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Newington

Mission

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

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 the Clerk of the Council.

The Town Manager is appointed by the Town Council and serves as the Chief Executive and administrative officer of the Town. The Town Manager 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 the faithful execution of all laws and ordinances governing the Town.

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 and Bradley International Airport. Transportation services also include buses to Hartford and New Britain and rail transportation stations in Hartford and Berlin.

Taxes

Newington's mill rate in 2009-10 was 28.40. The mill rate is applied to the Grand List of fair market value. All commercial and residential properties were revaluated in 2005.

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 later 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. When the railroad came through Newington in the 1830's, the 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. 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 the automobile brought more development. Newington's location 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

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, as well as 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 marines killed at Iwo Jima are inscribed on the base.

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. Council members are responsible for adopting the budget, fixing the tax rate for the Town, proposing and amending ordinances and resolutions for the execution of the powers vested in the Town, for the government of the Town and management of its businesses, 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. The Mayor, elected separately, is a member and presiding official of the Council with power to vote.

The Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are broadcast live on Newington Community Television.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Authorized the Downtown Municipal Parking Lot (Constitution Square) project construction to proceed to bid.
- Authorized the postponement of the revaluation process by one year, to take place effective with the October 1, 2011 Grand List.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Quality Associates of East Haven for construction of the west side of the downtown municipal parking lot.
- Accepted \$110,765 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grants distributed by the U.S. Department of Energy to be utilized to update heating and ventilation controls at the Library.
- Honored Kathy Morgan as Teacher of the Year.
- Accepted the resignation of Councilor Tony Boni on December 22, 2009 and appointed Councilor David Nagel as a replacement.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Trash Away for solid waste collection for residential homes and All-Waste for solid waste collection for condominium and elderly housing complexes through June 30, 2012.
- Established an Open Space Committee to determine the means to acquire, preserve and protect Cedar Mountain and various other open space parcels in the Town.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into a contract with CWPM for recycling collection through



Mayor
Jeff Wright



Deputy Mayor
Mike Lenares



Councilor
Chris Banach



Councilor
Meg Casasanta



Councilor
Myra Cohen



Councilor
Maureen Klett



Councilor
Scott McBride



Councilor
Dave Nagel



Councilor
Kris Nasinyk

June 30, 2012.

- Authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a public-private partnership agreement with owners of the various parcels of land adjacent to the former National Welding site on Cedar Street.
- Authorized the refunding of up to \$5,000,000 of bonds to the Town.
- Charged the Downtown Revitalization Committee with preparing a Request for Proposal for improvements to the Market Square area.
- Recognized Robert Trommer as Volunteer of the Year.
- Adopted amendments to the Newington Code of Ordinances Chapter 194 "Cemeteries".
- Approved changes to the "Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations of the Town of Newington" as proposed by the Conservation Commission.
- Authorized the purchase of single-stream recycling containers.
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget with total appropriations of \$97,102,104 and set a mill rate of 29.18, an increase of 2.75% over 2009-10.
- Adopted a Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2010-11 through 2014-15.
- Established the Clem Lemire Artificial Turf Project Building Committee.
- Endorsed a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent or purchase a home on a non-discriminatory basis.
- Endorsed the 2010-2020 Plan of Conservation and Development.

Newington Administration

Town Manager

John L. Salomone, Town Manager

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 to supporting the goals and objectives of the Town Council, the Town Manager, with the assistance of Town staff, 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.



Maryann Ficocelli and Sherri Leghorn attend the 2010 Employee Health Fair

2009-2010 Highlights

- Met with area Town Managers to discuss shared services.
- Attended numerous meetings of CRCOG and participated on the CRCOG Municipal Services Committee.
- Attended and hosted several Mid State Collaborative meetings with area towns.
- Attended various grand opening ceremonies throughout the year.
- Participated in CIP Committee, Employee Insurance and Benefit Committee and Downtown Revitalization Committee meetings.
- Attended several CRRRA meetings and meetings to discuss future waste management.
- Attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the New Meadow Phase II Age Restricted Housing project as well as the Constitution Square reconstruction project.
- Presided over monthly Connecticut Town and City Management (CTCMA) meetings.
- Attended the Bus Rapid Transit Symposium at the Hartford Legislative Building.
- Worked with department heads on budget and CIP preparations and prepared the Town Manager's proposed budget in conjunction with the Finance Department.
- Met with residents on an as-needed basis to address and resolve various issues and concerns.
- Attended the CT League of Voters 10th Annual Legislative Summit on the Environment.
- Met with staff, department heads and union representatives on an as-needed basis to address and resolve employee concerns and personnel issues.
- Began negotiations with both the AFSCME and IBPO unions for new contracts effective July 1, 2010.
- Met with staff to create a strategy for recycling in Town facilities.

Employee Anniversaries

25 Years

- Todd Breton - Head Custodian I
- Peg Counihan - Library Technician

20 Years

- Jeanine Allin - Police Sergeant
- Charlene Drzata - Insurance/Benefits Admin.
- Ann Harter - Finance Director
- Lori Longstaff - Account Clerk
- James Pierce - Custodian
- Bruce Walsh - Equipment Operator I
- James Wells - Equipment Operator III

15 Years

- Paul Boutot - IT Director
- Karen Gagliardi - Administrative Secretary I
- Bill Jameson - Police Sergeant
- James Johnson - Master Police Officer
- Kurt Larsen - Equipment Operator II
- Zenon Szahaj - Equipment Mechanic II
- Timothy Walsh - Master Police Officer
- Gary Williams - Equipment Operator III

10 Years

- Donna Allen - Administrative Secretary I
- Samuel Calvo - Equipment Operator II
- Linda Costanzo - Administrative Secretary I
- Steve Juda - Assessor
- Kathleen Kelliher - Police Officer
- Sherri Leghorn - Administrative Secretary I
- Sue Reniewicz - Administrative Secretary I
- Jason Saccente - Police Sergeant

5 Years

- Timothy Cunningham - Police Officer
- Meghan Kennedy - Police Officer
- Christopher Korzinski - Police Officer
- Jeff Wagner - Police Officer

Newington Administration

Town Clerk

Tanya Lane, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is tasked with preserving the Town's official records as well as making them easily accessible to the public. The office operates in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Charter and Code of Ordinances.

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, as well as tracking membership and terms for all board and commission members; preparing ballots and issuing absentee ballots for all elections; keeping abreast of all pertinent legislation (the department administers over 600 State Statutes); responding to and researching numerous public inquiries; updating the Code of Ordinances; issuing various licenses and permits, and maintaining financial records disclosing fee collection for the Town and the State.

The office is charged with insuring the integrity and longevity of all the documents entrusted to our care so that the Town has accurate and accessible data for future generations.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Upgraded indexing software (Resolution3)- generating improved workflow and processing efficiencies, increasing the quality of our deliverables.
- Installed a backfile conversion enhancement to the land record indexing system for all documents filed during 1976 to 1983. The addition of this data created a 33-year searchable electronic database. Utilizing Historic Preservation funds, this was a major accomplishment for the department. The end-goal is to offer constituents a 40-year online searchable database (the acceptable time-span for title searching Connecticut real estate).
- The staff took advantage of non-mandated opportunities to explore professional development and networking options to enhance and expand their knowledge and technical skills.
- Captured over 25,000 digitized images of land records and linked the scanned documents to the electronic index database.

2010-2011 Goals

- Expand and implement technology as time and resources allow focusing on scanning land record images and linking them to the online indexing database. This project is targeted as a priority for the next year. The goal will be achieved on an ongoing basis as time and resources become available.
- Achieving the first goal will position the department to explore eCommerce ventures and the evolution of land record technology.

- Seek opportunities for staff development.
- Research and implement a method of scanning Council minutes into a searchable database. The accomplishment of this goal will be dependent on available resources.
- Assist with the implementation and re-birth of Channel 14 News covering Town of Newington events, news and announcements.

<u>Town Clerk Statistical Summary 2009-10</u>		
<u>LAND RECORDS</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Documents	5558	6058
Maps	64	48
<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>		
Births	269	232
Marriages	330	193
Deaths	337	309
<u>LICENSES</u>		
Sporting	882	1346
Dog	2037	1997
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Veteran's Discharges	33	42
Trade Name Certificates	79	98
Liquor Permits	52	49
<u>RECEIPTS- TOWN</u>		
	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Recording Fees	\$ 150,898.00	\$ 156,192.00
Conveyance Tax	\$ 298,806.68	\$ 275,156.66
Document Preservation	\$ 11,210.00	\$ 11,323.00
Vital Statistics	\$ 26,146.00	\$ 17,512.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,019.00	\$ 2,030.50
Sporting Licenses	\$ 448.50	\$ 1,015.50
Copy Fees	\$ 17,086.05	\$ 19,027.55
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,478.00	\$ 2,231.00
TOTAL GEN. FUND	\$ 509,092.23	\$ 484,488.21
<u>RECEIPTS- STATE</u>		
	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Document Preservation	\$ 11,152.00	\$ 10,248.00
Dog License Surcharge	\$ 4,586.00	\$ 4,607.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 11,530.50	\$ 11,598.50
Sporting Licenses	\$ 14,104.50	\$ 22,503.50
State Treasurer	\$ 200,526.00	\$ 146,848.00
LoCip	\$ 16,728.00	\$ 16,944.00
TOTAL STATE	\$ 258,627.00	\$ 212,749.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 767,719.23	\$ 697,237.21

Information Technology

Paul Boutot, Director

The Department of Information 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.

Mission

Information Systems and Technology will provide leadership, policy guidance and assistance in the use of technology while offering the highest quality technology-based services, in a cost-effective manner, and maintaining a secure, robust and efficient communications network for our departments and the community we serve.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Quarantined 258,071 unsolicited spam email messages.
- Processed over 1,461 formal help desk requests.
- Processed 384 website Service Center requests.
- The Town's website saw approximately 291,452 visits and 813,513 page views.
- Enhanced internal GIS functionality with the launch of a new GIS Web Application.
- Internal telephone audit lowered telecommunications costs by approximately \$30,000.

- Worked with Facilities Department on Lower Town Hall Renovation Project.
- Deployed new Automated License Plate Reader software for Police Department.
- Supervised the build out of (2) new telecommunication rooms.
- Installed and upgraded production based applications for the Assessor's Office, Revenue Collector, Building Department, Engineering Department, Fire Department, Fire Marshal's Office, Highway Department, Library, Parks and Recreation, Police Department and Senior and Disabled Center.
- Reconfigured network assets as needed to address ever changing security threats.
- Worked with Capitol Region Council of Governments staff and communities in selecting a Regional Online Permitting Solution.
- Upgraded various components of the Town's virtual server/ desktop environment.
- Supervised the build out of the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) fiber installation project.

2010-2011 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.
- Expand deployment of published desktop application use to ease network management.
- Expand deployment of thin client systems to replace traditional desktop computers.

Registrar of Voters

Linda Cultrera (R) • Marie Fox (D)

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

Registrars' Responsibilities:

- Responsibility for the maintenance of the records of all registered and removed voters and responsible for the upkeep and general maintenance of the 36 Town-owned voting machines.
- Complete the State-mandated annual canvass by NCOA and telephone.
- Supervise primaries, special referenda, and general elections.
- Responsible for the hiring and training of election officials.

- Oversee the eight polling places, all of which are handicapped accessible and supervise absentee balloting at six local facilities.
- Hold mandated and special voting maker sessions, including one at the high school.

Polling Places (all handicapped accessible)

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

Facilities Management

Robert Korpak, Director

2010-2011 Goals

Facilities management is responsible for maintaining and providing operating guidance for all Town owned buildings with the exception of the Fire Stations and the School buildings. Typically this includes repair and maintenance of the major building components such as heating and cooling systems. The department also manages capital improvement projects for these same buildings whether funded by the Town or through grant funding that the facilities management department is able to obtain.

- Continue a yearly comprehensive survey of the physical conditions and deterioration of Town Buildings to provide long range forecasts to the CIP committee as required, maintaining accurate capital expenditure needs.
- Continue work to develop a Town Hall improvement plan in conjunction with a future Library expansion plan.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Major improvements to one of the Town Historic buildings, Kelsey House, were completed this year. Improvements included window replacements, exterior repairs and painting of the home.
- Renovations to the lower level of Town Hall were completed on schedule and within budget allowing for the relocation of Channel 14 NCTV studios to this new space. As a result, plans for the construction of new senior housing at the old studio space on Welles Drive will move forward.
- Major repairs to the Town Hall steam heating system continued this year. The installation of new heating units for the Mortensen Center gymnasium will provide a controlled environment in this area for winter activities.
- Successfully obtained and managed PEGPETIA grant for the purchase and installation of new broadcasting equipment within the new studio space at Town Hall.
- Managed the upgrades to incoming electrical services at the Library, Town Hall and Senior & Disabled Center for continued reliability of electrical services within these buildings.
- Successfully submitted a federal energy grant which will be used for replacement of air conditioning equipment and controls at the Library. This project completion will be prior to year end and will result in continued energy savings through the use of newer energy efficient equipment.
- Consolidated cleaning services for the Library, Police building and Senior & Disabled Center with improved services and overall cost savings to the Town.



Photographs of the new Newington Community Television (NCTV) studio, which relocated to the newly renovated lower level of Town Hall in 2009.

Finance Department

Ann Harter, Director

The Department of Finance consists of the Administration and Accounting, the Assessor's office 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.

Mission

To provide accurate, timely financial reporting, information and services to Town departments, the public and policy leaders. We strive to stay current on accounting standards and financial practices and procedures in order to provide cost effective services and financial information to all users of Town financial information.

2009-2010 Highlights

Accounting and Administration

- For the twentieth consecutive year, the Town was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2008-2009. The Town received this national recognition for its financial report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.
- Newington's outstanding bonded debt at June 30th, 2010 was \$15,105,000 a decrease of \$1.750 million from the prior year. Through a negotiated sale, the 1999 and 2000 bonds issued for school improvements were refunded. Due to record low interest rates, the "refinancing" of \$3,640,000 achieved an overall savings in interest payments of \$229,404.
- The Town's high credit rating of AA by Standard & Poor's was reaffirmed and during a global recalibration of rates Moody's Investor Services increased the Town's rating to Aa2.
- A tax-exempt lease purchase financing totaling \$525,000 was completed for the automated single stream recycling containers.
- The department successfully converted pension benefit payments to an in-house system.
- A banking service referred to as "Positive Pay" was implemented which allows the department to efficiently manage check payment activity and reduce check fraud.

Assessor

-S. Steven Juda

The mission of the Newington Assessor's office is to fulfill in a timely manner the requirements of Connecticut state law relative to the assessment of real property, personal property, and motor vehicles, in a way that provides residents, administrators, and professionals with accurate, and timely information, ensuring that all taxpayers are treated in the most equitable manner possible, within a caring and responsive environment.

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.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Provided professional service to general public and taxpayers.
- Prepared a Request for Proposal for revaluation of all real estate parcels in 2011 that resulted in significantly reduced bids from competing companies.
- Continued to maintain and administer the computer interface with the Geographic Information System (GIS) and the Town of Newington website.
- Enhanced internet web site with numerous links to real estate, sales, and professional data.

Department Goals FY 2010-2011

- Provide taxpayers with courteous, professional, and responsive service in a timely manner.
- Maintain an equalized tax base according to State Statutes and professional appraisal/assessment standards.
- Continue to assure that assessments utilizing the 2011 revaluation of all real estate parcels are equitable and that the process is completed on time.
- Complete the transition from CLT IAS World Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal Software to Vision Appraisal.

Finance Department

The completed October 1, 2009 Grand List of net taxable property, subject to hearings of the Newington Board of Assessment Appeals was as follows:

2009 NET GRAND LIST				
CATEGORY	2008	2009	PERCENT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
REAL ESTATE	\$2,322,407,485	\$2,344,384,895	0.9%	\$21,977,410
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$128,951,261	\$128,801,012	-0.1%	-\$150,249
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$194,160,231	\$194,765,171	0.3%	\$604,940
TOTAL	\$2,645,518,977	\$2,667,951,078	0.8%	\$22,432,101

MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION				
CATEGORY	2008	2009	PERCENT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
GROSS PP	\$172,833,600	\$178,529,788	3.3%	\$5,696,188
MFG & OTHER	\$43,882,339	\$49,728,776	13.3%	\$5,846,437
NET PP	\$128,951,261	\$128,801,012	-0.1%	-\$150,249

Real Estate

The net real estate grand list increased from \$2,322,407,485 to \$2,344,384,895, an increase of \$21,977,410 (0.9%). New condominiums at Newington Ridge and Woodlands, the completed Sam's building, new commercial properties, and new homes provided the majority of the increase. The significant changes to the real estate sector are illustrated in the table below.

2009 Grand List Increases

Sam's Club	\$10,265,000
Woodland- 24 Condos	\$4,666,000
Various Commercial	\$2,700,000
Newington Ridge- 12 Condos	\$2,430,000
Various New Homes- 10	\$2,071,000
Other Improvements	\$800,000
Bel Aire Manor	\$714,000
Fountain Pointe	\$613,000
Total	\$24,259,000

2009 Grand List Decreases

Adjustments	\$250,000
Board of Assessment Appeals	-\$836,000
Court Decisions	-\$1,700,000
Total	-\$2,286,000

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 services for the Town's residents; the largest portion of tax revenues provide funding for our schools, our youth, and our elderly programs.

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

Tax Collection Activity FY 2009-10

Taxes on Current Levy	\$73,863,550.53
Taxes on Motor Vehicle Supplemental List	514,023.58
Taxes on Prior Years List	707,168.35
Interest, Liens and Other Fees	372,795.72
Taxes on Advanced Coll. 2009 Grand List	3,424,341.05
Taxes and Fees Collected	78,881,879.23
Collection Rate	99.05%

Finance Department

TOWN OF NEWINGTON, CT			
TOP TWENTY FIVE TAXPAYERS - 2009 GRAND LIST			
RANK	TAXPAYER	DESCRIPTION	GROSS
1	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	UTILITY	\$30,311,120
2	NEWINGTON VF LLC	WALMART	\$20,392,470
3	CENTRO GA TURNPIKE PLAZA LLC	PRICE CHOPPER & DICKS	\$19,703,670
4	NEWINGTON GROSS LLC	STEW LEONARDS	\$18,777,850
5	TLG NEWINGTON LLC	SHAWS & BOBS	\$18,575,340
6	NEWINGTON-BERLIN RETAIL LLC	LA FITNESS/SAMS	\$18,250,290
7	HAYES KAUFMAN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	STOP & SHOP	\$13,355,450
8	TARGET	TARGET	\$11,533,890
9	MANDELL PROPERTIES/DATA MAIL	PRINTING	\$11,487,200
10	HARTFORD HOSPITAL	APARTMENTS & LAB	\$11,309,270
11	BALF	MANUFACTURING	\$11,292,340
12	LOWES HOME CENTERS INC #623	LOWES	\$11,149,600
13	FURNITURE EXECUTIVES NO 4 L P	RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN	\$10,748,370
14	VOLVO AERO CONNECTICUT LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$10,316,110
15	EDAC TECHNOLOGIES CORP	MANUFACTURING	\$9,092,920
16	RENO PROPERTIES ETC	MANUFACTURING	\$8,531,810
17	NEWINGTON 2007 LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$7,380,730
18	BERLIN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	MODELL & TGIF	\$6,925,310
19	COMPUTER SCIENCE CORP	COMPUTER LEASING	\$6,876,520
20	APPLE SIX HOSPITALITY OWNERSHIP INC	COURTYARD MARRIOTT	\$6,589,980
21	SPX CORP	MANUFACTURING	\$6,507,090
22	CNG	UTILITY	\$6,242,140
23	FENNWOOD DEVELOPMENT LLC	APARTMENTS	\$5,634,010
24	CERES NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES	JOANNS	\$5,600,000
25	GRISWOLD HILLS OF NEWINGTON LDT	APARTMENTS	<u>\$5,372,780</u>
			\$291,956,260
PERCENT OF GRAND LIST			11%
Total Taxes Paid by Top 25 Owners			\$8,519,284

Newington 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.

Mission

We serve residents of all ages to achieve their maximum quality of life by increasing their knowledge, skill and self-sufficiency through a comprehensive coordinated continuum of social work and community services.

“A Helping Hand for All Ages”

2009-2010 Highlights

- The Food Bank averaged 130 households monthly and the annual holiday programs served 398 households, representing 913 children, adults and elderly. This was a 25% increase over last year. 162 households were assisted through generous community contributions to the Special Needs Fund. The predominant needs identified were for medical, medication, energy and housing. Staff also administered the Operation Fuel Program with significantly reduced funding from the State.
- Community education programs sponsored or co-sponsored included “Getting Ready for Kindergarten”, “Staying Connected with Your Teen” Parenting Course and Cell Phone and Internet Safety.
- Prevention and positive youth development were offered through a variety of activities and programs teaching skills in decision-making, problem-solving, communication, team cooperation leadership and community service.
- Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE) is a three-phase community approach to prevention. Before beginning the first phase, challenge initiatives are provided to fourth-grade students during the annual Field Day focusing on their transition from elementary to middle school. All sixth-grade students participated in the first phase of ROPE through the 21-hour program which is incorporated into the school health and wellness curriculum. The second phase of ROPE promotes positive leisure time through after-school and summer programs. The third phase of ROPE encourages youth and their parents to give back to the community through volunteer service.
- Over 120 dedicated volunteers helped make a difference for residents in need.
- Volunteers helped stock and monitor the food bank and prepared for the holiday distributions.
- Volunteer projects initiated by youth through the third phase of ROPE included maintenance on the Challenge Course, Eagle Scout projects, helping with the food bank and holiday programs, volunteering at the summer extravaganza and high school age youth mentoring middle school youth through the after-school and summer adventure programs.
- Interfaith Community Action Newington (ICAN) brings together lay representatives from each church and synagogue. Volunteers help with yard work, minor household chores and repairs, friendly visiting, driving to medical appointments and community service projects. This year, 42 residents were assisted.
- Student Challenge of Recreation/Education (SCORE) offered after-school activities and opportunities based at both middle schools.
- The Newington High School Adventure Club provided youth with adventure experiences after-school in addition to several weekend excursions.
- The Summer Youth Adventure Program had a full schedule of cultural, educational and adventure activities for youth entering fifth through ninth grade.
- The Outdoor Challenge Ropes Course offered low and high element initiatives to numerous local and outside groups with school age youth, college students, business, church and non-profits.
- The Social Casework and Youth and Family Counseling programs offer traditional social work and clinical therapy services to all age populations. Social Workers see families in their offices and make home visits. The Social Casework Program experienced a 36% increase this year.
- 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 police, schools,



Newington High School Adventure Club Students at the Indoor Climbing Wall

Newington Community Services

Human Services

human services, juvenile court and interfaith clergy association. This year, 20 youth and their parents appeared before the Board for incidents such as vandalism, shoplifting, fighting, criminal mischief, bullying, truancy, defiance of school rules and domestic conflict.

- The Director of Human Services provides staff support for the Youth-Adult Council, Fair Rent and Human Rights Commissions and Committee on Community Safety. A monthly report to the Commission on Aging and The Disabled is also provided. The Director acts as the Town's Coordinator for the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Affirmative Action and Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

2010-2011 Goals

- Maintain private contributions for emergency basic need assistance in response to rise in need.
- Enhance positive youth development through after-school programming.

Youth-Adult Council

The Youth-Adult Council (YAC) acts as an advisory to the Human Services Department. The members are appointed by the Mayor and represent parents, youth, police, schools, private agencies, businesses, liaisons from the Town Council, Board of Education and Parks and Recreation. Their purpose is to review youth and family issues and foster community education and support among agencies and residents.

- Each year YAC sponsors the Super Hoop-La Basketball Game involving students from every school. They compete in a friendly tournament to raise funds for three scholarships awarded to graduating high school students. This year over 400 children and families attended this event.
- YAC offered a community education program on Cell Phone and Internet Safety. A panel composed of youth, parents, school, police and human services held a frank discussion with an audience of parents and young people. Issues presented included texting, cyber bullying, blogging, website surfing, texting, Facebook, tweeting, distractions while driving, among others. Information hand-outs were also available.
- Through an annual grant from the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council, substance abuse prevention/education programs were offered to middle and high school age youth. The grant also supported the High School Graduation Celebration and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD Chapter).

Unduplicated Cumulative Cases/Participants		
	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Youth & Family Counseling	159	179
Social Casework	432	316
Special Needs	162	216
Food Bank	1360	1407
Holiday Food, Toys, Gifts	913	728
Positive Youth Development	3,261	3,636
Juvenile Review Board	20	12
Community Education	1,576	2,704
Information and Referral	5,597	4,452



Brownie Troop Holds Food Drive for the Thanksgiving Distribution

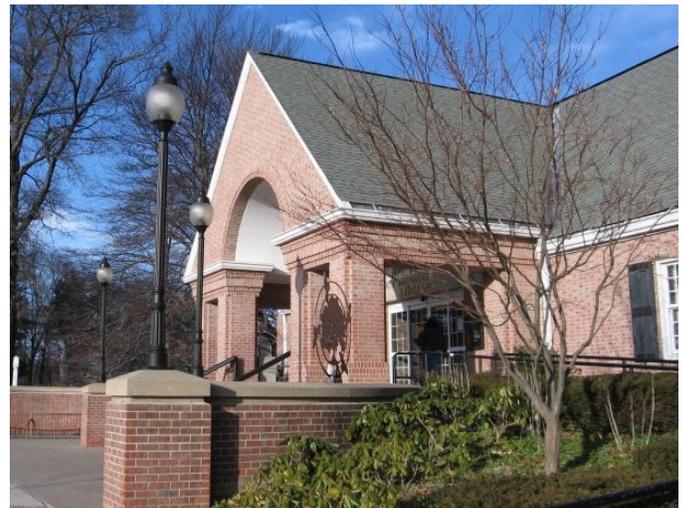
Lucy Robbins Welles Library

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 the Town. Today the Lucy Robbins Welles Library is one of the busiest libraries in the state. The Library continued to provide information, education, and cultural enrichment to the Newington community through its commitment to excellence in all of its services during the year.

2009-2010 Highlights

- 595 programs were offered to more than 23,300 children
- The fiscal year started off with *Be Creative @ Your Library* summer reading program. Over 1,267 children, a 15.8% increase from the previous year, participated by reading, earning prizes, and being entertained by such activities as the *Reluctant Dragon* puppet show, *Art-Rageous Lunch Bunch*, *Hip Hop Dance workshop*, *Balloon Sculpting* to name a few.
- The annual Sliva Young People's Literary Series event welcomed author Tony Abbott- all 3rd and 4th graders in Newington attended the assembly at which he spoke. Author Eric Wright, as well as a virtual visit via Skype with Emily McCully, rounded out the opportunities children were given to meet and speak with authors of note.
- Over 275 children participated in a six week winter reading program titled *Chew on a Good Book*. The special needs playgroup *Play for All and the Family Place* continued with great success. A new program, *We All Get Ready to Read*, was introduced for graduates of these programs.
- Musical performances, a magic show, and a performance by storyteller Diane Edgecomb were some of the many cultural events offered. A wide selection of weekly programming and outreach services to the schools and daycare centers was also created and implemented by Children's staff.
- More than 680 teens attended the 29 programs offered throughout the year. A summer reading program, an auction, a student art show and reception, and a gaming night were some of the highlights. Full-time and part-time teen librarians worked hard to develop the teen collection, created reading lists with reading suggestions for teens and parents and worked with the middle schools and high school to have books available for the required summer reading lists. Their hard work resulted in a 12.4% increase in circulation of teen materials.
- Staff planned and implemented 104 adult programs for more than 4,150 people. The *Brown Bag it with Art* series that highlighted area museums such as *Mark Twain House & Museum* and *Norman Rockwell Museum* continued to be very popular. Highlights of another busy adult programming year included the summer movie series, a most successful summer reading program with 535 participants, Tellabration, author visits by Peter Cimini and Matthew Dick, an adult winter reading program, several very popular cooking programs and two musical concerts including a performance by the Mariachi Band *Fiesta del Norte*.
- The library's website offered several employment resource pages. Books and online databases were purchased to offer job search assistance and the library hosted an ongoing job seeker's support group. 35 programs ranging from "Effective Resume Writing" to "Steering the Job Interview" were offered to 889 adults.



Lucy Robbins Welles Library

Highlights Continued

- The development of the library website to serve as a virtual library continued. The children's and teen web pages were completely revamped to offer a fresh look and new and exciting information. New databases were added to the website including *Mango*, *Learning Express* and *PebblesGo Earth and Science*.
- Online video tutorials were created to show patrons how to search the library catalog or renew online. A new program was added to allow children and teens to participate in the summer reading programs online much to the delight of parents and children and staff.
- A formal expansion study for future Library growth was completed in the spring of 2010. Library administrators worked with Kaestle Boos Associates during the year to go through the steps to the final outcome – a building plan for the future. Library staff, Library Board of Directors, Friends Advisory Board members and key Town personnel were included in the process, giving input regarding conceptual design.
- Library Director Marian Amodeo retired from the Library in June 2010 after 33 years of service. She began her career at the library as a children's librarian and was promoted to Library Director in 1998.

2010-2011 Goals

- Continue programming collaboration with Town departments and other town organizations.
- Continue to update and improve the website.
- Begin the next phase of planning for an addition to the building.
- Complete the search for a new Library Director.

Library Board Highlights

- Induction of members into the Legacy Society was conducted by the Library Board, as patrons who have made large donations and/or provisions for the Library in their estate plans were recognized
- The Catherine and Joseph Palermino Scholarship was awarded to a Library staff member who is pursuing an advanced degree or professional development in the field of Library and Information Science. The Friends of the Library spent the year planning for their 50th anniversary celebration.

Statistical Summary

	2009-2010	2008-2009	% Change
Items circulated	420,597	411,622	+2.2 %
Total registration	12,722	12,880	-.08 %
People count	254,326	2244,804	+3.9 %
New registration	1,982	1,194	+ 66 %
Reference questions	69,766	65,982	+5.7 %
Online database usage	132,622	32,380	+310%
Remote usage	669,813	48,104	+1292%
Children's programs	595	603	-1.3 %
Attendance	23,308	24,782	-5.9 %
Children's outreach	222	216	+2.8 %
Adult programs	104	78	+33.3 %
Attendance	4,153	3,334	+24.6 %
Adult summer reading	535	451	+18.6 %
Teen programs	29	18	+61.1%
Attendance	687	647	+6.2 %
Items added	16,260	16,326	-.4 %
Items deleted	7,708	10,832	-28.8%
Children's computer use	8,695	8,396	+3.6 %
Children's Summer Reading	1,261	1,089	+15.8 %
Elementary school trips	51	48	+6.3 %
Meeting Room use	702	637	+10.2 %
Study Room use (hrs.)	2,493.5	1,902	+31.1 %
Adult & Teen Internet usage	32,216	30,528	+5.5 %
Homepage visits	101,782	63,165	+61.1 %
Library holdings	156,569	153,019	+2.3 %
Volunteer hours	1,418	1,686	-15.9 %
Books mended	1,063	1,046	+1.6 %
AV repairs	1,803	3,366	-46.4 %

Senior and Disabled Center

Dianne Stone, Director

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.

Mission

To support older adults and people with disabilities in the Town of Newington in maintaining and enriching their independence, well-being and quality of life. This is accomplished by:

- *promoting full inclusion in the community;*
- *facilitating access to a comprehensive choice of services and activities;*
- *ensuring that services and activities respond to the diverse needs and interests of the served population, and;*
- *providing ongoing opportunities for life-long learning and growth.*

2009-2010 Highlights

- Successfully advocated for reinstatement of State funding for the very popular out-of-town medical transportation program when it was eliminated. Through a collaborative effort with Wethersfield and Rocky Hill, more than one thousand trips are provided to Newington residents.
- Held more than 30 different health promotion and disease prevention programs throughout the year. Most of these are 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 cleanings and screenings were made available at the Center. Funding for the Center's Wellness Clinic was assumed by the Town after it was eliminated by the CCHD and was able to provide 1,209 appointments.
- 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.
- The Center helped more than a thousand residents with supportive programs including Energy Assistance, Renter's Rebate, Medicare Part D, ConnPace, Meals on Wheels, Tax preparation, and case management.

- The Information and Referral Center was recognized as a model program by an award from the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel.
- Held several annual events including a Senior Prom presented by students from the Hartford Magnet Middle School, 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. Ed Prytko was inducted into the Wall of Honor.
- A long standing water drainage issue was resolved this year with the digging of a swale in the back yard. Facility enhancements this year included new flooring in the bathrooms and health area. After failing health inspections, a refrigerator was replaced in the kitchen.
- 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 this year included participation in Statewide Karaoke and Dance Contests, an Art Display showcasing local talent, the Mature Driver Screening Program (offered by the Injury Prevention Center of CCMC's Trauma Institute) and many demonstration programs. Secretary B.J. Crowder retired in March and was replaced by Charlene Magnano. Gerald McCusker, a long time Dial-A-Ride Driver who had recently transferred to the Board of Education, passed away suddenly on January 9, 2010. Michele Almarode was promoted to Head Driver, Paula Quattromani was promoted to the Driver position from the Board of Education and Barbara Pitkin was hired as a part time driver.

2010-2011 Goals

- Improve transportation options for Newington's senior and disabled population through the promotion of the ITN Central Connecticut.
- Build on the professional services of the Center.
- Enhance public image and awareness.
- Build foundation of resources.
- Develop programs and services.

Parks & Recreation

Bruce Till, Superintendent

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

Recreation Division

The Town of Newington has established a firm commitment to recreational resources and opportunities for its residents. The Town operates outdoor swimming pools in Mill Pond Park and Churchill Park. Indoor swimming is available at Newington High School. Tennis enthusiasts can find courts at Churchill Park and Newington High School, along with soft surface courts located at Mill Pond Park. Golfers can enjoy the beauty of the landscape at the Town-owned but privately operated 18-hole Indian Hill Country Club. Several trails and a skate park are also available.

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreational programs, special events, sports leagues, bus trips, facility rentals (Churchill Park pavilions and Mortensen Community Center) and leisure opportunities for all ages, including the Teen Center, which is open for students in grades 7 to 12. Programs include Summer Playgrounds (Preschool age through Grade 7), Counselor-In-Training Program (Grades 8-10), Year-round Aquatics (Preschool through Adult), Community Gardens, Men's and Women's Softball, Women's Volleyball, Men's Basketball Leagues, Youth Basketball (Grades 1-12) and a host of other programs and special events. Baseball at T-Ball, Little League, Senior League, and Challenger levels is self-sponsored at Town facilities, as is Midget Football, Soccer, Swim Club, Lacrosse, Cheerleading, and Youth Wrestling. The Department works closely with various citizen committees, civic and youth sports organizations, as well as the Board of Education. The Department's Creative Playtime Preschool program is fully licensed through the State of Connecticut and open to children ages three to five.

The Department also sponsors the annual Extravaganza celebration in July at Mill Pond Park, highlighted by an evening fireworks display.

2009-2010 Highlights

- A total of over 665 programs were offered throughout the year, and more than 9,000 participants registered for these programs.
- New programs included Mat Pilates for Older Adults, Worth the Weight, Adult Oil Painting, Social

Networking, Online Marketing, Overnight UConn Basketball Bus Trips, NCTC Performing Arts Theatre, Art Demonstrations, 50/50 Fitness, Preschool and Parent Swim Lessons, On The Ball, Zumba, Zumba Kids (Zumbatomic) and Zumba Gold.

- Free opportunities for recreation and leisure were offered, including Fun Runs, Concerts at Mill Pond Park, Pictures with Santa and free demonstration classes including T'ai Chi, Music Together and Zumba, as well as free special events such as Touch-A-Truck, Family Fishing Derby, Night of Lights and more.
- The annual Mill Pond Park Extravaganza was extended to a week-long event and included a carnival, Movie in the Park, Bowling Tournament and a concert in the park, in addition to the traditional entertainment and fireworks.
- Additional sessions of swim lessons were offered on Monday nights during the spring season to accommodate residents needing swim lessons before the summer.
- Creative Playtime Preschool Program remained a popular choice for parents of 3-5 year old children.
- The 12th annual Benefit Golf Tournament held at Indian Hill Country Club was a success, with more than 132 golfers participating. Proceeds from the tournament were used for community programs such as Camp Sunrise, a camp for children with disabilities.
- A consignment ticket program for Six Flags was offered, giving residents the opportunity to purchase discount tickets at the Parks and Recreation office, which could be used for any day of the Six Flags operating season.
- The Summer Aquatics Program was restructured to maximize program offerings, streamline swim lesson level progression, decrease staff costs and increase swim lesson efficiency.



Newington Creative Preschool Program

Parks & Recreation

Parks & Grounds Division

- Mark Ripley, 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.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Division personnel completely renovated the playgrounds at both Beechwood Park and Beacon Park. This included many pieces of updated

playground equipment, safety surfacing as well as new seating areas.

- The Parks Department renovated the front of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library. Employees removed what was left of the Beech Tree and installed a brick walkway and relocated the sundial as a focal point. This was done in preparation for a new tree to be dedicated at some future date.
- In an effort to help control the algae problem at Churchill Park Pond, a new outlet with a water level control device was installed. This was done in conjunction with the treatment of the water as well.
- Division personnel did an extensive clean-up of the pedestrian walkway on Mountain Road from Knollwood Road to the jersey barriers that border the State building. This included the removal of several trees that had fallen over the years, as well as the trimming back of the brush line.
- The Department acquired an aerial truck to help perform some of the necessary tree work that is encountered on a regular basis. All personnel were given training in the correct procedures in the operation of this piece of equipment.
- Parks employees spent the better part of March cleaning out the water retention basin located in Beacon Park. This included the removal of dozens of trees that had developed over time, as well as the removal of briars and other undesirable types of brush growing out of control.

Parks in Newington

	Baseball	Softball	Play-ground	Multise Fields*	Tennis	Pool	Volleyball	Bocce	Basket-ball	Trails	Skating Ice	Shelter Picnic	Water Features	Skate Park
Badger Field - <i>Walsh Ave.</i>														
Beacon Park - <i>Beacon St.</i>														
Beechwood Park - <i>Woodbridge Rd.</i>														
Candlewick Park - <i>Lamp Lighter La.</i>														
Churchill Park - <i>Main St.</i>														
Clem Lemire - <i>New Britain Ave.</i>														
Eagle Lantern Park - <i>Eagle Dr.</i>														
Little Brook Park - <i>Little Brook Dr.</i>														
Mill Brook Farms Park - <i>Main St.</i>														
Mill Pond Park - <i>Garfield St.</i>														
Seymour Park - <i>Seventh St.</i>														
Starr Park - <i>Brook St.</i>														
Mary Wells Park - <i>Cedar St.</i>														

Newington Planning & Development

Building Department

Douglas Jourdan, Building Official

The Building Department has a number of responsibilities to insure the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Newington. The Department does this by enforcing state building codes and inspections of all commercial/industrial buildings, rental properties and all places of assembly and individual residences. Building codes are laws or ordinances adopted at the local or state level that set minimum safety standards for the construction of residential and commercial buildings. 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 and contractors in processing and issuance of permits. The Department also works with the Fire Marshal, Town Engineer, Health Director, Police, Social Services and The Health Department.

2009-2010 Highlights

- 3640 inspections were conducted
- Certificates of Occupancy were issued: 33 for single-family residences and 19 for commercial.
- Commercial Certificates of Occupancy included:
 - Tokyo Café, 451 New Britain Avenue Unit F
 - Stop & Shop, 206 Kitts Lane
 - Sam's Club, 3465 Berlin Turnpike
 - Saver's, 3137 Berlin Turnpike
 - Chef's Dog House, 337 Willard Avenue
- Building Department income totaled \$261,871.97:
 - \$28,673.97 in various application fees, etc
 - \$233,198.00 in permit fees

Other Income Received	Amount
Town Plan and Zoning Applications Fees	\$11,550.00
Zoning Board of Appeals Applications Fees	225.00
Conservation Commission Applications Fees	3,300.00
Environmental Fees	2,160.00
Work in Right of Way	8,650.00
Copies, Books and Maps	1,159.00
Engr.	1,629.47
Total	28,673.97

Permits Issued 2009-2010

Type of Permit	#	Value of Permits
Single Family Homes	17	\$4,200,161
Tent	7	14,442
Electrical	396	2,554,381
Decks	49	201,896
Garages/Sheds	48	313,028
Ftgs/Fndn	2	3,000
Comm/Multi Family	2	3,997,000
Additions and Alterations	249	8,282,569
FSS/Sprnk	10	57,641
Plumbing	211	582,381
Mechanical	253	2,646,862
Signs	70	164,776
Pools	19	125,039
Demolition	16	211,675
Roofing/Siding	316	3,188,612
Tank	32	52,609
Total	1697	26,596,072

2010-2011 Goals

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

Newington Planning & Development

Town Planner

Ed Meehan, Town Planner/Director of Planning & Development

The Planning and Development Department provides professional planning and administrative services including but not limited to, assisting the Economic Development Commission (EDC) with its programs, assisting the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with administrative duties, and acting as advisor for variance appeals. The Department also assists the Town Council and Town Manager by meeting with developers and providing a long-range perspective on development opportunities and serves as staff for the Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency, Open Space Committee, Downtown Revitalization Committee, and carrying out special projects as assigned by the Town Manager and Town Council. The Department is responsible for the management of the Small Cities Grant, STEAP Town Center Improvement Grants, DEP Open Space Acquisition Grant programs, and the Commercial Façade Easement Rehabilitation Loan program. The Department also serves on the CRCOG Housing Committee and the New Britain-Hartford Busway Municipal Advisory Committee. The Department also provides oversight of the Engineering Department and serves as the Town's Legal Traffic Authority.

Mission

The mission of the Town Planner's office is to assist the Town Plan and Zoning Commission in reviewing development projects that enhance the quality of living and working in Newington, promote economic growth, and the conservation of the community's natural resources.

2009-2010 Highlights

- **Town Plan and Zoning Commission:** During fiscal year 2009-2010 the Town Plan and Zoning Commission processed 31 petitions. 43,800 square feet of new commercial space was approved for development. Only two single family re-subdivisions were submitted and approved. The Toll Brothers petition for zone map amendment for the 28 acre Marcap LLC parcel on Cedar Mountain, Commercial Development to Residential District, was withdrawn in October 2009 after strong public concern was expressed for protection of the ridge-line. The Hunter Development mixed use commercial project at the intersection of East Cedar Street and Russell Road was amended and approved to permit construction to proceed in three phases, the first- the gas station-convenience store use, the second- retail and restaurant uses and the third- the hotel. The Commission approved two 8-24 Referral reports to the Town Council recommending

the acceptance of open space parcels on Lamp-lighter Lane and Costello Road.

- **2020 Plan of Conservation and Development:** The Town Plan and Zoning Commission adopted the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development, June 9, 2010, effective June 30, 2020. The Town Planner assisted the Commission through lengthy and productive public hearings which engaged many residents in the process of preparing their community's long range vision. From July 2009 to April 2010 three draft plans were presented at numerous public hearings as well as posting on the Town's website. The 2020 Plan emphasizes the preservation of Newington's environmental resources, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes along Cedar Mountain for open space protection. The Plan recommends strategies for the reuse of commercial and industrial sites to grow the Town's grand list. The adoption of the 2020 Plan fulfills the statutory requirements of Chapter 126, 8-23.
- **Town Center Municipal Parking Lot Improvement Project:** During the fiscal year the municipal parking lot, "Constitution Square," was redesigned and improved using a \$1 million State Urban Action grant; \$145,894 State Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant; and \$420,000 of Town Capital Improvement funds. Construction work began in October 2009 and by the end of the fiscal year the majority of the 4.5 acre site was completed. The grant funds enabled the Town to acquire the last privately owned property, a 25,265 square foot area, on the westerly side of the parking lot. This purchase was essential to complete the parking lot's drainage and travel ways. An 11,000 square foot center green space, new lighting, landscape planting and a sidewalk network were created. The accomplishment of these improvements is the culmination of work begun in the early 1980's.
- **New Meadow Senior Housing Phase II:** The New Samaritan Corporation received HUD funding commitment of \$5.2 million for the 32 unit age-restricted senior housing at New Meadow Phase II. An additional \$1.3 million from the State of Connecticut is needed before the project can begin construction. The Town of Newington assisted the non-profit developer by granting easements to the MDC for the water and sewer utilities that will serve this project. The Town also completed the remediation and demolition of the former Board of Education building that housed Newington Community TV and the Art League. These tenants were relocated to new offices in Town Hall. Initiation of construction to improve the Senior and Disabled Center's auxiliary

Newington Planning & Development

Town Planner

Highlights Continued

parking lot and the Newington Housing Authority's sidewalks, lighting and parking will be held in abeyance until the Phase II housing construction is nearing completion. This is necessary to assure that these improvements are not damaged by the construction vehicles entering the Phase II project area. During construction and upon completion of this housing, no vehicle access from Welles Drive North will be permitted.

- Market Square Streetscape Project:** In September 2009, the State DECD awarded another \$350,000 STEAP grant for Phase IV Town Center Improvements and the Market Square streetscape. In February 2010, the Town Council authorized \$350,000 of Town 2010-2011 Capital Improvements program funds for this project. Market Square is approximately 1,000 feet long. The preliminary concept is to continue the brick pavers, lighting and sidewalk design currently along Main Street.
- National Welding Site Clean Up and Redevelopment:** During the fiscal year, a Brownfield Remediation clean-up grant for \$1.3 million was submitted to State Department of Economic and Community Development. If awarded, these funds will be used to remove the building's asbestos roof and siding material and demolish the structure. This first step is necessary to access the sub-surface soil removal that is contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons at four locations under the building's floor slab. The redevelopment of the National Welding property is an important land use and economic project because of its impact on private property along Fenn Road and the proposed adjacent Cedar-Fenn Hartford-New Britain busway station. The Town Council, in January 2010, authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a public-private agreement with the State Department of Transportation and the adjacent private developers for the construction of a shared public road serving all three properties and connecting to Fenn Road. The Town Council allocated \$450,000 in the Capital Improvement Program funds for cost sharing the access road. Gaining safe access to Fenn Road will benefit all three property owners and improve the marketability of the National Welding property.
- Open Space Committee:** In January 2010, the Town Council appointed the Open Space Committee with the mission to determine the means to acquire, preserve and protect the Cedar Mountain parcels and other open space parcels within the Town and to establish a Cedar Mountain preserve. The eleven member Committee contacted Cedar

Mountain property owners to discuss possible common preservation goals. The Committee and Town Council discussed pursuing a 2010 DEP Open Space grant to acquire property on Cedar Mountain but determined that this would not be feasible because the property owner was not willing to participate in this acquisition. Members of the Open Space Committee have collected information for the creation of a private land trust and are pursuing the incorporation for a private non-profit trust in Newington. The Committee conducted an inventory of all vacant residential and non-residential parcels and began to evaluate parcels that should be preserved for open space protection based on their environmental characteristics and compatibility with the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development.

Department Phone Numbers	
Assessor	860-665-8530
Building	860-665-8580
Engineering	860-665-8570
Facilities Management	860-665-8570
Finance	860-665-8520
Fire	860-667-5900 (routine) 911 (emergency)
Fire Marshal	860-667-5910
Health District	860-665-8588
Highway Sanitation Division	860-667-5810 860-667-5874
Human Services	860-665-8590
Information Technology	860-665-8555
Lucy Robbins Welles Library	860-665-8700
Parks & Recreation	860-665-8666
Police	860-666-8445 (routine) 911 (emergency)
Registrar of Voters	860-665-8516 (Democratic) 860-665-8517 (Republican)
Revenue Collection	860-665-8540
Senior & Disabled Center	860-665-8778
Town Clerk	860-665-8545
Town Manager	860-665-8510
Town Planner	860-665-8575

Engineering Department

Tony Ferraro, Town Engineer

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

2009-2010 Highlights

- During the 09-10 Fiscal Year, the department approved and oversaw the reconstruction of 127 private driveways, 34 gas line laterals, 5 sanitary sewer laterals, 7 water laterals, 6 cable TV laterals, 12 sidewalk replacements and 3 miscellaneous excavation permits for utilities and private contractors.
- The project to mill and overlay Kelsey Street (from Church St. to Christian Lane) and Church Street (from Kelsey St. to Richard St.) was substantially completed during the fiscal year. Due to the excellent bids received for this project, the Department of Transportation did approve the original scope to be extended by adding on the block of Church Street from Stonehedge Drive to Richard Street.
- The Department administered two separate sidewalk maintenance and repair contracts. One contract covered the removal and replacement of damaged sidewalk slabs. The other contract covered the raising of sidewalk slabs at locations where adjoining slabs caused tripping hazards. The combined value of the two contracts totaled \$20,000.
- Designed and submitted a plan to the Department of Transportation for minor widening at the intersection of Willard Avenue and Veterans Drive. The plan was approved by the Department of Transportation and the widening was completed by the Town's Highway Department.
- Prepared plans and specifications for the construction of the Mill Street extension and a new parking lot to augment parking for the Senior Center. The project will be advertised this coming year and constructed in conjunction with the construction schedule of the New Meadow Elderly Housing Project.
- Prepared plans for roadway and drainage improvements at Mountain View Drive. The improvements were completed by the Highway Department.
- Prepared plans for drainage improvement to resolve flooding issues at Brentwood Road and Connecticut Avenue. The drainage project was completed by the Highway Department.

- Provided administrative support and inspection services to the Municipal Parking lot project.
- As the Wetland Agent for the Conservation Commission, processed 14 applications and monitored the installation and maintenance of silt and erosion controls.
- The Town's Inland Wetlands Regulations were revised and updated to be consistent with the latest model regulations issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Images from Newington's Past



A parade on Market Square in the 1960s.
(Photographer: Unknown)



Newington Police Department Christmas party for students at the former Newington Theater in the 1960s. (Photographer: Unknown)

Highway Department

Tom Molloy, Superintendent

The Highway Department and its various divisions are responsible for leaf collection, snow plowing and snow removal, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning and repair, waterway maintenance, landfill operations, refuse collection and disposal, recycling, traffic signals, signage and road markings, fleet maintenance and procurement, road construction and maintenance, alterations and repairs of all Town roads and Rights of Way.

2009-2010 Highlights

- Coordinated the new single stream automated recycling collection program set to begin July 2010.
- Sixteen (16) roads, totaling four and one half miles were milled and resurfaced along with drainage improvements on various roadways.
- Reconstructed Long Street from Field Street to Orchard Avenue.
- Widened the intersection of Veterans Drive and Willard Avenue to improve traffic flow into the High School.
- Re-paved the basketball courts at Churchill, Beechwood, Beacon and Starr Parks.
- Expanded the rear parking lot area of the Company Two Firehouse.
- Re-graded the rear lawn area of the Senior and Disabled Center to correct water damage to the facility.
- Completed a two week Town-wide collection of branches and debris caused by the storm of June 26th.
- Highway Department personnel collected over 14,000 cubic yards of leaves from November thru December. Four crews consisting of 24 people, including Parks and Grounds personnel were devoted to the program.
- Waterway maintenance continued with crews cleaning brush and debris including beaver colonies in an effort to keep the town waterways flowing properly. Catch basins were cleaned throughout Town to ensure adequate storm water flow. Annual maintenance also addresses brush and tree trimming as well as waterway dredging.
- Vegetation grinding was performed twice by a private contractor with assistance from Highway personnel and equipment. The Landfill provides a disposal site for town residents who wish to dispose of items such as metal appliances, scrap metal, propane tanks, used motor oil, grass clippings, leaves, and vegetation waste.
- Private contractors collected refuse at 9,209 residential homes and 2,240 condominiums each week totaling approximately 9,213 tons of residential 09/10. In addition 8,430 household bulky waste

municipal solid waste brought to CRRA for fiscal year items, 1,184 condominium bulky waste items and 479 combined metal items were picked up curbside throughout the year.

- Private contractors collect recyclables at 11,449 residential homes and condominiums. Recyclables are brought to the CRRA facility in Hartford for processing. 2,182 tons of recyclables were collected curbside for fiscal year 09/10. Bi-weekly single stream automated recycling collection began the week of Monday, July 12, 2010.
- The Traffic Division completed a multi-year Town-wide replacement of all street name signs and continued with crosswalk, intersection and roadway line painting.
- 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. The Central Repair Garage is also responsible for the towns fueling facilities. For fiscal year 2009-2010 the division purchased and setup vehicles for Police, Fire, Highway and Parks and Grounds including a new aerial truck along with the implementation of standard aerial operating procedures and policies for safety.

Town Vegetation Landfill/Recycling Center

A permit is required to dispose of vegetation. Permits may be obtained at the Highway Department, 281 Milk Lane (off of Fenn Road). No permit required for recyclables. Must show proof of residency

Location: Main Street, south of Churchill Park
Hours: April - December, Saturday & Sunday
January - March, Saturday Only
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Refuse Collection

Curbside collection of rubbish and recyclables will be delayed one day on these holidays (unless the holiday falls on a weekend):

- New Years Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Collections are made on the normal day for all other holidays.

Newington Public Works

Information

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

- **Household Rubbish:** All household refuse is to be placed in the green container provided by the Town for curbside automated collection.
- **Household Recycling:** All household recyclables are now collected Automated Single Stream in the Town provided blue container.
- **Oversized Items:** Items noted below may be placed at the curb for weekly pick up in accordance with the requirements indicated.
- **Residents must call the Town's Highway/Sanitation Department at (860) 667-5874 by Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. of each week to schedule an oversized pick up for a Thursday collection. Owners of condominiums must call by Monday 3:00 to schedule a Wednesday 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 (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.
 - ◇ **Building Materials:** Material such as sheetrock, roofing shingles, insulation and other building materials may be disposed of at CWPM located at 475 Christian Lane, Berlin (860) 828-1162. Material disposal fees are on a per ton basis.
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 oversized 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 (860) 667-5874 for a schedule of these collection days.
- **Scrap Metal:** Large appliances and other metal items are collected by the Town's contractor 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 Tuesday 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 (860) 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 either curbside container. Rubbish and recycling carts containing grass or leaves will not be emptied.**
- **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 delivered and in sealed containers.
- **Propane gas tanks:** From gas grills can be brought to the Town Landfill/Recycling Center.
- **Motor Vehicle Batteries:** May be brought to the Town Landfill.

Any questions about the Town's rubbish/recycling collection programs may be directed to the Sanitation Division of the Newington Highway Department at (860) 667-5874.

Seasonal Information

Snow Plowing Guidelines

1. Prior to a winter storm event, Highway crews will apply treated salt to all roadways.
2. Plowing begins when snow accumulation reaches 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 storm water and snow melt to drain, thus preventing flooding and icing conditions.

Sidewalks

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

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 and is located at the Highway Department on Milk Lane and in sand barrels located throughout the Town.

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.

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.

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.

Police Department

Richard Mulhall, Chief

“To Protect and Serve.”

The Newington Police Department consists of 51 full time police officers and 13.5 civilian employees. Officers maintain 24 hour uniformed service to the community in marked patrol vehicles 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.

2009-2010 Highlights

- **Mid State Traffic Unit:** The department joined forces with Berlin, Cromwell, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield to form a regional accident investigative team. This was accomplished with a grant from the State of Connecticut’s Office of Policy and Management. The department will work with the Mid-State Law Enforcement group to see that at least two regional traffic details and one regional DUI detail occur during the fiscal year.
- During the past two years, the department developed a grant through the Office of Policy and Management to create a Mid-State Traffic Team. This grant was part of the Regional Service Sharing Grant issued at the direction of the Governor. The team was able to develop the concept and costs of the project within the short 45 day application period and the application was approved. The grant covered funding of the three Regional Traffic Teams – North Central (existing team), Metro (new team east of the river) and our Mid-State team that consisted of Berlin, Cromwell, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield PD. The total funding was \$353,290. The grant broke downs as follows:

- This grant allowed the creation of a Mid State Team of 10 officers with two supervisors. Each community contributed personnel, and the grant funded the equipment, training, and administrative costs. The Mid State Team went operational on May 25, 2009. All equipment and training has been completed by June of 2010. The team has conducted several multiple jurisdictional traffic enforcement details since May 25, 2009.
- **Patrol Division:** The Patrol Division (uniformed) continues to be the front line immediate response unit. The following cases occurred during the year:
 - Patrol Officers responded to a reported stabbing at a residence on Church St. Upon arrival officers found a man suffering from numerous serious stab wounds. The man was transported to Hartford Hospital where he was pronounced dead after arrival. A man who lived at the residence was arrested and charged with Murder.
 - Patrol Officers responded to a robbery at the Webster Bank located at 3180 Berlin Turnpike. The suspect had fled the bank in a vehicle prior to the arrival of police. Upon securing the scene, officers broadcasted a description of the suspect and vehicle. An alert patrol officer located the suspect vehicle at a local motel and officers were able to locate the suspect and place him under arrest. The suspect was charged with Robbery, Beach of Peace, and Larceny related charges. He was held on a \$100,000 bond.
 - Patrol Officers responded to a bank robbery at the Sovereign Bank located at 79 East Cedar Street. Two males, wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks, entered the bank, displayed a handgun and demanded money from the tellers. They fled the bank with an undetermined amount of money. A stolen vehicle was recovered a short distance away from the bank that may be related to the robbery. The robbery remains under investigation.
 - Patrol Officers responded to a local residence on the report from an occupant that someone had just broken in. The occupant hid in an upstairs bedroom while the suspect was rummaging through the first floor. Officers surrounded the home before making entry. A lone subject was apprehended trying to crawl out a window. The subject was charged with Burglary along with other related charges. The occupant was unharmed.

Equipment		\$199,000
Mid State	\$59,000	
Metro	\$59,000	
North Central	\$81,000	
Training		\$144,000
Mid State	\$48,000	
Metro	\$48,000	
North Central	\$48,000	
Administration Costs– CRCOG		\$10,290
Total		\$353,290

Police Department

Highlights Continued

- **Detective Division:** The Detective Division investigated the following cases:
 - The Division investigated a homicide at a local residence. One victim was stabbed multiple times and subsequently died of the wounds. A suspect was taken into custody and is currently incarcerated. All members of the Detective Division contributed to the investigation which remains ongoing.
 - Detectives closed a second homicide investigation that occurred in October of 2008. The suspect was arrested at the time of the homicide, accused of fatally stabbing a Hartford man. He accepted a plea deal for 18 years in prison.
 - Detectives arrested a suspect on charges of Larceny in the First Degree and forty counts of Forgery in the Second Degree. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by Detectives which alleges that the suspect embezzled funds in excess of \$100,000.00 from the Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps where he served as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors.
 - Detectives arrested two suspects in connection with three Armed Robberies occurring in November of 2009. The suspects were charged with Robbery First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm and Larceny in the Sixth Degree. The suspects were processed and turned over to State Marshals for arraignment.
 - Detectives continued investigating an ongoing check fraud scheme which resulted in approximately \$50,000.00 of stolen funds. The theft ring fraudulently cashed checks from several private and municipal accounts. In addition to a large citywide arrest "round-up," Newington Detectives made several independent arrests. The investigation conducted by Newington Detectives was instrumental in strengthening this ongoing investigation. Detectives worked with several surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies including the United States Secret Service and the Connecticut Financial Crimes Task Force.
- **Training:** The department completed basic skill recertification of all sworn personnel to ensure full POSTC Certification. The department continues to elevate the medical response of the Patrol Division by achieving an 80% Medical Response Technician Certification of officers assigned to Patrol. Efforts will continue until 100% deployment is achieved. A department member was trained and certified as a Medical Response Technician In-

structor and now conducts all medical training in house which will make recertification scheduling more efficient. During this year over 3000 hours of training were provided in a wide variety of subject areas to keep officers up to date on current law enforcement skills and techniques.

- **Grants:** The department received the following grants:

¹The BOE contributed \$84,495 to the SOS Grant which represented

2009-2010 Grants

Grant	Agency	Grant/Local	Percentage
2009 Bulletproof Vest	USDOJ	\$ 6,825/6,825	50/50
OSET	PSAP	2,962/0	100
ARRA JAG	USDOJ	24,080/0	100
Training- Traffic Reconstruction	OPM	7,100/0	100
ETE-92 (EOC)	HLS	15,000/0	100
Local JAG Equipment	USDOJ	30,000/0	100
COPS SOS (NPD/BOE)	USDOJ	84,495/84,495	50/50
2010 DUI Comprehensive	DOT	56,550/18,850	75/25
2010 Bulletproof Vest	USDOJ	2,625/2,625	50/50
Total		229,637/112,795¹	

the 50% match.



Officer Jeffrey Wagner and Archie (K-9) conduct a demonstration for children.

Police Department

Highlights Continued

- **Community Services:** The department facilitated and participated in numerous projects, events and initiatives. These activities included:
 - A fundraising drive in affiliation with “Give 2 the Troops” at Wal-Mart on the Berlin Turnpike. It was a very successful event and a large amount of food and supplies were accepted to be distributed to military troops over seas.
 - The annual Senior/NPD picnic at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center.
 - The annual Parks and Recreation/Public Safety day at Mill Pond Park. The children were allowed to view and experience police vehicles and support equipment.
 - The department conducted the second year of the Step-Up Program to 5th grade students. The Step-Up Program replaced the previously taught D.A.R.E. program. It was written and implemented by our CSO division to address the current threats confronting our children.
 - The department took part in the annual stuff a cruiser event which was held at Wal-Mart. Approximately 1500 toys, clothing and food items were collected for needy Newington families.
 - The department took part in the beautification event at New Meadow Path. The event was organized by a Newington Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Scout project. It was a very successful event with great community involvement. The highlight of the project was the placing of a memorial stone honoring Officers Lavery and McDermott on the path.

- **Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA):** During 2009/2010 the department assigned a detective to the DEA full time to assist in regional narcotic investigations. This has fostered a good working relationship between agencies and has resulted in a number of narcotic arrests and seizures. In one case, there was over \$600,000 in currency seized along with 14 vehicles and a large amount of cocaine. Twenty arrests were made in the case and the case is being federally prosecuted at this time. Many other cases are under investigation.
- **Emergency Response Team (ERT):** During the year the ERT unit responded to three emergency incidents – one hostage rescue incident, one barricaded person, one search warrant, and a regional search/arrest warrant detail in Harford entitled “Operation Spring Cleanup.” Officers continue to train locally and with the other regional teams and all eight regional teams. The region has qualified for an Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) grant that allows the eight regional SWAT units, the regional Bomb Unit and the Regional SCUBA unit to enhance the region’s security by upgrading each team and preparing them for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive CBRNE incidents.

General Police Statistical Summary July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Calls for Service	28,658
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,621
Criminal Arrests (1045 adults/108 juveniles)	1,153
Part 1 UCR Crimes	1,000
DUI Arrests	167
Detective Division Cases	428
Traffic Stops	8,733



MPO Ken O'Brien, Chief Mulhall and Roxanne Verbridge cook at the annual Senior Picnic.



2010 SWAT Challenge

Newington Public Safety

Fire Marshal

Chris Schroeder, Fire Marshal

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

- July 26, 2009:: A fire of accidental origin destroyed a shed and caused significant damage to a boat as well as the two-family home located at 16-18 Seventh Street. No injuries were reported.
- August 7, 2009: An accidental fire that started in the basement of a single family home located at 8 Francis Avenue totally destroyed the structure. No one was injured during the incident.
- December 27, 2009: An early morning electrical fire in a commercial building located at 3310 Berlin Turnpike caused significant damage to the structure and closed down several businesses.
- January 13, 2010 11:37 hours: An accidental fire caused by the disposal of hot ashes from a pellet stove caused extensive damage to a single family home at 139 Buna Vista Avenue. One firefighter was treated for respiratory difficulty as a result of this incident.

- February 3, 2010: A fire of accidental origin caused extensive damage to a single family home located at 145 Francis Avenue. The homeowner who lived alone died and two firefighters were treated for minor injuries during the incident.
- March 20, 2010: A fire of accidental origin caused by the careless disposal of smoking material resulted in extensive damage to several condominium units located at the Glen Oaks Complex on Cypress Road.

Statistical Summary

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>
Inspections & Inspection Follow-Ups	908	780
Plan Reviews	85	57
Job Site Inspections	213	126
Underground Tank Removal	2	06
Fire Investigations	14	22
Fire Alarm Trouble	23	34
Complaints	45	23
Hazmat Incidents	01	02
Bomb Threats	0	00
Blast Monitoring	61	08

Newington Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chris Schroeder, Chief

The Newington Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for fire, rescue and hazardous materials response services for residential and commercial properties, 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 140 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.

2009/2010 Highlights

- The Department held its Annual Memorial Ceremony recognizing the two department members who gave their lives in the line of duty: Company #1 Firefighter Francis Kochanowicz and Company #2 Firefighter Jay Cole.
- Department personnel conducted the Annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Fire Headquarters to recognize all the Public Safety Officials who lost their lives in the September 2001 attacks.
- The Department held its Annual Fire Prevention Open House at Fire Headquarters on Main Street with several hundred parents and children in attendance. Fire prevention contests and demonstrations were conducted.
- Former Company #2 Captain Robert Trommer was named Newington's "Volunteer of the Year" by the Town Council recognizing his 38 years of service to the community.
- Company #1 held a Halloween Haunted House at Fire headquarters collecting donations for the Human Services Food Bank.
- The Department held its second Annual "Blessing of the Badge" Ceremony at St. Mary's Church under the direction of Department Chaplain Father Dennis J. Vincenzo.
- The Department took delivery of a new four door pick-up truck with a rear enclosed utility body. This vehicle replaces an existing staff vehicle stationed at Company Two Richard Street. The vehicle will be utilized for the transportation of personnel for training and other special details.

- The Department held a "Tip-A-Firefighter" fund raiser at TGI Friday's Restaurant to support American Cancer Society Relay for Life.
- The Board of Fire Commissioners conducted the Annual Chief Officer Evaluations and re-appointed all the Chiefs to another five year term.
- Twenty Four members joined the Department during the year and have completed or are in the process of completing their recruit training requirements. Sixteen members left the department during the year. One member with 27 years of service retired and two line officers with over fifteen years of service resigned. Eleven members with less than five years of service also left the department.

Statistical Summary

	<u>2008/2009</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>
Residential	212	240
Commercial, Industrial, Office	51	51
Hospital, School	15	7
Vehicle	32	28
Rescue, Police Assist	10	30
Dumpster, Rubbish, Trash, Grass	50	32
Hazard Materials/ Clean-Up	42	26
Investigative Alarms	250	301
False Alarms	0	0
Mutual Aid/ Stand-by	15	22
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	32	8
TOTALS	709	745

Dr. William C. Collins, Superintendent

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.

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.



Anna Reynolds Elementary School

– Ellen H. Miller, Principal

This past year was another busy, productive year of growth for students and staff at Anna Reynolds School.

2009-2010 Goals

- To improve teaching and student performance and achievement in the academics, arts, and health and fitness, as measured by student performance on district and standardized assessments.
- We implemented a new mathematics curriculum with prioritized standards.
- District Universal Screening Assessments were given to kindergarten through grade 4 students three times per year. The School Data Team analyzed results of these and other common assessments to determine appropriate interventions, when necessary. These interventions were provided to students needing additional remedial support with progress monitoring of their growth.
- We continued our School Families program with multiple activities relating to our theme of “bucket

filling.” We completed a fundraiser for the victims of the Haiti earthquake, through *A Penny A Page* project, raising over \$4,000 to be used toward building a new school in Haiti. We also completed a *Filling Buckets for Families* project, collecting toiletries for families in need in Newington

Elizabeth Green Elementary School

Anne-Marie Sladewski, Principal

The 2009-2010 school year was one that exploded with many exciting curriculum, assessment and instruction initiatives within the district that brought about reform in our practices of teaching and learning. While engaging in these activities, which fostered new learning and supported professional growth, the Elizabeth Green staff focused on the following school goals for continuous school improvement:

- **Academic** – To improve teaching and student performance and achievement in language arts and mathematics as measured by continued student performance growth on school, district, and standardized assessments.
- **Social** – To ensure that social and emotional needs of our students are appropriately addressed and students’ connections to school are enhanced to promote learning as measured by pre and post surveys and a reduction in behavior/ disciplinary referrals.
- **Communication** – To sustain effective communication with families and the community to ensure that all children are ready to learn and the families and communities are partners in the educational process.

In addition to focusing on the school goals and continuous school improvement, the entire school participated in a variety of activities that promoted a commitment to illustrating the skills taught and learned each day by reaching out and giving back to the community. An example of this is the Elizabeth Green Student Council sponsored a penny drive for Haiti Earthquake Relief, and the Elizabeth Green “School Families” and the community made dolls that were sent to the children.

Ruth Chaffee Elementary School

- Richard M. DeBellis, Principal

During the 2009/ 2010 school year the following initiatives were worked upon in support of the district /school goals:

- Refined the use of SMART goals to address children’s academic needs that require additional reinforcement of concepts.

Public Schools

- Utilized new assessment tools and the subsequent assessment data to help inform instruction and isolate effective teaching strategies at all grade levels with the support of Grade Level Data Teams/School Data Team.
- Further refined the School Family initiative.
- Continued to utilize the School Social worker for counseling small groups and working with families to support the social / emotional growth of children.
- Solicited ideas for parent workshops to address specific needs of parents / guardians.

John Wallace Middle School

– *David Milardo, Principal*

2009-2010 Highlights

- The implementation of John Wallace “School Families” helped every student develop personal connection with their teachers, students across each grade and their school.
- Continued the “Six Feet of Influence” model to encourage students to be more proactive in dealing with issues of bullying and promote a more respectful school environment.
- Implemented PowerSchool “parent access” to student information, attendance and grades.
- Implementation of the Early Intervention Process (EIP) provided support and assistance to students with unique learning needs through the use of early intervention instructional strategies.
- Implemented Scientific Research-Based Intervention (SRBI) tiered support for students at-risk for grade level success.
- Continued use of common and consistent high-yield, scientifically research-based instructional strategies among all staff.
- Continued the use of data-driven decision making at the school, grade and classroom level to guide planning and instruction, and development of Smartgoals to measure learning.
- Student Senate sponsored various social events, charitable fund-raising project, and clothing and food drives
- Performances by Showchoir delighted audiences at each elementary school, the Waterfall Festival, town library, and at the Extravaganza. The audiences were captivated by the creative dances and music.
- Participation by students in the town wide art show, winter and spring music concerts, school clubs and activities, and active involvement in the community programs and projects.

- Performances by a number of cultural groups and student programs and activities were sponsored by the Wallace Parent Advisory Council (PAC).
- Promoted teacher-student connections and healthy activities through the continuation of intramurals, Sports Night, and after-school tournaments.
- Trained a second cohort of Wallace staff members in the Capturing Kids’ Hearts program to expand relationship building between adults and students.

Martin Kellogg Middle School

– *Jason S. Lambert - Principal*

2009-2010 Highlights

- Used student achievement data to inform common and consistent instructional strategies among staff, and the further developed early intervention initiatives to assist students in need of support (SRBI, EIP, & Data Teams).
- The school data team assessed student needs by grade and academic area.
- Participated in a variety of fundraisers, social events, and celebrations that provide the student council with funds to support many worthwhile endeavors at Kellogg.
- Further development of the “School Families” model for students in grades 5-8.
- Participated in various charitable initiatives through student council.
- Continued “Medieval Day” and “Battle of the Books: which included grade 6 teachers and students from John Wallace Middle School.
- Provided the sister school partnership, through participation in the AMISTAD program to give students opportunities to interact with students from urban environments.
- Attended the Colonial Boston program in Boston & Plymouth, MA., which included touring various monuments and historical sites of the Colonial Period. Over 100 students and 16 staff members attended this worthwhile educational experience.
- The student council has created a special *Wall of Honor* to recognize Kellogg family members that are serving, or have served in the military. The purpose of the wall is to extend appreciation to the people who have served or are currently serving our country.
- Produced the musical “*The Wizard of Oz*”.

Public Schools

Newington High School

– Mr. James Wenker, Principal

2009-10 Highlights:

- Attention focused on improved student performance, curriculum enhancement, and assessment practices.
- Over 23 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 at Newington High School.
- Many athletic teams qualified for the State Tournaments. Several captured league championships and most teams advanced to the State Tournament. A number of students were recognized for their personal achievements.
- The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test was administered to 661 tenth and eleventh grade students in October.
- Administered Advance Placement (AP) exams to 216 students this year.
- The school counseling department visited many college campuses to develop stronger relationships with colleges and universities.
- Benchmark data was collected and used to inform instruction.
- The World Language Department's establishment of a Virtual Learning Community for technology professional development.
- Inducted 40 students into the French, Spanish, Italian and Latin National Honor Societies.
- World Language Week/International Dinner proceeds were donated to Chile and Haiti relief efforts.
- The Science Department formed a Partnership with the Alliance for Climate Education and DEP for specific information presentations related to grade 9 CT State Standards.
- After school CAPT preparation program was offered to all students.
- The School Counseling Department won the CT School Counseling Association (CSCA) Professional Recognition Award for Outstanding School Comprehensive School Counseling Program. The award will be presented at a Board of Education Meeting next school year. NHS is one of only two schools in the State to be so honored.
- The Career Tech Department's Culinary Career students received \$18,000 in scholarships at Johnson & Wales, CT Culinary Institute, and the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, NY.
- Adobe Design Standard CS5 afforded 350 students the opportunity to learn and apply industry-standard software applications.
- Personal Finance student selected to participate in the 2010 Youth Financial Literacy Institute at UCONN.
- Twenty-three Career/Technical students recognized at NHS Awards Program; four students received Occupational Childcare Scholarships.
- The NHS Library made great strides in its migration to Internet based hosting of instructional materials and information resources. Notably:
- Creation and implementation of the NHS project pathfinder wiki space (3,171 hits to date) to replace traditional paper pathfinders.
- Continuation of the addition of eBooks and databases as part of the process of converting traditional print sources – NHS library now has over 250 eBooks.
- Librarians created and presented the first virtual professional development opportunity in Newington – *Newington 23 Things Program*.
- Librarians presented the “first-ever” Summer Reading book talks to all 9th, 10, & 11th grade students with Lucy Robbins Welles Library teen librarians.
- In the Math Department Ed DePeau was the winner of the Presidential Award for Teaching of Mathematics and Science.
- Stephanie Ahearn spent a week scoring AP Statistics exams, her 4th year in a row. After 6 years, she will be eligible to be a table leader.
- Our Math Team won the Einstein division during the regular season and finished 6th in the State competition.
- Holly Miotke and Rob Miller will be attending AP workshops at Taft this summer.
- Stephanie Ahearn and Leslie McLane will be attending the National AP conference in DC this summer.
- This was the first year of the Mathematics Honor Society.
- The English Department developed electronic means to automate and analyze reading and benchmark data.
- Implemented universal screener (Nelson-Denny Reading Assessment) to assess reading levels of all ninth and tenth graders in September.
- Collaborated with library/media personnel to incorporate Noodle Tools (bibliographic and electronic note cards) into an articulated Information Literacy curriculum delivery sequence.
- Developed and implemented a reading program for students with identified skill deficits in comprehension and fluency.
- In the Special Education Department a student was awarded the Governor's Coalition Scholarship for

Public Schools

Newington High School—Continued

- Students with Disabilities. There are only several given state wide. This student has been accepted at a post secondary school for Culinary Arts.
- A student was awarded the first SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) scholarship. This student has been accepted at a post secondary school and will major in science.
 - The 5th year transition program for students 18-21 years old has expanded their community based internship sites this year. Businesses where students have interned this year include: Hospital for Special Care, CCSU Bookstore, Tunxis Community College, Hartford Hospital, Hospital of Central Connecticut, Jefferson House, Lucy Robbins Wells Library, Bob's Clothing Store, Prudential Reality, UCONN Health Center, Signs Now, Town of Newington Tax Assessor's Office.
 - A nonverbal student has begun using the iTouch with great success as a communication device this year.
 - In the Athletic Department, Seasonal Strength and Conditioning Programs were conducted (7-week progressive program open to all athletes). The program was designed to meet all ability levels (Differentiated) and maximize the use of the Perlini Field House
 - Formation of the All-Sport Booster Club; a Board of Control was developed to communicate, mentor and support the twenty athletic booster clubs.
 - Support Athletic Department Initiatives included: Master schedule, Hartford Marathon, Strength & Conditioning programs, Piloting a new game day dress, Meet the coaches Night.

- The Student-Athlete Handbook Committee revised the Athletic Handbook, clearly defining department policies and procedures.
- Parents, Coaches, Student-athletes, Assistant Principals, Nurse, and Trainer developed Emergency Plans for all Athletic Facilities.
- In the Athletic Department: * C.A.R.E.S (Character, Academics, Responsibility, Effort, Sportsmanship) Vision & Logo, Player Assessment Rubric, Guides Athletic Leadership Council curriculum, All-Sport Awards & Scholarship Nights, Development of the Athletic Leadership Council (ALC), Athletic Department Initiatives (events, programs), Leadership Objectives/Expectations (progressive, relevant curriculum), and Fundraising.
- In the Social Studies Department, students met with state legislators, state representatives, lobbyists, reporters and other state officials at Capitol
- Students viewed rare collections at Yale University's Beinicke Museum
- Students met with veteran of Middle East wars, Eric Noe, and Korean War veteran Joe Arnone, in observance of Veteran's Day
- Junior Brian Lavado won 3rd Place in the Second Annual President's Day Essay Contest sponsored by the Connecticut Consortium for Law & Citizenship Education
- Faculty member James Kravontka was selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar to study the life of Winston Churchill in England this summer.
- Hosted a variety of civic leaders and political candidates in government and citizenship classes



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.

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 concerning 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.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Downtown Revitalization Committee was established in June 2008 to oversee grant funding used to revitalize the Town's center. The seven (7) member

Committee is comprised of members of the Town Council, Development Commission and the public.

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) 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 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 includes members of the Newington Fire Department, Volunteer Ambulance, local industry and the Public. 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.

Boards and Commissions

FAIR RENT COMMISSION

The Fair Rent Commission is comprised of five (5) regular and three (3) alternate members. It has the 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.

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.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee was established in December 2009 to determine the means to acquire, preserve and protect Cedar Mountain and various other open space parcels throughout the Town. The eleven (11) member Committee is comprised of various members of the Town Council. TPZ, Conservation Commission and the public.

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.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Committee on Community Safety was formed 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 thirteen (13) members, three (3) from the Newington Town Council, two (2) from the Board of Education, one (1) from the Youth-Adult Council, and seven (7) from the public.

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 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.

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.

Summary of Town of Newington



Financial Report 2009-2010

Town Finances FY 2009-2010

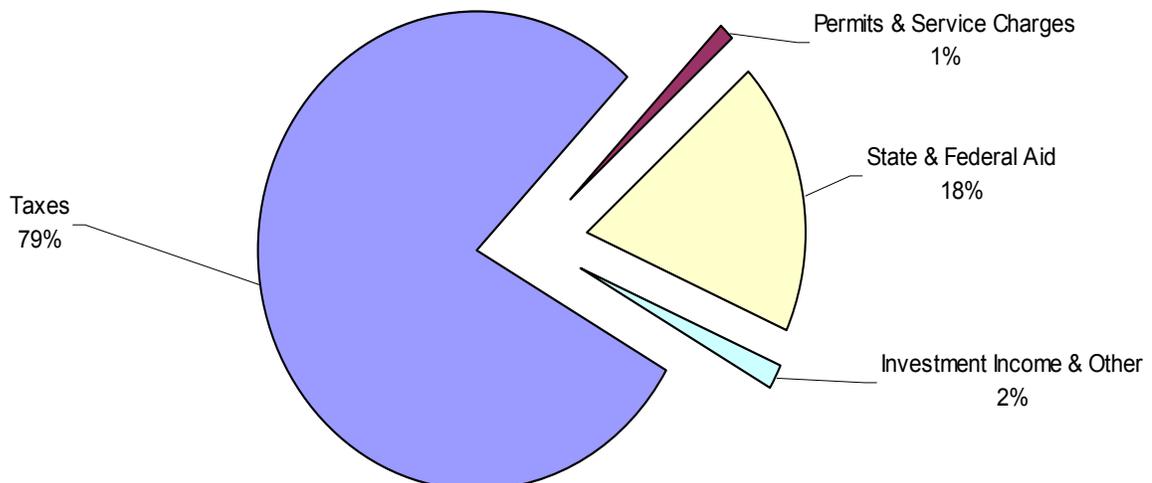
- The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2009-10 totaled \$94,708,838.
- The Mill Rate was 28.40.
- The Town's high credit rating of AA by Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed and during a global recalibration of ratings, Moody's Investor Services increased the Town's rating to Aa2.
- The Town achieved a collection rate of 99% on the current levy.
- The Town's bond indebtedness at June 30, 2010 totaled \$15,145,000.
- The Town's actual expenditures were \$93,300,121 and actual revenues totaled \$94,453,801.

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 in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website.

Actual Town Revenues for 2009-10, by Source (\$ thousands)

Source	2008-09	2009-10	\$ Change
Taxes	73,340	74,594	1,254
Permits	409	300	(109)
State & Federal Aid	16,880	17,403	523
Service Charges	597	605	8
Investment Income	509	172	(337)
Other	646	1,380	734
TOTAL	92,381	94,454	2,073

Town Revenues for 2009-10, by Source

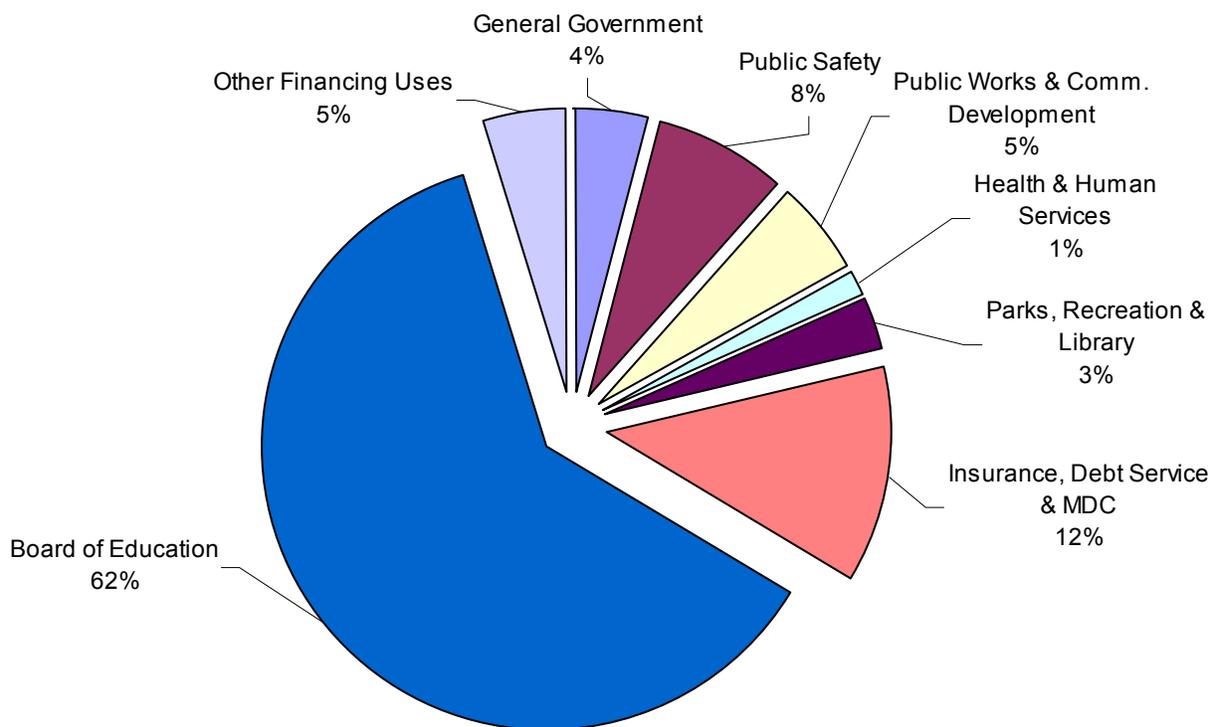


Town Finances FY 2009-2010

Actual Town Expenditures for FY 2009-10, by Function
(\$ thousands)

Function	2008-09	2009-10	\$ Change
General Government	3,982	3,834	(148)
Public Safety	6,827	7,052	225
Public Works & Comm. Development	5,237	5,006	(231)
Health & Human Services	1,111	1,115	4
Parks, Recreation & Library	3,082	3,073	(9)
Insurance, Debt Service & MDC	11,265	11,382	117
Board of Education	55,837	57,517	1,680
Other Financing Uses	4,370	4,321	(49)
TOTAL	91,711	93,300	1,589

Town Expenditures for FY 2009-10, by Function



Town Finances FY 2009-2010

Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2010
(in thousands)

Function	Amount
Schools	\$9,745
General Purpose	5,400
TOTAL	\$15,145

Schedule of Debt Principal and Interest by Year as of June 30, 2010
(in thousands)

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2011	\$1,630	\$532	\$2,162
2012	1,825	487	2,312
2013	1,800	436	2,236
2014	1,780	385	2,165
2015	1,355	332	1,687
2016-2020	4,090	1,055	5,145
2021-2025	2,665	317	2,982
TOTAL	\$15,145	\$ 3,544	\$18,689