern Region Middle School Band. Students accepted into the Eastern Region Middle School Chorus were: Lilly Bannock, Nick Cantin, Maddy Giordano, Jessica Jones, Madison Killoran, Ryan Milliken, Cassidy Nelson, Naomi Schneider, Kaitlyn Tarbox, and Nidhi Yagnik.

In athletics, the EHS Knights were the NCCC Champions in girls' tennis, cheerleading, boys' cross country and boys' indoor track. The girls' tennis team had an undefeated season while seven seniors were All-State Athletes. Scholar Athletes were recognized 53 times this year.

Middle school teachers Lisa Garofalo and Daryl Basch are active participants in the selection of the Nutmeg Book Awards. As part of the selection committee, both Lisa and Daryl read all 80+ nominated books over the course of eight months.

The following students were inducted into the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society on May 15: Julie Bezanson, Austin Binkowski, Courtney Binkowski, Jamie Choate, Alissa DelPiano, Sarah DiResta, Steven Duguay, Julia Gillis, Brittany Lemire, Amy McDonnell, Erin McGrath, Katie Remenik, Margaret Russell, Nicholas Schipper, Erin Schirra, Alyssa Tournaud, Devonney Waters, and Rachel Ziter.

The President's Education Award was awarded to 22 sixth grade students for their educational excellence and academic achievement. The recipients were announced at the sixth grade D.A.R.E. graduation and awards assembly and received a congratulations letter from President Obama, certificate of achievement, and pin. The award recipients were selected according to their 2012 CMT scores and academic performance throughout their intermediate schooling. This year's recipients were Colin Andrews, Kyle Brown, Elizabeth Champeau, Aiden Cooke, Colin Garrow, Elizabeth Gerlach, Alexander Gervin, Reece Hoyme, Daniel Johnson, Zachary Judson, Luke Kloter, Tina Ma, Noah Marshall, Nicholas Massaro, Katherine O'Connell, Bryson Reidinger, Timothy Schafer, Gautam Sunil, Christie Wang, Noah Welti, Theresa Yu, and Katrina Zahner.

Allie Geilich was selected as a finalist for the Connecticut Young Writers' Trust 16th annual writing competition. Allie's short story entitled "Until the Song is Ended" was selected from among hundreds of other entries around the state. Finalists were honored at Central Connecticut State University on June 9.

The following students were recognized at our athletic awards ceremony. Andrew Cohen received the Gordon C. Getchell Scholar-Athlete Award, given to the varsity athlete with the highest scholastic standing, who has earned two varsity letters in CIAC-sanctioned sports in the current school year. Gabriella Rubino and Andrew Parker received the Sportsmanship Award presented to the boy and girl who have earned two varsity letters in the current school year, perform well and demonstrate sportsman-like traits under all conditions. Patience Turkson and Austin Tautkus received the Coaches Award given to those students who have earned two varsity letters in the current school year and who, in the opinion of the coaches, have set an example by their character, tenacity, determination, leadership, and improvement. Neal Hulstein and Karlee Alves received the Thomas W. Hartman Athlete of the Year Award, presented to the outstanding boy and girl athlete, who have competed in three sports in the current school year. Alexandra Larew and Neal Janiga received the Outstanding Athlete Award that is given to the boy and girl who have excelled both athletically and in terms of their character in a minimum of three sports over a four-year period.

Elizabeth Canavan and Daniel Bocchino were the recipients of the CABA Student Leadership Award. The CABA Student

Leadership Awards Program is designed to honor Connecticut high school and middle school students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. One male and one female student from each high school and middle school in a CABE member district are eligible to receive the CABE Student Leadership Award.

Mr. Rinaldi presented Margo Bailey and Justin Graziani to the Board of Education as the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Award winners for distinguished leadership in school activities and daily life.

The following students were nominated by Ellington High School faculty members to be Ellington High School's representatives to the 72nd American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. The Boys State delegates are Brian Fitzsimons, Sean Millane, and Nicholas Schipper. The Girls State delegates are Katie Remenik and Erin Schirra.

Caitlyn Gresh and Thomas Arbeiter were the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar Leaders award winners from Ellington Middle School and were given public recognition at the annual Scholar Leader Banquet for having distinguished themselves in scholarship and leadership in their school and the community.

The Ellington Community Scholarship Association (ECSA) awarded students over \$58,000 in scholarships to 69 members of the Class of 2013.

This year, Ellington High School's top scholars were Valedictorian Andrew Cohen and Salutatorian Alexandra Larew. The following class scholars represented the highest five percent of the Class of 2013: Andrew Cohen, Alexandra Larew, Margo Bailey, Julie Bezanson, Blaire Herter, Karli King, Gabriella Rubino, Ann Sawamura, Carolyn Schafer, and Ann Skorulski.

Andrew Cohen, the son of Steve and Flo Cohen, was the Class of 2013 valedictorian. Andrew was recognized as a class scholar and has achieved high honors and scholar athlete recognition for all four years of his high school career. Andrew received the Harvard Radcliffe Book Award, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, and was a Connecticut Association of Schools Governors Scholar Candidate. Andrew was the Connecticut Boys' State delegate sponsored by the American Legion and a Rensselaer medalist. Andrew was also a member of the award-winning 2011 Chemistry Olympiad group representing Ellington High School. Additionally, Andrew has been a member of the Student Council. Andrew also has been a major contributor to the high school athletic program. He has participated on the Boys' Indoor Track and Soccer teams, receiving All Conference recognition for both. As a captain of the soccer team, he received recognition as an All-State and All-New England soccer player. Andrew is a recipient of the Dr. Valerio Moretti Scholar Athlete Award and was selected to the boys' soccer NSCAA Scholar All American Team in 2012. Andrew was recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools as a Scholar Athlete. He was actively involved with the Ellington Youth Basketball program and participated in Relay for Life. Andrew has been accepted into the honors program at UConn and will be studying biomedical engineering.

Alexandra Larew, the daughter of Bob and Kathy Larew, was the Class of 2013 salutatorian. Ali was recognized as a class scholar, was a member of the National Honor Society, and has consistently been on the high honor roll. She has received awards for excellence in the following subjects: AP Calculus, AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, and UConn English. Ali was also selected as Ellington High School's Girls' State representative sponsored by the American Legion. Ali is active in both athletics and academics. Athletically, she's been recognized as a scholar athlete every season of her career and has received the 2012 Sportsmanship Award and the 2013 Outstanding Athlete Award. As captain of the softball team, Ali received the Coaches' Award, and All Conference and Scholar Athlete Awards. In volleyball she was captain and recipient of Coaches' Award and MVP Award. She was recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools as a Scholar Athlete and was a member of the Journal Inquirer All Academic Team. As a senior, Ali was a member of the school golf team and received Coaches' Award and All State distinction. She was an Executive Board Member of Rise Above, a student leadership group, as well as, a member of the Knight Writers Literary Magazine club. Ali's community involvement included coaching girls recreation basketball, being a student representative on the Council for Developing a Positive Youth Culture (DPYC), serving as a mentor for at risk students in the middle school, and participated in the Connecticut Youth Forum

activities. Ali plans on attending Villanova University and will be majoring in communication.

At the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year, the district saw the retirements of the following eighteen staff members. From Center School – Ellen Glazer, reading/language arts consultant; Linda Grad, special education teacher; and Patricia McAuley, library/ media specialist. From Crystal Lake School – Valerie Gagnon, kindergarten teacher; Ron Leach, head custodian; Kathy Marohn, second grade teacher; and Florence Robert, first grade teacher. From Windermere School – Bruce Andrews, sixth grade teacher; Kathy Andrews, special education teacher; Mary Fortin, special education teacher; and Jean Mudgett, fourth grade teacher. From Ellington Middle School – Paula Dargan, physical education/health teacher; Eileen Fuellhart, math teacher; and Vicki Tubbs, food service worker. From Ellington High School – James Turney, custodian. Systemwide – Bruce Brettschneider, Director of Special Services; Sandra Fecko, van driver; and Robert Selley, maintenance worker. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated educators and support personnel whose contributions positively affected the lives of countless students throughout their more than 482 years of combined service.

DISTRICT NEEDS

As indicated in this annual report, Ellington students continue to perform at high levels academically despite spending less per student than every district in the State of Connecticut. For the past four years, Ellington has ranked last in Connecticut in spending per pupil. This is documented through information published in the Connecticut State Department of Education's annual Strategic School Profiles Report (SSP). Student achievement across all measures (CMT, CAPT, SAT, AP and ACT) is most favorable. Academic awards and achievements listed throughout this report demonstrate that the students in the Ellington Public School continue to excel in a variety of venues.

Ellington's Permanent Building Committee continues its excellent oversight of the approved Crystal Lake and Windermere School projects. The design process is well underway and permission to go to bid is expected in the fall of 2013 with construction beginning in the spring of 2014. The completion of both projects will provide the town with adequate space to meet the needs of its student population. The initial timeline envisioned both projects to be completed by the fall of 2015. At this time that goal appears quite ambitious with full occupancy and completion expected later in the 2015-2016 school year.

The 2013-2014 budget process provided for the installation of wireless infrastructure in four of our schools with the expectation that Crystal Lake will be so equipped when the expansion and renovation project is completed. This expanded technology infrastructure along with an increase in available devices is a significant need as computer adaptive testing will be required by the state on an optional basis in 2014 and mandated in 2015.

School security was again raised to a new level after the unthinkable tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. Under the direction and guidance of Resident State Trooper Patrick Sweeney, a full security audit of the Ellington Public Schools was completed by the Connecticut State Police. Numerous security improvements were undertaken at all schools in the district with completion expected during the first half of the 2013-2014 school year. The 2012-2013 budget process did provide funding for a full-time School Resource Officer position within the Ellington Public Schools. The entire community should expect that school security will continue to be a significant area of focus in the years ahead with the various town boards and agencies taking all appropriate measures to keep our children safe.

The changing landscape of the Sheff v. O'Neil settlement continues to unfold, and the financial impact upon local communities continues to evolve. The Ellington Board of Education has again increased its participation in both the Hartford Choice and the various magnet school programs. State mandated costs for magnet school tuition are beyond the control of the Board of Education and have risen dramatically. The current funding structure for magnet schools has placed an onerous burden on many towns including Ellington.

2013 GRADUATES ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Cody Fongemie
VICE PRESIDENT: Neal Janiga
SECRETARY: Gabriella Rubino
TREASURER: Margo Bailey
SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON: Allison Steinmetz

Danielle K. Ahern-Paré
 Rebecca Lynn Ambrosino
 Stefan Asensio Amundarain
 Matthew J. Anderson
 Mikala Marie Antonaras
 Kevin John Arbeiter*
 Xavier Noel Avalos
 Hayley A. Babineau
 Eric J. Bahler
 Margo Kathryn Bailey+
 Jessica Ashley Baker*
 Dominic Delfino Barone
 Zachary R. Baskin
 Tonya J. Benoit
 Julie A. Bezanson+*
 Jeffrey Kyle Bird
 Rachel T. Blinn
 Jennifer Lynn Bocchino
 Kevin L. Bostiga
 Breahna Rose Boucher
 Garrett F. Boulanger
 Brandon M. Capello
 Christy Bradlee Champ
 Zachary James Charbonneau
 Serena Ann Chestnut
 Andrew Dennis Cohen+*
 David Oxford Cohen
 Olivia Katelyn Coles
 Amanda Nicole Conti*
 Brett M. Corbisiero
 Cassandra Law Cote
 Shannon E. Cottle
 Sierra Marie Couturier
 Jesse Lee Crocker
 Alexa Anne Daugherty
 Katelynn Rose Davis
 Michael T. Davis
 Lisa Christine DeConti*
 Olivia Tansey DeForge
 Mailyn Lauraine Diaz
 Angelina Elizabeth DiBacco
 Anthony Jade Dignoti
 Justin Paul Dionne
 Angelo Marcus Donzell
 Jacob M. Dorman
 Shelby Marie Dorman
 Anna Durgan
 Justin M. Edwards
 Brandon Downing Ellsworth
 Joshua Ryan Feldman
 Kelsie Anna Foley

Cody James Fongemie
 Kiera Marie Forstell
 Benjamin Scott Friedman
 Renee Lorraine Gayton*
 Leah Marie Gerber*
 Alexis Emilie Gilliland
 Zachary William Glassner
 Devin Anthony Goldsnider
 Robert R. Gosselin*
 Sarah Marie Gosselin
 Breanna M. Gottier
 Justin Edward Graziani
 Kyle W. Gresh
 Janna E. Grinaski*
 Jordan Marie Guida
 Keri Ann Halloran
 Coby Harned
 Jessica D. Harrell
 Mark Cole Henry II
 Blaire Elizabeth Herter+*
 Kaila Marie Hickman
 Taylor Jon-Cullen
 Hildebrand
 Heidi Elsa Hoffman
 Amy E. Hornish
 Danielle Hubley
 Jennifer Anne Hulstein
 Neal Lew Hulstein
 Alyssa Rae Iverson
 Neal Thomas Janiga
 Joshua G. Johnson
 Kyle B. Johnson
 Emilie Alexandra Judge
 Karli A. King+*
 Victoria Leigh Koch
 Hannah Faire Kogut*
 Bailey M. Krasinski
 Luke M. LaBranche*
 Ryan J. Lagan*
 Alexandra Kate Larew+*
 Taylor Leach
 Allison M. Lee*
 Brittany Marie Lemire
 Joseph F. Levandoski
 Tori Levitan
 Emily Ann Lorenzet
 Eric M. Lucas
 John L. Mackintosh
 Jessica Ann Malone
 Max Marholin
 Ashley Ann-Marie Masson

Lyndsey Ann Masterson
 Courtney Mikayla
 Matthews
 William F. McAllister*
 Leah Noel McCarthy
 Gabriella Maria McGuirl
 Shannon Marie McIlrath
 Jonathan George
 McPartland
 Shannon Lindsey Millane
 Carly N. Moody
 Patrick Harrison Moss
 Lauren Motuzick
 Cameron J. Mozzer
 Hope Whitney Myers
 Paul Andrew Nicholas III
 Justin Nicoletti
 Rachel Nicole Oakes
 Erin Elizabeth O'Donnell
 Tyler O'Grady
 Justin Oliver
 Laura E. Oliwa
 Alexander Pallotti
 Zachary T. Palmer
 Bethany Rose Parisi
 Andrew Roy Parker*
 DeVaughn Michael Porter
 Kaitlyn E. Powers*
 Scott Ian Pretty
 Mechelle Katherine
 Prouty
 Margaret A. Quinn
 Carissa Marie Raver
 Brandon J. Rhodes
 Hannah Rae Riley
 Samantha Ashley Roberts
 Perry M. Robertson
 Alissa Marie Rogers
 Gabriella Sandra
 Rubino+*
 Sophia Angela Rubino*
 Nina P. Russell
 Thomas A. Sack*
 Jonathan Samson
 Marissa Christina
 Santiago
 Christopher P. Savona
 Ann Elizabeth
 Sawamura+*
 Emily Alexandra Scavetta
 Carolyn Ann Schafer+*

Robert Carl Schiessl
 Joseph David Schneider
 Kayla Anne Sgarlata
 Tiffany Amber Simkewicz
 Ann Mary Skorulski+*
 Heather Renee Smith
 Nathan Alan Smith
 Kristyn Anne Stauffer
 Kevin M. Stein*
 Allison Kate Steinmetz
 Kiara Deann Stone*
 Nathan F. Sumislaski
 Joseph P. Taft*
 Austin P. Tautkus
 Benjamin R. Tempelman
 Nichole M. Thatcher
 Caelan Thibodeau
 Justin Michael Thibodeau
 Nathan Louis Toth
 Quang Truong
 Rachel M. Tshonas
 Patience Efua Nyarko
 Turkson
 Gregory James Ussery
 Benjamin Ladd Uthgenannt
 Madeline Rose Varney
 Anthony Ali Velazquez
 Emily Rose Ventura
 Kevin M. Vincens
 Christopher William Violette
 Megan Judith Vokey
 Joshua Mark Weintraub
 Taylor Swain Welti
 Elizabeth Ruth Wheeler
 Steven Tanner Wheeler
 Alexander J. White
 Kevin P. White
 Ashley Marie Wilkos
 Jeremiah Dondre Williams
 Evan R. Winterberger
 Joseph Peter Wooley
 Kai Ye
 Tong Ye
 Karli Noel Zuffelato

Honorary diplomas:
 Makiko Niigaki
 Thanyalak Watcharavakhin
 Simone Winistoerfer

† Class Scholar

* Attained Honor Roll status each quarter during his/her high school career.

Members of the Robert W. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society wore Gold Honor Cords.

Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society wore Black/White Honor Cords.

2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Ellington Public Schools

Opening and Closing Schedule

Ellington High School	7:15 a.m. - 1:55 p.m.
37 Maple Street	7:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.*
(860) 896-2352	
Mr. Neil Rinaldi, Principal	
Nurse – (860) 896-2352	
Ellington Middle School	7:22 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
46 Middle Butcher Road	7:22 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.*
(860) 896-2339	
Mr. David Pearson, Principal	
Nurse – (860) 896-2344	
Center School	8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
49 Main Street	8:50 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.*
(860) 896-2315	
Ms. Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal	
Nurse – (860) 896-2320	
Crystal Lake School	8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
284 Sandy Beach Road	8:50 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.*
(860) 896-2322	
Mr. Michael Larkin, Principal	
Nurse – (860) 896-2323	
Windermere School	
Elementary: Grades K-4	8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	8:50 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.*
Intermediate: Grades 5-6	8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
2 Abbott Road	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*
(860) 896-2329	
Mr. Steven Moccio, Principal	
Nurse – (860) 896-2337	

* Opening and closing schedule for early dismissal days.

Kindergarten Schedule

Regular Schedule

A.M. Session 8:50 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
P.M. Session 12:35 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Early Dismissal

A.M. Session 8:50 a.m. - 10:42 a.m.
P.M. Session 11:22 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Preschool Schedule

A.M. Session	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (M-F)	A.M. Session	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Extended	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (M-TH)	Extended	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (F)		

In the case of a delay/late opening, all kindergarten and preschool a.m. sessions will be cancelled. All delays will be *two hours*.

School Closing/Late Opening Announcements

Ellington school closings and late openings will be announced on WTIC (1080 AM, 96.5 FM) as well as WFSB (TV Channel 3), WTNH (TV Channel 8), WVIT (TV Channel 30) and WTIC (TV Channel 61). In addition, all school closings, delays and early dismissals due to weather will be communicated through *School Messenger*.

Buses will not transport students to out-of-town schools when Ellington schools are closed.

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

First Selectman: Maurice W. Blanchette

Executive Assistant/Human Resources Coordinator:

Marie Sauve

Executive Secretary: LouAnn Cannella

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer: Barbara Murdach

Assistant Animal Control Officer: Ashlee Leone

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessor: Cindy Roman

Deputy Assessor: Kevin Lonergan

Administrative Assessment Technician: Kimberly Bechard

Administrative Assessment Technician: Mary Thiesing

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official: Peter Rafe Williams

Secretary: Maureen O'Neil

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Program Assistant: Diane Fiore

Rehabilitation Specialist: Peter Kenefick

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

EMT/Ambulance Driver: Kimberly Courville

EMT/Ambulance Driver: Tonya Glomboske

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director: Donald Davis

Deputy Director: John Streiber

Deputy Director: Frederica Weeks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer/Treasurer: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.

Accounting Assistant/Deputy Treasurer: Felicia LaPlante

Administrative/Accounting Assistant: Gail Moran

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal: Allan Lawrence

Deputy Fire Marshal: Robert DaBica

Deputy Fire Marshal: James York

Fire Inspector: Scott Cunningham

Fire Inspector: Craig Stevens

Burning Official: Allan Lawrence, James York, Robert DaBica,
Scott Cunningham, Craig Stevens

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Service Director: Doris Crayton

Administrative Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino and
Tina Modzelewski

Elderly Outreach Caseworker: Anna Turner

Director of Youth Services: Diane Lasher-Penti

Assistant Program Coordinator: Chantal Haracsy

Prevention Coordinator: Debbie Stauffer

Food Share Coordinator: Mary DiBenedeto

Senior Center Director: Erin Graziani

Assistant to Senior Center Director: Jean Baseel

Senior Center Program/Activities Coordinator:

Samantha Baer

Senior Center Receptionist: Linda Sika

Senior Center Van Drivers: Michael Joslin, Lead Van Driver
and Linda Worthington

Senior Center Transportation Secretaries: Florence Brennan
and Claude Robert

LIBRARY:

Library Director: Susan Phillips
Children's Librarian: Patricia W. Grundman
Library Assistant II/ILL: Lisa Kuraska
Library Assistant II: Lisa Giaquinto
Library Assistant II: Debra Cormier
Library Assistant II: Cheryl Chamberlin
Library Assistant I: Gail Szumyk
Library Assistant I: Kathy Boop
Library Assistant I: Lindsay McKeegan
Library Assistant I/Reference Librarian: Francie Berger
Library Assistant I: Linda Judd
Library Assistant I: Laurie Wormstedt
Library Assistant I: Emily Nedwick
Reference Librarian: Linda Callahan
Reference Librarian: Susan Slaga
Bookkeeper: Marcia Downs
Custodian: John Abate
Page: Travis McBrearty
Page: Heidi Hoffman
Page: Kristyn Stauffer
Page: Heather Sofianos

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Anna Turner

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Director of Public Health: Michael A. Pirro, MPH, MPA, RS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Director: Robert Tedford
Assistant Director of Recreation: Mary Bartley
Administrative Secretaries: Cynthia Boscarino and
 Tina Modzelewski

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Town Planner: Robert A. Phillips
Assistant Town Planner: Lisa M. Houlihan
Assistant Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer:
 John Colonese
Secretary: Kristin Michaud

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Resident State Troopers:**

Sgt. Patrick Sweeney
 TFC Ron Richardson
 TFC Keith Timme
 TFC Jacob Bissaillon
 TPR Alex Rua (TDY)

Town Police Officers:

Bart Alexander
 Michael Bard
 John Barth
 Aaron Blank
 Arthur Carlson, III
 Michael Caron
 Thomas Clark
 Edward "Joe" Decker
 Martin Dorey
 Joseph Grayeb
 Robert Hoffman
 Keith Loveland
 Sebastian Magnano

Marine Constables:

Allen Bump
 Thomas Davenport
 Michael Hesnan

Assistant Police Support Administrator:

Edward "Joe" Decker

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director: Timothy Webb
Administrative Assistant: Lori Smith
Foreman: Robert Willis
Assistant Foreman: Leonard Descheneaux
Assistant Foreman: Jack Rich
Lean Mechanic: Thomas Modzelewski
Mechanic I: Taylor Olson
Maintainer II: Jon Godek
Maintainer II: Joshua Hebert
Maintainer II: Ronald Moser
Maintainer II: Kevin Gambacorta
Maintainer I: Shawn Bull
Maintainer I: Richard Daugherty
Maintainer I: Bob Ouellette
Maintainer I: Benjamin Pare
Maintainer I: Paul Prouty
Maintainer I: Patrick Roy
Maintainer I: Jason Suchecki
WPCA Technician/Maintainer II: Rebecca O'Brien
Lead Custodian: Kim Gallicchio
Custodian: Dana DiNallo

TAX DEPARTMENT

Tax and Revenue Collector: Ann Marie Conti
Deputy Collector: Brenda Gower
Tax Clerk: Dawn Stavens

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics: Diane McKeegan
Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:
 Elizabeth Waters
Asst. Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics:
 Bonnie Armstrong

TOWN COUNSEL: Atherton B. Ryan, Esq.**Special Counsel:**

Day Pitney LLC (Bond Counsel)
 Shipman & Goodman (Special Ed Counsel for Board. of
 Education)
 Siegel, O'Connor, Schiff & Zangari (Negotiations Counsel for
 Board of Education)
 Kainen, Escalera & McHale (Negotiations Counsel for
 General Government)

TOWN ENGINEER: James Thompson,

Buck & Buck Engineers

TREE WARDEN: Timothy Webb**WPCA ADMINISTRATOR:** Peter Williams**ELECTED OFFICIALS****BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Maurice W. Blanchette, *First Selectman*
 Ronald F. Stomberg, *Deputy First Selectman*
 Ted C. Graziani
 A. Leo Miller
 James M. Prichard
 Lori L. Spielman
 John W. Turner

TERM EXPIRES

December 2013
 December 2013
 December 2013
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 December 2013

BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert J. Clements, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2015
Richard J. Cleary, Jr.	December 2013
Mark A. Joyse	December 2013
Barry C. Pinto	December 2013
John Rachek	December 2015
Michael D. Varney	December 2015

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Daniel C. Keune, <i>Chairman</i>	November 2013
Gary J. Blanchette	November 2013
Howard S. Friedman	November 2015
Ann Marie Hayes	November 2013
Tracey J. Kiff-Judson	November 2015
Andrew McNamar	November 2015
Kristen Picard-Wambolt	November 2013
Dale C. Roberson	November 2015
James M. Stoughton	November 2013
Michael Young	November 2015

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan J. Luginbuhl (<i>Democrat</i>)	January 2015
Wanda Deland (<i>Republican</i>)	January 2015

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John M. Halloran Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	December 2015
Mary E. Blanchette	December 2015
Mary K. Clements	December 2015
C. Peter Nickerson	December 2013
Janet Wieliczka	December 2013
Jeanne M. Zulick	December 2013

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Arlo Hoffman, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2013
Douglas Harding	December 2015
Ricci Hirth	December 2013
William R. Hogan	December 2013
Robert G. Hoffman	December 2013
David Stavens	December 2015
Carol A. Strom	December 2015

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, <i>Chairman</i>	December 2015
Arthur G. Aube	December 2015
Kenneth M. Braga	December 2013
Robert Sandberg	December 2013
Mark R. Spurling	December 2015

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE

(1 year to May 2014)

David Arzt, *Chairman*
William Merson, *Vice Chairman*
J. Albert Breton
Jean Burns
Rodger Hosig

AD HOC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (1 year to June 2014)

Robert M. Dawson, III, *Chairman*
Michele Beaulieu
Gary Chaplin
Janet Marshall
Kevin Zahner

AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE (1 year to August 2013)

Joyce Agnew
Mary Bartley
Yale Cantor
Doris Crayton
Lisa Kelly
Tom Kindall
Ali Larew
Kathleen Larew
Diane Lasher-Penti
Jessica Malone
Erin McGurk
Nancy Netherwood
David Pearson
Ron Richardson
Nick Schipper
Deborah Stauffer
Daniel Uriano

AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

(1 year to February 2014)

John Turner, *Chairman*, Board of Selectmen Representative
Michael D. Varney, *Vice Chairman*, Ellington Fire Department Representative
Richard Cleary, *Board of Finance Representative*
Robert Clements, *Board of Finance Representative*
Donald Davis, *Director of Emergency Management*
Peter Hany, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*
Bryan Harvell, *Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative*
Vacant, *Ellington Fire Department Representative*
Edward Ludwig, *Crystal Lake Fire Department Representative*
Simon Hessler, *Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Representative*
Ted C. Graziani, *Board of Selectmen Representative*

AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

(1 year to December 2013)

Jeffrey Martin, *Chairman*
David Grim, *Vice Chairman*
J. Wiley Dumas
Wilson D. Flynn
Alan Lewandosky
James Stemmerman
Michael D. Varney
Bruce N. Warkentin

AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE PINNEY STREET TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

(1 year to March 2014)

Gordon Oliver, *Chairman*
Dominic Cristelli
Gary Feldman, Sr.
David Grim
Joan Koval
Mark Miller
Robert Phillips
Lori Spielman
Timothy Webb
Michael Wylie

AD HOC PRESERVATION OF PINNEY HOUSE COMMITTEE

(1 year to July 2013)

Gerry Gillung, *Chairman*
James Gage
Marcia Kupferschmid
Dale Roberson
Debby Wallace

TERM EXPIRES	
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 years)	
John Rachek, Chairman	January 2015
Marie Bedor	January 2014
Charles Jackson	January 2016
<i>Alternates</i> (2 years)	
Joel Nadel	January 2014
Vacant	January 2015

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (5 years)	
James Alexander	April 2015
Donald Gobeille, Jr.	April 2017
Dennis Milanovich	April 2016
Howard D. Reckert	April 2018
Vacant	April 2014

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT (3 years)	
Galen Semprebon	June 2014

COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 years)	
Christopher Moyer	June 2014

CT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (1 year)	
George Shaw	August 2013
Alternate – Vacant	August 2013

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 years)	
Rebecca A. Quarno, Chairman	March 2015
Joan Kovel, Vice Chairman	March 2014
James Gage	March 2015
George Nickerson	March 2017
Nathaniel Stafford	March 2016
Vacant	March 2017
<i>Alternates</i> (2 years)	
Walter Moody	March 2014
Ann Harford	March 2015

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (4 years)	
Roberta Printy (<i>Republican</i>)	January 2015
Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	January 2015

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 years)	
Sean Kelly, <i>Chairman</i>	July 2016
Christopher Todd, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	July 2015
David Hurley	July 2014
Gilbert J. Gamboa, Jr.	July 2013
Stanislav Moline	July 2014
<i>Alternates</i> (2 years)	
Stefanie Cunningham	January 2015
Donna Resutek	January 2015
Vacant	January 2015

ETHICS COMMISSION (4 years)	
Elizabeth Feldman, <i>Interim Chairman</i>	January 31, 2017
Jennifer Lovett	January 31, 2016
Elaine Pont	January 31, 2014
Maya Smyth	January 31, 2015
J. Wiley Dumas	January 31, 2016

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)	
Stephen Bidwell, <i>Chairman</i>	June 2015
Donald J. Gessay	June 2014
Judith Plantier	June 2017
Harold Tibbetts	June 2018
Albert Wachsmann	June 2016
Ted Yampanis, <i>Executive Director</i>	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 years)	
Melinda M. Ferry, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2014
Hocine Baouche	January 2014
Yale Cantor	January 2014
Helen Filloramo	January 2016
Susan Hannigan	January 2016
Anne Nickerson	January 2016
Richard F. Petrucci	January 2014
Susan Stack	

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 years)	
Kenneth Braga, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2015
Hocine Baouche	January 2017
Joseph Boucher	January 2015
Ron Brown	January 2017
Jean Burns	January 2017
Steven J. Hoffman	January 2015
Mary Beth O'Neill	January 2015
<i>Alternates</i> (2 years)	
Vacant	January 2014
Vacant	January 2015

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 years)	
Audrey Kubas, <i>Chairman</i>	April 2015
Jonathan Allen	April 2017
Mark Boone	April 2015
Lisa K. Howard	April 2015
Diane O'Hagan	April 2017
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., <i>Finance Officer/Treasurer (Ex-officio)</i>	

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR (1 year)	
Nancy Lemek	September 2013

MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15 (3 years)	
Vacant	January 2016

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 years)	
Edward S. Kramer	June 2016
Jamie M. Woodside	June 2016

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (4 years)	
Gordon Oliver, <i>Chairman</i>	January 2016
Thomas Boscarino	January 2016
Cynthia Costanzo	January 2016
Shay Diwinsky	January 2014
Kevin Hayes	January 2014
Robert Larew	January 2016
Matthew Maznicki	January 2014
Thomas Stauffer	January 2014
Christopher Weitz	January 2014

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (4 years)	
Peter W. Welti, <i>Chairman</i>	February 2014
Gary Magnuson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	February 2016
Thomas Adams	February 2014
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	February 2014

Dale Gerber	February 2016
Katherine Heminway	February 2014
Lori Spielman	February 2016
Ronald Stomberg (<i>BOS Rep</i>)	December 2013
Gary Blanchette (<i>BOE Rep</i>)	November 2013
John Rachek (<i>BOF Rep</i>)	December 2013
David Stavens (<i>Planning & Zoning Rep</i>)	December 2013
Timothy Webb, <i>Public Works Director (Ex-officio)</i>	

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES (*2 years*)

F. Michael Francis	September 2013
James M. Prichard	September 2013

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND (*3 years*)

Carolyn Cook	October 2014
William H. Enes, Jr.	October 2013
June N. Lyons	October 2015

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL
(*2 years*)

Vacant	June 2014
Vacant	June 2015

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (*1 year*)

J. Renee Irvin	June 2014
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
(*4 years*)

Daniel J. Parisi, Chairman	April 2017
Edward Duell	April 2014
Jeremy T. Galeota	April 2015
Paul F. Gilbert	April 2014
Shawn Koehler	April 2016

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES (*2 years*)

Ronald Brown	August 2013
Rodger Hosig	August 2014
Ronald F. Stomberg	August 2014

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT

Yale Cantor
Thomas J. Dzicek
Frank C. Graziani
John M. Halloran, Jr.
Mort Heidari
Robert G. Hoffman
James R. Josephiac
Dennis Milanovich
Joel P. Nadel
Thaddeus J. Okolo
Mark R. Spurling
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow

UNAFFILIATED

James Darby
John R. Marchesseault
Christina Marie Morin
Betty Jean Rivard-Darby
Elizabeth C. Waters

REPUBLICAN

Nicole S. Albano
Clifford L. Aucter
Maurice W. Blanchette
Peter J. Charter
Robert J. Clements
Dale T. Cunningham
Christopher C. Davis
Ron C. Hull
Leonard A. Johnson
Sean C. Kelly
Sharon J. McLaughlin
Robert K. Pagani
Richard J. Sabonis
Robert C. Sandberg, Jr.
Ronald F. Stomberg
Rhonda Villanova
Janet K. Wieliczka



Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

August

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September

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2013-2014 School Calendar



DATES

First Day of School Aug 28

Last Day of School** Jun 9**

** Tentative

☐ ☐ **NO SCHOOL** ☐ ☐

Teacher Inservice Aug 26
Teacher Day Aug 27
Labor Day Sept 2
Columbus Day Oct 14
Teacher Inservice Nov 5
Thanksgiving Nov 28-29
Christmas Recess Dec 23 - Jan 1
Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 20
Presidents' Day Feb 17
Teacher Inservice Feb 18
Spring Recess Apr 14-18
Good Friday Apr 18
Memorial Day May 26
Teacher Day June 10

October

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November

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○○ **EARLY DISMISSALS** ○○

½ Day - All Schools Nov 27
K-6 Conferences Dec 4-6
7-8 Conferences Dec 11-12
Christmas Recess Dec 20
7-8 Conferences Mar 24-25
K-6 Conferences Mar 26-28
Last Day June 9**
High School Exams T.B.D.
(4 days in January & June)
Graduation June 13**

** Tentative

April

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May

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June

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NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 9th. If more than nine school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the last day of the week. This decision will be made by March 17, 2014.

TOWN OF ELLINGTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
(Area Code 860)
IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

Non Emergency Call			Town Hall		
Ambulance	Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corp	870-3170	55 Main Street, PO Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029		
Fire	Crystal Lake Fire District	870-3174	Website: www.ellington-ct.gov		
	Center Fire Department	870-3190	Hours:		
Police	Resident State Troopers' Office	875-1522	8:30 am – 6:00 pm	Monday	
	Sgt. Patrick Sweeney, Supervisor		8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Tuesday – Thursday	
	State Police – Troop C	896-3200	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Friday	
TDD/TTY Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196					
ADMINISTRATION		870-3100	PUBLIC WORKS, 21 Main Street		870-3140
Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman			Timothy Webb, Director		
Marie Sauvé, Exec. Assistant. & HR Coordinator			Fax		870-3147
LouAnn Cannella, Executive Secretary			RECREATION, 31 Arbor Way		870-3118
Fax		870-3102	Robert Tedford, Director		
ANIMAL CONTROL		870-3155	Fax		871-3198
Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer			RECYCLING/REFUSE COORDINATOR		870-3140
ASSESSOR		870-3109	Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Department		
Cindy Roman, Assessor			Bulky Waste Disposal (<i>All American Waste</i>)		289-7850
Fax		870-3197	SCHOOLS:		
BUILDING PERMITS, 57 Main Street		870-3124	Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent, 47 Main Street		896-2300
Peter R. Williams, Building Official			Nancy Daley, Admin Assistant/HR Coordinator		
Fax		870-3122	Superintendent's Fax		896-2312
BURNING PERMITS		870-3126	Special Services		896-2300
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			Center School (Trudie Luck Roberts, Principal)		896-2315
CEMETERIES:			Crystal Lake School (Michael Larkin, Principal)		896-2322
Rachel Dearborn		875-8204	Ellington High School (Neil Rinaldi, Principal)		896-2352
COMMUNITY SERVICE			High School Guidance Office		896-2357
Hockanum Valley Community Council		872-9905	Ellington Middle School (David Pearson, Principal)		896-2339
DEEP CONSERVATION OFFICER			Windermere School (Steven Mocchio, Principal)		896-2329
Laura Pettus		424-3333	SENIOR CENTER, 16 Church Street (<i>In 2014 – 40 Maple Street</i>)		
ELDERLY OUTREACH, 31 Arbor Way			Erin Graziani, Director		870-3133
Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Caseworker		870-3131	Transportation		870-3137
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		870-3182	Fax		870-3136
Donald Davis			SEWER ADMINISTRATION, 57 Main Street		870-3124
Fax		870-3103	Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator		
FINANCE		870-3115	SEWER MAINTENANCE, 21 Main Street		870-3140
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr. Finance Officer/Treasurer			Timothy Webb, Director, Public Works Dept.		
Bills and Accounts: Felicia LaPlante			Emergency Maintenance Number		870-3145
Fax		870-3158	STATE ROADS		
FIRE MARSHAL, 57 Main Street		870-3126	East Windsor DOT Garage		623-4473
Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal			Vernon DOT Garage		875-4993
Fax		870-3122	TAX DEPARTMENT		870-3113
HEALTH		745-0383	Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector		
<i>North Central District Health Department</i>			Fax		870-3704
Michael Pirro, Director of Public Health			TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS		870-3105
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 20 Main Street, PO Box 416		872-6923	Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk		
Ted Yampanis, Executive Director			Fax		870-3721
HOUSING REHABILITATION		870-3132	TOWN PLANNER, 57 Main Street		870-3120
HUMAN SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way		870-3128	Lisa Houlihan, Acting Town Planner		
Doris Crayton, Director			Fax		870-3122
Fax		870-3198	TREE WARDEN		870-3140
LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL 93 Main St, PO Box 280		870-3160	Timothy Webb, Tree Warden		
Susan Phillips, Director			VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES		872-9163
MUNICIPAL AGENT, 31 Arbor Way		870-3131	VOTING		870-3107
Anna Turner, Municipal Agent			Susan Luginbuhl, (D)		
Fax		870-3198	Wanda DeLand (R)		870-3107
POLICE, 33 Arbor Way		875-1522	YOUTH SERVICES, 31 Arbor Way		870-3130
Resident State Troopers' Office			Diane Lasher-Penti, Director		
Fax		870-3152	Fax		870-3198
POST OFFICE		875-6391	ZONING/WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER		870-3120
PROBATE COURT, 14 Park Place Vernon		872-0519	John Colonese, Zoning Enforcement Officer		
			Fax		870-3122

Bulky Waste Pickup call All American Waste (860) 289-7850
Household Hazardous Waste call MidNeroc (860) 684-3163