

# Town of Newington



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# Newington

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## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (through March 7, 2011)**  
**Mike Lenares, Mayor (eff. March 7, 2011)**

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.



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 Nasinnyk

## 2010-2011 Highlights

- Approved the proposed AFSCME Local 2930 contract for fiscal years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012
- Authorized the Board of Education to apply for funding for the School Roof Project
- Established a Board of Education Roof Replacement Project Building Committee
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute appropriate contracts with Milone & McBroom, Inc of Cheshire for the professional design of the Clem Lemire Artificial Turf Field Project
- Accepted a grant for Mill Pond Park Improvement-CSAP 2011-2012
- Approved the proposed agreement between the Town of Newington and Local 443, International Brotherhood of Police Officers, and authorized the Town Manager to sign said agreement which covers the period of time from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
- Honored Robert C. Miller as Teacher of the Year
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement for the acceptance of public sidewalk easements from the owners of the properties located at 100 Market Square and 122-136 Market Square

- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the State Department of Economic Development (DECD) to receive grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 from the small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) for construction of the Market Square Streetscape Improvement Project
- Approved the final plans, specifications and cost estimates for the Clem Lemire Turf Field Project
- Accepted the resignation Mayor Jeffrey Wright from the Town Council on March 7, 2011 and appointed Mike Lenares as Newington Mayor
- Honored Robert Seiler as Volunteer of the Year
- Adopted Amendments to the Newington Code of Ordinances Chapter 48 entitled "Funds"
- Approved the final plans and cost estimates for the Town Hall Renovation (Transition Academy) Project and authorized the project proceed to bid
- Adopted the Town of Newington Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan 2011-2012 through 2015-16
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget with total appropriations of \$100,902,993 and set a mill rate of 30.02, an increase of 2.88% over 2010-11
- Accepted the plans, specifications and cost estimations of the Newington Town Center Streetscape Improvement Project on Market Square Phase IV
- Established a Blight Subcommittee consisting of three members
- Authorized the Town Manager to seek an appraisal of the Balf Property in an amount not to exceed \$15,000

# 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

## **2010-2011 Highlights**

- 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.
- Worked with department heads on budget and CIP preparations and prepared the Town Manager's proposed budget in conjunction with the Finance Department.
- Attended several project meetings and several team meetings regarding various issues including the Clem Lemire turf field project, Town Hall space needs, the Transition Academy, Cedar Mountain and the Capital Improvement (CIP) Committee.
- Met with residents on an as-needed basis to address and resolve various issues and concerns.
- Met with staff, department heads and union representatives on an as-needed basis to address and resolve employee concerns and personnel issues.
- The AFSME union contract was approved by the Town Council on July 13, 2010.
- The IBPO Local 443 Membership ratified a 3-year contract. The contract was discussed by the Town Council and will be up for Council approval in the near future.
- Met with various VA Hospital and development officials regarding the proposed Victory Garden housing development located on VA property.

## **Employee Anniversaries**

### **30 Years**

- Diane Durette—Librarian

### **25 Years**

- Karen Futoma—Human Services
- Gregg Breton—Assessment Technician
- Nicholas Miano—Police Lieutenant

### **20 Years**

- Shirlee-Ann Kober—Library
- Mark Dichiara—Master Police Officer
- Alberto Higuera—Police Officer
- Kimberly King—Sr. Dispatcher
- Derek Sutton—Police Sergeant

### **15 Years**

- Carol LaBrecque—Human Services
- Lisa Masten—Library Assistant Director
- Christopher Schroder—Fire Chief
- Anthony Lanza—Highway Department
- John Nesklada—Highway Department
- Susan Smith—Administrative Secretary
- Edward Patz—Police Dispatcher

### **10 Years**

- Gary Beaulieu—Police Dispatcher
- Therese Planco—Librarian
- Stephen Tofeldt—Parks & Grounds
- Daniel Kaufmann—Police Officer
- Christopher Perry—Police Officer

### **5 Years**

- Richard Smith II—Assistant Building Inspector
- Paolo Bordonaro—Highway Department
- Richard Castellani—Parks & Grounds
- Thomas LaPierre—Parks & Grounds
- Thomas Trumbull—Engineering
- Brendan Volz—Parks & Grounds
- Ralph Chater—Police Officer
- Leroy Feeney—Police Officer
- Jose Garcia—Police Officer
- Daniel McAloon—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 & Code of Ordinances.

Responsibilities include the recording & the search & retrieval of all land records, Veterans' Discharges and vital statistics; maintaining the agenda notices and minutes of Town Council & 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 & researching numerous public inquiries; updating the Code of Ordinances; issuing various licenses & permits, & maintaining financial records disclosing fee collection for the Town & the State.

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

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Scanned and digitized 362 volumes of land record images for online search capability. Land record images are now available online from early 2000 through the present time.
- Received a \$6,000 grant to offset the cost of scanning and digitizing land record images.
- Worked closely with the Town Manager's UConn intern to produce six episodes of Newington Town TV. Topics included a restaurant inspection, an overview of Newington Parks and Recreation Pre-School program, the budget process, a Snow Plow Special and Downtown Revitalization.
- Assisted in coordinating a Dead Storage Cleanup Day. With guidance from the Town Clerk, department heads determined which records could be destroyed and then obtained written permission from the Public Records Administrator to shred old documents housed in the dead storage area. The Facilities Manager contracted with an onsite shredding company to shred and remove the files.
- Staff took advantage of non-mandated opportunities to explore professional development and networking opportunities to enhance and expand knowledge and technical skills.

### **2010-2011 Goals**

- Expand & implement technology as time & resources allow focusing on scanning land record images & 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 & resources become available.

- Provided constituents with a vehicle to make land record images accessible via the internet through the Connecticut Town Clerks' Portal. This enhancement, which provides 24/7 access to view & print copies of land records was installed at no cost to the Town.
- Seek opportunities for staff development.
- Research & implement a method of scanning Council minutes into a searchable database. This has been an ongoing objective and will be achieved as resources become available. ongoing objective and will be achieved as resources become available.

<b>Town Clerk Statistical Summary 2010-11</b>		
<b>LAND RECORDS</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Documents	5773	5558
Maps	43	64
<b>VITAL STATISTICS</b>		
Births	245	269
Marriages	204	330
Deaths	324	337
<b>LICENSES</b>		
Sporting	756	882
Dog	1993	2037
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Veteran's Discharges	47	33
Trade Name Certificates	63	79
Liquor Permits	42	52
<b>RECEIPTS- TOWN</b>		
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Recording Fees	\$ 146,974.00	\$ 150,898.00
Conveyance Tax	\$ 192,847.79	\$ 298,806.68
Document Preservation	\$ 10,437.00	\$ 11,210.00
Vital Statistics	\$ 28,680.00	\$ 26,146.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,918.00	\$ 2,019.00
Sporting Licenses	\$ 277.00	\$ 448.50
Copy Fees	\$ 15,120.35	\$ 17,086.05
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,639.00	\$ 2,478.00
<b>TOTAL GEN. FUND</b>	<b>\$ 399,893.14</b>	<b>\$ 509,092.23</b>
<b>RECEIPTS- STATE</b>		
	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Document Preservation	\$ 10,502.00	\$ 11,152.00
Dog License Surcharge	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,586.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 10,854.00	\$ 11,530.50
Sporting Licenses	\$ 8,204.00	\$ 14,104.50
State Treasurer	\$ 185,760.00	\$ 200,526.00
LoCip	\$ 15,480.00	\$ 16,728.00
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>\$ 235,060.00</b>	<b>\$ 258,627.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 634,953.14</b>	<b>\$ 767,719.23</b>

# Information Technology

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## **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.*

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Quarantined 506,698 unsolicited spam email messages and 7,405 viruses/Trojans .
- Processed over 1,369 formal help desk requests.
- Processed 377 Service Center requests via town website.
- The Town's website saw approximately 308,382 visits and 825,293 page views.
- Reconfigured network assets as needed to address ever changing security threats.
- Upgraded the Assessor's Office computer aided mass appraisal (CAMA) application.

- Installed new video management system to monitor town hall and police department assets.
- Completed traffic sign inventory with the assistance of two Central Connecticut State University GIS students.
- Deployed new mobile data terminals (MDT's) for the Police Department.
- Deployed new regional online building permit system for Building Department.
- Mr. Paul G. Boutot, Director of Information Technology received National Certification as a Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO).
- Provided technical support to the Town of Manchester's technology department and police department.

### **2011-2012 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

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## **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**

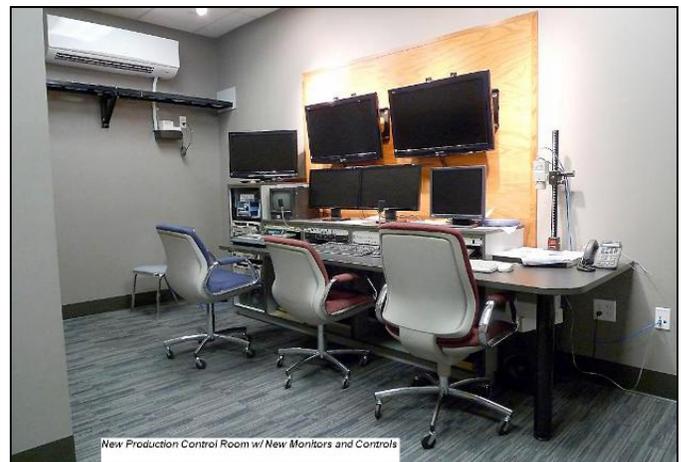
## 2010-2012 Goals

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.

## 2010-2011 Highlights

- New chiller and associated pumps and controls were installed and completed in the Senior and Disable Center.
- Exterior painting was completed on the two main parks building in October.
- Facility Manager attended an energy savings seminar during June, 2011 and will be looking into a possible grant for some equipment replacements at various Town buildings as part of a green initiative.
- The new "Transitional Academy" and the lower level of the new location of the building and engineering groups are on schedule to be completed in July.
- New energy efficient exterior lighting was installed around the perimeter of the main garage building at the Highway Garage.
- The new control system for the Library HVAC system was completed and all of the equipment has been installed.
- New gutters were installed at the Parks Garage.
- The Library HVAC System upgrade project was accepted as complete and a quarterly report was submitted along with a cash receipt for grant reimbursement from the state in the amount of \$110,750.



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

# Finance Department

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## ***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.*

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

#### **Accounting and Administration**

- For the twenty-first consecutive year, the Town was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2009-2010. The Town received this national recognition for its financial report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States & Canada.
- Newington's outstanding bonded debt at June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was \$13,515,000 a decrease of \$1.590 million from the prior year. The Town benefits from a high credit rating of AA by Standard & Poor's and Aa2 by Moody's Investor Services.
- The Town began to meet its long term obligation for Other Post Employment Benefits by adopting an ordinance & the related OPEB Trust agreement. Various documents were executed to establish the OPEB Trust with UBS Financial Services as Investment Advisor & Comerica Bank & Trust National Association as Trustee and Custodian. An initial contribution of \$900,000 was made to the newly adopted Trust account.
- The Finance Department staff implemented Munis GoDocs & Forms Output Solution. This enables the department to electronically send purchase orders & payments to vendors as well as direct deposits advices to employees & pensioners. All form output can be saved as a PDF file. GoDocs enhances productivity by eliminating time normally spent manually folding forms & stuffing envelopes. This system provides features that improve accounting control procedures. Staff collected information from employees & pensioners to execute the program.

## **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.

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Provided professional service to general public and taxpayers.
- Prepared most of the work for the 2011 revaluation which included review of real estate sales, data mailers, income and expense data sheets, and drive-by review of all real estate parcels. Completed the transition from CLT IAS World Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal Software to Vision Appraisal. This new software was also provided via internet.
- 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 2011-2012**

- 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.
- Prepare for appeals to the Connecticut court system as a result of value changes that occurred with the October 1, 2011 revaluation.

# Finance Department

The completed October 1, 2010 Grand List of net taxable property, subject to hearings of the Newington Board of Assessment Appeals was as follows:

2010 NET GRAND LIST				
CATEGORY	2009	2010	PERCENT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
REAL ESTATE	\$2,344,384,895	\$2,346,306,368	0.1%	\$1,921,473
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$128,801,012	\$129,933,910	0.9%	\$1,132,898
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$194,765,171	\$202,997,933	4.2%	\$8,232,762
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,667,951,078</b>	<b>\$2,679,238,211</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$11,287,133</b>

MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION				
CATEGORY	2009	2010	PERCENT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
GROSS PP	\$178,529,788	\$184,215,330	3.2%	\$5,685,542
MFG & OTHER	\$49,728,776	\$54,281,420	9.2%	\$4,552,644
<b>NET PP</b>	<b>\$128,801,012</b>	<b>\$129,933,910</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>\$1,132,898</b>

**Total Grand List**

The 2010 net grand list increased by \$11,287,133, or 0.4%, over the 2009 net grand list. This increase is subject to reductions due to appeals to the Board of Assessment Appeals during the month of March.

**Real Estate**

The net real estate grand list increased from \$2,344,384,895 to \$2,346,306,368, an increase of \$1,921,473 (0.1%). New condominiums at Woodlands and new construction to existing real estate parcels accounted for all of the increase.

**2010 Grand List Increases**

Woodland-10 condos	\$2,100,000
Other Improvements-140 Properties	\$1,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,900,000</b>

**2010 Grand List Decreases**

Adjustments	-\$500,000
Additional Exemptions	-\$1,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$2,000,000</b>

**Revenue Collector**

-*Corinne Aldinger, CCMC*

The Tax Office is responsible for the administration of all billing & collection activity for all real estate, motor vehicle & personal property taxes. It is the largest source of the Town's operating revenue, & necessitates the billing & collection of taxes. These taxes are essential to provide the services for the Town's residents, Town departments, youth & elderly programs, & to provide the funds for the Board of Education to operate at peak levels to highly educate the children in our community.

The primary objectives of the Revenue Collector are to secure the maximum collection of revenues due the town, maintain accurate collection records, ensure proper controls & safeguard the revenue collected. When these objectives are accomplished in an efficient manner they reflect the financial well being of the Town, which is the backbone of the municipality in regard to fiscal debt and bonding ability. This office enforces CT State Statutes by operating in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of Policy & Management. The office of the Revenue Collector also serves as a center for property tax information. The staff assists attorneys, title searchers, real estate agents, residents & others regarding payment history & other information available from the tax records.

**Tax Collection Activity FY 2010-2011**

Taxes on Current Levy	\$76,155,909.43
Taxes on Motor Vehicle Supplemental List	575,455.39
Taxes on Prior Years List	496,152.81
Interest, Liens and Other Fees	301,764.72
Taxes on Advanced Coll. 2010 Grand List	5,128,654.40
Taxes and Fees Collected	\$82,657,936.75
Collection Rate on Current Levy	98.7%

# Finance Department

TOWN OF NEWINGTON, CT			
TOP TWENTY FIVE TAXPAYERS - 2010 GRAND LIST			
RANK	TAXPAYER	DESCRIPTION	GROSS
1	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	UTILITY	\$34,314,050
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	STOP & SHOP & BOBS	\$18,575,340
6	NEWINGTON-BERLIN RETAIL LLC	LA FITNESS/SAMS	\$16,412,090
7	HAYES KAUFMAN NEWINGTON	STOP & SHOP & CVS	\$13,355,450
8	BALF	MANUFACTURING	\$12,820,380
9	MANDELL PROPERTIES LLC	PRINTING	\$11,932,470
10	VOLVO AERO CONNECTICUT LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$11,557,830
11	TARGET CORPORATION T 1802	TARGET	\$11,430,650
12	HARTFORD HOSPITAL	APARTMENTS & LAB	\$11,389,040
13	LOWES HOME CENTERS INC #623	LOWES	\$11,243,440
14	FURNITURE EXECUTIVES NO 4 L P	RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN	\$10,729,110
15	RENO PROPERTIES ETC	MANUFACTURING	\$10,317,410
16	EDAC TECHNOLOGIES CORP	MANUFACTURING	\$8,990,210
17	NEWINGTON 2007 LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$7,380,730
18	COMPUTER SCIENCE CORP	COMPUTER LEASING	\$7,281,340
19	KOHLER MIX	MANUFACTURING	\$7,249,050
20	BERLIN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	MODELL & TGIF	\$6,925,320
21	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP.	MANUFACTURING	\$6,801,600
22	APPLE SIX HOSPITALITY OWNERSHIP INC	COURTYARD MARRIOTT	\$6,539,820
23	COHEN	APARTMENTS/RETAIL	\$6,424,320
24	CNG	UTILITY	\$6,304,570
25	SPX	MANUFACTURING	<u>\$6,112,410</u>
			\$302,960,620
PERCENT OF GRAND LIST			11%
Total Taxes Paid by Top 25 Owners			\$8,840,391

# 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.*

## **Our Motto:**

“A Helping Hand For All Ages.”

## **2010-11 Highlights:**

- Prevention and positive youth development are 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. Over 380 sixth-grade students participated in the first phase of ROPE through the 21-hour program which is incorporated in the school health and wellness curriculum.
  - ◆ The second phase of ROPE promotes positive leisure time through after-school and summer programs; Student Challenge of Recreation/Education (SCORE) offered after-school activities and opportunities to 300 middle school age youth.
  - ◆ The Newington High School Adventure Club provided 22 youth with adventure experiences after-school in addition to several weekend excursions.
  - ◆ The Summer Youth Adventure Program has a full schedule of cultural, educational and adventure activities serving 200 youth entering fifth through ninth grade.
  - ◆ The third phase of ROPE continues to encourage youth and their parents to give back to the community through volunteer service. Community service projects included park clean ups, assistance with the food bank and high school age youth mentoring middle school age youth.
  - ◆ The Outdoor Challenge Ropes Course offered low and high element initiatives to 30 local and outside groups with school age youth, college students, business, church, other towns and non-profits.
  - ◆ Community education and parent programs sponsored this year included “Getting Ready for Kindergarten”, “Staying Connected with Your Teen” and Teen Driving.



Department volunteers and Food Share distribute fresh vegetables and fruit twice a month

- The Food Bank, Holiday Food, Toy and Gift program, Energy Assistance, Clothing Closet and Special Needs Fund assist eligible residents with basic need assistance. Newington households in need continue to feel the impact of the difficult economy as a result of unemployment, underemployment, fixed income, medical conditions and higher expenses. The Food Bank averaged 140 households monthly and the annual holiday programs served 402 households representing 992 children, adults and elderly. 202 households were assisted through generous community contributions to the Special Needs Fund for emergency bills such as medical, medication, energy and housing. Staff also administered the Operation Fuel Program and for the second year received significantly reduced funding from the State.
- Over 180 dedicated volunteers continue to make a difference to residents in need:
  - ◆ Volunteers help stock and monitor the food bank and prepare for the holiday distributions.
  - ◆ Interfaith Community Action Newington (ICAN) brings together lay representatives from seven houses of worship. Three volunteer coordinators rotate handling calls and this past year connected 48 residents with volunteers who helped with yard work, minor household chores and repairs, friendly visiting, shopping and driving to medical appointments.
  - ◆ Youth volunteers initiated projects through the third phase of ROPE and included maintenance on the Challenge Course, Eagle Scout projects, helping with the food bank and holiday programs, park clean ups and high school age youth mentoring middle school age youth through the after-school and summer adventure programs.

# Newington Community Services

## Human Services

- The Social Casework averaged a monthly caseload of 101 and Youth & Family Counseling handled an average of 56. These programs offer traditional social work & clinical therapy services to all age populations. Social Workers see families at Town Hall & make home visits as needed. Issues brought to the department by residents included health, mental health, financial assistance, child & adolescent development, marriage & family conflict, child & elderly abuse or neglect, domestic violence, housing, transportation, substance abuse & crisis intervention.
- The Juvenile Review Board is an alternative & early means of identifying & assisting youth seventeen & younger whose behaviors put them at risk. The Board is composed of representatives from Police, Schools, Human Services, Juvenile Court, State Department of Children & Families & Interfaith Clergy Association. This year 37 youth & their parents appeared before the Board for incidents such as vandalism, shoplifting, fighting, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, bullying, truancy, defiance of school rules & domestic conflict.
- The Director of Human Services provides staff support for the Youth-Adult Council, Fair Rent & Human Rights Commissions & Committee on Community Safety. A monthly report to the Commission on Aging & the Disabled is also provided. The Director also acts as the Town's Coordinator for the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Affirmative Action & Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

### Goals for 2011-2012

- Maintain private funding & social work support for federal/state cut backs in safety net services.
- Enhance community awareness for diversity & domestic violence prevention.

### Unduplicated Cumulative Cases/Participants

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
Youth & Family Counseling	187	159
Social Casework	496	432
Special Needs	202	162
Food Bank	1,657	1,490
Holiday Food, Toys, Gifts	992	913
Positive Youth Development	3,205	3,331
Juvenile Review Board	37	20
Community Education	1,593	1,576
Information and Referral	6,114	6,097

### 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. In March, over 380 children and families attended this event.
- In April, YAC offered a Teen Driving program shown on local access TV. A panel representing youth, a parent, police, human services and Connecticut Children's Medical Center discussed a full range of issues including distractions due to cell phones etc., speeding and drinking.
- 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) who presented Looking-In Theater to all ninth grade students.

ROPE students climb the 40 foot Challenge Course Tower



# Lucy Robbins Welles Library

## **Donna Miller, Director**

Newington's Library provides information, education & cultural enrichment to the community, both in-house and virtually through the library's website, Facebook, Twitter & e-mail notification. The website provides access to the library catalog, your library account, online resources. eReaders for loan, downloadable ebooks & audiobooks, recommended authors, & upcoming events. This year 116,422 people visited the library's website, a 14% increase over the previous year.

## **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Staff at the library continued to provide excellence in services during a transitional year, with the June 2010 retirement of Director Marian Amodeo. Assistant Director, Lisa Masten, was appointed Acting Director during the 9 months until Donna Miller began the position as Director on April 4, 2011. There were also several personnel changes for various reasons, including the Children's Department head leaving for another position. Volunteers put in 1,262 hours of service during the year to help "fill in the gaps", and they were honored at the Annual Volunteer Breakfast.
- It was a big year for the Friends of the Library as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, kicked off at the September Waterfall Festival, and continued with a variety of events into 2011: A Tellabration; Fall & Spring Book Sales; a Wine & Cheese Social; a Memorial Day parade float; an Annual Meeting with guest author, and a Golden Gala & Silent Auction. The Friends organization was formed in 1961 and has about 825 paying members and a core group of active members. The Friends' provide funds annually to allow for purchase of museum passes (checked out 979 times), furniture, materials, programs, equipment and new technology, all of which greatly expands our services.

- Sunday hours were even more popular this year than last. Being open Sundays November through May (25 Sundays) brought in 8,341 people who checked out 16,967 items.
- Newington is a town of readers! 15,215 people in Newington have library cards, about half the population. During the year, 250,722 people visited the library and checked out 408,791 items. Over 605 adults participated in the Adult Summer Reading program, a 13% increase from last year. 4,858 books were read throughout the summer, a 4% increase from the previous year. The Adult Winter Reading program had 308 participants and 1,922 books were read, a 22% increase over the previous year.
- Highlights of another busy adult programming year, which attracted 4,052 adults, included movies series, nature walks, garden programs, *Hitler's Skull* with the State archaeologist, music concerts, and several book discussions, including Hartford's Big Read. Bus trips sponsored by the Friends brought visitors to Block Island and N.Y. City.
- The Children's Summer Reading program kicked off in June in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Department's Touch-A-Truck event. All summer 1,179 children participated by reading, earning prizes, and being entertained by activities such as music, theater and dance programs, a splash party, Buddy Bakeoff, and a skating party. The Annual John and Adella Sliva Memorial Young People's Literary Series event welcomed author Karen Romano, who spoke to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Newington. Pat Pierce spoke to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes about Nutmeg books and was a judge for the *Battle of the Books* in all schools, geared towards getting kids excited about reading.



# Lucy Robbins Welles Library

## Highlights Continued

- Parking lot design changes in front of the library were made to improve safety and traffic flow and the handicapped access ramp was repaired. The Parks department created a walkway with gardens and a sundial by the main entrance.
- An expansion study for library growth was put on hold during the past year, until a new Director was hired. The goal in the coming year is to continue the next phase in a plan for an addition by updating the library's long range strategic plan and formulating a technology plan to move the library forward into the future. 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## Statistical Summary

	2010-2011	2009-2010	% Change
Items circulated	408,791	420,597	-2.81%
New registrations	1,826	1,982	-7.87%
Total registrations	15,215	12,722	+19.6%
People count (visits)	250,722	254,326	-1.42%
Reference questions	67,248	69,766	-3.61%
Online database usage	59,167*	109,588	-46%
Remote database usage	282,594	217,780	+29.76%
Children's programs	634	595	+6.55%
Attendance	21,267	23,308	-8.76%
Children's outreach	158	222	-28.8%
Elementary school trips	49	51	-3.92%
Child. Summer Reading	1,179	1,261	-6.5%
Adult Programs	126	104	+21.2%
Attendance	4,052	4,153	-2.43%
Adult Summer Reading	605	535	+13.1%
Teen Programs	48	29	+65.5%
Attendance	1,016	687	+47.9%
Teen Summer Reading	174	142	+23%
Items added	15,615	16,260	-3.97%
Items deleted	7,822	7,708	+1.48 %
Library holdings	161,473	156,569	+3.13%
Children's computer use	6,019	8,695	-30.78%
Adult & Teen Computer usage	31,622	32,216	-1.84%
Meeting Room use	752	702	+7.12%
Study Room use (hrs.)	2,538.5	2,493.5	+1.84%
Website visits	116,422	101,782	+14.38%
Volunteer hours	1,261.75	1,418	-11.02%
*The way our provider calculates database usage has changed.			

# Senior and Disabled Center

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## **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.*

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- The Senior and Disabled Center celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its existence with a reception and video presentation on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Senior and Disabled Center hosted Governor Jodi M. Rell in July 2010 as she signed a new law that created an exemption in the Freedom of Information Act for the contact information of Senior Center participants.
- Successfully advocated for continued State funding for the very popular out-of-town medical transportation program. 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. The Center's Wellness Clinic continues to be in high demand as do the Footcare Services and weekly blood pressure screenings provided by the Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

- The Center held a successful membership fundraising campaign, raising \$15,000 toward the erection of a canopy over the entrance.
- 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. Many residents were assisted with application to the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) which both obviates the need for ConnPace for most people and pays their Medicare Part B premium. Volunteer Maureen Lynch completed most of these applications. The Information and Referral Center continues to evolve as the hub of these services.
- 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, a general membership meeting and the Volunteer Recognition dinner.
- Dial-A-Ride provided more than 15,000 trips covering approximately 45,000 miles. The Center continues to monitor the progress of the ITN program which was transferred to West Hartford.
- 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, membership on the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Elder Action Network and membership in the National Council on Aging, serving as a delegate and as the Chair of the National Accreditation Board.

### **2011-2012 Goals**

- Continue to assess and respond to the changing needs of older adults and people with disabilities in the community.
- 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, including fitness and cultural programs for Youths and Adults of all ages. Although operated independently, youth sports organizations including T-Ball, Little League, Softball, Senior League, Challenger Baseball, Soccer, Swim Club, Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Travel Basketball, Midget Football, Cheerleading and Youth Wrestling fall under the umbrella of the Parks & Recreation Department. The Department works closely with various citizen committees, civic groups and the Board of Education. The Department's Creative Playtime Preschool program is fully licensed through the State of Connecticut and open to children ages 3 to 5.

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

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- A total of over 200 programs with 665 classes/sessions were offered throughout the year, and more than 7000 participants registered for these programs. In addition, 21 bus trips were offered.

- New programs included Cardio Tennis, Zumba Toning, Cardio Pump, Jr. Lifeguard (grades 8-10), Field Hockey Camp, Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp, Learn to Play Hockey, Mini Learn to Skate, Kayak Lessons, Kids Art Games and Adult Coed Kickball.
- Free opportunities for recreation and leisure were offered, including Fun Runs, Concerts at Mill Pond Park, Pictures with Santa/Sleigh Rides, 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 & Family Fishing Lessons, Night of Lights and more.
- The annual Mill Pond Park Extravaganza included a carnival, Movie in the Park, Family Pool Party, Taste of Newington Pizza and a concert in the park, in addition to the traditional crafts, entertainment and fireworks.
- Creative Playtime Preschool Program remained a popular choice for parents of 3-5 year old children.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Benefit Golf Tournament held at Indian Hill Country Club was a success, with 111 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 and Lake Compounce 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 or Lake Compounce operating season.
- A new Recreation Chart of Accounts was developed and implemented at the start of the fiscal year to improve the Department's budget and financial tracking.
- A Part Time Program Coordinator position was approved and filled in November.
- Groundbreaking for the synthetic turf field at the Clem Lemire Sports Complex took place in May,



**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.

### 2010-2011 Highlights

- Three Parks employees spent most of October working on the removal of hazardous trees in town. They were also called upon to aid Wethersfield's tree crew with the removal of some very large wood from trees they cut down in town.

- Parks members poured new concrete legs & constructed new picnic tables for the Churchill Park Pavilion. This was done due to wear & vandalism.
- The West Meadow Cemetery Chapel was opened and set up for the Wreaths across America Ceremony on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This ceremony is conducted by local veterans in conjunction with the nationwide Wreaths across America effort.
- Two crew members took time between storms this past winter to rebuild the damaged dugouts at the Badger Little League complex.
- Crew members dismantled the railroad tie staircase leading from the base of Mill Pond Falls up to the pond in anticipation of the construction of a new set to be built by an outside contractor.
- Legends Field down at the Clem Lemire Sports Complex had its infield sodded. We also relocated the sprinkler heads and added 12 tons of ball field silt to level the playing surface.
- Crew members repaired the goal mouths at Newington's High Schools soccer fields. This included the cutting out and resodding the affected areas. They required 10,000 square feet of new sod.

### Parks in Newington

	Baseball	Softball	Play-ground	Multise Fields*	Tennis	Pool	Volleyball	Bocce	Basket-ball	Trails	Skating Ice	Picnic Shelter	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.

## **2010-2011 Highlights**

- 2282 inspections were conducted
- Certificates of Occupancy were issued: Six for single-family residences and 17 for commercial.
- Commercial Certificates of Occupancy included:
  - Finn B'Ques, 1076 Main Street
  - Davita Dialysis, 445 Willard Ave. Units A-E
  - Anytime Fitness, 3310 Berlin Turnpike
  - Fat & Happy Restaurant, 2095 Berlin Turnpike
  - Yogurt Madness, 2997A Berlin Turnpike
- Building Department income totaled \$285,029.25:
  - \$37,261.25 in various application fees, etc.
  - \$247,768.00 in permit fees

<b>Other Income Received</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Town Plan and Zoning Applications Fees	\$17,080.00
Zoning Board of Appeals Applications Fees	395.00
Conservation Commission Applications Fees	6,600.00
Environmental Fees	2,590.00
Work in Right of Way	8,500.00
Copies, Books and Maps	881.00
Engr.	1,096.25
GIS	119.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,261.25</b>

## **Permits Issued 2010-2011**

<b>Type of Permit</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Value of Permits</b>
Single Family Homes	8	\$5,550,600
Tent	9	7,253
Electrical	341	1,320,591
Decks	58	434,598
Garages/Sheds	51	236,804
Ftgs/Fndn	1	2,800
Comm/Multi Family	4	806,320
Additions and Alterations	228	7,145,553
FSS/Sprnk	18	215,513
Plumbing	206	770,519
Mechanical	278	3,066,920
Signs	62	149,998
Pools	24	163,930
Demolition	6	37,950
Roofing/Siding	198	2,115,451
Tank	22	30,795
CO Fee	1	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>22,055,645</b>

## **2011-2012 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

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## **Edmund 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.*

## **2010-2011 Highlights**

- **Town Plan and Zoning Commission:** During fiscal year 2010-2011 the Town Plan and Zoning Commission acted on 49 petitions. Five 8-24 Referral reports to the Town Council were processed for utility easements at the New Samaritan Senior Housing project, proposed busway right of way and drainage easements at the Cedar Street Station, and Cedar Street bridge reconstruction area. The Commission approved a zone map amendment to extend the Business Town Center District southerly on Main Street; this change facilitated the development of the Liberty Bank property. Zone amendments enacting the strategies of the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development were adopted to protect slopes in excess of 15 percent grade, buffers along designated greenways, earth removal standards and temporary business promotional signage. Drive-through restaurants were returned

to the regulations as Special Exception uses, digital signage standards and the reinstatement of auto related uses were not adopted. The Commission approved a 60-unit condominium townhouse development at the former golf driving range property on Deming Street and a 74-unit townhouse development at the Veterans' Administration property on Willard Avenue.

- **Downtown Revitalization Committee:** Committee oversaw the completion of the municipal parking lot project. The east side of the lot was improved with new drainage, lighting, landscaped islands, new dumpster enclosure and traffic control signage. The Committee conducted public workshops to discuss design options for the Market Square streetscape project and coordinated the project bidding and selection of a contractor. The design selected by the Committee maintains the two-way traffic and on-street parking. The project's estimated construction cost is \$1,090,000.
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Development Commission supported the Town Council's effort to secure grant funds to demolish the former National Welding building, initiate site remediation and redevelopment of this 4 acre parcel. The Town's request for \$1.3 million municipal brownfield grant was not approved by the State Department of Economic and Community Development. The Development Commission approved release of the Budney Road industrial park covenants, replaced deteriorated ground signage at three industrial park locations, published its annual vacant land and building survey on the Town's website and held its annual "Newington is Open for Business" Breakfast on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Hill Country Club.
- **Open Space Committee:** The Open Space Committee published a Townwide Inventory of vacant properties listing 29 residential parcels and 33 non-residential parcels, a total of 645 acres that have potential qualities for preservation. This inventory evaluated properties by their environmental features such as wetlands, flood hazard and steep slopes limitations. This inventory further details the general open space strategy recommendations presented in the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development.
- **Small Cities New Meadow Senior Housing Program:** The New Samaritan Corporation selected the Marconi-Construction Company as its general contractor for the 32 unit affordable, age-

# Newington Planning & Development

# Town Planner

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## **Highlights Continued**

Restricted housing project. This project began construction on the 2.2 acre leased Town property adjacent to Newington Housing Authority's Mill Street apartments. The final site design for the New Samaritan's building required relocation of electrical, gas and MDC services. Once these utilities were set, the Town was able to proceed with the plan for widening Mill Street, replacing sidewalks and lighting at the New Meadow apartments and building a new 68 space parking lot for the Senior and Disabled Center. This work will be paid for by the \$430,000 Small Cities grant awarded to the Town in 2009.

<b>Department Phone Numbers</b>	
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

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## ***Chris Greenlaw, 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.

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- During the 10-11 Fiscal Year, the department granted permits for and monitored the installation of 125 private driveways, 39 gas line laterals, 1 sanitary sewer lateral, 5 water laterals, 8 cable TV laterals and 6 miscellaneous excavation permits for utilities and private contractors.
- The Kelsey Street (from Church St. to Christian Lane.) and Church Street (from Kelsey St. to Richard St.) project was completed during the fall time frame.
- 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.
- Finalized 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 constructed this fall.
- As the Wetland Agent for the Conservation Commission, processed 11 applications and monitored the installation and maintenance of silt and erosion controls.
- Provided administrative support for finalizing the design of the Market Square Streetscape Project which will be constructed in the fall of 2011.
- The construction of the Municipal Parking Lot (a.k.a. Constitution Square) was completed.
- Redesigned the parking area in front of the Library on Mill Street that increased parking of 8 new spaces and created a drive-thru lane that facilitates exiting from the area.
- Supervised the improvements of Town roads performed by private developers on a portion of Deming Street and the extension of the Cedarwood Lane cul-de-sac.
- Participated with staff from Bolton, East Hartford and Manchester in a pilot program to formulate an automated application process for Inland Wetlands applications.

## **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.

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Implemented the new single stream automated recycling collection program that began the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. For fiscal year 2010-2011 recycling tonnages increased 40% to over 2900 tons of recyclable material saving taxpayers nearly \$50,000.00 in tip fees.
- Implemented electronics recycling program at the Landfill beginning December 2010. Collections have averaged 5 tons of recycled electronics from Dec. 2010 through June 2011.
- Upgraded fueling facility software and hardware at both the Highway Department and Board of Education fueling facilities.
- Reconstructed Taverner Circle.
- Reconstructed the entrance way to Anna Reynolds School.
- Reconstructed the pathway and athletic track behind John Wallace Middle School.
- Reconstructed portions of the Library parking lot area.
- Reconstructed the parking lot area of the Fire Tower and Police Firing Range located at the Highway Department Facility.
- Completed extensive drainage project at Connecticut Avenue and Atwood Street.
- Fifteen (15) roads totaling over four miles were milled and resurfaced along with drainage improvements on various roads.
- 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. Covered electronic devices are also recycled at the Landfill.

- Private contractors collect refuse at 9,214 residential homes and 2,240 condominiums each week totaling approximately 8,275 tons of residential municipal solid waste brought to CRRRA for fiscal year 2010/2011. In addition 5,116 household bulky waste items, 278 condominium bulky waste items and 263 combined metal items were picked up curbside throughout the year. Over 160 television sets over 19" were collected and recycled.
- Private contractors collect recyclables at 11,449 residential homes and condominiums. Recyclables are brought to the CRRRA facility in Hartford for processing. Over 2,900 tons of recyclables were collected curbside for fiscal year 2010/2011. Bi-weekly single stream automated recycling collection began the week of July 12, 2010.
- The Central Repair Garage is responsible for vehicle and equipment procurement, outfitting 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 Town's fueling facilities. Town Departments rely on repair garage personnel for emergency equipment installation, fabrication, diagnosis and repair of Town owned vehicles and equipment.

### **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. **WHEN IN DOUBT PUT IT OUT**

# 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.
  - ◇ **Electronics Recycling:** Beginning January 1, 2011 covered electronic devices will not be allowed in your curbside rubbish container per State law. Items such as desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors, printers, televisions must be recycled. Residents may dispose of these items at the Newington Landfill. For additional information contact the Sanitation Division at (860) 667-5874.
- **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

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## **Richard Mulhall, Chief of Police**

### ***“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.

## **2010-2011 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. . During this fiscal year we completed all the grant requirements and the team is deployed and functional. During the past year the team responded to:

- 9 serious MVAs resulting in 17 serious injuries
- 3 fatal MVAs resulting in the deaths of 3 citizens
- 1 train fatality resulting in 1 death
- Numerous regional traffic enforcement details
- Numerous truck inspection details
- The team attended advanced accident reconstruction training
- The team conducted monthly training exercises

The program involves 10 officers with two supervisors. Each community contributed personnel making this a truly regional team.

- **Patrol Division:** The Patrol Division (uniformed) continues to be the front line immediate response unit. During the year the following cases are being highlighted:
- Responded to the area of 375 East Cedar St. on a reported robbery. The victim, a cab driver stated that two suspects punched him, spat at him & stole the taxi's keys, while shouting derogatory anti-Muslim rhetoric before fleeing on foot. The victim received injuries to his head, wrist & hands. Newington patrol officers began pursuing the two suspects with the assistance of the Newington Police K-9. The suspects were tracked and located near a Motel on the Berlin Turnpike as they attempted to flee from the crime. The Officers & K-9 located one suspect who violently resisted arrest. The suspect severely bit one officer & a second officer received a broken hand. Officers & the K-9 took control of the suspect & he was taken into custody. The suspect was charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, Disorderly Conduct, Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Interfering with Police, 2 counts of Assault on Police, 2 counts of Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, & Intimidation Based on Bigotry/Bias. Follow up investigation later led to the arrest of the second suspect.

- An officer on the midnight shift observed a vehicle traveling south on Willard Ave. at a high rate of speed without headlights illuminated. As the vehicle passed the officer it was observed to have front end damage. The vehicle then went through a red light at Cedar St. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle which fled at a high rate of speed. At this time West Hartford Police reported the vehicle had recently been involved in a motor vehicle accident in their town & had fled the scene. While pursuing the vehicle the vehicle crashed into a tree. The driver fled from the vehicle on foot. A short foot chase took place & the operator was apprehended & treated for his injuries. The driver was charged with numerous motor vehicle & criminal charges including Interfering with Police, Reckless Driving, & Engaging Police in Pursuit. The driver was released on a \$10,000.00 non-surety bond.
- A patrol officer was dispatched to the area of Willard Avenue & Cedar Street on the report of a vehicle being operated erratically. The officer caught up to the vehicle & initiated a traffic stop. When he approached the vehicle the operator appeared very nervous & upset & kept reaching into her pocket book as if she was trying to hide something. Based on the totality of the circumstances the officer asked her to step out of the vehicle. When she exited the vehicle the officer observed a glass pipe fall down from the driver seat, onto the roadway. The officer immediately recognized the glass pipe to be a crack pipe, used to smoke crack cocaine. The pipe was still warm to the touch & had suspected crack cocaine residue inside it. She attempted to stomp on the pipe as she exited the vehicle. Based on her erratic behavior & the discovery of the crack pipe, the vehicle was searched. During the vehicle search, the patrol officer discovered two bags of a white powder suspected to be heroin in the middle console. He also located a bag of unused syringes in her purse. The purse also contained \$3,222.00 in US currency. She was placed under arrest & transported to police headquarters for processing. Once inside the Newington Police Department, a female patrol officer conducted a thorough search of her & recovered a plastic bag containing 219 small bags of Heroin inside the crotch area of her pants. She was processed & charged with Illegal Sale or Possession with Intent to sell more than 1 oz of Heroin, Possession of a Narcotic Substance, & Possession or Use of Drug Paraphernalia. She was held and then released on 3/12/11 after posting a \$100,000.00 bond.
- Two Patrol Officers were assigned to a special enforcement detail targeting drug violators. The officers were monitoring activity at a local motel. They approached an individual who agreed to sell them prescription drugs. The individual presented the drugs to the officers & was arrested. The individual was charged with several drug offenses.
- On the midnight shift, an officer observed a vehicle traveling on Main St. A computer check of the vehicle's license plate number revealed it was stolen from the City of New Britain. Officers stopped the vehicle & 4 people were taken into custody without incident. 3 of the people were adults & 1 was a juvenile. All were charged with Larceny related offenses.

# Police Department

## Highlights Continued

- Officers on the evening shift responded to a domestic dispute at a residence where an 82 year old man was assaulted by his son. Investigation revealed that the suspect had struck his father numerous times with a walking cane causing cuts and bruises to the victim's upper body. After the assault, the suspect fled from the home on foot. Officers located the suspect at a neighbor's home where he was arrested and charged with Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree of an Elderly Person, and Disorderly Conduct.

**Detective Division:** The Detective Division continue to be our follow up and major crime response unit. During the year the following cases are being highlighted:

- In July 2010 two arrests were made in conjunction with armed robberies of a local 7-Eleven Store and a local Mobil Gas Station. Based on information gathered throughout the investigations, several suspects were developed and arrest warrants were issued. The suspects were arrested and charged with Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery and Larceny related charges.
- In July of 2010, the Department received a "CODIS DNA Hit" on July 20, 2010 from suspected blood collected at the crime scene of a 2006 Burglary. The DNA hit confirmation process is underway and an arrest in this otherwise unsolved burglary is ongoing.
- Made an arrest on July 28 in a September bank robbery which occurred at TD Bank. At the time of the robbery, detectives processed the scene and began an investigation. Based on information gathered throughout the investigation, a suspect was developed and an arrest warrant was issued. On 7/28/10 Newington and New Britain Detectives arrested the suspect and charged him with Robbery and Larceny related charges. The suspect was held on a \$100,000.00 Bond.
- Continue to take the lead in a large scale identity theft and forgery investigation that began in January 2010. Detectives have identified five suspects who cashed seventeen checks on the Town of Newington's payroll account. The total amount stolen was nearly \$15,000.00. All five suspects have been arrested. The investigation has also led to the issuance of an arrest warrant for the "recruiter" in this scheme. This suspect is being charged with 47 felony counts. Detectives continue to investigate this incident with the CT Financial Crimes Task Force for the purpose of seeking Federal racketeering charges.
- Detectives arrested a suspect on several charges including Larceny 4th, Burglary 3rd, Identity Theft 3rd (7 Counts), Criminal Impersonation (7 Counts), Illegal Use of Credit Card (7 Counts), Receipt of Money, Goods or Services Obtained by Illegal Use of Credit Card (7 Counts), and Forgery 2nd (6 Counts). The suspect is accused of breaking into vehicles at a local fitness center and stealing property within. In addition to the thefts, the accused used the victim's bank cards to defraud them of over \$1,000.00. The accused was processed and turned over to State Marshals pending arraignment.

- Traveled to Nashville, North Carolina to extradite a suspect who was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant for failing to register as a sexual offender and violation of probation. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to Newington Police HQ where he was processed and held on a \$75,000.00 court set bond.
- A Detective who was checking a pawn list from a pawn shop in New Britain identified several items that were stolen from a shed burglary and a larceny from a vehicle. The items were seized and the person who pawned them was identified. The person was interviewed a short time later. Two arrest warrants for the Burglary and Larceny are pending for the person.
- Conducted 7 drug investigations resulting in 5 arrests and the seizure of quantities of crack cocaine, marijuana, and prescription medication. In addition, 4 arrest warrants are pending.

**Grants:** We continued to seek grant funding during the past year. We were able to successfully compete for and were awarded the following grants:

### 2010-2011 Grants

2010/11	Agency	Grant/Local	Percent age
2010 Bulletproof vest	USDOJ	\$2,625/\$2,625	50/50
OSET	PSAP	\$2,970	100
COPS SOS grant (NPD/BOE)	USDOJ	\$84,495/84,495	50/50
2010-11 DUE Comprehensive	DOT	\$42,525/14,175	75/25
2010-11 Traffic Calming	DOT	\$4,087/1,362	75/25
MAESTRE Grant AEDs	MAESTRE	\$25,000	100
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,702/102,657</b>	

**Training:** The department completed basic skill recertification of all sworn personnel to ensure full POSTC Certification of our officers. During this year we provided over 3000 hours of training in a wide variety of subject areas to keep our officers up to date on current law enforcement skills and techniques.

**Community Services:** The department facilitated and participated in numerous projects, events and initiatives. These activities included:

- DEA sponsored "Drug Take Back" program. With the cooperation of WalMart the event was successful and expired prescriptions were turned in removing the threat of misuse or improper disposal.
- Community Events:
  - The annual Senior/NPD picnic at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center.
  - The annual Parks and Recreation/Public Safety day at Town Hall that allows children to view and experience police vehicles and support equipment.
  - The annual "Stuff a Cruiser" toy and food drive was conducted with the donations going to the town's food bank and Human Services Department.

# Police Department

## Highlights Continued

- Assisted the SRO with enacting two Mock DUI Accidents. These accidents were conducted at the high school the morning of both the junior and senior proms in an effort to deter the students from drinking and driving. LifeStar, Newington Volunteer Ambulance, and Newington Fire Department also took part in this important event.
- Was the guest speaker at The Women's Networking Meeting at The Chamber of Commerce. The women requested information on Bullying, Internet/Phone Fraud and Scams, and Safety Tips for the Elderly. All of these topics were covered either through a presentation, discussion, or handouts.
- The department conducted the third year of the Step-Up Program to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 staff a cruiser event which was held at Wal-Mart.

### General Police Statistical Summary July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Calls for Service	27,102
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Injury 143, Property 1144, evading 182)	1,469
Criminal Arrests (977 adults/99 juveniles)	1,076
Part 1 UCR Crimes	867
DUI Arrests	131
Detective Division Cases	428
Traffic Stops	7,532



# Newington Public Safety

# Fire Marshal

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## ***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

- September 2, 2010 at 03:11 hours: A fire caused extensive damage to several condominium units located on Churchill Drive. Detectives from the State Fire Marshals Office assisted with the investigation however the cause of the fire remains undetermined.
- March 5, 2011 at 12:23 hours: A fire of undetermined origin caused significant damage to a single family home located at 1061 Willard Avenue. The lone resident of the home was alerted by the activation of a smoke detector and was forced to climb out his bedroom window to escape.

### Statistical Summary

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010/2011</u>
Inspections & Inspection Follow-Ups	780	743
Plan Reviews	51	81
Job Site Inspections	126	110
Underground Tank Removal	06	01
Fire Investigations	22	8
Fire Alarm Trouble	34	15
Complaints	23	30
Hazmat Incidents	02	01
Bomb Threats	00	00
Blast Monitoring	08	03

# 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 135 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.

### 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 (6/5/62) and Company #2 Firefighter Jay Cole (12/26/64).
- The Department held its Annual Labor Day "Fill the Boot" Drive raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- 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.
- Company #1 held its second Halloween Haunted House at Fire headquarters collecting donations for the Human Services Food Bank.
- The Department held its Annual "Blessing of the Badge" Ceremony at St. Mary's Church under the direction of Department Chaplain Father Dennis J. Vincenzo.

- Sixteen new members joined the department during the year. Ten have already completed their Firefighter I & II Certification with the remaining recruits currently in training. In addition, six new Fire Cadets joined our Cadet Division. Twenty three members left the department during the year, nineteen members with less than five years of service each and four veteran members who retired with a combined eighty five years of service. Two department members are currently on military leave.
- The Department held a "Tip-A-Firefighter" fund raiser at TGI Friday's Restaurant to support American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

### Statistical Summary

	<u>2009/2010</u>	<u>2010/2011</u>
Residential	240	225
Commercial, Industrial Office	51	45
Hospital, School	7	12
Vehicle	28	12
Rescue, Police Assist	30	32
Dumpster, Rubbish, Trash, Grass	32	44
Hazard Materials/ Clean-Up	26	40
Investigative Alarms	301	305
False Alarms	0	0
Mutual Aid/ Stand-by	22	21
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	8	14
Water Related Incidents/ Pump-Outs	18	39
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>809</b>

# Public Schools

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## **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.*

### **Vision**

*Every Student—College, Career and Citizenship ready*

### **District Goal**

*All students performing below benchmark/goal will make more than a year's growth in a year's time.*

### **Theory of Action**

*If we develop a shared vision of effective teaching, we will move the needle for ALL students.*

## **Anna Reynolds Elementary School**

*– Dr. Jeremy Visone, Principal*

The 2010-2011 school year was an exciting year for the students and staff at Anna Reynolds Elementary School. Highlights include the following:

- Implemented a new language arts curriculum with an emphasis on the reader's workshop model.
- Participated in optional book clubs designed to build teacher capacity within the reader's workshop model.
- Created short-term learning goals at our data teams to focus on specific skills in need of more attention.

## **Elizabeth Green Elementary School**

*Jennifer Michno, Principal*

The 2010-2011 school year was an exciting year of changes and growth for the students and staff at Elizabeth Green Elementary School replete with a multitude of efforts at promoting the continued improvement of student achievement, both academically and socially. Highlights include:

- Implemented a new language arts curriculum with an emphasis on the reader's workshop model.
- Rejuvenated the school-based data team and implemented weekly grade-level meetings focused on curriculum and instructional needs.
- Participated in optional book clubs designed to build teacher capacity within the reader's workshop model and to create a shared vision of effective teaching.
- Implemented a school culture initiative to enhance aspects of our already positive school climate in our building.

## **John Paterson Elementary School**

*– Stephen J. Foresi, Principal*

The 2010-2011 school year was an exciting year of changes and growth for the students and staff at John Paterson Elementary School. Highlights include the following:

- School and grade level teams met frequently to review and monitor each student's academic successes and challenges and identify instructional adjustments to meet individual student needs.
- The school solicited support from parents to help improve student achievement.
- Professional staff development support continued abilities to meet the evolving needs of students.
- Our School Family Initiative continued to promote a positive school culture around Paterson P.R.I.D.E. (Pride, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, Effort).

## **Ruth Chaffee Elementary School**

*• Richard M. DeBellis, Principal*

During the 2010-2011 school year the following initiatives were worked upon in support of the district/school goals:

- Implemented the Readers' Workshop Model across all grade levels.
- Visited each other's classrooms to establish a shared vision of effective teaching.
- Began to explore ways to monitor and analyze data in regards to student behavior.
- Increased the number of grade level newsletters to keep families informed.

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## **John Wallace Middle School**

– David Milardo, Principal

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Held Five “School Family” meetings to ensure that every student develops personal connections with their teachers and fellow students across each grade level.
- Developed the 5 “Pillars of Behavior” (PRIDE: Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Excellence) as the framework for our “Positive Behavior Supports” system. School Family meetings supported each “pillar”.
- Completed Phase I of the NEAS&C self-study which required the development of the school’s Mission Statement, Expectations for Academics and Behavior and Indicators of the Successful Attainment of each Expectation, and School & Community Report.
- Implemented Year 2 of the Early Intervention Process (EIP) to provide students not meeting academic, behavioral, and/or social expectations with focused, individualized plans.
- Sponsored various social events, charitable fundraising project, clothing/food drives, and outreach to families by Student Senate.
- Performances by Showchoir delighted audiences at each elementary school, the town Waterfall Festival, town library, and at the Extravaganza.
- Performances by a number of cultural groups and student programs and activities were sponsored by the Wallace Parent Advisory Council (PAC).



## **Martin Kellogg Middle School**

– Jason S. Lambert - Principal

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Used student achievement data to inform common and consistent instructional strategies among staff, and the further development of early intervention initiatives to assist students in need of support (SRBI, EIP, & Data Teams).
- Began the NEAS&C Self-Study Accreditation Process.
- Developed further the “School Families” model for students in grades 5-8, to include our year-end school families’ celebration – Community Building Day.
- Participated in various charitable initiatives through student council.
- Provided the sister school partnership, through participation in the AMISTAD program to give students opportunities to interact with students from urban environments.
- Continued, through the student council, our 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 “Cinderella”.



# Newington Public Schools

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## Newington High School

– Mr. James Wenker, Principal

### **2010-2011 Highlights**

- Administered The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to 601 tenth and eleventh grade students in October and 353 Advanced Placement exams in May.
- Introduced three new courses: AP Calculus BC, Photography II and Reading Boosters to address student academic needs.
- Created UNeed2Know blog of Web 2.0 tools.
- Implemented the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Information Literacy program across three disciplines: English, Social Studies and Science.
- Expanded the use of instructional technology through the introduction of a Literacy Lab which was used by English, Social Studies, Math, Developmental Guidance, Science, and Special Education classes.
- The English 10-Honors class worked in conjunction with the Graphic Arts department who designed images to complement the nature journal written by students during their reading of Thoreau.
- Developed two science data teams. One included Biology teachers and the other included Physical Science teachers. Teams met weekly to collaborate on data collected and discussed improvement strategies. Individual teachers used their data to inform instruction within their classroom.

## Newington High School—Continued

- Personalized summer reading packets for students entering grade 10 to help students review State Standards in Physical Science based upon Common Formative Assessment data.
- The 2010-2011 NHS Math Team was promoted to the first division based on their results from the previous year. Their scoring average increased this year and they finished 5<sup>th</sup> in division one.
- CCSU Professor Jay Bergman presented a professional development activity on Soviet Dissident and Physicist Andrei Sakharov, strengthening our relationship with our long-time university partner.
- Presented the “Truth About Hate” to all tenth and eleventh graders. The program, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, promotes tolerance regarding issues of race, ethnicity and gender preference.
- The NHS Baseball team won the State Championship. The Boys’ Volleyball team was State Runner-up. Several other athletic teams captured league championships and qualified for the State Tournaments as well.



# Boards and Commissions

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## **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

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## **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 2010-2011

# Town Finances FY 2010-2011

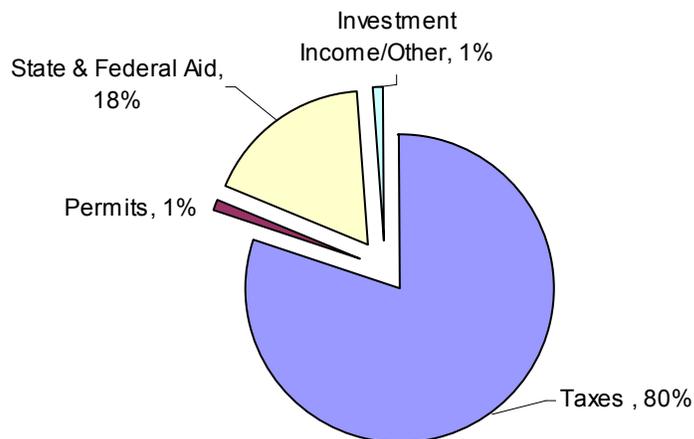
- The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2010-11 totaled \$97,102,104.
- The Mill Rate was 29.18.
- The Town's high credit rating of AA by Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed and during a global recalibration of ratings, Moody's Investor Services increased the Town's rating to Aa2.
- The Town achieved a collection rate of 98.9% on the current levy.
- The Town's bond indebtedness at June 30, 2011 totaled \$13,500,000.
- The Town's actual expenditures were \$96,746,056 and actual revenues totaled \$95,931,472.

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 2010-11, by Source (\$ thousands)

Source	2009-10	2010-11	\$ Change
<b>Taxes</b>	75,594	77,704	2,110
<b>Permits</b>	302	194	(108)
<b>State &amp; Federal Aid</b>	17,406	16,805	(601)
<b>Service Charges</b>	607	510	(97)
<b>Investment Income</b>	172	123	(49)
<b>Other</b>	373	596	223
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,454</b>	<b>95,932</b>	<b>1,478</b>

### Town Revenues for 2010-11, by Source

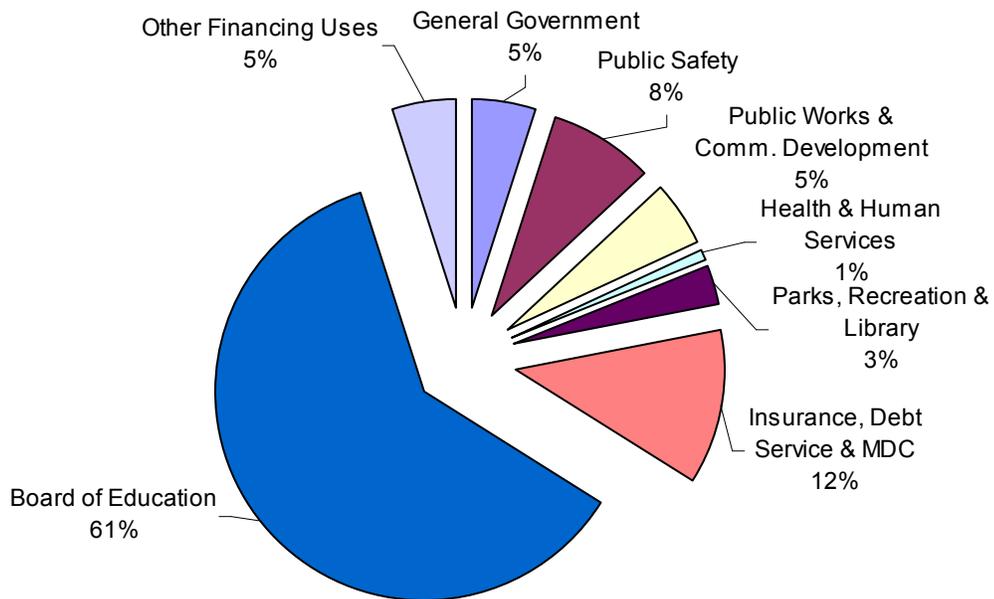


# Town Finances FY 2010-2011

**Actual Town Expenditures for FY 2010-11, by Function**  
(\$ thousands)

Function	2009-10	2010-11	\$ Change
General Government	3,834	3,905	71
Public Safety	7,052	7,214	162
Public Works & Comm. Development	5,006	5,098	92
Health & Human Services	1,115	1,074	(41)
Parks, Recreation & Library	3,073	3,039	(34)
Insurance, Debt Service & MDC	11,382	12,184	802
Board of Education	57,517	59,207	1690
Other Financing Uses	4,321	5,026	705
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93,300</b>	<b>96,748</b>	<b>3,448</b>

**Town Expenditures for FY 2010-11, By Function**



# Town Finances FY 2010-2011

**Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2011**  
**(in thousands)**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Schools	8,487
General Purpose	5,028
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,515</b>

**Schedule of Debt Principal and Interest by Year as of June 30, 2011**  
**(in thousands)**

<b>Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
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	950	283	1,233
2017-2021	3,760	890	4,650
2022-2025	2,045	198	2,243
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,515</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>16,526</b>