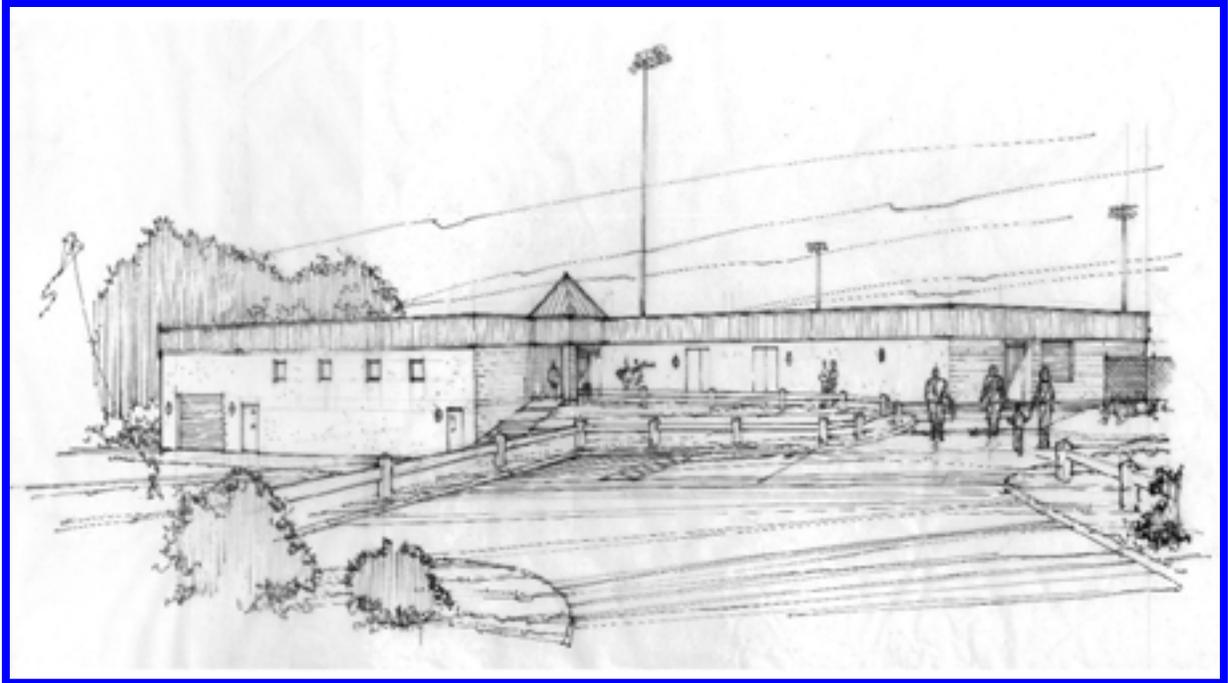


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ABOUT NEWINGTON

GOVERNMENT.

Newington received its Charter from the State of Connecticut in 1871 and is currently governed under the Council-Manager form of government with a nine member Town Council. The Mayor, elected separately, is a member and presiding official of the Council with the power to vote. Recognized as the official head of the Town for ceremonial and military purposes, the Mayor has the authority to appoint the Town Attorney and Clerk of the Council.

The Town Manager is appointed by the Town Council and serves as full-time Chief Executive and administrative officer of the Town. He/she is empowered to supervise and administer all commissions, boards, departments, offices and agencies of the Town except for those elected by the people, appointed by the Council, appointed by the Mayor, or appointed by regional, state or federal authority. The Town Manager is also responsible for ensuring that all laws and ordinances governing the Town are executed faithfully.

HISTORY.

Newington, part of the Town of Wethersfield until 1871, is located in an area which was referred to in early times as Pipestave Swamp, then Cow Plain, and later, West Farms. Such names reflected the area's use. It was first a source of staves for making pipes (large sized barrels) used in colonial trade and then a pasture for cattle. It eventually became home to the new farms taken up by descendants of early Wethersfield settlers who had been given grants on the western frontier of their riverside town. By 1721, there were enough new farmers on these grants to request that the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut give them the name Newington, which means "new town in the meadow."

Since most early Newington inhabitants were related to Wethersfield families, Newington accepted government by Wethersfield Town Meeting until 1871. Once the railroad came through Newington in the 1830's, such frequent and inexpensive transportation attracted growth and further expansion. Years later, however, a Wethersfield Town Meeting refused to approve expenses for highway improvements for better access to the railroad. At that time, ready to take government into its own hands, Newington applied to the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut for incorporation, which was approved in 1871.

Early in the 20th century, both the trolley car and automobile brought more development. Newington's loca-

tion in the center of the state, combined with steady improvements to the highway system, attracted many new residents and businesses. The trolley, replaced by regular bus service, made commuting to Hartford and New Britain convenient. By 1966, the increasing population had outgrown the Town Meeting form of government and the Town adopted the Council-Manager form of government.

HISTORICAL SITES.

Newington is home to two historical houses. The **Kellogg-Eddy House**, a typical New England Georgian-style farmhouse, was built in 1808 by General Martin Kellogg. The **Enoch Kelsey House** was built in 1799 and was the home of a Connecticut farmer and tinsmith. It features rare, freehand-painted wall decorations, basement to attic paneling, a beehive oven and fireplaces.

The **National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument**, located off Route 9 at the Newington/New Britain line, was dedicated on February 23, 1995 in memory of those who gave their lives at Iwo Jima. The names of the 100 Connecticut soldiers killed at Iwo Jima are inscribed on the base.

TAXES.

Newington's mill rate in 2007-08 was 26.91. The mill rate is applied to the Grand List at 70% of fair market value. All commercial and residential properties were revalued in 2005.

LOCATION.

Newington, located five (5) miles south of Hartford, is centrally located in the New York – Boston corridor. Travelers have easy access to Route 5/15, Route 9, and major interstate highways I-84 and I-91. Newington is conveniently located near Brainard Airport in Hartford and Bradley International Airport. Transportation service also includes commuter buses to Hartford and New Britain and rail transportation stations in Hartford and Berlin.

Vision Statement

Newington is a vibrant community in which to live, learn, work and play.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to offer excellent community services by maximizing our resources in a proactive, responsible and accountable manner that enhances the quality of life for all generations in Newington.

GOVERNMENT

TOWN COUNCIL

Jeff Wright, Mayor

The Town Council is the governing and legislative body of the Town with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred by law. It adopts the budget and fixes the tax rate for the Town, proposes and amends ordinances or resolutions for the execution of the powers vested in the Town, for the government of the Town and management of its business, and for the preservation of good order, peace, health and safety of the Town and its inhabitants. The Town Council consists of the Mayor and eight members elected from the town at large every two years.

2007-08 Highlights

- Approved a revised "Agreement between the Town of Newington and Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc."
- Supported the short-term concepts contained in a CRCOG Traffic Circulation and Accessibility Study of the Route 175/Cedar Street, Fenn Road, Route 9 and Ella Grasso Boulevard area, with priority placed on advancing intersection safety design improvements.
- Approved various revisions to the Newington Code of Ordinances and adopted a revised Code of Ordinances.
- Authorized the NHS Track Renovation Project Building Committee to provide oversight for the NHS Fieldhouse Project.
- Accepted the final report of the Newington Police Department Renovation/Expansion Project Building Committee and discharged the committee.
- Initiated an action for the adoption, amendment or repeal of the Town Charter and established a Charter Revision Commission.
- Endorsed a number of Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposals through CRCOG.
- Authorized execution of an agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Newington for the replacement of the Garfield Street Bridge over Mill Brook.
- Amended the Option & Land Lease Agreement between the Town of Newington and The Marcus Group, LLC.
- Approved amendments to the "Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Newington."

- Accepted the final report of the Fire Training Tower Project Building Committee and discharged the committee.
- Approved an Option to Lease between the Town of Newington and New Samaritan Corporation to enable New Samaritan to apply for funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop affordable, age-restricted housing at the former New Meadow School site.
- Accepted the final report of the Parks and Grounds Project Building Committee and discharged the committee.
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget with total appropriations of \$93,321,692, and set a mill rate of 27.68, a 2.86% increase over Fiscal Year 2007-08.
- Adopted a Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan for 2008-2009 through 2012-2013.
- Established a Town Hall Heating System Replacement Building Committee.
- Adopted an ordinance amending the Newington Code to provide a tax exemption for certain non-profit organizations.
- Recognized Council Myra Cohen for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Newington.
- Established a Downtown Revitalization Committee to make recommendations on revitalizing the Town Center through a \$1,000,000 grant received from the State Bonding Commission.
- Approved an agreement for design, construction and maintenance of a solar panel field on the roof of the Martin Kellogg Middle School.



Photo by Roy Zartarian

Newington Town Council

Seated: Myra Cohen, Mayor Jeff Wright, Deputy Major Mike Lenares

Standing: Jay Bottalico, David Nagel, Christopher Banach, Tony Boni, Tom Bowen, Kristine Nasinnyk

ADMINISTRATION

TOWN MANAGER John L. Salomone

The Town Manager, appointed by the Town Council for an indefinite period of time at the pleasure of the Council, serves as the Chief Executive of the Town and manages the day-to-day operations of the Town departments. In addition, the Office of the Town Manager is responsible for Purchasing, Risk Management, and Personnel. The Town Manager also serves as the local Traffic Authority, Public Safety Director and Local Emergency Planning Coordinator.

In addition to supporting the goals and objectives of the Town Council, the Town Manager, with the assistance of Town staff, also:

- Met regarding the re-codification of the Town Code of Ordinances.
- Participated in meetings regarding renovations to the Newington Town Hall.
- Continued to meet with Town Managers, Police Chiefs and department heads of Wethersfield, Rocky Hill and Berlin as part of the Mid-State Collaborative to discuss common issues and sharing of resources.
- Participated in CRCOG Municipal Services Subcommittee meetings.
- Along with the Mayor, participated in the annual Chamber of Commerce "State of the Town" breakfast on February 7, 2008.
- Participated in meetings of the Town of Newington Capital Improvements Committee, the Town Hall Study Committee, and the Charter Revision Commission.
- Participated in discussions and meetings with regard to additional senior housing at the former New Meadow site.
- Spoke before the State Legislature and attended the bill signing ceremony which allows paid firefighters to volunteer in other towns.
- Attended various meetings with the Metropolitan District Commission and the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority.
- Negotiated an amended contract with Marcus Communication regarding the cell phone tower on Town property.
- Met with developers regarding possible projects in Newington.
- Finalized the Town's operating budget and Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2008-09.
- Attended meetings with regard to various road projects throughout Newington.

- Met with Town Planner Ed Meehan and others regarding the former National Welding property, a Brownfield site being considered for future development.
- Attended numerous ribbon cutting ceremonies, recognition ceremonies, receptions and similar events.

General Government Employees Service Anniversaries 2007-08

50 Years	
Nellie DeCapua	Clerk Typist III
30 Years	
Marian Amodeo	Library Director
Thomas N. Ledoux	Crew Foreperson
Frank Sanzo	Highway Superintendent
25 Years	
Alan Carney	Groundskeeper I
Suzanne C. Sablosky	Groundskeeper I
20 Years	
Elizabeth W. Kulesa	Revenue Clerk
Roy C. Zartarian	Information Systems Specialist
James C. LoStocco	Sergeant
Edmund J. Meehan	Town Planner
B. Peter Hobbs	Building Official
Susan T. Bethune	Library Technician
Anthony Casasanta	Detective
15 Years	
David M. Guthrie	Police Officer
Daniel S. Reed	Detective
Gregory B. Pelkey	Equipment Operator II
Lisa G. Balducci	Records Supervisor
10 Years	
Michael J. Rugens	Police Officer
William J. Hogan	Finance Director
Patricia E. Pierce	Library Technician
Claude D. Steiner	Master Police Officer
Kenneth D. O'Brien	Police Officer
David Caron	Equipment Operator I
Arthur W. Hanke	Asst. Building Inspector/ZEO
Donna R. Allen	Administrative Secretary I, P&R
Scott F. Hoagland	Information Systems Specialist
Dianne L. Stone	Director, Senior & Disabled Center
5 Years	
Thomas L. Trumbull	Facilities Maintainer
Laurence J. DeSimone	Police Officer

General Government Retirements 2007-08

- Nellie DeCapua, Clerk Typist III (7/4/08), 50 years
- Frank Sanzo, Highway Superintendent, 30 years
- Shirley Amenta, Public Works Admin. Coord., 22 years
- Ronald Tedeschi, Master Police Officer, 21 years
- Anthony Casasanta, Detective, 20 years
- James LoStocco, Sergeant, 20 years
- Roger Nelson, Dispatcher, 13 years
- William Hogan, Finance Director, 10 years
- Kathy Hoefer, Library Technician, 9 years

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Ann Harter, Director of Finance

The Department of Finance consists of the Administration and Accounting, Assessor's and Revenue Collector's offices. The Administration and Accounting office has the responsibility of administering the Town's finances and accounting for all Town funds. The office provides complete accounting services for all the boards, commissions and departments of the Town except the Board of Education. Detailed statements of this accounting appear in the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, excerpts of which are included in this report. In addition, the office helps develop and administers the Town budget, handles the daily Treasury operations and manages cash and debt obligations.

Accounting and Administration

- In September, William Hogan retired as Finance Director after 10 years of service; Ann Harter, the Deputy Finance Director for 17 years, was promoted to the position.
- Lisa Rydecki was appointed to the Deputy Finance Director position.
- During 2007-08, the Town was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2006-2007, the 17th consecutive year the Town has received this national recognition for its financial report.
- The Newington's outstanding bonded debt at June 30, 2008 was \$18,605,000, a decrease of \$1.75 million from the prior year. The Town's high credit ratings of Aa3 and AA by Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's, respectively, were maintained during the year.

Revenue Collector

Corinne Aldinger, CCMC

The Tax Office is responsible for the administration of all billing and collection activity for all real estate, motor vehicle and personal property taxes – the largest source of the Town's operating revenue. These taxes are essential to provide the services for the Town's residents, Town departments, youth and elderly programs and to provide the funds for the Board of Education.

The Revenue Collector's Office enforces Connecticut State Statutes in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of Policy and Management and to ensure the records are accurate and security measures are in place.

Tax Collection Activity FY 2007-08

Taxes on Current Levy	\$68,722,474.77
Taxes on MV Supplemental List	615,098.55
Taxes on Prior Years Lists	508,606.15
Interest, Liens and Other Fees	339,968.20
Taxes on Adv. Coll. 2007 Grand List	1,632,879.63
Taxes and Fees Collected	\$71,819,027.30
Collection Rate	99.09%

Assessor

S. Steven Juda

Real Property is assessed at 70% of a base year of value established on the October 1, 2005 revaluation. Commercial Personal Property and Motor Vehicles are assessed at 70% annually. The Grand List consists of over 12,000 real estate parcels, 1,400 commercial personal property accounts and over 30,000 taxable motor vehicles. The office is also responsible for assisting special service programs by annually updating over 550 elderly, 50 blind, 6,100 special assessment adjustments for veterans, and 250 disabled exemptions for Newington taxpayers.

2007-08 Highlights

- Listed, measured, valued and entered into the database 32 new condos at Woodland Estates, 34 new condos at Newington Ridge, and several large commercial properties on the Berlin Turnpike.
- Resolved all court cases from the October 1, 2005 revaluation.
- Continued to maintain and administer the computer interface with the Geographic Information System (GIS).
- Changed to a new Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System.
- Prepared internet website with numerous links to real estate and professional data.

2008-09 Goals

- Provide taxpayers with courteous and responsive service.
- Maintain an equalized tax base according to State Statutes and professional standards.

The completed October 1, 2007 Grand List of net taxable property, subject to hearings of the Newington Board of Assessment Appeals is as follows:

NET GRAND LIST

CATEGORY	2006	2007	PERCENT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
REAL ESTATE	\$2,260,822,510	\$2,295,820,555	1.5%	\$34,998,045
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$133,941,460	\$136,320,152	1.8%	\$2,378,692
MOTOR VEHICLE	<u>\$196,387,748</u>	<u>\$201,730,712</u>	2.7%	<u>\$5,342,964</u>
TOTAL	\$2,591,151,718	\$2,633,871,419	1.6%	\$42,719,701



Real Estate

The net real estate Grand List increased from \$2,260,822,510 to \$2,295,820,555, an increase of \$34,998,045 (1.5%). Improvements made to properties with building permits taken out for new construction added over \$39.2 million from the 2006 Grand List. Various property values decreased in the amount of \$3.9 million due to court litigation, Board of Assessment Appeals reductions and other real estate adjustments. The net increase was almost \$35 million. The Stew Leonard's/Toys R Us Complex and the new condominiums at Newington Ridge and Woodland Estates provided the majority of the increase.

The significant changes to the real estate sector are illustrated in the table below:

Summary of Significant Real Estate Changes from 2006 Grand List to 2007 Grand List

<u>2007 Grand List Increases</u>		<u>2007 Grand List Decreases</u>	
Newington Berlin Retail LLC	\$16,320,000	Court Cases	-\$3,000,000
Newington Ridge - 34 Condos	\$6,800,000	Board of Assessment Appeals	<u>-\$900,000</u>
Woodlands - 32 Condos	\$6,250,000		-\$3,900,000
Lazy Boy	\$2,570,000		
Aero Craft	\$2,120,000		
Various New Homes - 10	\$1,820,000		
Joann's Plaza	\$1,200,000		
McDonald's	\$1,160,000		
Other Improvements	<u>\$1,000,000</u>		
	\$39,240,000		

TOP TWENTY FIVE TAXPAYERS - 2007 GRAND LIST

RANK	TAXPAYER	DESCRIPTION	GROSS
1	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	UTILITY	\$27,194,770
2	KOHLER MIX SPECIALITIES LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$26,554,330
3	NEWINGTON VF L L C	WALMART	\$20,392,470
4	GALILEO TURNPIKE PLAZA LLC	PRICE CHOPPER & DICKS	\$19,703,670
5	TLG NEWINGTON LLC	SHAWS & BOBS	\$18,826,360
6	NEWINGTON- BERLIN RETAIL LLC	STEW LEONARD COMPLEX	\$18,777,850
7	HAYES KAUFMAN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES	STOP & SHOP	\$13,230,000
8	VOLVO AERO CONNECTICUT LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$11,792,090
9	HARTFORD HOSPITAL	APARTMENTS & LAB	\$11,150,120
10	TARGET CORPORATION T 1802	TARGET	\$10,878,910
11	FURNITURE EXECUTIVES NO 4 L P	RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN	\$10,729,110
12	LOWES HOME CENTERS INC #623	LOWES	\$10,235,540
13	TILCON CONNECTICUT INC	INDUSTRIAL	\$9,960,590
14	RENO PROPERTIES	MANUFACTURING	\$7,706,970
15	NEWINGTON BUSINESS PARK LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$7,637,540
16	MTU AERO ENGINES NORTH AMERICA INC	MANUFACTURING	\$7,437,090
17	BERLIN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	MODELL & TGIF	\$6,925,310
18	FENN TECHNOLOGIES	MANUFACTURING	\$6,717,750
19	TLG NEWINGTON LLC	SHAWS & BOBS	\$6,610,170
20	COHEN ET AL	APARTMENTS & RETAIL	\$6,424,320
21	APPLE SIX HOSPITALITY OWNERSHIP INC	COURTYARD MARRIOTT	\$6,224,750
22	CNG	UTILITY	\$6,119,150
23	SUNBELT RENTALS	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$5,942,550
24	FENNWOODE DEVELOPMENT LLC	APARTMENTS	\$5,600,350
25	CERES NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	JOANNS	\$5,600,000

Housing Statistics in Newington

	Single Family	Condos	Rental	Over 55
No. of Units * (as of 10/01/07)	8,570	2,525	1,480	300 (approx.)
Average Tax * (net after exemptions)	\$4,620	\$3,191		

* Source: Assessor

Housing—2000 Census

Total owner occupied units	9,688	Total 1 unit attached	1,479
Total renter occupied units	2,326	Total 2 or more units	2,699
Total vacant units	250	Median rent asked	\$778
Total 1 unit detached	8,086	Median housing value	\$144,800

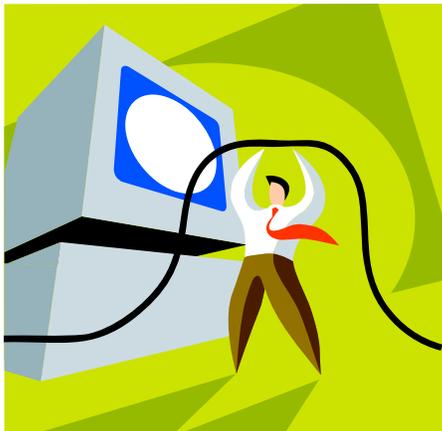
INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY

Paul Boutot, Director

Information Systems and Technology provides strategic and policy direction for the implementation and management of technology for the Town of Newington. Core activities include development of the Town's IT strategic plan, technology support, policy formulation, and the review and revision of technology standards.

2007-08 Highlights

- Quarantined 1,312,833 unsolicited spam email messages, an increase of 50.488% from the previous fiscal year.
- Processed over 1,101 Help Desk work-orders.
- The Town's newly redesigned website saw approximately 348,281 visits, an increase of 28.139%.
- Deployment of a Citizen Service module on the Town's new website.
- Deployment of the Town's first Virtual Server infrastructure for production servers and virtualized desktops. Benefits included reduced electrical usage, cooling requirements and maintenance/warranty on hardware.
- Improvements to the Town's disaster recovery options with the use of virtualization technology and deployment of a new tape back solution.



2008-09 Goals

- Work with Town departments to help identify areas where technology can assist them in reaching their goals and objectives for internal and external purposes.
- Update and improve network documentation.
- Identify regional disaster recovery options and opportunities.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Robert Korpak, Director

Facilities Management has responsibility for maintaining and operating the Town Hall Complex (Police Department, Council Chamber/Auditorium, General Administrative offices, the Board of Education offices and the Mortensen Community Center). It also maintains the Cultural Center and the Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps building.

2007-08 Highlights

- Robert Korpak was appointed to oversee the Facilities Management function.
- A comprehensive study of the Town Hall facility was undertaken to assess the major building component conditions as well as conditions relevant to code compliance.
- A decision was made to replace the Town Hall boilers which were failing.
- A large portion of the Library roof was replaced.
- Major repairs were made to the roof at the Senior and Disabled Center.
- Vendor base consolidation was undertaken in order to obtain savings and increase buying power for consumable goods for Town buildings.
- A review of the Town's historic homes revealed the need to establish an ongoing program of routine maintenance to alleviate major repairs in the future.

2008-09 Goals

- Continuation of Town Hall upgrades and planning for the future use and possible renovation of the Town Hall building.
- Implement a supplier assessment and partnering program to continue to drive service and supply costs down.
- Provide comprehensive information to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee on all recommended projects to help determine priorities.
- Continue to establish a support network with all Town departments to provide timely and cost conscious plans for all building needs.



Photo by Roy Zartarian

Using "MySeniorCenter" database at the Senior and Disabled Center

TOWN CLERK/RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Tanya Lane, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is charged with preserving the Town's official records as well as making them easily accessible to the public. Responsibilities include the recording and the search and retrieval of all land records, Veterans' Discharges and vital statistics; maintaining the agenda notices and minutes of Town Council and other boards and commissions; preparing and issuing absentee ballots for all elections; keeping abreast of all pertinent legislation; updating the Code of Ordinances; issuing various licenses and permits, and maintaining financial records disclosing fee collection for the Town and the State.

2007-08 Highlights

- Legislation enacted in 2007 shifted many election duties previously conducted by the Town Clerk to the Registrar of Voters. Town Clerks continue to prepare the ballot label determining the layout and candidate and party placement, and to prepare and distribute absentee ballots.
- A Historic Document Preservation Grant was used to install sliding shelves in the large public vault expanding storage capacity.
- Twelve years of history were added to the land record index permitting 24 years of searchable online data.
- Property survey maps were re-catalogued. More than 1,000 maps were disassembled and re-filed into a more manageable filing system.
- An update to the Newington Code of Ordinances was completed in June 2008. An Editorial Analysis (which had not been done since 1974) was conducted to update legislation and to repeal outdated laws.
- Software was installed and data was uploaded to track appointments, resignations and terms of elected and appointed officials.

2008-09 Goals

- Make the land record index available over the Internet.
- Integrate the survey maps into the land record index so that both types of documents can be searched from one database.
- Convert the Veteran's Discharge data (approximately 11,000 individual records which are not in an electronic format) into a searchable database.

Town Clerk Statistical Summary 2007-08

LAND RECORDS	2007-08	2006-07
Documents	6,877	7,244
Maps	95	51
VITAL STATISTICS		
Births	280	262
Marriages	227	227
Civil Unions	6	2
Deaths	316	340
LICENSES		
Sporting	2,366	2,736
Dog	2,039	1,987
MISCELLANEOUS		
Veteran's Discharges	48	51
Trade Name Certificates	96	111
Liquor Permits	49	52
RECEIPTS—TOWN	\$	\$
Recording Fees	183,696.00	201,740.00
Conveyance Tax	509,167.65	533,856.45
Document Preservation	12,863.00	14,283.00
Vital Statistics	20,479.00	11,436.00
Dog Licenses	2,041.00	1,982.50
Sporting Licenses	1,842.00	2,116.50
Copy Fees	15,896.05	18,862.66
Miscellaneous	2,770.00	2,508.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	748,754.70	786,785.11
RECEIPTS—STATE	\$	\$
Document Preservation	12,852.00	13,766.00
Dog License Surcharge	4,676.00	4,517.00
Dog Licenses	11,383.50	11,445.00
Sporting Licenses	45,556.50	51,542.00
State Treasurer	165,750.00	178,152.00
LoCIP	19,125.00	20,556.00
TOTAL STATE	259,343.00	279,978.00
GRAND TOTAL	1,008,097.70	1,066,763.11

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Linda Cultrera, Republican

Marie M. Fox, Democratic

The office of the Registrars of Voters is established and governed by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the office of the Secretary of State, and the Elections Enforcement and Infractions Division.

Registrars

- are responsible for the maintenance of the records of all registered and removed voters.
- complete the state-mandated annual canvass by NCOA and telephone.
- supervise primaries, special referenda, and general elections.
- are responsible for the hiring and training of election officials.
- oversee the eight polling places, all of which are handicapped accessible.
- supervise absentee balloting at six local facilities.
- are responsible for the upkeep and general maintenance of the 36 town owned voting machines.
- hold mandated and special voting maker sessions, including one at the high school.

Polling Places (all handicapped accessible)

District	Location
1	Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street
2	Ruth L. Chaffee School, 160 Superior Ave.
3	Anna Reynolds School, 85 Reservoir Road
4	Elizabeth Green School, 30 Thomas Street
5	John Wallace Middle School, 71 Halleran Dr.
6	John Paterson School, 120 Church Street
7	Martin Kellogg Middle School, 155 Harding Ave.
8	John Wallace Middle School, 71 Halleran Dr.



Renovations to Anna Reynolds School

Photos courtesy of Newington Public Schools and Roy Zartarian



Ruth L. Chaffee School

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING DEPARTMENT B. Peter Hobbs, Building Official

The Building Department has a number of responsibilities to insure the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Newington. It enforces State Building Codes and inspects all commercial/industrial buildings, rental properties and all places of assembly and individual residences. The Building Codes regulate structural and fire safety, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, zoning and energy conservation.

The Building Department works very closely with homeowners, contractors and other Town departments in processing and issuance of permits.

2007-08 Highlights

- 5,439 inspections were conducted.
- 107 Certificates of Occupancy were issued, 87 for single-family residences, 20 commercial.
- Among the commercial Certificates of Occupancies were:
 - * Goodwill Store, 45 Costello Road
 - * Dutch Point Credit Union, 465 Willard Avenue
 - * T- Mobile, 3111 Berlin Turnpike
 - * Primary Care Assoc., 375 Willard Avenue
 - * Rosenberg Orthodontics, 435 Willard Avenue, Unit A
 - * O.F.I. Office Furniture, 28 Garfield Street
 - * Parth Patel Medical Office, 2335 Berlin Turnpike
 - * Cavo's Greek Village Restaurant, 2414 Berlin Turnpike

2008-09 Goals

- Maintain State-mandated continuing education for all staff members.
- Firm and consistent enforcement of all State Codes to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Newington residents.

Building Department Income 2007-08

Permit Fees	\$665,732.00
Various Application Fees, etc.	27,856.47
Total Income	\$693,588.47



Building Department Statistical Summary July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008

Type of Permit	No.	Value
Single Family Homes	83	\$20,508,048
Tent	11	34,052
Electrical	514	3,340,683
Decks	46	319,333
Garages/Sheds	47	172,835
Footings/Foundation	6	488,000
Community/Multi-family	5	16,037,598
Additions and Alterations	274	8,010,260
Fire Suppression/Sprinklers	28	726,571
Plumbing	281	1,049,624
Mechanical	391	4,633,938
Signs	47	169,158
Pools	26	259,431
Demolition	24	763,600
Roofing/Siding	192	1,719,872
Tank	30	52,312
Trailer	3	8,797
TOTAL	2,008	\$58,294,112

PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT

Ed Meehan, Town Planner/Director of Planning and Development

The Town Planner provides professional support to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ), Town Council, Town Manager, Development Commission, the Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency, the Small Cities Community Development Program, Open Space Acquisition Grant Program and the New Britain – Hartford Busway Municipal Advisory Committee. Also, during the past year the Town Planner served as project manager for the Town Center Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant, the Community Wide Brownfield Assessment grant, the Affordable Age Restricted Housing Study Committee, and the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

2007-08 Highlights

- 65 petitions were reviewed by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission: 37 Special Exception/Permits Petitions, 24 Site Plan Petitions, 3 Subdivision Petitions and 1 Zone Change/Amendment Petitions

Significant Development Projects:

- Phase III Streetscape Improvements, Market Square to Lowrey Place, were completed and two façade renovation projects, 1052 Main Street and 28 Garfield Street, were undertaken with STEAP grant funds.
- Environmental Reports were completed through the Federal EPA Brownfield Assessment grant program for 690 Cedar Street, National Welding property, and 21 Boulevard, a former foundry. These reports

were conducted by licensed environmental engineers and will be used to further clean up of these properties.

- The Affordable Age-Restricted Housing Study Committee voted to support a lease option of the New Meadow Phase II parcel to New Samaritan Corporation.
- Site development project construction was initiated for a 137,000 sq. ft. Sam's Club Warehouse building.
- Three Small Cities housing rehabilitation projects were completed using repayments from the revolving loan fund.
- Renovations of the former Torrington plant were initiated for a 60,000 sq. ft. warehouse/distribution center by Schuco Technologies.
- Construction began on a 17,000 sq. ft. Aldi Food Store at the former JDC Trucking site.
- A revised site plan was approved for a 124 room Holiday Inn Express on the Berlin Turnpike.
- A 70,000 sq. ft. ICS warehouse and 4 acre outside storage facility was approved at Newington Business Park.
- Reuse of the Stickley Audi Furniture Store was approved for a 50,000 sq. ft. L A Fitness Club.
- Redevelopment of a gas station/car wash at 129 Willard Avenue was approved for convenience store/gas station use.
- Redevelopment of 2686 Berlin Turnpike for a 14,518 sq. ft. Hoffman Gun store was approved.
- A 6 lot residential single family subdivision was approved for Culver Street and Shady Hill Drive.
- A mixed use commercial project with a 120 room hotel, bank, restaurant and possible second phase 15,000 sq. ft. retail use was approved for the intersection of Cedar Street and Fenn Road.
- A 14,800 sq. ft. adult day care building was approved adjacent to Fountain Pointe Office Park on Willard Avenue.
- A 2,400 sq. ft. Dunkin Donut Coffee Shop with drive through window service was approved adjacent to Wendy's Restaurant.

Façade Improvements 1052 Main Street and 28 Garfield Street



Photos by Roy Zartarian



PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING

Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer

The Engineering Department oversees the construction and maintenance of all activities occurring within the Town's rights-of-way. This includes work performed by developers, contractors and/or utility companies. In addition, the department serves as agent to the Conservation Commission and monitors all activities that may impact the inland wetlands.

2007-08 Highlights

- In February 2008, the Engineering Department received approval from the Department of Environmental Protection to reconstruct the Garfield Street Bridge during the summer of 2008.
- A grant agreement was pursued with the State Department of Transportation for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Kelsey Street and a portion of Church Street. The grant was approved and is expected to be funded during the 2008-09 fiscal year.



- The Conservation Commission updated its Inland Wetlands Regulations to be consistent with the model regulations as recommended by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- In response to a mandated request by the Department of Environmental Protection, a consultant was contracted to perform a survey of the Town's landfill in order to determine the life expectancy of the landfill.
- Reviews of plans and specifications were completed to resolve drainage issues in the Reservoir Road area, as well as expand the parking lot and improve access to the Anna Reynolds School. A contract was awarded for the improvement to take place during the summer of 2008.
- Prepared plans to resolve drainage issues in the Timber Lane neighborhood. A detention basin was designed at Badger Field to be constructed by the Highway Department during the spring/summer time frame of 2008.
- Engineering staff prepared plans and laid out the field grades for the reconstruction of Louis Street by the Highway Department.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Tom Molloy, Superintendent

The Highway Department and its various divisions are responsible for leaf collection, snow plowing and removal, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, waterway maintenance, landfill operations, refuse collection and disposal, recycling, traffic signals, signage and road markings, fleet maintenance, road construction and maintenance, and alterations and repairs of all town roads and rights of way. It responds to a variety of weather-related events 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

2007-08 Highlights

- Louis Street was reconstructed.
- Nineteen (19) roads totaling over 20,000 linear feet of roadway were surface milled and paved as part of the mill and overlay program.
- Spring sweeping was completed during the month of May. Approximately 100 miles of Town-owned streets as well as school and firehouse parking areas were swept of sand and debris.
- Over 14,000 cubic yards of leaves were collected from early November into mid-December. Four collection crews consisting of 24 people were devoted to this program including Parks and Grounds employees.
- Less than 3.5 feet of snow fell during the winter season. A storm on December 13 was the only significant event, producing nine inches of snow.
- Waterway maintenance continued with crews removing brush and debris, including beaver colonies, in an effort to keep the Town waterways flowing properly.
- 1,173 catch basins were cleaned throughout town to ensure adequate storm water flow.
- Vegetation grinding at the Town landfill was performed twice by a private contractor with assistance from Highway personnel and equipment.
- Private contractors collected refuse at 9,183 residential homes and 2,240 condominiums weekly, totaling approximately 10,840 tons of municipal solid waste which was taken to the CRRRA facility. In addition, over 9,450 oversized household waste items were picked up curbside. Over 2,100 tons of recyclables were collected as well as over 675 metal appliances and other metal recyclables.
- The Central Repair Garage is responsible for vehicle and equipment procurement and disposal, preventative maintenance and emergency repairs for Police, Fire, Highway, Parks and Grounds, Volunteer Ambulance, Dial-a-Ride and General Government vehicles and equipment. The Central Repair Garage is also responsible for the Town's fueling facilities.
- Street name signs were replaced on a number of Town streets as part of a continuing program to ensure compliance with new reflectivity guidelines.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

HUMAN SERVICES

Ken Freidenberg, Director

The Human Services Department offers a variety of human service programs and services affecting children, youth, adults, elderly and their families. Service areas include information and referral, community education and coordination, prevention and positive youth and family development, social work and case management, clinical therapy, crisis response, and economic assistance.

2007-08 Highlights

- Prevention and positive youth development were offered through a variety of activities and programs teaching skills in decision-making, problem-solving, communication, team cooperation and leadership:
 - * Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE) is a three-phase community approach to prevention:
 - ⇒ Phase one: Challenge initiatives are provided to all fourth grade students during the annual Field Day focusing on their transition from elementary to middle school. Sixth-grade students participate through the 21-hour program which is incorporated in the school health and wellness curriculum.
 - ⇒ Phase two: Promotes positive leisure time through after-school and summer programs; Student Challenge of Recreation/Education (SCORE) offers after-school activities and opportunities based at both middle schools.
 - ⇒ Phase three: Encourages youth and their parents to give back to the community through volunteer service.
 - * The Newington High School Adventure Club provides youth with adventure experiences after school and with several weekend excursions.
 - * The Summer Youth Adventure Program has a full schedule of cultural, educational and adventure activities for youth entering fifth through ninth grade.
 - * The Outdoor Ropes Course offers low and high element challenges to organizations with school age youth, college students, businesses, churches and non-profits.
- The Food Bank, Holiday Toy and Gift Program, Energy Assistance, Clothing Closet and a Special Needs Fund help eligible residents with emergency basic need assistance. In 2007-08, the Food Bank averaged 85 households monthly; the annual holiday programs served 278 households representing 616 individuals; and 227 residents were assisted

through generous community contributions to the Special Needs Fund.

- The Social Casework and Youth and Family Counseling programs provide traditional social work and clinical therapy services to all age populations. Issues include health, mental health, financial assistance, marriage and family conflict, child and elderly abuse or neglect, domestic violence, housing, transportation, substance abuse and crisis intervention.
- The Juvenile Review Board is an alternative and early means of identifying and assisting youth whose behaviors put them at risk. The Board is composed of representatives from the Police Department, schools, Human Services, Juvenile Court and the Interfaith Clergy Association. During 2007-08, 34 youths and their parents appeared before the Board.
- Community education programs co-sponsored this year included "Getting Ready for Kindergarten," Juggler Bill Ross, Substance Abuse Prevention for Middle School students, the Community Forum on Bullying and Violence Prevention, two parenting courses entitled "Staying Connected with Your Teen" and several support groups for seniors and adults. A Regional Conversation on Violence and Vandalism was attended by 40 representatives from Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.
- Volunteers continue to make a significant difference to residents in need:
 - * Over 100 volunteers helped monitor the Food Bank and set up for holiday distributions.
 - * Interfaith Community Action Newington (ICAN) brings together lay representatives from each church and synagogue. Volunteers help with yard work, minor household chores and repairs, visiting, driving to medical appointments and community service projects. Volunteer Coordinator Terry Vainoris received the 2007 Town Council Volunteer of the Year award.
 - * Warm Hands, Warm Hearts, organized by Diva and Rene Malinowski, was awarded the Connecticut Youth Services Association Youth Program award for their support of the Food Bank, Tower of Power Penny/Food Drives and other volunteer projects.



Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Contributes to the Food Bank

* Other volunteer projects initiated by youth through the third phase of ROPE included maintenance of the Challenge Course, Eagle Scout projects, helping with the Food Bank and holiday programs, volunteering at the Extravaganza and high school youth mentoring middle school youth.

Human Services Statistical Summary

	2007-08	2006-07
Youth & Family Counseling	183	196
Social Casework	321	396
Special Needs	227	242
Food Bank	1,045	967
Holiday Food, Toys, Gifts	578	580
Positive Youth Development	4,640	3,898
Juvenile Review Board	34	9
Community Education	2,245	2,034
Information & Referral	3,315	2,844

**SENIOR AND DISABLED CENTER
Dianne Stone, Director**

Newington Senior and Disabled Center offers a wide array of programs and services to meet its mission. Open to all persons aged 55 and older and younger adults with disabilities, the Center’s program areas include information and referral, health prevention and promotion services, fitness and wellness, leisure and recreation, social activities and special events, life-long learning, supportive services including case management, transportation and nutrition. It was the first Center in the State of Connecticut to be nationally accredited and is the designated Community Focal Point for aging services.

2007-08 Highlights

- The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving approved a \$126,000 grant to a collaborative of 10 Senior Centers in the area to acquire MySeniorCenter, a database solution. Newington was the lead agency in the application process. The system which features a key tag scanning system was installed in June.
- In cooperation with Wethersfield and Rocky Hill, continued the very popular out-of-town medical transportation program. Funded by a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, this service is provided by a private contractor.
- Held more than 20 different health promotion and disease prevention programs throughout the year.

Most were presented free of charge by subject matter experts.

- In collaboration with the Central Connecticut Health District and through an Older American’s Act grant from the North Central Agency on Aging, dental screenings were made available at the Center.
- Received assistance through sponsorship, in-kind donation of goods or services, or direct assistance from more than 15 different businesses and agencies including several long term care facilities, health care agencies and town businesses, as well as a grant from the Jefferson House Good Samaritan Fund for the development of a brain fitness center.
- The Center helped hundreds of residents with supportive programs including Energy Assistance, Renter’s Rebate, the Stimulus Payments, Medicare Part D, ConnPace, Meals on Wheels, case management and officially opened the Information and Referral Center.
- Several annual events were held including the annual Police Safety Picnic, Newington Health Care Center Ice Cream Social, EXPO, Kiwanis Senior Holiday Dinner, a general membership meeting and the Volunteer Recognition and Wall of Honor Award. Cecile Skrowback was inducted into the Wall of Honor.
- Other special events included a holiday party sponsored by Newington Memorial Funeral Home, theme parties presented by HealthNet, including “A Day at the Beach” and “Taste of Italy”, a new member social and a St. Patrick’s Day party.
- With a few renovations, office space was created at the Center for both the Central Connecticut Health District’s Community Health Coordinator and a Parks and Recreation satellite office. These co-locations will promote better service for older adults.
- Center Director Dianne Stone was invited to be involved in several state and national activities including presentations before several statewide associations and at the ASA/NCOA Annual Conference. Ms. Stone continued leadership positions within the aging network including presidency of the State Association of Senior Center Personnel, the Connecticut Elder Action Network and the National Council on Aging, serving as a delegate and as the Chair of the National Accreditation Board.
- New programs included a Wii Bowling League, a fitness assessment (in collaboration with CCSU), video based college lecture series and many demonstration programs.

2008-09 Goals

- Complete the self-assessment process and re-accreditation with the National Institute of Senior Centers.
- Build on the professional services of the Center.
- Enhance public image and awareness.
- Build foundation of resources.
- Develop programs and services.

Dial-A-Ride		Wellness Clinic
Trips	Miles	Appointments
13,569	43,529	1,333

LIBRARY

Marian Amodeo, Director

The first free library was established in Newington in 1787 as a result of a bequest from Jedidiah Deming. Newington's first public library opened in 1895 with a grant of \$200 from the State Legislature, matched by \$200 from Town funds. Today the Lucy Robbins Welles Library is one of the busiest libraries in the state.

2007-08 Highlights

- *Get a Clue @ Your Library* was the theme of the Children's reading program, as 1,300 youthful readers participated, with over 1,000 of them achieving reading goals of 40 days or more. A town-wide clue game, mystery dinner theatre, *Book Detectives* puppet show, and *Birds of Mystery* were among the 63 programs offered throughout the summer months for Newington's young residents. School assemblies in September with a performance by the Activated Storytellers completed this most successful season.
- The annual *Sliva Young People's Literary Series* event welcomed author Amy McDonald to speak to third and fourth graders in Newington about her writing.
- The second year of the series entitled *Play for All*, a playgroup for special needs children and their caregivers, achieved greater numbers and more success as library staff teamed up with the Connecticut Arena for a one time program that was so successful it turned into a regular skating program called *Skate For All*.
- The library continued to be active in the community with weekly visits to preschools, childcare centers, many school functions, and Early Childhood Council collaborative programs by Children's Department staff. Staff continued to take the lead in the schools for promoting the Nutmeg Children's Book Award, the State Children's Choice award.
- More than 30 programs were held exclusively for teens. *Wizard Rock*, *Beading and Reading*, *LOL @ Your Library* improv, *Anime After Hours*, and *Henna Body Art* were just a few of the creative and appealing events to which teens flocked.
- For adults, music was a big draw. Three jazz concerts were held during the year and each one was a hit with its audience. Connecticut native Giacomo Gates, veteran jazz singer Sheila Jordan, and relative newcomer Ben Altman wowed the crowd.
- The *World Cuisine* series, the *Brown Bag It* series, a *Food for Life* series, and a *Consumer Protection* series were all well-received.
- *The Big Read* - a collaborative effort in which the Capitol Region libraries chose *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett, a classic mystery with broad appeal, as the title for this community read. A screening of the movie of the same name, a screening of the biography of Humphrey Bogart,

and two book discussions rounded out the month-long celebration of this title.

- A new reading program was introduced in January 2008 for adults and attracted 229 adults who read 1,295 books over a five-week period.
- The old library website was converted over to a new one with the help of new software that was chosen for both the Town and the library. Because the library website is so complex, the conversion was a major project. It continues to be a work in progress as new dimensions, such as the *BookChats* blog for children's books, more attractive teen offerings, and author and title recommendations for adults, are added to this virtual library.
- Remote use statistics included 12,000 requests using the Science and History databases, 117,844 searches using the newspaper databases, and 4,843 searches on Heritage Quest, the genealogy database.
- The Friends sponsored trips to Block Island and New York City. The November book sale was moved to the Senior and Disabled Center which resulted in a very successful event. They also sponsored a May weekend sale and sold books at the WaterFall Festival.
- Friends had a presence at three polling venues on Election Day and at the Chamber of Commerce's Business Showcase.

Library Statistical Summary

	2007-08	2006-07	% change
Items circulated	410,112	418,561	-2%
Total registration	12,768	12,728	-----
People count	257,929	268,179	-3%
New registration	1,797	1,794	-----
Reference questions	64,997	63,455	+2%
Children's programs	549	570	-3%
Attendance	24,038	20,905	+15%
Children's comp. use	9,110	8,147	+12%
Child summer reading	1,301	1,329	-2%
Adult summer reading	420	n.a.	-----
Teen programs	30	26	-----
Attendance	1,045	n.a.	-----
Items added	15,335	16,015	-4%
Items deleted	7,176	4,351	+65%
Teen computers	5,856	4,511	+30%
Adult Internet usage	20,089	19,078	+5%
Homepage visits	81,465	80,684	-----
Library holdings	153,767	153,837	-----
Volunteer hours	1,494	1,392	+7%
Books mended	897	985	-8%
AV repairs	2,439	2,004	+22%

PARKS AND RECREATION

Wendy Rubin, Superintendent

The Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of two divisions—Recreation and Parks & Grounds—and provides comprehensive recreation services for Newington residents.

Recreation Division

The Recreation Division offers a wide variety of recreational programs for all ages, utilizing Town parks, schools, and community buildings. Program fees are maintained in a special revenue fund to support operational costs and explore new program opportunities. The department works closely with various citizen committees, civic and youth sports organizations, and the school district. The largest programs include summer playgrounds, year-round aquatics, basketball leagues, and the annual Mill Pond Park Extravaganza.

2007-08 Highlights

- The Strategic Master Plan for Parks and Recreation (prepared and presented by CEHP Incorporated and Leisure Lifestyles Consulting, Inc.) was approved and adopted.
- A “Party in the Park” was held in July at Mill Pond Park, attended by over 250 residents who enjoyed paddleboat rides and games in the pool.
- The Creative Playtime Preschool Program received approval from the State of Connecticut to move the program to the lower level of the Church of Christ Congregational, 1075 Main Street.
- A “Fit Over 50” initiative was created as a collaborative effort between Parks & Recreation and the Senior & Disabled Center.
- Successful bus trips included: Halloween in Salem, New York City on Your Own, Patriots Day at Fenway Park, Sunday Afternoon at the Breakers in Newport, and Noshing in New York.
- Attendance at 7th & 8th grade dances co-hosted with Human Services more than doubled from previous years. As part of admission to the dances, attendees donated canned goods to help replenish the Town’s food pantry.
- The Counselor-In-Training Program was initiated for youths having completed grades 8, 9 or 10. The program provides instruction and skill development for participants to gain knowledge on working with children in a summer camp setting through job experience.
- The Soccer Club of Newington in conjunction with Newington Parks & Recreation started a Pre-K soccer program for boys and girls ages 3 and 4, with more than 100 children participating.
- New programs included: Ballroom Dancing, Indoor Walking Program, Selling on e-Bay, Ball and Mixed Level Pilates, Junior Lifeguard training.

- More than 8,500 participants registered for over 600 programs offered throughout the year.
- The 10th annual Benefit Golf Tournament held at Indian Hill Country Club was a great success, and proceeds from this tournament help benefit community programs and projects.

Parks & Grounds Division **Dennis Bonitsky, Supervisor**

The Parks & Grounds Division is responsible for the year round maintenance of 833 acres of parks and public green spaces, including two community parks, nine neighborhood parks, two historic properties (Kellogg-Eddy House and the Kelsey House), the Young Farm, and all public school grounds. It also maintains the Town greens, three cemeteries, the Municipal Parking Lot, the Town Center, and the grounds of all Newington public buildings. The Division is also responsible for the initial startup of the community garden plots, the picnic and recreation facilities at Churchill Park, a skate park, two outdoor swimming pools, playgrounds, several miles of hiking / biking trails, numerous public rights-of-way and cul-de-sacs, roadside mowing, and flower beds and pots. Maintenance activities include mowing, pruning, trash removal, and athletic field preparation for scholastic and recreational use, snow removal for schools and public building parking areas, sidewalks, and school walk routes through Town spaces.

2007-08 Highlights

- Installed 100 cubic yards of play mulch at school sites.
- Renovated the Maple Hill Green with the removal of deteriorated trees and grass areas and planted five trees as an Earth Day activity.
- Installed brick paver walkway and landscaping at the Mortensen Community Center entrance and enhanced walkway and parking area landscaping.
- Repainted the swimming pool at Mill Pond, installed non-slip flooring, and installed a new ceiling.
- Installed a cross-country course at the Young Farm for use by schools and citizens.



Photo by Roy Zartarian

New Sand/Salt Storage Shed at the Highway Garage



PARKS IN NEWINGTON

Mill Pond, Mill Pond Park

	Baseball	Softball	Playground	Trails	Tennis	Pool	Volleyball, Bocce	Basketball	Soccer, Lacrosse, Football, Multipurpose Fields	Ice Skating	Picnic Shelter	Water Features	Skate park
Badger Field <i>Walsh Avenue</i>													
Beacon Park <i>Beacon Street</i>													
Beechwood Park <i>Woodbridge Road</i>													
Candlewyck Park <i>Lamplighter Lane</i>													
Churchill Park <i>Main Street</i>													
Clem Lemire <i>New Britain Avenue</i>													
Eagle Lantern Park <i>Eagle Drive</i>													
Little Brook Park <i>Little Brook Drive</i>													
Mill Brook Farms <i>Main Street (overflow)</i>													
Mill Pond Park <i>Garfield Street</i>													
Seymour Park <i>Seventh Street</i>													
Starr Park <i>Brook Street</i>													
Mary Wells Park <i>Cedar Street</i>													



Denotes facilities available in that park.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NEWINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Richard Mulhall, Chief

The Newington Police Department consists of 48 full-time police officers and 13.5 civilian employees. Officers maintain around-the-clock uniformed service to the community through marked patrol and community services deployment. The department's commitment to the community is to preserve peace and public order, prevent and detect crime, apprehend offenders, and protect persons and property under the laws of the State of Connecticut and the ordinances of the Town of Newington.

"To protect and serve."

2007-08 Highlights

- Traffic safety concerns remained a high priority. Through several grants, the department was able to set up additional DUI patrols and sobriety check points on weekend evenings in the spring and summer and enhanced existing patrol on specific evenings from April until September 2008 which resulted in numerous arrests.
- In September, the Newington SWAT Unit participated in the third annual SWAT Challenge sponsored by the West Hartford Police Department. The event involved six major exercises: handgun, rifle, rescue, sniper, three gun challenge, and the fitness challenge. The Newington team (the smallest present) finished in fourth place and finished first in the Rifle Challenge.
- Newington was directly involved in a number of regional law enforcement initiatives to improve law enforcement response to critical incidents. The region was awarded a \$115,000 SWAT equipment grant for all eight SWAT units; Newington received \$14,375 worth of upgraded SWAT equipment.
- The State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management awarded the Capitol Region Chiefs of Police Association/Capitol Region Council of Governments \$3,000,000+ for four new regional projects in which Newington will participate:
 - ◊ a regional training facility that includes classroom space, an indoor firearms range, and exterior SWAT and K-9 obstacle courses
 - ◊ formation of three regional truck/accident enforcement units
 - ◊ regional data sharing, and
 - ◊ improvements to the Regional Emergency Operation Center.
- The Community Services Unit (CSU) was instrumental in implementing a Neighborhood Watch Cleanup of the New Meadow pathway along with neighborhood residents and representatives of the Mill Pond Church. Graffiti on the pathway behind

the New Meadow senior housing complex was also painted over by Newington High School students.

- The CSU also hosted a Senior Picnic for over 100 senior citizens at the Senior and Disabled Center. Following lunch, the seniors were treated with two demonstrations of police tactics: an exciting and dynamic demonstration of drug detection, canine obedience and officer protection with Archie, the K-9 officer, and a Taser demonstration
- In early December, the Community Service Unit in conjunction with the School Resource Officer took part in the annual "Stuff a Cruiser" event at the Wal-Mart Store. A record number of toys were collected along with other items including food and winter clothing for needy Newington Families.

General Police Statistical Summary July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Calls for Service	27,422
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,676
Criminal Arrests (1,120 adults/199 juveniles)	1,319
Motor Vehicle Stops	6,446
Part 1 UCR Crimes	1,262
DUI Arrests	150
Detective Division Cases	465

Major cases included:

- An armed robbery at a local restaurant which involved three masked men and a 17 year old employee of the restaurant who was arrested as an accomplice.
- An armed robbery at a service station in which two suspects were apprehended and arrested on numerous charges.
- An assault on an elderly person followed by multi jurisdictional pursuit.
- One fatal motor vehicle accident.

Part 1 (Major) Crimes July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Type of Crime	# of Offenses	Value of Crime
Murder	0	0
Forcible Rape	7	0
Robbery	16	\$56,479
Assault	140	0
Burglary	292	\$312,237
Larceny Theft	736	\$686,214
Auto Theft	71	\$563,416
Totals	1,262	\$1,618,346

NEWINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

Scott Woods, Chief

The Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. (NVA) is a volunteer organization providing Basic and Intermediate level emergency ambulance service to the Town of Newington. Established in 1969 by a small group of concerned citizens, the Corps, which is a not-for-profit entity separate from the Town, has approximately 50 members who are certified as EMT-Basic's, Intermediates, and Paramedics. From its headquarters on John Stewart Drive, the NVA provides weeknight service from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am and 24 hours on weekends and holidays. American Medical Response of Hartford (AMR) provides additional service and paramedic service.

NVA also provides CPR training to residents and ambulance coverage for high school football games, the annual Parks and Recreation Extravaganza and the WaterFall Festival. Ambulance tours are available upon request to residents and civic organizations.

2007-08 Highlights

- The Corps answered 1,360 calls caring for 1,384 patients. To complete these calls the members volunteered 15,556 hours on duty. Members completed approximately 2,400 hours of training and meetings to stay up-to-date with the latest medical and OSHA training required.
- The Corps assumed the remaining financial expenses the Town previously covered, including CMED expenses, fuel costs, vehicle maintenance, and insurances. The EMS fleet is now owned by the Corps, ending a dependency on the Town for financial support.

NEWINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Schroeder, Chief

The Newington Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for fire, rescue and hazardous materials response services for residential and commercial properties and provides a comprehensive Fire Prevention and Public Fire Education program designed to meet the specific requirements of both residents and commercial businesses. Oversight is provided by an elected three member Board of Fire Commissioners with powers and duties vested in it by Town Charter, Town Ordinances and Connecticut General Statutes.

Established in 1917, the Department is an all volunteer organization comprised of approximately 120 members. A Fire Cadet program provides full-level training equal to

that of active firefighters for 16 and 17 year olds interested in fire service.

2007-08 Highlights

- The Newington Volunteer Fire Department hosted a "Bill Signing Ceremony" for House Bill 5646. The legislation prevents career Fire Departments from prohibiting their members serving as volunteer firefighters in their hometowns. The State of Connecticut is the first state in the nation to pass this type of legislation.
- 20 new members joined the department during the year.
- Captain Richard Morley retired as head of the Fire Prevention Bureau after 27 years of dedicated service to the community. During his tenure, Captain Morley developed extensive public safety education programs for all age groups and conducted in service training for the schools, businesses and community groups.
- The Department completed a review and updated its Rules and Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures and revised its purchasing authorization policy to provide better control and accountability.
- The Town Council authorized and implemented a "Pay per Call" system for all volunteer firefighters. This program is intended to help reimburse volunteers for the cost of responding to alarms and the time away from work and family.
- Portable radio communications were established for incoming mutual aid departments, enabling them to communicate with the Town's dispatch center as well as all field units.
- Continued to update the Mobile Data Terminals purchased and installed last year in all department vehicles through a FEMA grant. The new system will provide the on scene commanders with critical information linking local and regional computer networks.

Fire Department Statistical Summary

	2006-07	2007-08
Residential	247	212
Commercial, Industrial, Office	57	51
Hospital, School	46	15
Vehicle	40	32
Rescue, Police Assist	21	10
Dumpster, Rubbish, Trash, Grass	56	50
Hazard Materials/Clean-Up	34	42
Investigative Alarms	284	250
False Alarms	0	0
Mutual Aid/Stand-by	15	15
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	32	32
TOTALS	832	709

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Chris Schroeder

The local Fire Marshal is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and is required to:

- Inspect annually all buildings and facilities with the exception of residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or two families.
- Inspect all flammable and combustible fuel trucks registered in the town.
- Inspect the installation of flammable and combustible fuel storage tanks.
- Review all plans for new construction and conduct on site inspections to ensure code compliance.
- Establish fire lanes to ensure accessibility of fire apparatus.
- Determine the need and locations of new fire hydrants.
- Investigate all fires or explosions.
- Investigate all fire alarm dispatches to determine proper operation and compliance with the local fire ordinance.
- Issue blasting permits and be on site to ensure safety and compliance with state and federal standards.
- Respond to and investigate reported accidental or intentional release of hazardous materials.

Major Incidents

- 9/01/07 A fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed a barn at 65 Culver Street. Pesticides were stored in the barn and the occupants of several homes were evacuated as a precaution. No injuries were reported.
- 9/18/07 A fire in a second floor bathroom in a condominium unit at 213 Cottonwood Road resulted in major damage to the structure. The occupants of four condominium units had to be relocated. The fire was started by a plumber's torch and was ruled accidental.
- 11/29/07 A fire in a coffee bean roasting machine caused significant damage to the equipment and



Martin Kellogg Middle School

surrounding combustibles at a manufacturing facility at 41 Commerce Court. The fire was ruled accidental as a result of the equipment malfunction.

- 1/21/08 A fire in the living room of a single family home at 287 Reservoir Road caused significant damage to the home. The cause of the fire was undetermined.
- 2/17/08 A firefighter was injured extinguishing a fire in a manufacturing facility at 300 Fenn Road when the fire extinguisher he was using came into contact with energized electrical equipment. The firefighter was treated and released from the hospital without serious injury.
- 4/04/08 A fire totally destroyed a home at 87 Kinnear Avenue. The back of the house was fully involved upon arrival. The fire spread to the structure from a charcoal grill on the rear porch and was ruled accidental.

Fire Marshal Statistical Summary

	2006-07	2007-08
Inspections & Inspection Follow-Ups	801	766
Plan Reviews	81	108
Job Site Inspections	108	184
Underground Tank Removal	2	4
Fire Investigations	28	43
Fire Alarm Trouble	31	42
Complaints	23	41
Hazmat Incidents	10	10
Bomb Threats	1	0
Blast Monitoring	80	30



Renovations to Elizabeth Green School

Photos courtesy of Newington Public Schools

NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mission

The Mission of the Newington Public School System, an educational partnership of school, family and community, is to ensure every student acquires the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to continue to learn, live a productive life, and contribute to a diverse, rapidly changing society. This is accomplished within a caring environment through a planned program of quality learning experiences that challenge and encourage each individual to reach full potential.

The Newington Public School System consists of four elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. An elected nine member Board of Education, whose powers and duties are specified by Connecticut General Statutes, provides policy oversight and direction to the school administration.



2007-08 General Highlights

- Awarded reaccreditation for all elementary schools by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Percentage of students performing at or above goal level on the CMT and CAPT continued to exceed the state average at all grade levels.
- Continued improvements recommended through the Strategic Planning process.
- Enhanced communication with families through the implementation of rapid notification system.
- Completed the third floor high school air-conditioning project at the high school.
- Operating budget increased 4.31% over the 2006-07 budget to support instruction.

ANNA REYNOLDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

– Ellen H. Miller, Principal

2007-08 was an exceptionally busy and productive year of growth for students and staff at Anna Reynolds School. In February 2008, the Anna Reynolds School was successfully reaccredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The entire school participated in *The Empty Bowls Project*, an international anti-hunger service art project, with over \$2,400 raised for soup kitchens and local food banks.

2007-08 Goals

- To improve teaching instruction and student achievement in the area of literacy as measured by a 5% increase in CMT scores.
- To improve teaching instruction and student achievement in the area of mathematics as measured by a 5% increase in CMT scores.
- To increase the respectful and responsible behavior of students as measured by a 5% reduction in behavior referrals at school and on the bus.

JOHN PATERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

– Stephen J. Foresi, Principal

Along with the NEAS&C reaccreditation, and many curriculum, assessment and instruction initiatives, John Paterson staff focused on the following school goals toward continuous improvement:

- To improve teaching and student performance in reading and writing as measured by continued student achievement growth on school, district and standards-based (CMT) measures.
- To ensure all social and emotional needs of students are appropriately addressed and students' connections to school are enhanced to promote learning.
- To enhance communication with families and the community to ensure all children are ready to learn and the families and community are partners in the educational process.

ELIZABETH GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Wendy Crouse, Principal

During 2007-08, Elizabeth Green completed a self-study as part of the reaccreditation process through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and focused on the following goals during the 2007-2008 school year:

- To improve teaching and student performance in reading and writing as measured by continued student achievement growth on school, district, and state assessments.
- To ensure the social and emotional needs of students are appropriately addressed and students' connections to school are enhanced to promote learning.
- To enhance communication with families and the community to ensure all children are ready to learn and the families and community are partners in the educational process.

RUTH CHAFFEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Richard M. DeBellis, Principal

During the 2007-08 school year, the following initiatives were worked upon in support of the three district/school goals:

- Place additional emphasis on those content strands in reading, writing, and math that pose the most challenges for the children.
- Begin to develop plans for a "School Family" partnership within the building.
- Develop more school-wide themes to reinforce respect for others and school property.
- Encourage wider use of classroom newsletters to improve home/school communication.
- Implement more parent workshops to explain curriculum, expectations at each grade level.



Photo by Roy Zartarian

Media Center, Ruth L. Chaffee School

JOHN WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- David Milardo, Principal

2007-08 Highlights

- Continued the use of common and consistent instructional strategies among staff.
- Implemented the "AlertNow" rapid notification system to improve communication.
- Implemented the new "6FI" program to encourage students to be more proactive in dealing with issues of bullying and promote a more respectful school environment.
- Implemented the new "Collaborative Intervention Process" to identify students with unique learning needs and to develop appropriate early intervention instructional strategies.
- Sponsored social events, a charitable fund-raising project, and clothing and food drives.
- Showchoir performances at each of the town elementary schools, the WaterFall Festival, the East Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center, New Britain Rock Cats game, and at the Extravaganza, delighting audiences with creative dances and music.
- The Wallace Parent Advisory Council sponsored a number of cultural arts programs and fundraisers to help support special programs and activities. The PAC also funded an author-in-residence visit in October 2007.

MARTIN KELLOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Jason S. Lambert, Principal

2007-08 Highlights

- Continued the use of common and consistent instructional strategies among staff.
- Provided a variety of fundraisers, social events, and celebrations.
- Further developed "Student-Led Conference" model used during parent-teacher-student report card conferences.
- Improvements in the music areas of the building, including the auditorium, and an author-in-residence for the upcoming school year.
- Participated in the Adopt a Family program through Human Services and collected toys for the *We are the Children Charity*.
- Provided the "Hunger Banquet" program on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to teach students about worldwide poverty.
- Implemented "Medieval Day," which included grade 6 teachers and students from John Wallace Middle School.
- Provided students in the Music Department the opportunity to participate in the *World on Fire* program that uses student-recorded music to sponsor world hunger initiatives.
- Provided the sister school partnership, through participation in the AMISTAD program, to give students opportunities to interact with students from urban environments.
- Produced the musical, *The Beauty and the Beast*.

NEWINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

– Dr. William C. Collins, Principal

2007-08 Highlights

- Over 26 clubs and activities were available for students. Other programs and events held during the school year included musicals, dances, and special programs to recognize diversity.
- Many athletic teams qualified for the State Tournaments. Several captured league championships and most teams advanced to the State Tournament.
- The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test was administered to 568 tenth and eleventh graders.
- Advance Placement (AP) exams were administered to 193 students.
- New Wellness Curriculum was fully implemented providing a more modern approach to nutrition and life long fitness.
- New courses were offered in AP Computer Science and Consumer Chemistry.
- Senior Life Skills Seminars were implemented.
- School Counseling Department visited many college campuses to develop stronger relationships with colleges and universities.
- Students participated in the Hartford Courant and UCONN Stock Market simulation.
- New web-based library management system was installed.
- My Access Writing Program was implemented giving students access to artificial intelligence software.
- School-wide rubrics were developed by faculty.
- School-wide academic, social and civic expectations were revised.
- Benchmark data was collected and used to inform instruction.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS TO NEWINGTON SCHOOLS

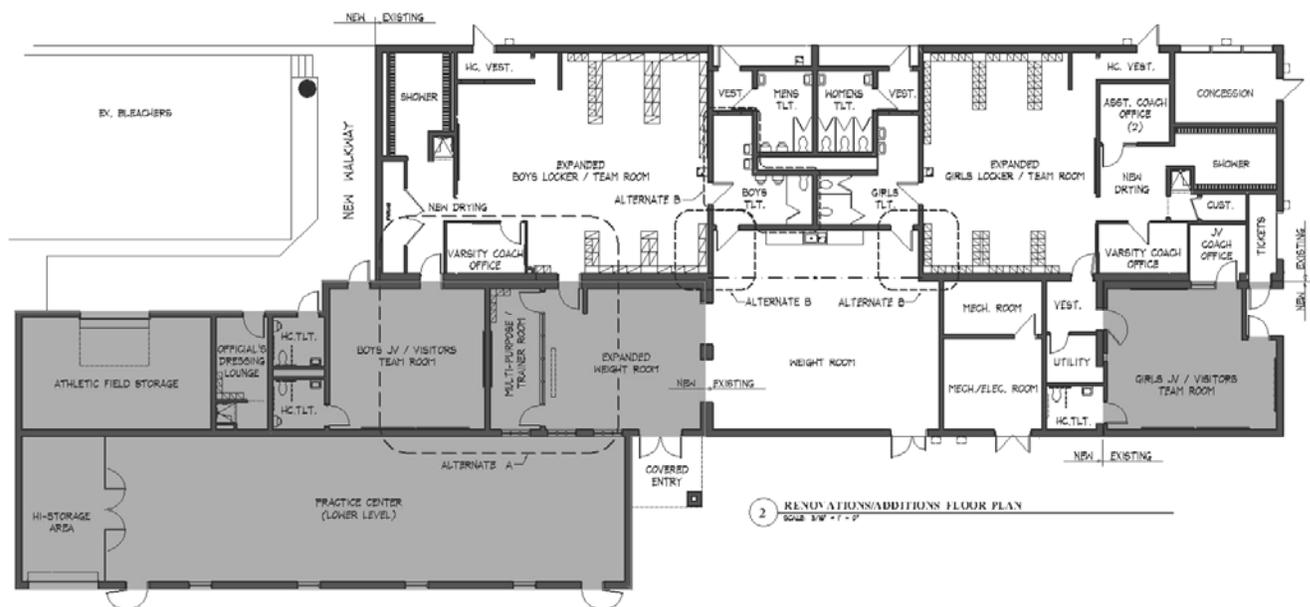
Over the past several years, there have been a number of school building projects that have been completed in Newington.

- The track at the Newington High School football/soccer field was failing and was replaced with a beautiful new, blue, urethane track in 2005.
- Elizabeth Green Elementary School and Ruth Chaffee Elementary School both received a major facelift with “renovate as new” improvements throughout each school. The infrastructure at each building was upgraded to meet a 20 year life expectancy and substantially enhanced the appearance of each school. These completed a round of improvements whereby all seven schools were either renovated or received substantial additions.
- Other projects included replacement of boilers at two schools (Anna Reynolds Elementary and Martin Kellogg Middle Schools) and portions of roofs at two schools (Martin Kellogg Middle School and Newington High School).
- Air conditioning was installed on the third floor of the Newington High School, which resulted in dramatic improvement to the learning environment of that level. Air conditioning will be installed on the other two floors of the high school in the next year, along with an emergency generator.
- Improvements to the field house at the Newington High School football/soccer field are anticipated in the near future as well.

A project building committee is set up by the Town Council for any project with an estimated cost of \$250,000 or greater.

A number of these improvements are reflected throughout this report.

Schematic of renovated Field House



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING AGENCY

Established by the Town Council in 1991, the Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency is responsible for the preparation, adoption and administration of standards for selecting eligible households to participate in affordable housing programs in Newington.

COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABLED

The Commission on Aging and Disabled, consisting of nine (9) members, is responsible for monitoring and assessing the needs of seniors and people with disabilities in the community. It also provides policy oversight for the Senior and Disabled Center.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Created by State Statute, the Board of Assessment Appeals provides a means to review and revise the taxable values of real estate and personal property established by the Town Assessor. The Board serves as the first level of appeal, and its actions are binding until a successful appeal is taken to the Superior Court. While no fees are charged and representation by legal counsel is not necessary, the taxpayer must appear before the Board.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Newington Town Council created a Charter Revision Commission comprised of five (5) members on December 11, 2007.

The Commission was charged specifically to:

- consider changes to the method prescribed in the Town Charter for the approval of the Town and Board of Education budgets, including consideration of a mandatory referendum under certain circumstances.
- examine dollar limitations imposed by the Town Charter and to consider methods of adjusting those limits.
- consider ways to make the level and delivery of Town services more efficient and cost effective, including eliminating or consolidating Town agencies, boards and commissions.

The Charter Revision Commission must submit a Draft Report to the Town Council no later than 4/11/09 as required by State Statute.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

The Conservation Commission, comprised of seven (7) regular and three (3) alternate members, is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Town Manager, Town Council and other boards and commissions. These recommendations concern the development and conservation of natural resources, which include water resources within the territorial limits of the Town.

As the Town's designated Inland Wetlands Agency, the Commission is responsible for regulating activities that affect the inland wetlands and watercourses of the Town in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. As such, the Commission has the power to develop and adopt regulations protecting and preserving inland wetlands and watercourses for Town Council approval. In addition, the Commission is charged with administering the regulations under its authority.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission, consisting of nine (9) regular members and three (3) alternate members, is established for the promotion and growth of the development resources of the Town of Newington.

During 2007-08, the Commission reactivated a business call program, hosted a Town Center social gathering to promote the creation of a Downtown Business Association and sponsored a community business leaders breakfast with Rob Simmons from Connecticut's Small Business Advocate Office.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education consists of nine (9) members elected at each regular Town election for a term of two years. State Statute charges the Board of Education with maintaining public elementary and secondary schools, implementing the educational interest of the State, and providing such other educational activities as in its judgment best serve the interests of the school district.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE AND PENSION BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee (EIPBC), established July 27, 1993, is composed of nine (9) regular and two (2) alternate members who oversee all aspects of the health insurance programs and pension benefits for employees.

The Committee is appointed by the Town Council and serves to oversee the EIPBC Agent of Record. The Committee determines the needs and develops specifications for the employee insurance and pension benefits program, reviews all submitted insurance proposals, periodically reviews employee insurance benefits and makes recommendations to the Town Manager and Town Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

Activities of the Environmental Quality Commission date back to 1986, when the Town Council established the Environmental Quality Committee. In October 1987, the Town Council established (by Ordinance) a permanent commission and outlined its scope of authority. The Commission is charged with addressing issues affecting environmental concerns or the quality of life within the town.

Eleven (11) Commissioners are appointed by the Town Council for two year terms. Representation on the Commission is from a varied background including: Newington Fire Department (2), Newington Volunteer Ambulance (1), Local Industry (2), and the Public (6). There are also five (5) student liaisons representing the two middle schools and the high school.

BOARD OF ETHICS

The Board of Ethics is comprised of seven (7) regular and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Town Council, including two registered Democrats, two registered Republicans, and three unaffiliated or other party registered voters. The Board (a) has the authority to recommend action pertaining to the Code of Ethics to the Town Council, Town Manager, and Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools; and (b) establish procedures by which the public may initiate complaints alleging a violation of the Code of Ethics.

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

The Fair Rent Commission is comprised of five (5) regular and three (3) alternate members. It has the general authority to make studies and investigations, conduct hearings and receive written complaints relative to rental charges or proposed increases in rental charges on housing accommodations in Newington.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pursuant to an act adopted in 1929, the Board of Fire Commissioners was established to manage and control the Newington Fire Department. The Board, comprised of three (3) elected Commissioners, is responsible for the supervision and care of all Fire Department buildings, equipment and apparatus.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Newington Housing Authority was established in 1973 by the Town Council and charged with the responsibility of providing housing for the Town of Newington's elderly population.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote mutual understanding and respect among all

racial, religious, ethnic and other groups, and to secure equality of, and opportunity for, all people. The Commission seeks compliance with State and Federal laws regarding discrimination. Complaints regarding discrimination can be filed through the Department of Human Services.

- The Commission participated in the Memorial Day Parade to celebrate diversity and cultural heritage.
- Commission members held a food collection in support of the Human Services Food Bank.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

In response to several incidents and community concerns, the Town Council established a Joint Committee on Community Safety to determine the needs and potential solutions for ensuring the safety of the community, with consideration to future budgetary requirements. The Committee is comprised of eleven (11) members, three (3) from the Newington Town Council, two (2) from the Board of Education, one (1) from the Youth-Adult Council and five (5) from the public.

- The Committee reviewed and discussed data and information compiled by the Central Connecticut Health District, the Connecticut Student Health Survey, Search Institute – Asset Development Survey and other national information. Additional information and communications were provided by the Schools, Police, Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Library, Senior and Disabled Center, Town Planner and Health District.
- A subcommittee composed of the non-elected members met and developed a report outlining short-term recommendations which were approved by the Joint Committee and forwarded to the Town Council.

LIBRARY BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington's public library, is comprised of twelve (12) directors, six (6) of whom are appointed by the Town Council and six (6) of whom are appointed by the Library corporation. Membership is open to any resident of the Town of Newington. The Library Board is charged with managing the affairs of the Library. The Library's operations are funded by the Town of Newington.

BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION

The Board of Parks & Recreation consists of eleven (11) members who determine the use of Town parks, public greens and other public grounds. The Board also plans and arranges recreational facilities and programs for the Town.

STANDING INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The Standing Insurance Committee, comprised of nine (9) regular and two (2) alternate members, is responsible for (a) the determination of needs and specifications for Town insurance; (b) recommendation to the Town Council of the appointment and termination of the Agent of Record; (c) recommendation to the Town Council of a proposed Town insurance program; and (d) the Workers Compensation insurance provided by the Town.

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ) is a citizen body of seven (7) regular and three (3) alternate members appointed by the Town Council. The Commission’s bimonthly meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Wednesdays. TPZ members also devote time to serve on the Town Center Study Committee, Open Space Committee, New Britain-Hartford Busway Municipal Advisory Committee, and the Capitol Region Council of Government Planning Commission.

YOUTH-ADULT COUNCIL

The Youth-Adult Council acts as an advisory board to the Human Services Department. Appointed by the Mayor, its purpose is to review youth and family issues and foster community education and support among Town agencies and residents. The school system, community groups, concerned citizens and young people all participate in monthly meetings aimed at sharing information and coordinating services.

During 2007-08, the Youth-Adult Council:

- held an Anti-Bullying Community Forum featuring Dr. JoAnn Freiberg, Associate Education Consultant for School Climate, Bullying and Character

Education from the State Department of Education. YAC members also presented 6FI (Six Feet of Influence) which encourages everyone in the community to speak out when they observe hurtful behavior and comments within six feet around them.

- sponsored the Super Hoop-La Basketball Game involving students from every school competing in a friendly tournament to raise funds for three scholarships awarded to graduating high school students.
- collaborated with Newington High School to offer an annual all day workshop on diversity awareness for the entire tenth-grade.
- offered a substance abuse prevention program to both middle schools featuring Juggler Bill Ross, whose “No Butts About It” presentation commented on the dangers of tobacco, drugs and alcohol.
- supported the High School Graduation Celebration and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD Chapter).

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A bipartisan appointed body of five (5) regular and three (3) alternate members, the Zoning Board of Appeals’ primary function is to hear applications for variances from the Zoning Regulations in which enforcement of regulations could result in a hardship. The Board also hears cases in which the applicant alleges errors in the Zoning Enforcement Officer’s orders.

Name	Meets
Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency	As needed
Aging and Disabled, Commission on	1st Wednesday, Sr. & Dis. Center
Assessment Appeals, Board of	As needed
Building Code Board of Appeals	As needed
Conservation Commission	3rd Tuesday (1st Tuesday if Special Meeting required)
Development Commission	1st Wednesday
Education, Board of	2nd and 4th Wednesday (exc. summer months)
Employee Ins. & Pens. Benefits Comm.	As needed
Emergency Medical Services Committee	As needed
Environmental Quality Commission	1st Tuesday, quarterly
Ethics, Board of	As needed
Fair Rent Commission	As needed
Fire Commissioners, Board of	2nd Thursday, Fire Headquarters
Housing Authority	3rd Thursday (contact Housing Authority for location)
Human Rights Commission	As needed
Library Board	2nd Monday, Library
Parks and Recreation, Board of	2nd Wednesday
Project Building Committees (various)	As needed
Standing Insurance Committee	As needed
Town Council	2nd and 4th Tuesday
Town Plan and Zoning Commission	2nd and 4th Wednesday
Youth-Adult Council	Usually 2nd Monday
Zoning Board of Appeals	As needed



Meeting Schedules

Meetings are held in the Town Hall unless otherwise noted and dates/times are subject to change.

Please contact the Town Clerk’s Office at (860) 665-8545 to verify date, time and location or check the Town’s website, www.newingtonct.gov

MEMBERS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(As of January 2008)

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Christopher Banach
Tony Boni
John (Jay) Bottalico
Thomas J. Bowen
Myra Cohen
Mike Lenares
David Nagel
Kristine Nasinnyk

Affordable Age-Restricted Housing Study Comm.

Myra Cohen
Colleen Kornichuk
David Nagel
Kristine Nasinnyk
Bhupen Patel

Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency

Sharon Braverman
Lorraine Cariseo
Gary Guyette
Neil Ryan
Donald Woods

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Matilda DeMaio
Patricia Hanbury
Lesley Hodas
Patricia Murray
Jerilyn Nagel
Amanda Powell
Eunice Scharr

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Louis Califano
Michael Zucker

Town Attorney

Benjamin Ancona, Jr.

Balf-Town Committee

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Edward Gilligan
Norman Lebrun
Mike Lenares
Kristine Nasinnyk
Paul Vessella
Edmund Bialaski (Alt.)
John Golda (Alt.)

Building Code Board of Appeals

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Mike Longo

Steven Pizzella
John Richter
Michael Zucker

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Everett Weaver

Central Connecticut Health District Board

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Amanda Hurwitz
Andrea Urciuoli

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Peter Boorman
Robert Briggaman
Alan Nafis

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Joan Byer
David Hourigan
John Igielski
Mark Papa
Richard Shaffer
Dr. Phillip Shapiro
Ray Harlow (Alt.)
Mike Turgeon (Alt.)
Jeffrey Zelek (Alt.)

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John Richter

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Marie Dowling
Jeff Hedberg
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Manny Paolucci
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Thomas Shields
Cherie Woods
Val Ginn (Alt.)
David Marsden (Alt.)
Mark Papa (Alt.)

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Michael Wilbur
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Derek Sutton

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Chris Golec
Frank Marci
Dr. Alan C. Skidgell
John P. Walker
Carole Khentigan (Alt.)
Joseph Trombetta (Alt.)

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Audra Ekstrom
Walter Gualtieri
Jerilyn Nagel
Michael Zucker
Jeff Hedberg (Alt.)
Cherie Woods (Alt.)

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Thomas Jascowski
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.

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Richard Brown
Tom Gill
Kenneth Hutchinson
Mike Lenares
Thomas Smith

Fire Training Tower Project Building Committee

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Mike Lenares
Vic DePamphillis (Newington)
Mark Guerrero (Wethersfield)
Rich Scalora (Berlin)

Newington Historical Society & Trust

Esther Eddy
Robert Randich
Linda Woods

Town Historian

Gail F. Kelly

Newington High School Track Renovation Project Building Committee

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Myra Cohen
Stephen Woods

Newington Housing Authority

Rita Golden
Gary Guyette
Stephen Karp
Colleen Kornichuk
Kevin Mason

Human Rights Commission

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Ann Cameron
Jeffrey J. Cultrera
Phyllis DiCara
Val Ginn
Monica L. Golec
Timothy Manke
Scott McBride
Michael Monroe

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Steven Bafundo
Kevin Borrup
Meg Casasanta
Myra Cohen
Janice Joseph
Timothy Manke
Pamela Raynock
David Tompkins
David Nagel
Kristine Nasinnyk

Library Board

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Judy Igielski
Iris B. Larsson
Neil Ryan
Trudie Walker
Susan Wright

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Kenneth Leggo
Jeff Perillo
Robert Tofeldt
Mary Udice
Donald Woods, Jr.

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Marie M. Fox (Dem.)

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Myra Cohen
David Pruet
Thomas Shields
Stephen R. Woods

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Sharon Braverman
Sue Carlson
Mike Longo
Kristine Nasinnyk
Nancy Petronio
Donald R. Roberts
James Zolad
Michael Casasanta (Alt)

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Daniel Carson
Cathy Hall
Kristine Nasinnyk
Stephen R. Woods

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Russell Correll
Michael J. Fox
Peter Kornichuk
Dominic Pane
David Pruet
Robert Schatz
Michelle Camerota (Alt.)
Thomas Ganley (Alt)
Frank Niro (Alt.)

Treasurer

Cherie Woods
Russell Correll (Deputy)

Tri-Town Community Cable Access Committee

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Edward Pizzella
Everett Weaver

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Richard Gable
Gilbert Peterson
Monica L. Golec (Alt.)

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Diana Kurz
Norm Lebrun
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Donald Woods

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Debbie Barnicle
Kevin Borrup
Dan Cronin
Jason Lambert
Sarah Lauretti
William Jordan
Christopher Manke
Laura Marchese
Jeananne McMahon
Steve Parker
Billy Pollock
Christine Tetreault

Zoning Board of Appeals

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Lou Califano
A. Neal Forte
Larry Richards
Paul Vessella
Monica Golec (Alt.)
Daniel Quattromani (Alt.)
John Richter (Alt.)

**SUMMARY OF
TOWN OF NEWINGTON
FINANCIAL REPORT**

2007-08

TOWN FINANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

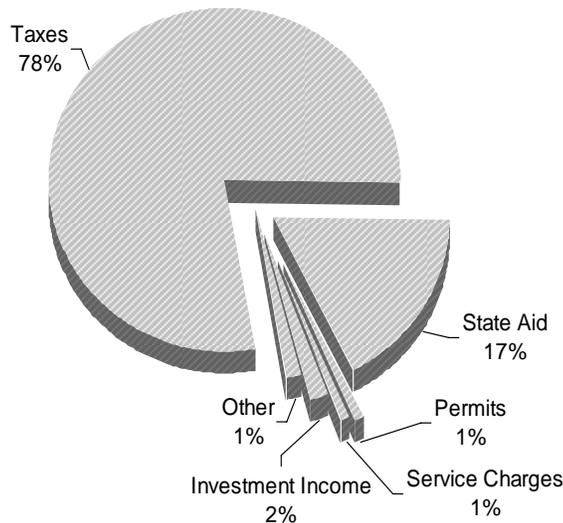
- The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2007-08 totaled \$89,934,488.
- The Mill Rate was 26.91.
- The Town's high credit ratings were maintained by Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poor's at Aa3 and AA, respectively.
- The Town achieved a collection rate of 99.1% on the current levy.
- The Town's bond indebtedness at June 30, 2008 totaled \$18,605,000.
- The Town's actual expenditures were \$89,098,663 and actual revenues totaled \$90,228,421.

The comparative budgetary information, by function and funding source is presented here. A detailed document of the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is on file on the Town Clerk's office.

Actual Town Revenues for 2007-08, by Source (\$ thousands)

Source	2007-08	2006-07	\$ Change
Taxes	70,359	66,863	3,496
Permits	724	749	(25)
State Aid	15,561	14,572	989
Service Charges	869	885	(16)
Investment Income	1,426	1,825	(399)
Other	1,290	603	687
TOTAL	90,229	85,497	4,732

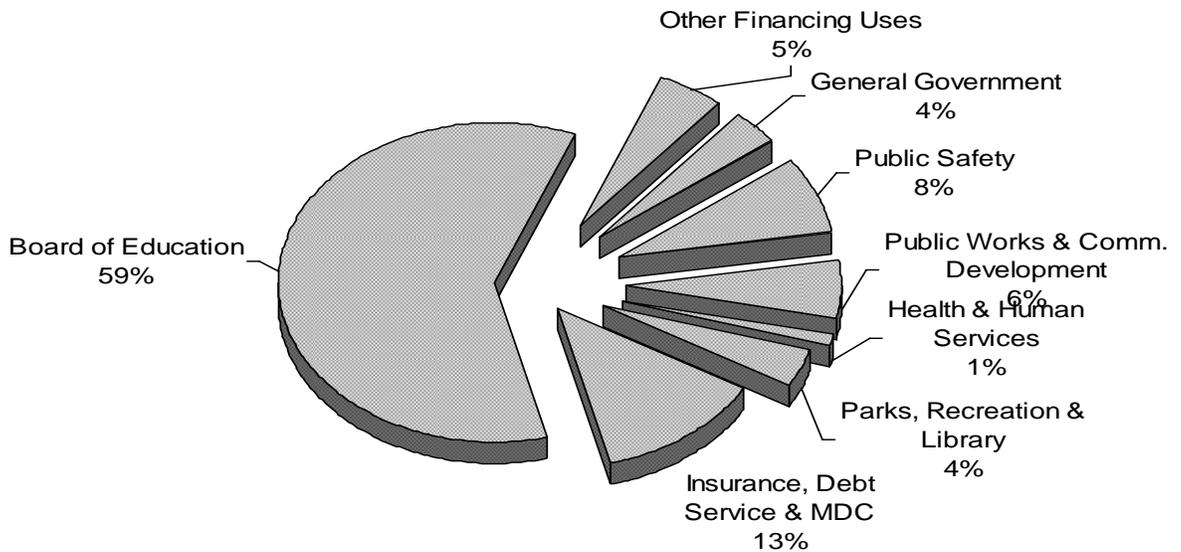
Town Revenues for 2007-08, by Source



Actual Town Expenditures for FY 2007-08, by Function
(\$ thousands)

Function	2007-08	2006-07	\$ Change
General Government	3,282	2,516	766
Public Safety	6,851	6,483	368
Public Works & Comm. Development	5,106	5,404	(298)
Health & Human Services	1,151	1,114	37
Parks, Recreation & Library	3,330	3,191	139
Insurance, Debt Service & MDC	11,421	11,780	(359)
Board of Education	53,540	50,620	2,920
Other Financing Uses	4,418	3,133	1,285
TOTAL	89,099	84,241	4,858

Town Expenditures for FY 2007-08, by Function



Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2008
(in thousands)

Function	Amount
Schools	\$12,460
General Purpose	6,145
TOTAL	\$18,605

Schedule of Debt Principal and Interest by Year as of June 30, 2008
(in thousands)

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$ 1,750	\$ 774	\$ 2,524
2010	1,750	704	2,454
2011	1,750	634	2,384
2012	1,750	563	2,313
2013	1,750	489	2,239
2014-2018	5,950	1,494	7,444
2019-2023	3,100	589	3,689
2024-2025	805	44	849
TOTAL	\$18,605	\$ 5,291	\$23,896



REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SEPARATION, PLACEMENT, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, RECYCLABLES, AND YARD VEGETATION WASTE

- **Household Rubbish:** All household refuse is to be placed inside the container provided by the Town for curbside automated rubbish collection.
- **Oversized Items:** Items noted below must be placed at the curb for weekly Thursday pick up in accordance with the requirements indicated. **Residents must call the Town's Highway Department at 667-5874 by Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. of each week to be scheduled for an oversized pick up.**

- ◇ **Branches:** Branches placed at the curbside must be tied into bundles (individual branches cannot exceed four (4) inches in diameter or be more than four (4) feet in length) and should be light enough for one man to lift. Households are limited to five (5) bundles each week.
- ◇ **Wooden and Upholstered Furniture, Carpeting, and other Large Household Items:** These items (TV's, mattresses, box springs, wood doors, chairs, couches, etc.) may be placed at the curbside and are limited to two (2) items each week. Items must be able to be loaded into the refuse truck by two men. Carpeting must be rolled up, less than four (4) feet in length, tied, and light enough for one man to lift. There is a limit of five (5) rolls of carpeting per week.
- ◇ **Lumber, Sheetrock, or Other Building Materials:** Minor amounts of these materials (generated by the homeowner) may be placed in the curbside container for the weekly trash pick up. Wood pieces (lumber) may be left at the curb for the "oversize" pick up but are not to exceed four (4) feet in length, must be tied into bundles and be light enough for one man to lift. There is a limit of five (5) bundles per week.

NOTE: The disposal of any remodeling or building materials generated by a contractor's work is the responsibility of the contractor and will not be included in the oversize pick up.

- ◇ **Automobile Tires:** Two (2) tires (rims removed) may be left at the curbside each week. Rims may be disposed of at the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center.
- **Materials Not Acceptable for Placement in the Curbside Containers:** Dangerous or environmentally unsafe materials or substances including, but not limited to, cleaning fluids, oil base paints, caustics, explosives, acids, poisons, drugs, radioactive materials, asbestos, swimming pool chemicals, etc. should be disposed of on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days (HHWCD). Please call the Newington Sanitation Department (667-5874) for a schedule of these collection days. 
- **Scrap Metal:** Large appliances will still be collected by the Town each week at the curbside. **Residents must pre-pay (\$10 for one item, \$5 for each additional item) at the Highway Department on Milk Lane (off Fenn Road) by Monday at 3:00 p.m. to be scheduled for such pick up.** Residents also have the option of taking these items to the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center on Main Street at no charge. Residents must show proof of residency at the Town landfill. If you have any questions, please call 667-5874.
- **Leaves/Grass Clippings:** **Leaves** will continue to be collected by the Town at the curbside each fall. Residents may also take leaves to the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center but must remove leaves from bags, boxes, etc. prior to disposal at the landfill. **Grass clippings** can be left on the lawn, put into a backyard compost pile, or taken to the Town landfill. **Do not put leaves or grass clippings in the curbside container – the Town may be fined \$200 per each occurrence.**
- **Waste Motor Oil/Propane Gas Tanks:** Waste motor oil can be disposed of at the Town Highway Garage (off Fenn Road), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or at the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center on the weekends. Oil must be transported to the disposal sites in sealed containers. Propane gas tanks (for gas grills) can also be left at the Town Landfill/Recycling Center.
- **Motor Vehicle Batteries:** May be brought to the Town Highway Garage (off Fenn Road), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Any questions about the Town's rubbish/recycling collection programs may be directed to the Sanitation Division of the Newington Highway Department at 667-5874.

Refuse Collection

Curbside collection of rubbish and recyclables is delayed one (1) day, following these major holidays (unless the holiday falls on a weekend):

- New Years Day**
- Good Friday**
- Memorial Day**
- Independence Day**
- Labor Day**
- Thanksgiving Day**
- Christmas Day**

For all other holidays, collections are made on the normal collection day.

Town Vegetation Landfill/Recycling Center

Permit required to dispose of vegetation—obtainable at the Highway Department, 281 Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)

No permit required for recyclables

Must show proof of residency

Location: Main Street, south of Churchill Park

Hours: April through December
(Saturday and Sunday)

January through March
(Saturdays only)

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Recycling Guidelines

Curbside Recyclables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk and juice cartons, juice boxes, plastic containers marked “1” or “2,” and glass and metal food or beverage containers (lids and caps removed) Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail - tied together or in a brown paper bag Boxboard, cereal boxes, corrugated cardboard, flattened, no larger than 3’x3’, multiple pieces tied with string <u>Place all recyclable containers in the blue recycling bin obtainable at the Highway (Sanitation) Department, Milk Lane (off Fenn Road).</u> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>See the Town’s website, www.newingtonct.gov, for additional information or call 667-5874.</u></p>
Other Recyclables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See previous page



Leaf Collection Guidelines

Leaves should be raked to the edge of the property (not into the street). Plastic bags should not be used as they cannot be recycled.

Do not mix leaves with household trash, branches, sticks, or other debris.

Leaves may be taken to the Town landfill on Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A permit is not required to dump leaves at the landfill.

Winter Parking Bans

Parking on streets is not allowed for more than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day November through March.

Parking on any street during any snowfall or for a period of eight hours after the end of a snowfall, or which impedes or interferes with snow plowing operations, is not allowed.



Sidewalks

Residents are required to remove snow from their sidewalks within 12 hours after a snowstorm.

Snow Plowing Guidelines

1. Prior to a winter storm event, Highway crews will apply treated salt to all roadways.
2. Plowing begins when snow accumulations reach one half inch (1/2") or forecasts indicate that it will. A maximum of 14 plow trucks may be called out to plow pre-determined snow routes.
3. Once snowfall has stopped, plowing and treated salt applications will continue until all Town roads are clear.

It is the Town's policy to plow the full width of the street, curb to curb, during major storms. This ensures that the stormwater basins are obstruction-free, allowing stormwater and snow melt to drain thus preventing flooding and icing conditions.

Driveways

While the Highway Department tries to minimize the amount of snow plowed into driveways, some accumulation is unavoidable.

- Plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway as a mound of snow would be left in the roadway.
- Snow will be plowed into driveways during curb-to-curb plowing.
- Residents may wish to clear driveways several times during a storm or wait until the storm and plowing operations have ended.
- Shoveling, plowing, or blowing snow into the street may cause an accident and expose the property owner to liability.
- Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner.

Mailbox Damage

The Town will repair or replace mailbox/posts only when there is evidence of the plow or truck striking the mailbox/post (max. \$25).

The Town will not accept responsibility for mailboxes/posts which have fallen or are damaged due to the weight or force of the snow thrown by the plow.



Winter Sand

Winter sand is available in small quantities to residents at these locations:

- Highway Department on Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)
- Sand barrels located throughout town.



TOWN DIRECTORY
(All numbers may be dialed direct)

Town Hall Main Number	665-8500	Education:	
		Bd. of Education Central Offices	667-2000
Ambulance:		Bd. of Education Voice Mail	665-8600
Emergency	911	Superintendent of Schools	665-8610
Routine Calls	667-5825	Business Office	665-8640
		Personnel (Education)	665-8630
Police:		Transportation (school buses)	666-2441
Emergency	911		
Routine Calls	666-8445	Schools:	
Animal Control	666-8445	Elizabeth Green Elem. School	666-3394
Records Division	665-7331	John Paterson Elem. School	666-4657
TDD	665-8445	Anna Reynolds Elem. School	521-7830
		Ruth Chaffee Elem. School	666-4687
Fire Department:		Martin Kellogg Middle School	666-5418
Emergency	911	John Wallace Middle School	667-5888
Administration	667-5900	Newington High School	666-5611
Fire Marshal	667-5910		
		Adult Education:	667-5850
General Government:			
Assessor	665-8530	Other:	
Building Department	665-8580	Housing Authority (elderly)	521-8396
Development	665-8575	Kellogg-Eddy House	666-7118
Engineering	665-8570	NCTV Channel 14	667-5814
Facilities Management	665-8570	Probate Court (66 Cedar Street)	665-1285
Finance	665-8520		
Health (Central CT Health District)	665-8586		
Highway Department	667-5810		
Sanitation	667-5874		
Human Services	665-8590	Chamber of Commerce:	666-2089
Info. Systems and Technology	665-8555		
Library		Transportation:	
Gen. Information and Reference	665-8700	Bus – CT Transit	525-9181
Hours of Service (recording)	665-8710	Rail – Amtrak	1-800-872-7245
Children’s Department	665-8720		
Administration	665-8730		
Mayor	665-8510	Utilities/Services:	
Parks and Recreation	665-8666	Gas – CNG	727-3000
Cemetery Information	665-8666	Electric – CL&P	1-800-286-2000 Or 947-2000
Program Information (recording)	665-8686	Water/Sewer – MDC, Hartford	278-0127
Parks and Grounds	667-5830	Telephone – AT&T*	1-800-288-2020
Personnel (Town Manager’s Office)	665-8510	Cable TV – Cox Comm.*	436-4269
Public Works	665-8570	<i>*Cox Comm. also provides phone service</i>	
Refuse Collection (Sanitation)	667-5874	U.S. Post Office, Newington	666-8436
Registrar of Voters:			
Democrat	665-8516	Newspapers:	
Republican	665-8517	Newington Town Crier	225-4601
Revenue Collector	665-8540	Hartford Courant	241-6200
Senior and Disabled Center	665-8778	The Herald	225-4601
Dial-a-Ride	665-8779	Rare Reminder	563-9386
Lunch Reservations	667-5837	Newington Life	953-0444
Project Homeshare	665-8771		
Town Clerk	665-8545		
Town Manager	665-8510		
Town Planner	665-8575		