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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

To: Newington Town Council
From: Jonathan Altshul, Town Manager
Date: July, 2025
Re: Monthly Report – June 2025

I am pleased to provide Council with the Monthly Report for the month of June. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Jonathan

TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager's Office had a productive month of June. Some highlights of our departmental accomplishments are summarized below:

- Raised Pride flag on June 2 in honor of Pride Month.
- In coordination with the Town Pools Project Building Committee, awarded contract to Weston & Sampson for Aquatics Evaluation.
- In coordination with Town Planner and Town Engineer, met with New Britain officials regarding multi-municipal trail project along Ella Grasso Blvd and Fenn Road.
- Attended CRCOG Annual Meeting, CCM Annual meeting, Poll Workers Appreciation Event, and Human Services Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.
- Coordinated discussions between NPD and Town Attorney regarding towing contract.
- Planned and hosted 2025 Employee Health Fair.
- Coordinated discussions between Town Planner and Assessor and Town Attorney for Estoppel Certificate for the Pike Apartments.
- Participated in call with State legislative delegation and State housing officials regarding Town feedback on HB 5002.
- In coordination with Town Attorney, Parks & Recreation, and Tree Warden, coordinated public hearings on Garfield Street tree removal.
- Developed 2025-2026 performance goals for Department Heads and TMO staff.

PERSONNEL-TMO

- The vacant Carpenter (LT-14) position was posted internally to the AFSCME union on June 20th, with a closing date of June 27th. No internal bids were received.
- Interviews for the vacant Custodian II (LT-6) position were held on Friday, June 6th. The final interview was scheduled on June 17th.
- The written examination for the vacant Groundskeeper I (LT-10) position was scheduled on June 24th.
- Interviews for the vacant part-time Library Technician in the Circulation Department at the Lucy Robbins Welles Library were scheduled periodically throughout month of June.
- The vacant Administrative Assistant to Police Chief (A-5) position was offered to Kimberly King, effective June 17th.
- The Town is accepting employment applications for Recruit and Certified Police Officers.
- The Employee Engagement Committee met continuously throughout the month to plan for upcoming events in the spring and summer. The annual Employee Health Fair was scheduled on June 10th.

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER-TMO

In addition to general day-to-day tasks, oversight of administrative tasks, claims processing, etc. the following is a snapshot of other work performed:

- Procurement / Construction:
 - JWMS – attended internal meetings; awarded Hazardous Materials Management Bid
- Labor:
 - Attended meetings re Union negotiations / Union matters
 - Worked with Employee Engagement Committee to execute 6/10 Wellness Fair; plan Newington nights at Yard Goats
- Risk Management:
 - Reviewed EOC bid plans
 - Negotiated insurance renewals for ancillary lines of coverage
- Government:
 - Attended CTCMA Annual Meeting
 - Attended NTC meetings
 - Acting Town Manager from 6/25-7/4
 - Attended Town Center Study Steering Committee public meeting

BENEFITS MANAGEMENT-TMO

2024-25 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan Year

The eleventh month of the 2024-25 plan year produced a combined paid claim total that was higher than those estimates that were developed at renewal. The monthly claims for the 2024-25 plan year were estimated at \$1,082,896. The total paid claims from the Health Benefits Fund for May 2025 were \$1,450,014. It should be noted that the claims for retired participants are charged to the OPEB. The breakdown for the active participants for the Town and Board of Education is as follows.

Cumulative Claims through May, 2025

	Town	Board of Education	Total
Estimated Claims	2,589,037	9,322,819	11,911,856
Actual Claims	2,815,773	8,703,842	11,519,615

OVERTIME

POLICE DEPARTMENT	24-25 Approved Overtime Budget	Overtime Expended 24-25 YTD 6/30/25	23-24 Approved Overtime Budget	Overtime Expended 23-24 YTD 6/30/24
Administration	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,298.56	\$ 8,740.00	\$ 0.00
Patrol	758,062.00	854,985.07	726,993.00	927,640.63
Investigation	93,826.00	56,787.43	92,793.00	36,706.43
Traffic	5,006.00	4,904.31	5,006.00	3,566.94
Communication	175,382.00	155,536.45	175,681.00	182,346.30
Education/Training	148,545.00	185,452.82	146,205.00	141,243.02
Support Services	65,033.00	68,529.15	58,894.00	29,418.33
Animal Control	5,295.00	3,896.54	2,546.00	3,230.15
Total	\$ 1,256,649.00	\$1,335,390.33	\$ 1,216,858.00	\$ 1,324,151.80
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Highway Operations	\$ 30,725.00	23,050.47	\$ 37,834.00	47,325.49
Snow and Ice Control	121,519.00	121,487.62	133,578.00	78,492.24
Traffic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicles and Equipment	70,871.00	55,975.95	34,486.00	35,918.29
Leaf Collection	35,972.00	35,415.03	34,972.00	34,937.93
Total	\$ 259,087.00	\$ 235,929.07	\$ 240,870.00	\$ 196,673.95
PARKS AND GROUNDS				
Parks and Grounds	\$ 105,001.00	\$ 147,436.28	\$ 105,001.00	\$ 146,116.08
Cemeteries	17,109.00	5,813.84	17,109.00	917.93
Total	\$ 122,110.00	\$ 153,250.12	\$ 122,110.00	\$ 147,034.01

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Applications and Permits Issued in June:

- An application was submitted at 730 North Mountain Road for the installation of a wheel chair lift at the Portuguese Club.
- Four applications were submitted at 69 Culver Street for a clubhouse and three 4-story buildings, each with 45-unit apartments, totaling 135 units.
- An application was submitted for a quick service restaurant at 56 Costello Road.
- An application was submitted for signage at the Meadow Commons development at 3331 Berlin Turnpike.

- An application was submitted for the Gospel Hall to put up a tent at 345 East Cedar Street to be used for the month of August.
- A permit was issued at 1133 Main Street for renovations at TD BankNorth.
- A permit was issued at 205 Kelsey Street for a temporary tent for the sale of legal sparklers and fountains.

Certificate of Occupancies issued in June:

- None.

These are the classes the inspectors took in June:

D. Jourdan

- None.

K. Kilkenny

- June 5 IAEI Middletown - Battery and DC Systems (2 hours)
- June 17 Rocky Hill - Plumbing Part 2 (2 hours)

T. Greene

- Capital Region Group Building Officials Plumbing Part 2 (2 hours)

Building Department inspection activity for the month of JUNE was as follows: The Inspectors completed a total of 239 Inspections. They were: A/C Install (3), Above Ceiling (4), Alarm (6), Chimney (2), Certificate of Occupancy (2), Electrical (12), Exterior Walls (1), Final (143), Footings (5), Foundation (2), Framing (4), Gas Line (5), Property Inspections (2), Insulation (3), Mechanical (6), Pools (2), Rebar (1), Rough (33), Site Visit (1), Slab (1), Solar (1).

The total number of Building/Renovation Permits issued/applied for the month of JUNE produced a total permit value of \$24,453,399.

They are categorized as follows:

TYPE OF PERMIT	# OF PERMITS,	VALUE OF PERMITS
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS	33	1,013,787.00
DECKS	8	96,300.00
DEMOLITION	1	6,900.00
ELECTRICAL	72	967,750.00
FENCE	0	0.00
FIRE SUPPRESSION/SPRINKLER	0	0.00
FOOTING/FOUNDATION	0	0.00
FUEL TANK	1	727.00
GARAGE/SHED	0	0.00
MECHANICAL	37	466,666.00
NEW COMMERCIAL	5	20,525,000.00
NEW MUNICIPAL	0	0.00
NEW RESIDENTIAL	2	587,000.00
PLUMBING	27	126,694.00
POOL	7	40,135.00
ROOFING/SIDING	37	530,196.00
SIGN	1	20,000.00
SOLAR	2	64,744.00

TENT	2	7,500.00
OTHER	0	0.00
TOTAL	236	24,453,399.00

The total Building income fees received in the month of JUNE were **\$270,287.00**.

The total fees for other income were as follows: Town Planning and Zoning (Applications/Publications) \$1,315.00, Environmental \$360.00, Conservation \$1,350.00, Copies \$42.00, Zoning Board of Appeals \$0.00, Driveway/Excavation \$600.00, Engineering copies \$0.00. The other total income is \$3,667.00.

Below is a comparison of the Permit Values for JUNE 2025 and JUNE 2024

	2025	2024
Value of Permits issued for JUNE:	\$24,453,399.00	\$3,702,610.00
Fees for Permits issued for JUNE:	\$270,287.00	\$42,255.00
Other income Fees for JUNE:	\$3,667.00	\$2,550.00
Building Permits Issued for JUNE:	236	171

Total Value of Permits and Permit Fees for the Fiscal Year:

2024-2025		2023-2024	
Value	Permit Fee	Value	Permit Fee
\$142,145,897	\$1,025,119	\$45,771,415	\$524,541

FACILITIES

The following is snap shot of ongoing work and projects the Facilities Department is working on or completed in the month of June. AkitaBox allows us to quantify our preventative maintenance tasks as well as work order requests. We completed a total of 128 work orders and tasks this month. We completed 50 preventative maintenance tasks and the team responded to and completed 74 reactive work orders. Of the 74 reactive work orders 49 were calls for service from outside the Facilities Department.

Town Hall: (63 PM tasks and work orders completed)

Town Hall Building in AkitaBox is also used for Town Hall Annex Building Work orders as that building has not been added to AkitaBox

- Disconnected Work Station at 28 Garfield for moving work stations to highway garage
- Hung Bulletin Boards in Human Services office
- Multiple key fob requests
- Multiple paper requests and conference room set ups for special meetings
- Multiple PMing tasks
- Hired and training in progress of new TH custodian
- Multiple toilet clogs in preschool cleared and cleaned up
- Multiple HVAC requests and adjustments made
- Annex Building A/C was not working and had to be reset/adjusted
- Multiple HVAC failures/issues
 - DOAS #2 recycling air wheel is going into lock out. Replaced motor for wheel, still going into lock out but not as often. Monitoring ongoing, may have a bad drive.

- DOAS #2 new drive installed now being told we have a bad motor which was just replaced. Ordered new motor again and will replace in sometime in July.
- RTU-1 Drive malfunction caused 3 blown fuses. Fuses replaced waiting for new drive early May
 - Drive Replaced on RTU-1 still monitoring DOAS #2 – Done in May
 - Drive replaced per Swan's yearly PM on DOAS #2 still has not fixed wheel. Waiting for proposed fix from Swan now that we have replaced both elements that affect operation of wheel. Monitoring and still ongoing
 - RTU-1 now has a failed and broken compressor – replacement needed.

Library: (12 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Condenser Fan motor failed on unit CU-02. Motor replaced
- Multiple cleanings done to Condenser coils for A/C units
- Replaced some burnt out light bulbs in magazine room
- Plumbing, Lighting, and HVAC preventative maintenance performed
- Fixed door lock in basement
- Fixed desk drawer handle in circulation desk.

Highway Garage: (14 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Cleaned A/C coils on condensers multiple times
- Scrapped and painted the windows of the police training building
- Multiple PMing checks and repairs
- Stripped and painted doors to the police training building
- Added electrical outlets were requested to help with vehicle maintenance
- Coordinated replacement of water meter with MDC

Grounds Maintenance Garage, Mill Pond Park, and Church Hill Park (7 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Multiple PMing inspections completed
- Built A-Frame outlets for their events
- Cleaned roofs and gutters of the chapel
- Painted around light that was replaced previously
- A/C condenser cleanings
- Mill Pond – checked Breaker for Kiddie Pool. Waiting on P&R to determine if an in-line starter is needed.
- Church Hill Park – Water under hot water heater – Fixed Blower that had locked up

Senior & Disabled Center: (13 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Replaced main entrance threshold to sliding door
- Multiple cleanings of coils on condensing units as well as chiller
- Multiple calls for adjustments to HVAC system
- Repaired electrical outlet in cafe
- Trained building staff on operation of new tstats
- Multiple PMing inspections and tasks completed

Police Department: (16 PM tasks and work orders completed)

- Removed and Replaced refrigerator in break room
- Multiple deliveries of copy paper
- Adjustments made to security cameras

- Multiple cleanings of A/C condensers
- Multiple PMing tasks and inspections completed

Historical Houses: Kelsey and Kellogg-Eddy: (3 PM tasks and work orders Completed)

- Kellogg Eddy front entrance door was rubbing on the floor and the threshold due to swelling and uneven floor. We fixed by sanding/shaving down the bottom of the door to fit better.
- Thermal Scans of the electrical panels completed

Administrative Projects:

- Multiple meetings with Architects and MEP engineers for PD HVAC and roofing project
 - Punch lists have been issued to contractor
 - Working on final balancing of the system (ongoing)
- Planning for next grant for our historical properties. Kellogg-Eddy needs siding repairs, painting (exterior), and stone wall/foundation slab repairs. Ongoing
 - Site visit in December by contractor to get a budget number
 - Received budget number in March
 - Met with second contractor for budget.
- Working on MDC water notices (ongoing)
 - Completed the known addresses, will seek assistance from MDC for locating remaining
 - Fire Department completed their buildings
 - Last month I was told by a customer service rep from MDC we will get letters from them if there are any ongoing issues that need attention
- Multiple meetings with MEP Engineers and Architects for feasibility Studies of Highway and Parks garages
- Completed most OSHA violations with a few remaining items - ACM lists for older buildings
 - Working with TRC (environmental company) to complete (ongoing)
 - Started binder with all ACM reports, work continues
- Multiple EOC planning and design meetings
 - Had pre-bid walk through
 - Bid Opening scheduled. Pushed 6 times due to lack of wage rates provided by the state.
- Year-end procedures and new FY preparations
- Town building lease evaluations ongoing
 - Multiple meetings with Town Attorney on IHCC
- Tent power for Mill Pond Park
 - Installed 3 power boxes and conduit into locations for tents
- Assisting IT with Mill Pond Connectivity Project
 - Checked pathways of empty conduits
 - Check power and made ready power supplies at 3 different locations

FINANCE

Accounting and Administration

- Debtbook was updated for the auditors to reflect all new debt issued, any new leases, and review of any new IT subscriptions. This along with starting calculation for the new GASB 101 compensated Absences compliance, was done in preparation for the auditors preliminary visit the week of July 14th.
- The office continues to prepare for the fiscal year end with review of open purchase orders and updating of salary schedules and benefits. During the month of July accounts payable will be doing 2 batches a week for old and new year expenses.

- The office supported the employee engagement functions during the month including the health fair and Yard Goats game.
- End of year budget transfers for bond premium to cover current year interest expenses were presented and approved by the Town Council during the meetings this month.
- Our office continues to support all other grants that have been approved or are being submitted.

The Town received Municipal Grants in Aid and Mashantucket Pequot Grant funds in the amount of \$1,785,740 and \$54,975 from the State of Connecticut during this month. The Town had the following interest rates for the month on investments. This list includes outstanding investments that are under the control of the Finance Department and includes the General Fund and other Town Funds.

INVESTMENTS, BY ACCOUNTING TYPE

(Unaudited)
6/30/2025

	<u>Interest Earnings</u>		<u>\$ Invested</u>
	<u>Budget FY2024-25</u>	<u>Actual Year to Date</u>	
General Fund	\$250,000	2,053,380	\$50,671,813
Special Revenue Funds	48,000	36,986	938,908
Capital Projects Funds		57,448	1,261,254
Internal Service Fund	75,000	356,632	6,929,346
Trust and Agency Funds		64,789	2,023,339
TOTAL, ESTIMATED BY FUND			\$61,824,660

INVESTMENTS, BY INSTITUTION TYPE

(Unaudited)
6/30/2025

	<u>Interest %</u>		<u>Interest \$</u>		<u>\$ Invested</u>
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	
STIF	4.39	4.39	172,302	183,601	45,931,190
Bank North	1.66	1.66	805	830	594,191
TD Bank (new)	2.22	2.22	11,280	14,883	6,249,478
Farmington Bank	.00	.00	0	0	0
Webster Bank	2.10	2.13	5,813	6,069	3,400,234
Liberty Bank	4.08	4.08	17,308	19,101	5,649,567
Total Outstanding Investments					\$61,824,660

Rates reflect avg. monthly yield, annualized

Assessor

- In the month of April, 543 Income & Expense Reports were sent to all Commercial Property owners. The Income & Expense report is required for all Commercial Properties to assist in valuing these properties using the Income Approach to Valuation which requires the estimation of

operating income for these types of properties. Letters were sent in the month of June to all those property owners who had not yet submitted the Income & Expense form. This letter explained the penalty for failure to file and allowed for more time to submit the form. To date; 469 (87%) Income & Expense reports have been received back to the Assessor's Office.

- In order to assist the Tax Collector's Office in preparation to send out the 2024 Grand List tax bills, finalization was completed in the Assessor computer systems. This included closing out the Homeowners Tax Relief Claims and applying them to the appropriate accounts. In addition; the M35B (Homeowner's Claim Form) and M42B (Disabled Claim Form) were submitted to the Office of Policy Management per state statutes.
- Due to a legislative change in the process of valuing motor vehicles, the Assessor's Office worked to ensure that all information on the Assessor's website was updated to reflect the most recent information. This included the production and posting of a video on how the Assessor's Office values motor vehicle for the purposes of assessment.
- The revaluation process continued in the month of June, with a review of all the condominium complexes, ensuring that all records are accurate with respect to condo styles, sketches and locations within the complex. This process will include extensive research, requiring cooperation with both the Town Clerk and Building Departments. Once completed, there should be no need in the foreseeable future to make any changes; large scale changes to the Condominium Complexes.
- The Personal Property discovery process continued in the month of June, with 26 Business Welcome Packets being sent to newly registered LLCs and Trade Names. 5 letters were sent to businesses inquiring to the business status, and 11 Personal Property accounts were reactivated based on information acquired from the Income & Expense reports.
- Real Estate deeds were read and entered into the computer assisted mass appraisal system through the end of June, 109 property transfers were completed. 231 permits were uploaded into the CAMA system from the Building Department, 123 permits were reviewed and closed out with a total of 703 properties having been reviewed for accuracy. Finally, the office completed 59 certificates of correction.
- The focus for the month of July will be providing exceptional customer service in assisting the public with any questions, concerns or assistance they need during the busy "tax bill" season. In addition to a strong focus on customer service, the office will continue to work through the revaluation process, and begin preparing to send out Declarations of Personal Property for the beginning of September.

Revenue Collector

- Revenue Collections for Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, and Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes amounted to \$245,202.16. Prior year taxes collected amounted to \$19,040.61 which includes \$9,522.26 for suspended accounts.
- Extra time was spent working with our software company in making sure all the information was accurate for the new 2024 Grand List tax bills before they were mailed.
- This year's June collection of 98.9% were in line with last year's collections of 99%.
- Legal Notices and News Releases were placed in the newspapers, online, and on social media giving taxpayers updated information.
- All reports were sent to the State including the required M-1 Form notifying the State the amount we have calculated for the 2024 Grand List. The U.S. Census Bureau received its updated information on our annual collection of all taxes, interest and fees.
- The tax bills were mailed at the end of June and were available to the public a little earlier in the month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the activities of the Newington Fire Department for the month of June, 2025. During this period, fire department members responded to alarms or emergencies. A summary of these alarms and a manpower response break down is detailed below:

Code	Incident Type	June	12 Month Total
	Fire		
100	Fire, Other	0	7
110	Structure fire, Other (conversion only)	0	1
111	Building fire	0	11
112	Fires in structure other than in a building	1	2
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	3	25
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	0	3
116	Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire	0	0
118	Trash or rubbish fire, contained	0	1
123	Fire in portable building, fixed location	0	0
130	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	4
131	Passenger vehicle fire	2	12
132	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	0	0
138	Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	0	1
140	Natural vegetation fire, other	0	7
141	Forest, woods or wildland fire	0	2
142	Brush or brush-and grass mixture fire	0	14
143	Grass fire	0	4
150	Outside rubbish fire, other	1	5
151	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	0	2
154	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	0	3
160	Special outside fire, other	0	4
162	Outside equipment fire	0	1
170	Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other	0	0
	Total	8	109
2	Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)		
200	Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat	0	4
210	Overpressure rupture from steam, other	0	1
211	Overpressure rupture of steam pipe	0	1
212	Overpressure rupture of steam boiler	0	0
221	Overpressure rupture of air or gas	0	0
223	Air or gas rupture of pressure or process	0	0

251	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no fire	0	4
	Total	0	10
3	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident		
300	Rescue, EMS incident, other	0	5
311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	8
320	Emergency medical service incident, other	1	2
322	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	0	1
323	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	0	0
324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	0	0
331	Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	0	1
340	Search for lost person, other	0	0
341	Search for person on land	0	1
350	Extrication, rescue, other	0	2
352	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	5
353	Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	2
356	High-angle rescue	0	0
360	Water & ice-related rescue, other	0	1
362	Ice rescue	0	0
381	Rescue or EMS standby	0	0
	Total	4	28
4	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)		
400	Hazardous condition, Other	1	22
410	Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition	0	1
411	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	11
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	0	15
413	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	0	3
420	Toxic condition, other	0	1
421	Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	0	4
422	Chemical spill or leak	0	0
423	Refrigeration leak	0	0
424	Carbon monoxide incident	0	9
440	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	29
441	Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	0	0
442	Overheated motor	1	5
443	Breakdown of light ballast	0	0
444	Power line down	3	35
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	0	5
460	Accident, potential accident, other	0	1
461	Building or structure weakened or collapsed	0	2
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	9

	Total	8	152
5	Service Call		
500	Service Call, other	1	9
510	Person in distress, other	1	5
511	Lock-out	1	9
512	Ring or jewelry removal	0	1
520	Water problem, Other	3	16
521	Water evacuation	0	7
522	Water or steam leak	0	5
531	Smoke or odor removal	1	23
540	Animal problem, other	0	0
542	Animal rescue	1	2
550	Public service assistance, Other	0	3
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	0	8
553	Public Service	0	1
554	Assist invalid	0	1
561	Unauthorized burning	0	42
571	Cover assignment, standby, move up	0	31
	Total	8	163
6	Good Intent Call		
600	Good intent call, other	1	58
611	Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	14
621	Wrong location	0	1
622	No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	0	2
631	Authorized controlled burning	1	10
641	Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	0	1
650	Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1	2
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	0	9
652	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	0	1
653	Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	0	0
661	EMS call, party transported by non-fire	0	0
671	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	11
672	Biological hazard investigation, none found	0	0
	Total	6	109
7	False Alarm & False Call		
700	False alarm or false call, other	1	53
710	Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	13
711	Municipal alarm system, malicious false	0	2
714	Central station, malicious false alarm	0	6

715	Local alarm system,	0	0
721	Bomb Scare – no bomb	0	0
730	System malfunction, Other	5	20
731	Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	6
732	Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	0	0
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	23
734	Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	4
735	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	0	12
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	16
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	2	21
741	Sprinkler activation, no fire	0	7
742	Extinguishing system activation	0	0
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	8	72
744	Detector Activation, no fire	3	21
745	Alarm system activation, no fire	6	47
746	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	11
	Total	31	334
8	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster		
800	Severe weather or natural disaster, other	0	0
812	Flood Assessment	0	0
813	Wind Storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	0	7
814	Lightning strike (no fire)	0	0
	Total	0	7
9	Special Incident Type		
900	Special type of incident, other	1	7
911	Citizen complaint	0	3
	Total	1	10
	Total Calls	66	922

Fire Chiefs Activities June 2025

- Attend wildfire operations training presented by State of CT DEEP
- Attend monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting
- Meet with vendor to discuss Company 1 floor refinishing, schedule, and completion
- Meet with Chief Regina and Captain Machado over training tower improvements and department training schedule and topics

- Complete Respiratory Policy and Emergency vehicle operations SOP/SOG Review training
- Discussions on roof prop completion and install date with Chief Regina
- Discussions on new Line Officer Appointment process for 2025 with Deputy Chief Stegmaier and BOFC
- Meet with Safety division officers
- Attend Fire Department PMBC meeting for Company 4 and Company 3 space needs
- Discussions on year end budget purchases with Chiefs
- Meet with Town Planner, TM on West Hill Road
- Work with Town Staff on message board meeting notifications
- Discussions on improvements at Company 5 parking lot area and surroundings/ review drawings
- Discussions with Deputy Chief Giansanti on apparatus and building issues
- Discussions with Deputy Chief Stegmaier on personnel activities
- Discussions on extravaganza action plan with command staff
- Discussions with Chief Lapierre on grant application
- Discussions with Asst. Chief Lapierre on budget and quarter master purchasing
- Discussions with CSU on possible new command post grant thru CROG/ grant writer
- Monitor new Engine 2 build with Firematic website weekly updates
- Discussions on new Service 2 specifications with Hermas-finalizing specs, scheduling other department visits
- Discussions on new Tac / Rescue 2 specifications
- Discussions on new Truck 1 specifications
- Discussions with BOFC on Chapman Street
- Work with vendors on installs for new Chiefs Car
- Discussions with Hermas on generator monitoring-ongoing
- Discussions with Department Inc. on Buffalo repairs
- Discussions with Department Inc. on building improvements and finalizing work with interior and exterior painting
- Discussions with FMO on Culver Street (new development) Fire Watch
- Discussions with Chief Regina on Kalasky Room Improvements- Podium
- Work with Staff on preparing Company 1 firehouse for floor refinishing
- Work with Captain Carlone, Lt. Gionfriddo on CP8 Deployments for multiple events throughout the stat

Car 2 Fire Chiefs Activities June 2025

- Prepare meeting minutes for company meetings.
- Chief's meeting attendance.
- Finalize budget purchases to close out year
- Project steering committee meeting attendance for Chief Trommer
- Meet with Grant writer to clarify application questions
- Officer Training attendance
- Meeting with Chiefs - officer appointment update
- Wildland training session attendance
- Get quote for Chief Trommer back pack blowers
- Meeting with Chiefs and Commissioners
- Commissioner meeting attendance

- Meet with chief Trommer
- Pick up blowers from Stonehedge
- Create Fire watch list for Culver Street and distribute
- Coordinate delivery for decal
- Notification to department for wake visitation.
- Zoom meeting with Julia for SAFER grant
- Get updated estimate for grant submission
- Meet with Jeannie on jacket order
- Attend extravaganza pre plan meeting.
- Multi company training roof operations.

Car 3 Fire Chiefs Activities June 2025

June 2025 Training Report

Progress History

Training Tower Updates

- Delivery of prop is tentatively scheduled for July
- Burn room quote received and will move forward in next budget cycle
- Received quotes for 3rd floor expansion.

Pre-Plans

- Training Division will be scheduling additional walk-throughs based on our ISO data.
 - A minimum of two pre-plans will be scheduled each month.
 - Reflected in the Non-Incident Training Report for March.
- Pre-Plan walkthroughs for June included:
 - **H. O. Penn**
 - **Newington Ice Arena**

Plans

- Army National Guard Extrication and Hose Advancement
 - Worked with Sergeant Hodgson on June 7, 2025 training exercise
 - June 7, 2025 training on hose advancement, VEIS and search

Railroad Drill

- Tabletop exercises will be held with Chief Officers of involved departments including Amtrak PD, State Police, Newington and Berlin PD, CT DOT and Kensington Fire.
- Possibility of drill taking place in Berlin or at drill already scheduled for Windsor in July
- Meeting with Newington Police on a railroad related drill (ongoing)
 - Multi-Agency Drill to include PD, EMS, Taskforce 51 and others.
 - Table-Top Drill is an option if we are unable to secure a siding or other location suitable for large scale drill.

Drill Schedule

July		
Officer Training	Roof Operations (Cancelled)	07/08/2025
New Officer Candidate Training	Community Risk Reduction	07/17/2025
Multi-Company Drill (Day Drill)	Air Management/Search	07/20/2025
Multi-Company Drill	Air Management/Search	07/21/2025

Multi-Company Drill	Air Management/Search	07/28/2025
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Drills in August (Railroad Operations), September (RIT), October (Low Angle Rescue/Ropes), November (Extrication) and December (Sexual Harassment)

CT Fire Academy Classes - 2025

FFI classes are currently be scheduled for new firefighters.

Car 4 Fire Chiefs Activities June 2025

Month: June 2025

Submitted By: Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier

Department Status

Regular Members: 98

Cadets: 16

Co#1= 27 Co#2= 27 Co#3= 25 Co#4= 13 Co#5= 12 HQ = 5

Promotions

New Company Officers in place for 1015/2029 Term

New Members/Applications

(1) Application in process

Cadets up to 16 members. Had a sudden influx of new applicants

Housekeeping

Working on end of year reporting spreadsheets to Finance (Stipend and Retirement), Zenith America as well as end of year end PMPs.

- Fire Prevention Open House will be Saturday October 11th.
- Planning NPD/NFD Softball Game and Family Picnic- Tentative Date of September 26th
- Oldie getting paint and repairs done. Soffit and Trim work being done as well as ceilings and walls being painted on both floors.

Car 5 Fire Chiefs Activities June 2025

- Met only 1 time this month with the town's Fire Department Building Committee to discuss the Fire Department's wants, needs and requirements for the new Company 4 and possible extension of the current Company 3.
- The resurfacing of the bay floors at HQ were completed. There are some minor issues that we are working with DeStephano Flooring to rectify.
- All stations had their air conditioning units PM'd this month.
- Started the committee process for the new Rescue in order to start "specking" that out.
- Received updated bids for the new Engine 2 equipment. An order is being put together to start purchasing it for when the delivery comes.

- The final requirements were met given to the fire marshal to rectify all issues with the safety inspection violations.
- The following repairs and services were done in the follow stations:
 Company 1- Bay floors were completed, A/C's needed to be adjusted after the PM service were completed.
 Company 2 – No issues repaired or reported.
 Company 3 – No new issues repaired or reported.
 Company 4 – No new issues repaired or reported.
 Company 5 – No issues reported.
 Chapman Street – No new progress this month.
- Various repairs have been done to all of the fleet by the Highway Dept., Hermis has completed the annual PM service for Rescue 1. This was the last of the apparatus. He will begin the PM services for the Chief's cars when he returns from vacation.

FIRE MARSHAL

Inspections by Inspector and Type									Time Period From 06/01/2025 to 06/30/2025
Newington Fire Department									
Inspection	2020	2116	1023	23999	0310	2010	2202	2113	Total
Types	Carlson	Hofmann	Muir	Sokolovs	Stegmaier	Sullivan	Zadrick	Zordan	Insp
Acceptance Testing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Administrative Tasks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blasting - Witness/Follow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint/Referral	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Complex - Landlord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Site Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Consultation	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	8
Documentation/Annual	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	6
Existing - Assembly (A1/A2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing - Assembly (A3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing - Assembly (A4/A5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Existing - Educational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Drill - FMO On-site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fire Investigation	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	6
FMO Callout - Code	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	6
Food Truck Inspection	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Incident Response to	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inspection - Annual	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	5
Inspection - Certificate of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Inspection - Dwelling Unit	0	86	16	0	0	0	0	35	137
Inspection - Every 2 Years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Inspection - Every 3 years	4	2	0	9	0	23	4	0	42
Inspection for Liquor Permit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knox Box Inspection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notification to FMO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Occupant Load	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permit Application	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plan Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Public Education/Fire	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Re-Inspection	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	9
Safe Homes Taskforce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Special Event	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
Special Inspection	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vacant Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	99	17	18	0	30	10	66	249

Office Updates:

Training:

Fire Marshal Zordan will be attending a Fire Investigation Training Program at the National Fire Academy and will be out of the office from July 6 – July 18. Plans to ensure operational continuity are in place.

Staffing/Inspections:

As requested, the Fire Marshal is working on a comprehensive staffing analysis to compare the Newington Office to other fire marshal's offices in the area. This is on track to be completed and presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners in September.

Open Plans/Permits:

- Meadow Commons Site (3313-3333 Berlin Turnpike)
 - Marketplace at Meadow Commons (Beso)
 - Sally's Pizza
- Culver Street Apartments (69 Culver Street)
 - Started site work – construction/framing will not be allowed to begin until the water mains are tied into the existing high-pressure system and accepted by the MDC.
 - Fire Watch has been required and FD personnel will staff starting 6/30/2025
- The Spark (1 Myra Cohen)
 - Foundations for the parking garage have been poured.
- John Wallace Middle School
 - Permit has been issued and work will begin immediately after school is dismissed for the summer

Budget:

The Fire Marshal's Office finished Fiscal Year 24/25 with a surplus. \$20,000 was transferred from the FMO budget to offset the FD pay-per-call shortage. This is the second year that money has been used from the FMO to cover this. \$30,000 was used the previous fiscal year.

Events:

6/12/25: Newington Goes Country – Approximately 20 food trucks (Stegmaier and Carlson)

6/14/25: Newington Soccer – 5 Food Trucks (Muir)

6/17/25: Project Graduation – FM Zordan inspected – no issues. FD had 2 personnel assigned for fire watch.

Inspection History			Date Range: From 06/01/2025 to 06/30/2025				
Newington Fire Department			Inspection Type: CALL, INVSTG				
			Inspection All Status Types				
Insp#	Date	Type	Status	Address	Address Type	Name	# Vio Length
4448	06/09/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	324 ALUMNI RD C	Factory/Industrial	Stunt Motorsports	0 0.00
4436	06/11/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	3323 BERLIN TPKE UNIT 4	Business	CAVA RESTAURANT	0 0.00
4442	06/11/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	124 MAPLE HILL AVE	Assembly	Grace Episcopal Church	0 0.00
4457	06/17/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	116 EAST ROBBINS AVE	Residential - Single/Two		0 0.97
4497	06/19/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	2273 BERLIN TPKE	Residential - Hotel, Motel	Residential Hotel - Hi-	0 1.92
4815	06/21/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	240 CHURCH ST	Institutional	Civita Care Center at	0 1.40
4824	06/22/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	140 MAPLE HILL AVE	Residential - Single/Two	Margaret Flanagan	0 0.57
4825	06/22/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	148 SCHOOL HOUSE RD	Residential - Single/Two	Peter Reilly	0 2.00
4820	06/23/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	227 PANE RD	Residential - Apartments	The Pike Apartments -	0 0.00
4845	06/25/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	3465 BERLIN TPKE	Mercantile	SAM'S CLUB	0 1.25
4848	06/26/2025	FMO Callout - Code Enforcement	Activity Complete	3 JOHN H STEWART DR	Residential - Apartments	Residential Apartments -	0 1.80
4858	06/29/2025	Fire Investigation	Activity Complete	43 RICHARD ST	Residential - Single/Two	Keith Davis	0 0.90
				Total Inspections: 12		Total Length of Inspections: 10.81	

Special Projects:

We are working on scanning specific pages of our buildings plans and saving them into the property records of RedNMX. This will take a significant amount of time, but in the long run will be beneficial to several departments. We will be working closely with our IT department on this.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Administration

- Continued to meet with residents to discuss various issues and concerns
- Continued with ongoing Landfill post closure requirements
- Met with Engineering Department to discuss various projects and drainage concerns
- Met with Public Works group to discuss upcoming projects
- Met with contractor to discuss Garfield St streetscape project
- Coordinated with sidewalk contractor to install ADA ramps for upcoming road paving program
- Coordinated vegetation grinding at Town's Transfer Station
- Coordinated quarterly water quality monitoring at Transfer Station
- Continued work with CT DEEP to obtain Leaf Composting Permit
- Continued with preparation for milling and paving program
- Facilitated Mechanic II Position exam

Roadway Maintenance

- Continued with litter pickup/graffiti removal Town wide
- Highway operators continued with Transfer Station material processing
- Completed miscellaneous patching of potholes
- Completed catch basin repairs on Kimberley and Masselli Roads
- Continued with preparations of catch basin repairs for upcoming road milling/overlay program
- Completed vegetation grinding and removal at the Transfer Station
- Assisted Traffic Division in traffic control along with outside contractor to install ADA compliant upgrade to sidewalks
- Swept Mill Pond in preparation of Parks and Recreation events
- Assisted IT Department in locating and cleaning conduit at Mill Pond Park
- Relocate air compressor at Fire Company One
- Responded to one (1) after hour call in(s) for the month
- One (1) eviction scheduled for the month requiring storage

Fleet Maintenance

- Mechanics continued with preventive, snow seasonal services, scheduled maintenance and emergency repairs to all Town vehicles/equipment
- Police Mechanic continued with the upfitting of other new patrol vehicles
- Completed all Fire Department spring services
- One (1) after hour call in(s) for the month

Sanitation/Recycling/Transfer Station

- Scheduled 95 residential bulk items for collection for the month
- Scheduled 9 condominium bulk items for collection for the month
- Scheduled 30 condo/residential scrap metal items for collection for the month
- 10166 tons of cumulative Municipal Solid Waste were collected from July through May
- 2134 tons of cumulative recyclables were collected from July through May
- 105 mattresses/box springs were recycled for the month
- No (0) television(s) were collected for the month
- Issued 66 permanent Transfer Station permits and 7 temporary permits for the month

HUMAN SERVICES

- Coordinator Manion led training for CCSU orientation leaders at the challenge course; conducted a 5th grade ALPs all-day challenge, facilitated a 4th grade picnic for Chaffee students- which serves as an opportunity to introduce youth to our Departments & Services including anti-vaping message; planned & led the 2025 SYA training & orientation for contract staff & youth mentors; held 3 SYA activity days: Bowling & a movie, Hike & swim at Hammonasset & Brownstone Adventure Park; & brought 4 youth to a youth summit re: leadership, team building, communication & problem solving.
- Coordinator Hendrickson attended the Town Youth Justice Institute Conference; this conference highlighted building engaging programming for youth through community. The resounding takeaway from this conference was having a trusted adult to go to and creating spaces where students can be themselves has a positive impact on youth's future.
- Clinical Coordinator Hendrickson also led Summer Youth Adventure staff and mentors in QPR Community Helper training and Mandated Reporter training. Trainees are now certified through June 19, 2028 in QPR. Staff and mentors used real examples of situations that they have encountered to enhance the discussion held during training. Clinical consultation will continue to be provided.
- Case examples include mentoring youth who was referred due to toxic friendship & has engaged successfully with mentoring weekly, adult client referred by financial caseworker Tarantello worked with coordinator Hendrickson to secure longer term mental health treatment from a private provider, contract therapist has been working with youth around self-esteem- has increased both self-esteem and self-regulating behaviors. Will continue to work toward successful discharge.
- Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held successfully with 90 attendees. Representatives from Town Council, Youth Adult Council, Human Rights Commission, Youth mentors & leadership coalition as well as department volunteers supporting, food bank, holiday programs & clerical projects ie. large mailings all attended. We received very positive feedback regarding this event that was planned and coordinated by social worker & volunteer coordinator Smith.
- Park & Rec Subsidies are being determined to provide households with discount on programs, pool pass, or payment plan.
- Redeterminations & new applications are being scheduled & completed by staff: LaBrecque, Wassik, Tarantello & Smith.
- **Financial Casework Example:** Coordinator Wassik worked with 2 disabled females and their supportive family members. Concerns regarding the effectiveness of the Conservator resulted in referral to Probate for case review. This was attended by the 2 clients, their extended family, conservator in question & coordinator Wassik & was led by Judge Randich. There was a lengthy case discussion surrounding the use (mis-use) of Uber charges, lack of monthly review of financial expenditures, need to pursue the re-instatement of SSI for one of the disabled females as she paid off the overage in August 2024, need to change utility bills to their names as the bills were in the deceased parent's name along with the need to apply for available programs such as SNAP, housing and Energy asst. Judge Randich questioned why these programs were not pursued. Conservator was unable to account for the failure to pursue all of these issues. Coordinator Wassik advocated for the 2 clients-giving accurate case info & details of how to apply for above noted available resources. End of year Financial Accounting was scheduled. Receipts for all the Uber charges will be reviewed and reimbursement required as necessary. Per Judge Randich - the current Conservator is expected to bring one of the clients to SSA to move forward with the reinstatement of her SSI. Coordinator Wassik confirmed that they are still on wait list for Newington Housing Authority with 1 to 2 year anticipated wait.

June 2025 Statistics

Selected Programs	FY 25 Total This Month	FY 25 Total Last Month	FY 24-25 Cumulative Total YTD	FY 23-24 Cumulative Total YTD
Youth & Family Counseling cases Clinical presentations/# attendees	23 2/16	19 3	152 16/77	106 6
Youth & Family Service Hours	35.5	52	260.5	153.5
JRB cases :	8	6	125	81
JRB hearings:	3	1	13	15
JRB Service hours:	22.75	8.5	206.25	133.25
New Cases	2	1	9	
Positive Youth Development	59	61	315	1231
Adult to Youth Mentoring:				
Cases	5	2	51	NA
sessions	5	2	59	
Service hours	5	6.75	496	
Community Service	0	1	7	13
# of hours completed	0	50	401	224
Challenge Course: Adult	0	0	47	0
youth(outside)	0	0	0	60
Social Casework Cases	75	67	1364	1276
Under 55 =	23	23	80	344
Under 55 disabled =	6	6	95	162
Over 55 =	46	39	497	802
Social Casework Service Hours	86.75	93	1216.75	1674.5
Food Bank Household visits	152	144	2098	1811
# bags of groceries distributed	1193	1174	15250	13776
Mobile truck	264	409	2978	4062
Special Needs	4	3	82	85

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Town's Information Technology team consists of Scott Sharlow, Chief Information Officer, Steven Pollock, Network Administrator/Project Leader, John Bolduc, Network Administrator/Project Leader, and Scott Hoagland, Network/Application Specialist.

During the course of the month of June, the Department of Information Technology and GIS participated, assisted, and/or were directly involved in the completion of 77 formal requests for service. In addition, the department worked on the following projects:

- Continued work on audio recording implementation for the Town radio system
- Continued work configuring the new Building Management Server for PD HVAC project
- Setup new management virtual servers
- Consolidated and organized PD photo and video storage
- Investigated and corrected file share permissions
- Onboarded new hires
- Updated PD dispatch software application
- Continued project to redesign the Town website look and functionality
- Updated all public facing GIS maps on Town website
- Continued work on new Cemetery management software application
- Revised town GIS trail data
- Created interactive web application for Newington tree inventory
- Continued PD migration to MS365 cloud
- Troubleshoot and resolved issues with Fire MDT not utilizing wired connection when docked
- Fixed wireless issue in the Senior and Disabled Center Cafe

LIBRARY

- The three summer reading programs kicked off during the month of June. This year's program Level Up @ Your Library theme is play and how we use it to learn to relate to others. The adult summer reading kickoff and registration program was held on June 17 from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. People registered in person or online any time that day. Anyone who registered on that day was eligible for the kickoff prize giveaway. People who registered in person also received a small gift. At the end of the day, 270 people had registered. By the end of the month 544 adults were participating. The children's and teen summer reading programs began on June 20 with an afterhours program that was attended by had more than 420 children, teens and caregivers. In addition to summer reading information, there were interactive STEM stations from The Children's Museum (including some animals!), dinosaur fossils from Jurassic Classroom, prize giveaways, glitter tattoo artists, crafts, a glow-in-the-dark dance party, an obstacle course, and Sonic the Hedgehog for photo opportunities. 376 children and 142 teens had registered by the end of June.
- The Friends of the Library held their annual meeting on June 11. During the business part of the meeting officers were elected – Nora Bassell, President, Sheila Rowell, Vice President, and JoAnn Cromwell, Secretary. They have not been able to fill the Treasurer position as of yet. In addition, Certificates of Appreciation were given out and the Friend of the Year Award was presented to Christina Caufield. Two Friends Scholarships were handed out as well to graduating high school students who lived in Newington who volunteered at the library. The recipients were Kaitlyn Brown and Isabella Peruccio. After the business meeting, musical duo The Boomers entertained the audience

with oldies music. The Friends were present at the adult and children and teen summer reading kickoffs to promote the Friends and the services funded by the Friends. The Friends also held a children's book sale that started at the kid's kickoff and will run until July 3. A cart full of children's books for all ages was placed in the children's department for parents and children to browse and purchase.

- Business Manager Karolyn McLain and Assistant Director Karen Benner did a great job working with department heads to finalize fiscal year-end purchases before June 30. Necessary purchase orders, transfer and orders were done in a timely manner to meet the June 30 deadline.
- Exciting news for patrons of all ages was the Hatch the Quail event at the library. Seven Quail eggs arrived on June 10 in an incubator and on June 27 the eggs began to hatch. Sadly only 3 baby quails survived but Mario, Luigi, and Princess Peach are thriving and entertaining all who visit them in the Children's Department. They will go home to the farm on July 14.
- The Children's department staff offered 21 programs to 1,044 children and their caregivers. Archived views of previous online programs for the month of June were 130. In addition to summer reading kickoff, the children's department was busy with some great summer programming. Local author and Newington's Teacher of the Year Antwanette Serrano, read her two books, *Mindful Mason* and *Empathetic Emma*, and had the kids make mindful sand art mandalas. The Whale Mobile visited the library. Kids could climb inside Nile, the life-sized inflatable humpback whale, to learn more about whales and touch bones, teeth, and baleen. We were able to have this program due to the Triumph STEM grant and the Newington Senior Center (who let us use their gym). Highlights of other programs include Ukulele Storytime with Julie Stepanek-Murray, Furry Scaly Friends who visited with a whole menagerie of animals for families to see and pet, Brie's Balloons: A Balloon Twisting Storytime and Books and Blooms, a story time with a fun paper flower experiment for kids to enjoy offered by students from Newington High School's Women in STEM Club. Regular story times rounded out the month.
- In June, 5 programs were offered to 640 teens. Archived views of previous online programs for the month were 29. Teen librarians visited Martin Kellogg Middle School to promote summer reading and upcoming teen programs. One Up Games brought their playable museum as part of the History of Nintendo program. Teens were able to try every console that Nintendo has created including the new Switch 2. Two time slots were offered so all participants received playing time. Riverside Reptiles brought some of their creatures for teens to see, learn about and touch and another popular Teen Pokemon Trading Card Night was held for teens to play, trade and hangout with fellow Pokémon players.
- Adults were offered 23 programs attended by 595 adults. Archived views of previous online programs for the month of May were 1952. The library had 3 programs about *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald to celebrate its 100th anniversary. A Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion was held that featured the book *The Great Gatsby*. Several days later the movie *The Great Gatsby* starring Leonardo DiCaprio was shown and at the end of the month author Rob Kyff hosted a program titled *Gatsby's Secrets* where he discussed the many secrets and hidden motifs in the book. An afterhours Sound Bowl Healing program was held under the atrium to another large, engaged crowd. A new series program title Puzzle Party was offered, that gave patrons a fun and relaxing afternoon for fellow puzzle lovers to work on a variety of community puzzles. This month's Library Speakers Consortium Virtual Author Talks featured Extinctopedia—A Discovery of What We Have Lost, What is At Risk, and What To Do About it with Smithsonian Scientists and Explore Unexpected Twists and

Turns with Bestselling Author Lisa Jewell. Highlights of other programs included Books & Bites, that had librarians talking about hot summer reads, two Let's Talk – Conversational English and More programs and Grab & Go coloring pages and puzzle packets.

- Total circulation was 22,120. Circulation of digital materials was 4,167. Total number of people that entered the building 10,322. 20 curbside service transactions were processed. Staff processed and pulled 1,963 holds on shelf to be processed for curbside pickups and interlibrary loans. Staff answered 3,661 reference questions during the month. Meeting room and study room space were used 326 times. Head of Community Services Michelle Royer and Business Manager Karolyn McLain notarized 49 documents for patrons. Volunteers and staff delivered 131 items to our homebound patrons. Staff offered technology help 207 times to patrons. Online resources that were popular this month included Value Line, Ancestry.com, PebbleGo Animal, and Science databases and the PebbleGo Next Science databases.
- In technology news, Digital Services Librarian Michelle Patnode hosted a Canva and Adobe Express: Learn the Basics program that was very well attended. Michelle also had 10 Tech Help @ Lucy, one-on-one tech help sessions. Head of Collection Management Dorothy Russell attended her first LCI ILS (Polaris) migration meeting. She will be the point person for the library during this process. The migration to a new integrated library system for the entire consortium will begin in June 2026. The self-checkout station located on the 2nd floor near the children's room has not been working properly for several weeks. The library will be replacing all three self-checkout stations in the late summer with CIP funds that were just approved.
- In personnel news, Joanna Cistulli began in the Children's Department in June. Interviews for her former part-time position in Circulation were held in June. A decision will be made at the beginning of July. Long time Circulation Substitute, Linda Dalidowitz, worked her last day on Thursday, June 26th. Her position will be filled at a later date. Assistant Library Director Karen Benner and Digital Services Librarian Michelle Patnode continued with 4 more mini technology training sessions that included leaning the setup for the Owl Conferencing System and showing staff how to unjam and change the printer cartridges on the staff printers.
- In facilities news, the A/C unit for the 2nd floor started acting up during the June heat wave. Facilities was quick to help resolve the problem. The cleaning service continues to do a wonderful job. Parking was very problematic during the month. Any events at Mill Pond or Town Hall that require a lot of parking immediately impact parking for library patrons. On the day of the adult summer reading kickoff, there was no parking for library patrons from 10:00 am- 12 noon. The parking was so bad that people going to the event at the Community Center created their own parking spots in the library lot blocking exits for others.

PARKS AND RECREATION

RECREATION DIVISION:

- The Edythe and Harry Mandell 2025 Summer Concert Series kicked off on June 1st with Sunday concerts at the Municipal Parking Lot and on June 5th with Thursday night concerts at Mill Pond Park.
- Our Summer Adult Cornhole League began on Thursday, June 5th and runs weekly on Thursday nights at Mill Pond Park. A total of 28 teams are registered.
- The 2024–2025 Creative Playtime Preschool Program celebrated a joyful and heartfelt graduation ceremony at the Mortensen Community Center with over 200 proud family and friends in attendance

on Wednesday, June 11th. Nineteen bright and enthusiastic preschoolers took the stage for adorable performances and end-of-year slideshows before enjoying a celebratory ice cream social. These graduates are now headed to kindergarten, and eventually, the high school class of 2038!

- Each student and staff member in the Creative Playtime Preschool Program received a personalized yearbook, filled with photos and highlights from an unforgettable school year. The keepsake captured the spirit of learning, laughter, and friendship that defines the Creative Playtime Preschool experience.
- Newington Goes Country was held on Thursday, June 12th at Mill Pond Park, featuring food trucks, a petting zoo, mechanical bull riding, cornhole, trackless train rides, and a concert by Nick Casey. We had 24 food vendors in attendance.
- Food Truck Friday took place on Friday, June 13th at Mill Pond Park and featured 24 food trucks, trackless train rides, a beer and wine garden, and a concert by Nightshift.
- The Department successfully hosted the Seymour Park Grand Opening on Wednesday, June 25th. The special event was sponsored by Elm Hill Pizza and featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, magician, clown, bike safety table, and free pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream for the first 100 attendees.
- Our dedicated team of 58 lifeguards successfully completed recertification in Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR, and AED use through multiple in-house training sessions this month. This is an impressive accomplishment given the ongoing regional shortage of certified lifeguards. We're proud to have one of the largest and most highly trained aquatics teams in the area, an enthusiastic and skilled group that plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and success of our aquatic facilities.
- All incoming seasonal staff for Camp RECreate and Summer Sunshine were fully certified in First Aid, CPR, AED, and Injectable Medication Administration. These certifications help ensure the well-being of our campers and demonstrate our Department's commitment to safety and professionalism.
- A comprehensive training program was rolled out this month for all seasonal employees, including lifeguards, camp counselors, concession attendants, and cashiers. These hands-on sessions were designed to provide the tools and knowledge needed to deliver an exceptional experience to the public throughout the busy summer season.
- Mill Pond and Churchill Pools officially opened for the summer season on Saturday, June 21st. Swim lessons began at both locations on Monday, June 23rd and have seen an overwhelming response. Every private and semi-private swim class is fully booked for the entire summer.

PARKS, GROUNDS & CEMETERIES DIVISION:

- Preseason pool maintenance was completed for the opening of Mill Pond and Churchill Pools on Saturday, June 21st.
- Routine mowing, including roadsides, athletic fields, BOE properties and municipal buildings continues in full gear following excessive rains in early June.
- Three Parks and Recreation tents were installed at Mill Pond Park ahead of the Department's Camps and Special Events this summer.
- Parks staff worked with the Soccer Club of Newington to host another successful end of season tournament.
- Baseball field grooming continues with summer all-star tournaments.

- Parks staff put final touches on Seymour Park for the Grand Opening of the new playscape on Wednesday, June 25th.
- Irrigation repairs were made at various locations throughout the month.
- Parks staff began the renovation of McCusker Field at Anna Reynolds.
- Cemeteries: 5 Singles, 1 Double, 11 Ash, 2 sales
- Overtime: 273 hours, \$13,650

TREE WARDEN

- Prune bush in circle on Grandview Drive.
- Remove hazardous tree at the end of Henry Avenue.
- Remove hazardous tree in rear of 152 Brookside Road.
- Held two Tree Warden hearings for trees at Mill Pond Park.

PLANNING AND ZONING

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION – Meeting Scheduled On 6/11/25

Petitions Continued

- Petition TPZ-25-11: Special permit (sec. 3.17.8) for a used motor vehicle sales and service use at 115 Pane Road in the PD (Planned Development) Zone. Applicant/Contact: John Incontro, Owner: H & M Property Holdings, LLC. (Application received 5/28/2025 – 65 days to open public hearing by 8/1/2025).
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Discussion

- Public Act 25-49 (HB 5002) - An act concerning housing and the needs of homeless persons.

MEETING SCHEDULED 6/25/25:

Application Approved

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Meeting Scheduled For 6/17/25:

Application Approved with Conditions

- Application IW-25-5: To clear sandbar from stream and restore eastern and western banks between 14 and 30 Greenlawn Avenue which will assist with flood control. Access needed from 30 Greenlawn within the Wetlands and URA (Upland Review Area) in the R-12 Zone. Applicant: Town of Newington/Highway Department, Contact: Rob Hillman, Owner: Barbara Hope.

Notice of Agent Approval

- Application IW-25-7: To enlarge basement and first floor into backyard at 4 Gilbert Road within the URA (Upland Review Area) in the R-12 Zone. Applicant/Contact/Owner: Margaret Kelly Kilpatrick.
- Application IW-25-8: To install a second elevator on the southwest corner of the building at John H. Stewart Drive in the PL (Public Land) Zone. There will be 0.02 acres of disturbance within the URA (Upland Review Area). Applicant: BSC Group, Inc., Contact: Frank Vacca, Owner: Hartford Hospital c/o Hartford Healthcare Corp.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Meeting Scheduled For 6/3/25:

- Cancelled due to no applications being filed.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE – No Meeting Held in June.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Meeting Held on June 4.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING AGENCY – No Meeting Held in June.

ZONING OFFICER ACTIVITIES:

- Issued 15 Zoning Permits for various projects in town.
- 02 Certificate of Zoning Compliance
- Received 133 questions and/or complaints (via emails, phone calls, Civic Plus, in-person etc.) about zoning regulations, blight and zoning complaints, and property information.
- Performed 20 inspections for zoning complaints and 42 for blight complaints. The following items were issued and/or closed;
 - 4 Zoning Notices of Violation
 - Closed 6 Zoning cases
 - 9 Blight Notice of Violation
 - Closed 16 Blight cases
- Performed 1 Bond Release inspection
- Attended Court for the open Zoning Violation case for the 260 Stamm Rd property
- Held 1 appeal hearing before the citation hearing officer
- Removed 68 illegal signs from the Town and/or State R/W

- Spoke with realtors/potential developers, owners, and/or potential tenants for the following properties. Typically, we discussed allowable uses and the permitting process for their potential projects.

191 Ashland Ave
 11 Barn Hill Ln
 2516 Berlin Turnpike
 3203 Berlin Turnpike
 3277 Berlin Turnpike
 274 Cedarwood Ln
 660 Church St (rear)
 63 Highland St
 25 Market Sq
 104 Moreland Ave
 751 Russell Rd
 1125 Willard Ave

POLICE

Patrol Calls for June are as follows:

Abandoned MV 0	Fire Task Force Activation 0	MV Complaint 42
Administrative 0	Fire Training 0	MV Evading 17
Alarm Commercial Burg Alarm 56	Fire Trouble Alarm 0	MV Fire 0
Alarm Hold Up Alarm 1	Fire Veh Maintenance 0	MV Fatal 0
Alarm Residential Burg Alarm 12	Fire Vehicle Fire 0	MV Injury 13
ALTERED MENTAL STATUS 0	Fire Veh Fire Near Stru 0	MV Property Only 66
Animal Complaint 46	Fire Water Problem 0	Neighbor 17
Arson/Fire Invest 0	Fireworks 1	No Pol Actual Call Type 157
Assault 3	Follow Up 53	Noise 15
Assault in Progress 0	Found Property 12	Non Collect Person 0
Assist Motorist 10	Gun 1	Notification 0
Assist Notification 0	Harassment 7	Open Door/Window 1
Assist Other Agency 19	Hazard 16	Other Archive 0
Bad Check Insufficient Funds 0	Hazmat 0	Parking Violation 4
Blighted Property 0	Hold Up Alarm 0	PD ASSIST FIRE DEPT 42
Bomb Threat 0	HOPE PROJECT 0	PD Vehicle Maintenance 0
Breach of Peace/Disorderly 15	IDENTITY THEFT 6	Personal Relief 0
Burglar Alarm 1	Illegal Dumping 0	Pistol Permit 9
Burglary 1	Impersonating Police 0	Prisoner Care 4
Car Seat 2	Indecent Exposure 0	Private Duty 0
Check Welfare 66	Intoxicated 2	Property Found 3
Check Welfare 911 49	Juvenile Complaint 16	Property Lost 0
Check Welfare Other 0	K9 Assist 0	Prostitution 0
Clear Lot 4	K9 Narcotics 3	Recovered Stolen MV 2

Construction 0	K9 Track 1	Rescue Call 0
Court Detail 18	Kidnapping 0	Residential Lockout 2
CREST CALL OUT 0	Landlord/Tenant Dispute 3	Risk Protection Order 6
Criminal Mischief 3	Larceny 73	Robbery 0
CSO 0	Larceny from MV 10	Roll Call 2
Customer Dispute 18	Lift Assist Only 2	Serve Subpoena 0
Dog Complaint 41	Liquor 0	Serve Warrant 36
Domestic 18	Local Traffic Authority 0	Sexual Assault 0
Door Check 0	Location Check 144	Shots Fired 0
Drug 11	Location General 0	Specific Detail 105
DUI 8	Location School 0	State Pistol Permit – Tempo 0
EDP 11	Lockout Building 2	Stolen MV 5
Escort/Transport 3	Lockout MV 0	Sudden Death 2
Escort/Funeral 4	Lost Property 3	Suicide 0
Escort Other 0	LTA 0	Suicide Attempt 2
ESCORT RETRIEVAL 1	Medical Alarm 8	Suspicious MV Unoccupied 18
Escort Tax 0	Medical Cardiac 0	Suspicious Report 137
Fingerprint 2	Medical Complaint 216	TEST 0
Fire Alarm Commercial Bldg 7	Medical Diabetic 0	Threatening 5
Fire Alarm Residential 1	Medical Fall 7	Tobacco 0
Fire CO Detector no sympt 1	Medical Other 0	Tow 20
Fire CO Detector with sympt 0	MEDICAL OVERDOSE 3	Town Ordinance Violation 0
Fire Extrication 0	Medical Respiratory 0	Traffic Stop 419
Fire Hazmat 1	Medical Stand By 0	Traffic Stop Attempt 9
Fire Mutual Aid Request 0	Medical Trauma 0	Traffic Survey 0
Fire Other 4	Medical Unresponsive 0	Training 0
Fire Rescue 2	MIDSTATE ACCIDENT 0	Trespass 9
Fire Special Detail 0	Missing 3	Unknown 0
Fire Stand By 0	MV Abandoned 1	Water problem 2
Fire Structure Fire 2	MV Assist 25	

Total: 2,228

In June, the Detective Division Report:

The Detective Division submitted 79 case management sheets and typed 52 reports during the month of June, 2025. There are currently 48 open cases being investigated by the Detective Division. The case load consisted of the following:

- Assist Other Agency: 3
- Background Investigation: 4
- Burglary: 1
- Crime Scene Processing: 7
- Discovery Request: 9

- Firearms Compliance: 1
- Missing Person: 1
- PD Assist: 7
- Property Disposal: 36
- Prostitution: 1
- Risk Protection Order: 4
- Specific Detail: 1
- Task Force Assist: 4
- The Newington Police Department served 27 warrants this month; 26 by Patrol and 1 by the Detective Division.
- On June 10th the Detective Division investigated a residential burglary that occurred on Carriage Hill Drive. A white male who was dressed up like an Amazon delivery person gained entry through a rear garage door and was scared off by a resident of the home. A neighbor saw the male suspect and took photographs of him as he walked down the road. Detective Zajac was assigned as the lead investigator, and physical evidence is pending analysis at the State Forensic Laboratory.
- The Department continues to fulfill its commitment to the Greater Hartford Regional Auto Theft Task Force in Hartford once per week using the State-awarded Auto Theft and Violence (ATV) grant funds to pay for the overtime. Lieutenant Aivano and Detective Camara have been participating in operation days, which included 6/3/25, 6/11/25, 6/18/25, and 6/26/25. A new initiative will provide an opportunity for a new patrol officer every other week to attend the auto theft operation day. Sergeant Rodriguez also continues to work with the FBI-Northern Connecticut Gangs Task Force, whose primary focus is narcotics and firearm trafficking investigations, and Detective Pagan is an active member of the DEA- Hartford Resident Office Task Force.
- On June 25th, the Detective Division conducted an Organized Retail Theft detail at Dick's Sporting Goods, located at 1603 Southeast Road in Newington. This was in response to nearly 30 larceny incidents that have been reported at this establishment year-to-date. The Detective Division worked with Dick's Sporting Goods Management to organize the operation. Moving forward, we would like to conduct one proactive detail per month with the Detective Division. This may include prostitution stings, drug investigations, organized retail theft details, etc.

Property Report June 2025:

Category	# of Counts	Property Value (\$)
Burned	3	\$ 16,800
Counterfeited/Forged	0	\$ 0
Damaged/Destroyed	8	\$ 20,600
Recovered	7	\$ 10,093
Seized	54	\$ 30
Stolen	64	\$ 80,343
Evidence	120	\$ 184
Found	10	\$ 1
Impounded	4	\$ 1,150
Lost	1	\$ 25
Informational	8	\$ 0
Abandoned	0	\$ 0
Vehicle Inventory	0	\$ 0
Total	289	\$ 129,226

In June, the Patrol Division report:

25-000010893

On Sunday, June 1, 2025 an officer was conducting proactive patrol in the parking lot of 2089 Berlin Turnpike (Siesta Motel). The officer observed an occupied black, 2024 black Ford Edge with dark window and dark windshield tint bearing Connecticut license plate BT89246 idling in the parking lot of the Siesta Motel. The officer observed that a white female passenger, who he identified as Stephanie Fonda, exit the passenger side of the vehicle and was briskly walking towards motel room 143. The officer immediately recognized this vehicle as a suspect vehicle in numerous larcenies across the State of Connecticut. Furthermore, this vehicle has engaged multiple agencies in a pursuit, to include Clinton Police Department on May 29th, 2025. The officer observed the vehicle immediately exit the parking lot of 2089 Berlin Turnpike and begin to head southbound on the Berlin Turnpike. The officer attempted a traffic stop as the vehicle made a U-turn in the median break to head back northbound on the Berlin Turnpike. The officer successfully deployed a StarChase GPS dart onto the vehicle due to the criminal history of the vehicle fleeing from traffic stops and being a suspect vehicle in numerous larcenies. After the officer activated his emergency lights and sirens, the suspect vehicle began accelerating at a high rate of speed northbound on the Berlin Turnpike towards the Wethersfield town line. After it became obvious that the vehicle was now engaging the officer in a pursuit and fleeing from a lawful traffic stop attempt, the officer deactivated his emergency lights and sirens and pulled over on the side of the road. The StarChase system showed global positioning in real-time, it was observed that the vehicle continued driving northbound on the Berlin Turnpike, at some points reaching speeds of 95 miles per hour. The vehicle became stationary in a driveway of 298 Park Terrace in Hartford, CT. Officers responded to the area and observed the vehicle in a parking space occupied by David Fonda in the driver's seat. Officers conducted a high risk stop and took Fonda into custody. Fonda made spontaneous utterances that the Newington Police Department had no jurisdiction in Hartford, Connecticut, and that he was illegally detained as fleeing from the police and engaging in a pursuit are traffic tickets only and that he should be only given a ticket. Fonda confirmed that he knew officers were lawfully attempting pull him over in Newington. David began kicking the door and window of the rear compartment of the marked patrol vehicle. Officers observed in plain view inside of the vehicle, a large white rock-like substance in the center console cup holder suspected to be crack cocaine. Furthermore, a glass pipe with Brillo and a white, cloudy residue was observed in plain view accompanying this white rock substance, as well as burnt Brillo pieces and a metal push rod with white residue. In the trunk which could be observe from the back window due to the vehicle being an SUV, numerous bags of suspected stolen merchandise were observed. The vast majority of these items still had the anti-theft security tags affixed to them. In total, approximately \$4,302.72 worth of suspected stolen merchandise with sales tags and anti-theft security tags attached were located inside the vehicle. David Fonda (DOB: 11/09/1983) was arrested and charged with violation of C.G.S. 21a-279(a)(3) Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Offense, 21a-267(a) Use of Drug Paraphernalia, 29-38 Illegal Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, 53a-127f Illegal Possession of Shoplifting Device, 14-223(b)** Engaging in a Pursuit and 14-222 Reckless Driving. David was transported to the Newington Police Department for booking procedures and later released on a \$15,000.00 bond.

25-000010955

On 06/02/2025 at approximately 0300 hours a patrol officer observed a Honda Accord traveling north bound on the Berlin Turnpike near Deming Street. A DMV query of the vehicle's registration plate, revealed that the registration was expired as of and the insurance information was listed as unconfirmed. A traffic stop was conducted and the operator Javier Ruiz, driving privileges were later found to be suspended and a search of his criminal history found past arrests for operating a motor vehicle while suspended. Based on the officers' observations and DMV queries, it was determined that the vehicle

would be towed from the scene due to being unregistered and uninsured, as well as Ruiz's license status. Ruiz was asked to step from the vehicle to advise him that the vehicle would be towed, for the aforementioned reasons. As Ruiz stepped from the vehicle, a glass pipe fell from his lap onto the ground. As the passenger of the vehicle, Brandy Beisel was removed from the vehicle officers observed her to have a glass pipe in the front of her pant waistline. Beisel was searched and a second pipe was recovered as well as a plastic baggie, which contained a large white rock-like substance, consistent with crack cocaine. The piece was found to weigh 1.9g. The search of the vehicle found, in the center console two small pieces of crack cocaine. The two small pieces of white rocklike substance were found to weigh 0.2g. Beisel's purse was searched and contained a large amount of narcotics, drug paraphernalia, and one hundred and one (101) wax paper baggies that contained a powder substance. A Mobile Detect Multi-Drug Test chemical reagent kit was utilized. The test kit showed a positive result for the presumptive presence of Meth/Amphetamines. I also seized a small amount of dark-colored, granular powder, believed to be PCP. Beisel's purse also contained one rectangular pill, which was found to be a Xanax, five blue pills, which were also found to be Alprazolam, and nine white pills, which were not a controlled substance. Ruiz was processed and charged with the violations of CGS 14-215: Operation of a Motor Vehicle while Suspended, 14-12(a): Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, 21a-267(a): Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 21a-279(a)(1): Possession of a Controlled Substance. Ruiz was issued a court date of 06/16/2025 at the GA-15 in New Britain, CT. Ruiz was released on a \$5,000.00 bond. Beisel was processed and charged with the violations of CGS four counts (for the possession of crack cocaine, Meth/Amphetamines, PCP and medications that were controlled substances) of 21a-279(a)(2): Possession of a Controlled Substance, 21a-267(a): Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 21a-257(a): Failure to Keep Narcotics/Prescriptions in the Original Container and two counts (for the 1.9g of crack cocaine and the 101 wax paper baggies containing Meth/Amphetamines) of 21a-277(a)(1): Possession of Narcotics with the Intent to Sell. She was held on a \$50,000.00 bond.

25-000011117

On 6/4/2025 at approximately 0236 hours, officers responded to the area of IHOP, located at 3280 Berlin Turnpike, for the report of a male who located his vehicle that he had reported stolen to the New Britain Police Department earlier in the night. Newington PD Dispatch further reported the vehicle to be a black 2004 Ford Crown Victoria sedan with the offenders still occupying the vehicle. Newington PD Dispatch advised officers that the complainant was standing by in the nearby LOWES parking lot. Prior to officer's arrival NPD dispatch confirmed the vehicle was listed as a File 01 with New Britain Police Department. Arriving officers positioned a marked police cruiser directly in front of the vehicle to keep the vehicle from fleeing. A male occupant in the driver's seat was detained and identified as Neftali Irizarry. Irizarry was subsequently placed under arrest. Neftali was charged with violating Connecticut General Statutes 53a-119c Larceny of a Motor Vehicle 1st Offense, 53a-119b(a) Use of a Motor Vehicle Without Permission, and 53a-125a Larceny in the Fifth Degree. Neftali was held on a \$20,000 bond.

25-000011629

On 6/11/2025 at approximately 0226 hours, officers entered the parking lot area of the Carrier Motor Lodge, located at 2660 Berlin Turnpike in Newington, CT which is known for extensive criminal activity from drug/human trafficking to stolen vehicles. While in the lot, officers observed a black Ford F-150 pickup truck, backed into a space with no front plate displayed. The vehicle was occupied with a female in the driver's seat. Officer suspected the vehicle could have been stolen. A hotel staff member confirmed officers' suspicions and asked if we were there for the black pickup truck. The staff member elaborated and said she thought the vehicle was "off" and did observe the vehicle travel the wrong way, southbound in northbound lanes, on Berlin Turnpike. Officers made contact with female in the driver's seat and identified her as Bianca Carrion. Carrion was cooperative and admitted she was sitting in the vehicle to smoke marijuana. A backup officer located at the passenger side door advised he saw we he believed to

be a firearm in the seat directly next to Carrion, inside of a black small backpack that was unzipped. Carrion was secured and explained that the "pistol" was her husband's (Ivan) and that it was legally registered to him. Carrion said she had it with her for protection because of the area she was in. Carrion admitted she just had the firearm with her in the parking lot for her safety. Carrion clarified she intentionally had the weapon in the vehicle and advised the firearm was loaded with 8 bullets. Carrion was arrested and charged in violation of C.G.S. 29-38 Weapons in a Motor Vehicle and 29-35(a)(1) Carrying Pistol without Permit and was released on a \$10,000 bond.

In June, the Support Services report:

- The Support Services Division continues to play a large role in the operations of the Police Department in the areas of recruitment, hiring, training, accreditation, records, communications, public information, and community engagement.
- Sergeant LaChance continues to assist with accreditation, body worn cameras, and video requests.
- Sergeant D'Esposito continues to assure that every sworn member meets the standards for yearly training requirements.
- Lieutenant Amalfi continues to work towards accreditation for the Police Department. The next step is "proofing" Tier 1 standards. These proofs are due in 2026.
- Chief Perry, Lieutenant Amalfi, Sergeant Lachance have continued meetings in regards to the roofing and HVAC project.
- The Police Department took part in the Special Olympics Torch Run.
- Master Police Officer Rinaldo gave a safety presentation to the Newington camp counselors before camp season starts.
- Lieutenant Amalfi attended planning meetings for "Public Safety Day" which was ultimately canceled due to weather.
- Sergeant D'Esposito assisted with the 1033 LESO inspection of the MRAP.
- The Newington Police Department Communication Center had the Universal Power System (UPS) replaced. This project took several days of planning due to parts of dispatch being shut down. Dispatcher Garuti utilized the Wethersfield Police Department to dispatch during this project.
- Lieutenant Amalfi, Sergeant LaChance, and Sergeant D'Esposito held two separate entry level oral boards for multiple candidates. Some of those candidates have moved on in the hiring process.
- The Police Department assisted with a raffle prize for a student at Anna Reynolds Elementary School. A student won a prize where the police give her a ride to school. Sergeant Benham provided the ride to school.
- Members of the Command Staff and Sergeants attended a leadership conference at the Aqua Turf.
- Lieutenant Amalfi had a meeting with the town attorneys regarding a new contract for the tow companies we use at the police department.
- The Support Service Division readied the Newington Police Department for electronic paperwork submission to court. At this time, court is not ready for the Police Department to submit electronic paperwork.
- Community Services has continued to engage with the community through the use of Facebook, Instagram, and Atlas One.
- Lieutenant Amalfi and Michael Gribauskas has started the process to properly dispose of all overtime and time off paperwork from 1990 through 2021.

- Sergeant LaChance is actively involved several days a week in coordination with the radio project. Sergeant LaChance is the project manager for the entire town.
- Sergeant LaChance is actively involved several days a week in coordination with implementing the License Plate Reader System.
- Officer Casasanta and K-9 Ray continue to supplement patrol.
- In the month of June, the Police Department had 43 body camera video requests from court. There were 9 Freedom of Information body worn camera video request from civilians. Freedom of Information requests take an exorbitant amount of time to fulfill due to the mandatory redaction process. Every second of each video must be reviewed to assure the proper data is redacted, so if a hour long event is captured by four officer's body worn camera and in-cruiser camera, a review of this event would take 32 hours.
- Master Police Officer Buggee who is our School Resource Officer attended two sessions of the Juvenile Review Board and one session of the Youth Adult Council.
- Animal Control Officer Sawallich impounded 6 dogs and 1 cat. She investigated 90 complaints this month.

Police Department Overtime Report June 2025

OT May	\$	80,420	2 pay periods
OT June	\$	167,843	2.64 pay periods (thru June 30)
	\$	87,423	Increase over May

- Applications continued to be received and testing continues for Police Officer vacancies. May finishes with 5 officer positions vacant (4 Patrol, 1 support Services – CSO). Three recruits are in the New Britain Police Academy and 1 officer is in NPD's FTO program. The Chief's Administrative Assistant position was filled. This report includes 2.64 pay periods (through June 30).
- Administrative overtime of \$3,895, an increase of \$3,895 from the previous month. Overtime was created by one holiday (\$1,145) and special assignments.
- Patrol overtime of \$119,659, an increase of \$71,635 from the previous month. Overtime included one holiday (\$14,000), the filling of shifts for time off (vacation, sick, earned time) and for vacancies requiring overtime to fill them. Overtime was created for holding over to complete cases/reports and casework which included: domestics, motor vehicle accidents, larcenies, special details, warrant service, subpoenas, juvenile review board, DUI reports, traffic stops, MSARS call out, court, evidence review, and other related duties.
- Detective Division overtime of \$12,206, an increase of \$9,255 from the previous month. Overtime included drug investigations, surveillance, arrest warrants, background investigations, and scene investigation.
- Traffic Division overtime of \$502, a decrease of \$467. Communications overtime of \$13,454, an increase of \$5,948 from the previous month. Overtime included one holiday (\$2,500) and the filling of shifts for time off (vacation, sick, earned time).
- Educational overtime of \$15,141, a decrease of \$4,020 from the previous month. Overtime included the coverage of shifts for officers attending training or classes including: Recert classes, MSARS, K9, CREST negotiator, and Defensive Tactics.

- Support Services overtime of \$2,733 an increase of \$1,118 from the previous month. Overtime included attendance at meetings, motor vehicle accident call out, and Honor Guard participation.
- Animal Control overtime of \$253, an increase of \$59 from the previous month. Overtime included late calls. This will be the last month that this service and salary will be split with Wethersfield.

SENIOR AND DISABLED CENTER

- The Center was open daily from 8:30am – 4:30pm and was busy with daily activities and special June programs including: a discussion on senior living options, a summer trivia contest.
- A discussion on nutrition and lung disease, a remote tour of the Bushnell, a discussion of Medicaid and veteran's benefits, a program on effective listening, and a dementia simulation program, bingo, plus many other classes and activities, all well-attended
- Program Coordinator Barbara Womer held the first Prime Time Monday evening program: Acoustic Blend, Crossing Musical Boundaries featuring husband and wife musician duo Handler & Levesque. Over 50 members attended this inaugural evening event. The Center will continue to offer evening programs on the Third Monday of every month.
- Staff and Commission members held input/feedback session, on April 2, in which about 40 members provided over 250 suggestions, program ideas and feedback Staff is using the feedback to create and prioritize long and short-term goals at the Center (in progress).
- The volunteer gift shop went on summer break in late May and will resume operations at the end of June. Coffee shop sales were \$1,183 for the month.
- ARPA-funded projects in-progress or completed in June include the purchase and distribution of ADA paratransit tickets and Lyft ride cards, for qualifying members to use for medical transportation.
- The Trip Committee is planning for 2025 trips. So far, there are trips planned to: A St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Aqua Turf, an Elvis tribute show at Villa Louisa, Waitress the musical at the Majestic Theater, and a Summer Breeze trip to Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven.
- We continue to offer weekly telephone-based programs such as Boggle, mediation, and bingo. When possible, we provide speaker programs and lectures in a hybrid format via Zoom. The weekly robocalls to members with updates about the Center, the community, and other important information remain popular.
- The in-person congregate lunch program operates Monday – Friday. A crew of 4-5 volunteers serve hot lunches to an average of 30-50 members daily.
- In June, Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered a hot, balanced meal to an average of 63 clients Monday through Friday. Recipients are eligible to receive weekend meals if requested. Volunteers deliver an average of 1,200 meals per month. There are currently 23 Meals on Wheels drivers who volunteer weekly or on-call. Meals are provided along four routes, with an average of 13 deliveries per route each day.
- During the month of June, the DAR drivers (with subs as necessary) completed 590 trips for 2,264 miles and 257.25 hours.
- The Giving Garden is open for the season, with a team of 5-8 volunteers planning and tending to the all-organic garden. The crops produced from the garden benefit the Human Services Food Bank.
- The Director met with the Commission on Aging and Disability on June 2. Topics of discussion included the CRT/nutrition program shortage, member input, center operations, fundraising and programming. The Commission voted to waive the membership fees for the upcoming fiscal year, and accepting donations in lieu of the fees. The Commission has done so since the 2020-21 fiscal year, and as a result, voluntary donations have exceeded expected membership fees for the year.
- In June, The Director attended a CIP project steering meeting with Town staff on, two Town Center study planning meetings and department head meetings, meetings with the grant writers, among others.

TOWN CLERK

- There were 72 property transfers during the month of June for a total of \$18,323,435.00 in sales. State conveyance tax collected was \$141,501.52; Town conveyance tax collected was \$45,808.59.
- There were 21 residential sales over \$400,000.
- Two commercial sales: one for \$440,000 at 548 New Britain Avenue from Deschamps Inc to Richi & Nishi LLC; \$700,000 at 2585 Berlin Turnpike from Richard T. Weiner to Connecticut Commercial Real Estate LLC.
- There were 498 documents filed on the land records: 97 mortgages, 144 liens, 100 releases, 24 probate documents. 101 documents were electronically recorded for \$11,234.75 in Revenue.
- Staff certified 200 copies of vital records, and issued 21 burial permits and 14 cremation permits. Seventeen marriage licenses were issued.
- June is “dog license renewal month” – 1,469 dog licenses and 2 kennel licenses were issued to residents. Congratulations to our winners for the Perfect Pooch Contest: Marco Belliveau, Abby Woods & Rex Giarratana. The winners received tag numbers 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and a Giftbag, including some goodies from Hounds & Home at 1042 Main Street.
- Three liquor permit were put on record and six notary public commissions were catalogued.
- The office issued 31 dump passes on behalf of the Highway Department.

DATA SUMMARY June 2025				
	June-24	June-25	FY23/24 to Date	FY24/25 to Date
Land Record Documents	443	498	4,323	4,186
Dog Licenses Sold	1,285	1,469	2,063	2,368
Game Licenses Sold	40	46	377	414
Vital Statistics				
Marriages	10	27	173	250
Death Certificates	31	47	383	428
Birth Certificates	20	20	268	260
Total General Fund Revenue	\$ 59,348.03	\$ 66,331.94	\$ 679,449.06	\$ 760,614.13
Town Document Preservation	\$ 1,108.00	\$ 1,294.00	\$ 13,569.00	\$ 13,534.00
State Document Preservation	\$ 1,976.00	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 26,392.00	\$ 25,112.00
State Treasurer (\$36 fee)	\$ 8,784.00	\$ 10,944.00	\$ 116,316.00	\$ 108,576.00
State Treasurer (\$127 fee)	\$ 3,175.00	\$ 2,794.00	\$ 42,164.00	\$ 41,529.00
State Treasurer (\$110 fee)	\$ 4,070.00	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 41,140.00	\$ 45,540.00
LoCIP	\$ 732.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 9,693.00	\$ 9,048.00
State Game Licenses	\$ 248.00	\$ 277.00	\$ 1,849.00	\$ 1,989.00
State Dog Licenses	\$ 6,904.00	\$ 7,966.00	\$ 12,892.50	\$ 14,133.00
Dog Licenses Surcharge	\$ 2,848.00	\$ 3,246.00	\$ 4,758.00	\$ 5,432.00
Marriage Surcharge	\$ 306.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 3,298.00	\$ 4,148.00
Grand Total	\$ 89,499.03	\$ 100,962.94	\$ 951,520.56	\$ 1,029,655.13

TOWN ENGINEER

Permits:

- Reviewed 0 contractor license applications (bond/insurance/agreement)
- Reviewed and approved permits: 20
 - Excavation: 2
 - Driveways: 18
- Reviewed utility clearance notifications (routine & emergency): 169

Meetings:

Represented the Town/Department at:

- CRCOG transportation committee monthly meeting
- TON economic development meeting (engineering, planning, building, fire marshal, assessor)
- Town Council Meeting(s), as requested
- Conservation Commission monthly meeting
- TON CIP/budget, Planning and Zoning meeting(s), as requested
- Eversource/CL&P planning/construction meeting(s), as requested
- MDC planning/construction meeting(s), as requested
- CNG planning/construction meeting(s), as requested
- DOT planning/coordination meeting(s), as requested
- Project meeting(s) with residents, businesses, developers and engineers/architects, and other Town departments as requested
- Storm Resilience Public Information meeting held in New Britain and run by CIRCA (a UConn institute). We have been active with this collaboration with CRCOG and our neighbors.
- Regional Stormwater Authority advisory committee – Feasibility Study meeting.
- Others as required.

Site Plan Review and project Monitoring: Reviewed plans and calculations for conformance with the Town of Newington Planning & Zoning Commission and monitor project progress.

Reviewed site plans and projects that are still ongoing:

- 712 Cedar Street – Punch list and developer bond work remaining.
- 3333 Berlin Turnpike –Punch list and bond items
- 77-93 Pane Road –Developer bond posted for punch list items
- 227 Pane Road – Developer bond posted for punch list items
- 35-67-69 Culver Street –Project in early-stage construction, permit for first building issued.
- Rock Hole Lane subdivision – Project progressed to gas and electric utilities, MDC water and sewer main work complete. Preparing to place the binder course for the road, developer's engineer notified to provide documentation for subgrade depth and material suitability.
- 101 Cedarwood – under construction, MDC issues with the cul de sac
- 680 N. Mountain Road – Site plan review, project pending application to TPZ.
- 60 Prospect Street – Site plan review, drainage approved, project idle.
- 2176-2180 Berlin Turnpike – Site plan review, project idle
- 1170 Main Street (Keeney Bldg) – Building for sale, project status unknown.
- Peckham Farm Drive subdivision - Plot plan review as needed
- 161 Carr Ave – under construction, site monitoring
- 200 Church Street – under construction
- 67 Pane Road – Developer bond posted for punch list items.
- 250 Cedarwood – subdivision review, on hold by owner.
- Kitts Lane – Completed Conservation Commission, approved. Next step, TPZ.

- 280 Hartford Ave. – approved by CC, moved to TPZ.
- 1 Myra Cohen Way (FKA 690 Cedar Street) – in construction.

Public Works: Assessed, investigated and inspected infrastructure (roads, parking lots, bridges, curb, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lights, dams, drainage, stone walls) throughout town.

Engineering:

- Assisted public (residents, developers, contractors, realtors, title searchers, etc.) with Town engineering data (GIS, maps, etc.), ordinances, engineering procedures, building/property addresses, etc.
- Assisted public (residence and businesses) with drainage/flooding concerns and inspected portions of drainage system.
- Coordinated with MDC/CNG/ Eversource (CL&P) regarding utility projects in Newington
- Coordinated with CDOT regarding state projects in Newington, PIM held for Cedar Street sidewalk project.
- Coordinated with MDC regarding sewage service, water service, CWP, and road restoration
- Research and provide engineering data to defend TON against lawsuits, as needed
- Parks Garage boundary and limited topographic survey field work complete for Facilities feasibility study. Sent to the architect. Completed project.
- Transfer station boundary and limited topographic survey field work complete for DEEP leaf composting permit. CAD drawing provided to consultant, Town to provide boundary map. Completed project.
- Facilities – Survey of old firehouse #3 at 2 Chapman Street, field work complete, survey drawing in progress. Draft plan under review.
- Beginning survey field work for two potential tower sites for the new emergency communications tower.
- Survey of Firehouse #4.

Town Projects - Construction:

- Public Works (LOTICIP 2018): Complete Street Project - Robbins Avenue and Maple Hill Avenue, now in close out phase, minor additional work expected. Final items for traffic signal at Willard installed, 30-day test period to run until July 5th. Previously stated completion date of June 5th, DOT considers that the start date. Acceptance delayed by automobile accident that hit the signal control cabinet.
- Public Works: Annual sidewalk replacement program
- Public Works: Annual mill and overlay program
- Public Works: Annual sidewalk grinding program
- Town Hall parking lot EVCS conduit and base installation complete, EV Stations waiting for the Eversource transformer. When that is installed NEC will install the charging station pedestals.
- Mill Pond Bridge installed, grant close out in progress.
- Alumni Road right in right out island constructed, gate removed. Final work underway, completion expected by end of June.
- Garfield Street project expected start in early August after the Newington Extravaganza. This project incorporated several other smaller projects into one large project to get the work done this season.

Town Projects – Design:

- Public Works: Gilbert/Fisk Drive – Storm drainage evaluation, MDC clearing trees, evaluating their end of this issue.
- Public Works: Brookside Avenue – Storm drainage evaluation, survey work done.
- Public Works: Garfield Street 2018 Community Connectivity Project – now part of the Garfield project.

- Public Works: Garfield Street mill and overlay, now part of the Garfield project.
- Public Works: 1936-1940 Main Street – Sidewalk Improvement plan – design
- Planning (CT Urban Funding Grant): Elm Hill Business District Streetscape – New Britain Ave – conceptual design, public input. Survey work in progress.
- Planning: North End Business District Streetscape – Hartford-Stoddard Ave – Concept plans complete, moving toward 90% design, survey for final design in progress.
- Public Works: drainage improvements: Parker Street neighborhood, determine scope of work.
- Parks: ADA accessible route for new playground at Candlewyck Park, survey complete, site design and plans complete.
- Cedarwood storm drainage – failed piping, priority. Plans complete, project funding TBD.
- Culver/Cobblestone drainage - failed piping, work complete.
- Public Works: LOTCIP 2020/2024 Complete Street Project - Maple Hill and Alumni Road, rescope, updated costs, PD complete, revised application to CRCOG asap.
- Public Works: Basswood sidewalks at Robbins.

Town Projects – Planning:

- Town Manager: Future Transportation Center – Conceptual Plan
- Public Works: Styles Avenue (plan and profile) – design
- Police Department: assess Dowd Avenue (No Thru Truck)
- Parks (Clem Lemire – Memorial Field) – survey and drainage improvement
- Public Works/BOE: 490 Church Street to 534 Church Street Sidewalk Gap
- Planner: Main Street, Stoddard Avenue, Hartford Avenue-Streetscape North–Parking lot layouts
- Flooding mitigation Ct. Ave at Brentwood.
- Flooding mitigation Timber Lane/Badger Field.
- Flooding mitigation North Main Street/Brookside area.
- Senior Center – Proposed replacement of the sanitary sewer lateral, result of failure of existing in January, repairs made, camera inspection pending.
- Public Works: 1537-1551 Willard Avenue – Sidewalk improvements

Town Projects – Future:

- Public Works: Rockhole Brook drainage improvements
- Public Works: Anna Reynolds Brook drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Francis Street Culvert Improvements.
- Public Works: Veterans Monument in Newington Center Green.
- Public Works: 1136-1142-1150 Schoolhouse Brook drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Main Street culvert to Mill Pond drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Timber Lane drainage and culvert improvements
- Public Works: Ct. Ave. detention pond improvements
- Public Works: Ct. Ave. detention pond improvements
- Public Works: Coles Rd. culvert replacement for hydraulic improvements.
- Public Works: Wilson Ave. culvert replacement for hydraulic improvements

Town Project - Other:

Town Grant Applications:

- Public Works: Main Street 2020 Community Connectivity Project
- Public Works (LOTICP 2020): Complete Street Project - Maple Hill Avenue and Alumni Corridor Improvements

- Town of Berlin+Newington (LOTICIP 2022): Complete Street Project – Rowley Street & Episcopal Road Corridor Improvements, managed by Berlin.
- Public Works: CTDEEP VW Settlement – EV charging stations grant (\$70k)
- Public Works: Eversource Rebate – EV charging stations (\$20k)
- NCRS Watershed Program – Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report phase
- SS4A with CRCOG
- Locip for flooding projects thru CT. OPM
- STEAP Grant application for Mill Pond Dam Pedestrian Bridge
- WRDA 24 application for regional flooding associated with the Mill Brook/Piper Brook and Webster Brook watersheds.
- RAISE grant via CRCOG with Wethersfield and Berlin, funding in limbo.
- CDS grant – Candlewyck playground, Holly Drive area, funding not approved.

Town Project: Managed consultant projects:

- Public Works: inspect bridges under 20 feet long (arch/box/pipe) culvert (GM2)
- Public Works: Kelsey Street & Christian Lane traffic signal improvements (VHB)
- Engineering: Updating sidewalk specification (WMC)