An aerial photograph of a large farm complex. The central area is dominated by numerous red barns and buildings with white roofs, arranged in a somewhat circular or rectangular pattern. A large, multi-story red building with a white roof is a prominent feature. The farm is surrounded by green fields, some of which are planted with crops like corn. In the foreground, there is a large, brown, tilled field. A road with a few cars is visible at the bottom of the frame. The overall scene is a well-maintained agricultural facility.

Ellington

2004-2005

Valley Farms 1973-2005

Ellington Town Report 2004-2005

Winterfest 2004

On December 4, 2004, Ellington had its first Winterfest with tree lighting, musical performances, Santa Claus and a torchlight parade. The Hall Memorial Library and Nellie McKnight Museum also took part in this festivity. Several town organizations, churches, schools and businesses offered holiday programs throughout the day.



Santa's Helpers Caroline Gresh and Owen Kloter



Ellen Karadimas, Dennis Milanovich and Ted Graziani



A crowd of people gather at the Town Green to celebrate.



Visitors observe the Festival of Trees at Hall Memorial Library.



The Better Age Singers perform at the Hall Memorial Library.



A Town Fire Truck was brightly decorated for the parade.

Front Cover

This farm along Route 83 in Ellington was originally built by the Belding family of Rockville then acquired by the Agway Research Center in the late 1940's. It was then bought by the Edwin Aberle Turkey Farm around 1965. From 1973 until 2005, Valley Farms has been owned by Ben, Jim and Roger Moser. The land has now been excavated for the construction a shopping plaza.

2005 Wall of Honor Recipient
MILDRED ARENS DIMOCK

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Dear Ellington Residents:

This report covering the activities of your Town government for the years 2004-05 presents only a snapshot view of what has happened in the past fiscal year. As in the past, government's responsibilities have grown along with our population. The cost of providing services continues to rise along with the taxpayer resistance to provide more money. Regrettably, there is no simple solution to this problem.

We, on the Board of Finance, have had to make many difficult decisions in this past year, some of which may have caused individuals or groups to suffer losses of services previously provided. None of these actions by the Board were taken lightly or without long consideration by the members. Our objective has always been to provide as many programs as revenue permits while keeping a sound fiscal position for the entire town.

In this new year we have already faced huge increases in energy costs for the school and town operations as well as a new round of building additions and renovations to the schools. The pressures to add services are never ending, but the ability or willingness to fund such undertakings is not keeping up with the demand.

Despite these difficulties, we have continued to move Ellington forward, providing efficient, cost effective services to all of our citizens. We have asked all Town departments to operate as cost-effectively as possible while keeping our high level of customer service. All of our employees have doubled their efforts to keep costs down as well as possible.

We are, however, running out of ways to reinvent the wheel. If population growth continues at its present rate and the demand for services and educational needs explodes as it has in the past, we will have to change our concept of what local government looks like and revisit the methods of financing education.

The Board will be working with the Charter Revision Commission to suggest possible changes that will streamline services and help eliminate duplication and waste in Town operations.

Our total budget is now over \$37.2 million, most of which comes from local taxpayers. We will endeavor to spend it as wisely as possible while keeping services and standards at the same high level as in the past.

We again wish to acknowledge and thank all of our local volunteers who serve in every area of government. Without these people, our difficult job would be impossible, and we encourage every one to join them in keeping Ellington a wonderful place to live.

Robert K. Pagani, Chairman

October 4, 2005

Richard J. Cleary
Robert J. Clements
Vaughn E. Gerber
Mark A. Joyse
Barry C. Pinto

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General Government Administration

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Selectmen:

Standing left to right: Peter J. Charter, Michael P. Stupinski, Mark D. Leighton, A. Leo Miller
Seated left to right: Nancy O. Way, Dennis C. Milanovich - First Selectman,
Dennis W. Frawley - Deputy First Selectman

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Selectmen met at least once each month in the Town Hall. There were a total of thirteen regular meetings and seven special meetings. The Board of Selectmen met in joint session with the Board of Finance on two occasions. Seven public hearings were held. The Board of Selectmen called eight town meetings including the annual budget town meeting. Per Town Charter, three additional subsequent annual town budget meetings were held. All these meetings were duly warned and tape recorded with the minutes being filed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. The following are some of the primary items addressed by the Board of Selectmen during fiscal year 2004-05:

AGREEMENTS

- Approved agreement between the State of CT for sharing cost of the revision of traffic control signal at Route 83 & Lower and Middle Butcher Roads.
- Ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement for Ellington Police Department.
- Approved Mutual Aid Agreement for Building Officials with Towns of Stafford and Somers.

CONTRACTS

- Awarded contract for Town Website to Computer Company, Inc. of West Hartford.
- Renewed contract for Computer Service/Maintenance Contract with Fuss & O'Neill Technologies, LLC.
- Approved Braceland Center for Mental Health and Aging as vendor for Needs Assessment for Senior Housing and Social Services.
- Awarded contract to Homestead Fuel for CLFD furnace replacement.
- Awarded contract to 4-Guys for CLFD 2,000 gallon, 6-man cab engine tanker.

- Awarded contract for FY 2004-05 Small Cities Application Preparation and Program Administration to Community Opportunities Group, Inc.
- Renewed Resident State Police Contract 7/1/05 - 6/30/07

EQUIPMENT

- Approved purchase of CLFD 2,000 gallon, 6-man cab engine tanker, also approved at Town Meeting.

FINANCES

- Set Trash Collection Fee at \$88/each residential unit.
- Recommended to BOF Capital Improvements Budget for 2005-06, net amount of \$928,250
- Approved FY 2003-2004 Year-end Transfers
- Sent 2005-2006 budget sum of \$38,323,391 to Annual Town Budget Meeting on May 10, 2005 which was adjourned to and failed at referendum held on May 18, 2005.
- Per Town Charter, Subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on May 25, 2005 to consider a budget sum of \$37,682,753 which was adjourned to and failed at referendum on June 1, 2005.
- Per Town Charter, Subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on June 8, 2005 to consider a budget sum of \$37,682,753 which was adjourned to and failed at referendum on June 15, 2005.
- Per Town Charter, Subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on June 22, 2005 to consider a budget sum of \$37,240,753 which was adjourned to and approved at referendum on June 29, 2005.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Authorized First Selectman to apply for CT Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in amount not to exceed \$500,000 which was granted and accepted at Town Meeting.
- Authorized First Selectman to apply for grant for historic document preservation.

ORDINANCES

- Recommended new ordinance to Adopt Part I of Code of Town of Ellington which was approved at Town Meeting.

POLICY

- Adopted Policy Statement on Safety.
- Accepted Fire Watch for Public Assemblies Policy Statement, as recommended by the Fire Marshal.

PROPERTY

- Accepted donation of property on White Road from Johnson Memorial Hospital.
- Approved expansion of the Senior Center.
- Approved purchase of two parcels of land located on Porter Road, Assessor map 144-004 and 144-005, a total of 53.8 acres in the amount of \$107,600 (44% reimbursed by State grant) for open space, also approved at Town Meeting.
- Approved purchase of parcel of land located on Porter Road, Assessor map 144-088-0001, a total of 5.2 acres in the amount of \$9,000 (44% reimbursed by State grant) for open space.
- Approved purchase of parcel of land located on Porter Road, Assessor Map 144-010-0000, approximately 9.5 acres in the amount of \$16,000 (44% reimbursed by State grant) for open space.
- Approved purchase of parcel of land located on Porter Road, Assessor Map 124-002-0000, approximately 18.34 acres in the amount of \$35,000 (44% reimbursed by State grant) for open space, also approved at Town Meeting.

ROADS

- Accepted portion of School House Road, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Accepted roads and right-of-ways for Gasek Farms Subdivision, Phase I.
- Accepted conveyance of portion of land to be added to Tripp Road, Eagle Estates Subdivision.

STAFF

- Upgraded Leonard Descheneaux Assistant Working Foreman (WPCA)
- Upgraded Jason Suchecki from Laborer II to Maintenance I (DPW)
- Recognized Allan Lawrence, Fire Marshal, for 25 years of service.
- Recognized Maureen O'Neil, Administrative Secretary II, for 20 years of service.
- Recognized Rosario Raia, DPW Crew Chief, for 20 years of service.
- Recognized Cynthia Lacapruca, Town Clerk, for 10 years of service.
- Kristin Michaud, Administrative Secretary II - granted permanent status.
- Accepted resignation of Lori Colbert, Deputy Tax Collector.
- Granted permanent status to Kevin Gambacorta.
- Upgraded Diane Lasher-Penti from Youth Services Worker to Youth Services Director.
- Appointed James York as Life Safety Code Inspector.
- Hired Ann Marie Conti as Deputy Tax Collector.
- Accepted resignation of John Rachek from the Board of Finance.
- Accepted resignation of Richard Kalva, Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- Granted permanent status to Ann Marie Conti, Deputy Tax Collector.
- Hired Robert Phillips as the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- Approved hiring of summer day camp and waterfront staff.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Accepted resignation of Michael P. Scudieri from the Board of Finance.
- Accepted resignation of Sheila Frawley from the Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors.
- Appointed Miriam Underwood to the Hall Memorial Library Board of Directors to fill an unexpired Democratic 12/5/05.
- Appointed Richard Cleary to Board of Finance to fill unexpired Republican term to 12/5/05.
- Accepted resignation of Richard Cleary from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Appointed Duane Zahner to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill unexpired Republican term to 12/5/05.
- Accepted resignation of Alfred Francis from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Appointed Adam LaFleche to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill unexpired Democratic term to 12/5/05.
- Accepted resignation of Margaret Weekes, Registrar of Voters.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Inducted Charles and Emma Batz as the Wall of Honor Recipients for 2004.
- Adopted resolution regarding Sr. Center Endowment Fund/Committee.
- Adopted resolution to appropriate \$2,000,000 for installation of sanitary sewers to service the airport area, (\$500,000 of which is reimbursable through State grant) which was approved at Town Meeting.
- Agreed to be sponsor to the Ellington Community Forum on the CT Metropatterns Report.
- Approved application for regatta permit for the Crystal Lake Sailing Club.
- Established Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House.
- Established Ad Hoc Committee to study and investigate property tax relief for elderly/disabled.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Drug Abuse Prevention Council.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Youth Services Advisory Board.
- Re-established the Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee.
- Re-established Ad Hoc Design Review Board.

BOARD OF FINANCE

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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



Board of Finance:

Standing left to right: Richard J. Cleary, Robert J. Clements, Mark A. Joyce

Seated left to right: Robert Pagani - Chairman, Vaughn E. Gerber (Barry Pinto missing)

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hold public hearings from January through March on submitted departmental budgets.
- Hold the annual Budget hearing in April.
- Deliberate and approve a completed budget for taxpayer approval.
- Upon budget approval by taxpayers, the Board sets the mill rate.
- Authorize/deny expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts.
- Authorize/deny the issuance of Municipal Bonds.
- Monitor town revenues and expenditures on monthly basis.
- Interview and engage the outside auditing firm.
- Prepare the Annual Town Report.
- Provide fiscal expertise to other town boards and agencies.
- Observe and consult in labor contract negotiations.
- Represent the town's financial position in contract arbitration hearings.

TOWN ASSESSOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The primary responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to compile the Grand List, the record of all taxable and tax-exempt property. This is accomplished by identifying and placing value on all of the property located in the Town of Ellington as of October 1st of each year. Our objective is to ensure that all property is assessed equitably in accordance with applicable law so that every property owner bears the appropriate share of the total property tax burden. Accomplishment of this requires uniform assessments within each category of property. Real Estate assessments are 70% of the market value as established by the October 1, 2000 revaluation. Motor Vehicle assessments are 70% of retail market value as of October 1st of each year. Business Personal Property assessments are 70% of original cost less depreciation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Implementation of the October 1, 2004 Grand List
- Began the Revaluation project – to be completed for the October 1, 2005 Grand List
- Developed the Assessor's web page for the Town's website
- Updated the GIS parcel base layer and property maps

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

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

TAX BASE

Grand List Totals	10/01/02	10/01/03	10/01/04
Real Estate	595,557,980	620,742,350	642,010,604
Personal Property	24,539,456	26,213,885	28,417,231
Motor Vehicle	<u>81,360,531</u>	<u>80,683,395</u>	<u>89,508,166</u>
TOTAL	\$701,457,967	\$727,639,630	\$759,936,001

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

In accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut (Inspection Sec. 7-14) "an inspection of the Land Records of each municipality in this state must be done annually." The Land Records Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of one year, which commences in September.

The Land Records documents prepared by the Town Clerk's office have been inspected for the period from January 2004 through December 2004. The corrections and certification has been completed and sent to the Public Records Administrator.

TOWN ENGINEER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Office accomplished or assisted in the following projects:

- Continue implementation of new accounting system
- Assisted in administration of Small Cities grants
- Oversee Information Technology
- Bonding Resolution-Airport Area Sewers \$2,000,000
- Bonding Resolution-Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department 2,000 gallon 6-man cab engine tanker \$335,000
- Complete financing of Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department engine tanker
- Invited to be a presenter at the Hanson's 18th Annual International User Group Conference on the town's new accounting system

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- Development of Finance Office web page
- Town Audit Report & Financial statements as of June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2003
- Budget Information for Fiscal Year 2005-06

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

- Bid-Crystal Lake School Roof Repair (7/01/04)
- Bid-Sale of Town vehicles and equipment
- Bid-Crystal Lake Fire Tank

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

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

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

- Ellington High School and Center School projects
- Windermere School Addition project
- Project accounting
- Grant reimbursements

TAX COLLECTOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of the real estate, motor vehicle, personal property taxes, water assessments, trash collection fees, sewer assessments, and sewer use charges. The fundamental objective is to achieve the highest collection rate efficiently.

HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Current Collections	\$20,444,622	\$21,985,718	\$23,853,273
Back Collections	204,266	183,735	275,065
Interest & Liens	149,702	176,675	170,131
Collection Rate	98.5%	98.6%	98.8%

During the month of June 2004, 20,281 bills were mailed for the October 2003 Grand List. In December of 2004, 2,742 supplemental motor vehicle bills were sent to people who purchased cars between October 2, 2004 and August 1, 2005.

At the Town Meeting for the FY 2005-2006 Budget Year, it was approved to continue to split the tax bills in excess of \$600 into two payments. Having the split at \$600 has decreased delinquencies, especially individuals who move away before they pay the second half, and leasing companies. This increase will further reduce delinquencies and will also avoid confusion on the supplemental bills when taxpayers assume they do not have to pay the second half. Delinquent motor vehicles taxes are reported to the State of Connecticut's Motor Vehicles Department, which prevents residents from renewing their registration.

Once you are delinquent, you lose the privilege of two installments and must pay in full all MV bills by name to receive motor vehicle clearance. If it is after October 1 date, the 2006 MV bills can be included for payment. Bad checks are charged \$20, and only cash is acceptable in the future. If you do not receive a tax bill, it is your responsibility to inquire and obtain your information.

We have also filed UCC Liens with the State of Connecticut for unpaid personal property taxes. Tax Liens have been filed for unpaid real estate and sewer user charges, which secure the Town's interest.

Besides tax revenues, the Tax Department also collects sewer user charges, trash user fees, sewer assessments, and water assessments. This results in six separate monthly cycles of preparation, billing and collection.

Delinquent collections require additional staff time and resources. Other venues of collection are being used, such as tax sales, foreclosures, and tax warrants.

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

TOWN CLERK

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The duties and responsibilities of the Town Clerk's Office are numerous and varied, most of which are governed by State Statute, others by Town Charter and the Board of Selectmen. The State Statute governs duties and responsibilities of the Office of Vital Statistics.

Responsibilities and duties include (but are not limited to) the following.

- Recording documents related to real estate transactions
- Collection of conveyance taxes
- Filing and maintaining maps, trade names, liquor permits, military discharges, and Notary Public Certificates
- Posting notices of meetings and for filing minutes and notices received from various Boards and Commissions, as required by the Freedom of Information Laws
- Preparation of all election material including ballots for all elections, primaries, referenda and the issuing of all absentee ballots
- Registration of voters and accepts applications for voters wishing to change their party affiliation
- Issuance of marriage licenses, burial, cremation and transit permits and certifies copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates.
- Annual registration of dogs
- Sale of Sportsman Licenses
- Aircraft Registration Official
- Records and prepares minutes of Town Meetings

All Town Meeting Minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk also serves as accepting agent for civil actions brought against the Town and is responsible for processing claims and suits submitting them to the Town Attorney, Selectmen, insurance carrier, and the department involved.

SUMMARY	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Births	132	120	127
Marriages	106	92	76
Deaths	68	66	76
Land Record Recordings	5098	5094	3891
Map Filings	84	86	100
Trade Names	39	46	40
Dog Licenses	1939	1975	1884
Kennel Licenses	6	5	9
Sportsman Licenses	1273 (2003)	1121 (2003)	1297 (2004)
Liquor Permits	18	16	12
Veterans Discharges	41	43	56
Cemetery Deeds	53	30	38

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

The Town Charter states that the Town Attorney "shall appear for and protect the rights of the town in all actions, suits, or procedures brought by or against it" and "shall serve as the legal advisor of the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman and all town officers, agencies, boards or commissions in all matters affecting the town".

In connection with these duties I have, upon request of the various boards, commissions, and staff, drafted and reviewed contracts, bid packages, agreements, deeds, ordinances, resolutions, and easements. Legal opinions regarding various matters which affect the Town have been rendered, including but not limited to procedural questions from Town Boards, questions regarding land use issues, a review of proposed age restricted zoning regulations and revised Inland Wetlands Agency regulations. I have represented the Town in real estate transactions such as the purchase of several parcels of open space land along Porter Road.

I have filed appearances in court representing the Town in all pending litigation affecting the Town either as a Plaintiff or Defendant, except for those matters which have been assigned to other attorneys. During the past year, five land use cases have been settled and withdrawn and the Town has pursued two actions to enforce its regulations. The cases presently pending in Tolland Superior Court consist of appeals of land use, one wetlands violation enforcement action and foreclosure cases initiated by the Town to collect past due taxes and fees.

A federal court case filed against the Town in 2004 has been assigned by the Town's insurance carrier to an outside legal firm and is still pending. All labor and employment issues are assigned to special counsel. Claims regarding construction of school buildings have also been assigned to outside counsel.

As Town Attorney, I have received outstanding cooperation and assistance from the Town staff in all legal matters in which I have become involved. The litigation and legal issues facing the Town seem appropriate for the size of the municipality and there are no pending liability claims which in my opinion will adversely affect the financial position of the Town.

Boards, Agencies and Commissions

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

The IWA is responsible by state law to protect our inland wetlands and watercourses. Wetlands are defined by state law, and include certain soils that are poorly or very poorly drained, alluvial (found along a watercourse or water body) or are floodplain soils. Depending upon the location of the resource, the IWA regulates areas either 100 feet or 250 feet "upland" of these resources, as well as "direct" impacts to wetlands and watercourses. The IWA does this via permits for "regulated activities" and through enforcement of the regulations by field inspections, cease and desist orders, and if necessary, by fines.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The EDC plans for and promotes business development within the community, in order to increase the grand list and balance the tax burden between commercial, industrial and residential land uses. This is essential in that due to certain limitations, such as not having direct highway access, and our limited public sewer capacity and service area, Ellington does not have the range and extent of economic development options that might be available to other "cohort" communities, all of whom are competing for "clean" industry and high wage employers.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA is essentially a "court" consisting of local volunteers who "judge" applicant's claims that they cannot comply with the zoning regulations because the regulations affect their land in some unique way. This "land based hardship" can be the basis for a "variance" to be granted to the zoning regulations. If a variance is granted, the applicant does not have to comply with a specific provision of the zoning regulations. The ZBA also hears appeals from people who feel staff has made an error in interpreting and applying a provision of the zoning regulations, or if they have been denied a zoning permit from the zoning enforcement officer (the "ZEO").

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The CC was created by Charter amendment by splitting certain functions off from the inland wetland agency. By doing so, the Town created a single board that can focus on conservation planning. This includes planning for open space. The commission is advisory, and does not issue "permits" for development, rather its members make recommendations to the PZC, Board of Selectmen and others regarding planned open spaces, greenways, and similar subjects.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Snipsic Village provides safe, clean, and affordable housing primarily for the elderly.

Many thanks to the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance personnel for their promptness, efficiency and compassion in responding to the needs of residents.

The Housing Authority office is staffed Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Water Pollution Control Authority is a five-member board presently comprised of five volunteer members including Mark Spurling, Chairman, Daniel Parisi, Co-Chairman, Edward Duell, Rex Myers and Stacie Mikol.

They are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Hockanum Sewer System, the Crystal Lake Sewer System and providing direction for the future of the sewer service areas.

The Public Works Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the sewage collection system with one WPCA dedicated employee.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority has the Town Engineer, James Thompson, Buck & Buck working on the design plans to extend the public sewer to the Ellington Airport Industrial area. The extension of the public sewer will provide the essential infrastructure to 175 acres of vacant industrially zoned land for development. This project will significantly aid the development of Ellington's economic base.

The \$500,000 STEAP Grant Ellington approved by the State of Connecticut was a result of the endorsement and support of Senator LeBeau, Senator Guglielmo, and our Representative Graziani. Ellington was very fortunate to have them work in our behalf. The Ellington Airport Industrial Area public sewer extension is vital for equitable growth and the development of Ellington's tax base in the future.

The Crystal Lake Sewer System was very expensive to construct, and the semi-annual sewer use is high with only a little over 200 homes on the system to share the expenses. A new sub-division Crystal Ridge has added over 50 new homes to the Crystal Lake Public Sewer. This will help distribute the expenses over a larger base.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrars of Voters are elected officials of the town and serve for a four- year term. The current Democratic registrar is Susan Luginbuhl and the Republican registrar is Wanda Deland.

The registrars are responsible for conducting all elections, primaries and referenda. They are also responsible for maintaining the town's voter records.

There are currently 8,541 registered voters. The breakdown is as follows: 1,119 Democrats, 1,930 Republicans, 4,681 Unaffiliated and 11 others.

The Municipal Election was held on November 9th, 2004 and the budget referendums were held on May 18th, 2005, June 1st, 2005 and June 15th, 2005.

District 1 voting has resumed at Ellington High School.

Any eligible person wishing to become a registered voter or anyone needing to make corrections to their voter status can do so by mail or in person during regular business hours. Any questions can be directed to the registrar's office at (860) 870-3107.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed Projects: The High School Storage Building was completed and signed off in June of this year.
- The final work is being done on the Windermere School field irrigation system which is being funded with the remaining building project funds.
- The Committee has spent most of this fiscal year with the High School project. The High School was dedicated on May 2, 2005. There are some loose ends that the Committee is assisting the school maintenance department with through the contractor.
- At the end of this fiscal year Chairman Robert Thiesing and Vice Chairman Douglas Flamino resigned the committee. Robert Thiesing had been chairman since 1999 and Douglas Flamino had been a member 10+ years. Peter Welti was elected Chairman and Gary Magnuson, Vice Chairman, as of 7/1/05.

Anyone interested in joining the Committee may do so by contacting the First Selectman's office.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The purpose of the Board of Assessment Appeals is to hear the appeals of taxpayers who believe they have been unfairly assessed on the valuation of their real estate, personal property, or motor vehicles. The three member board, appointed by the Board of Selectman, conducts appeal hearings, researches property records relative to the complaint, conducts on-site reviews, and adjusts assessed valuation based on board determinations.

The Board conducts hearings for real estate and personal property in March, and hearings for motor vehicles are held in September.

Appeal hearing on the 2004 Grand List for real estate and personal property were conducted on March 8, 9 and 12, 2005. By February 20, 2005, the Board received 11 appeals.

Motor Vehicle appeal hearings were conducted on September 1 and September 7, 2004. The board received 10 appeals.

In January, the Board of Selectmen appointed board member Marie Bedor for another three year term.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Office of Emergency Management (Civil Preparedness) is responsible for the constant review of and adjustments to the town emergency plan as filed with the State Office of Emergency Management. This office receives and disseminates information from the State Office of Emergency Management concerning impending emergencies, such as severe weather, terrorism alerts and other situations that may affect the Town of Ellington and its citizens. The Office of Emergency Management is an independent department of the town.

HIGHLIGHTS

The completion of the high school renovations will enable us to establish a second certified EMERGENCY SHELTER for the town. We are in the process of purchasing the equipment necessary for the shelter. Once we have everything we will set a date with the AMERICAN RED CROSS to make a certification inspection sometime in the last quarter of this year.

Bio terrorism plans for a Mass Vaccination Clinic were fined tuned and sent to the state public health department for a final approval. We are working very closely with the NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT to ensure a smooth operation, should we ever have to open the clinic. NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT has been conducting training for the volunteers who are medically trained, and are participating in the operation of the clinic.

We have had several volunteers express interest in participating in the operation of the clinic, but there are many more people needed to make this a smooth operation. We are looking for people who are medically trained, people with strong administrative skills, and anyone that is interested in helping their community in a time of need. If you are interested in volunteering please call the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100 and leave your name and phone number, someone from the Office of Emergency Management will return your call to get some needed information. Training for these positions will be provided.

The Office of Emergency Management maintains and operates the Town of Ellington Emergency Operations Center from which critical town government functions are conducted during any large-scale emergency situation, maintenance of an emergency shelter of record, administration of the federally mandated Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA), Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and the provision of numerous additional services as necessary. With the completion of the renovations at Ellington High School we will have another emergency shelter of record for our citizens.

Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the State Police personnel is to protect life and property. This is done by a team consisting of a Sergeant and 4 Resident State Troopers, 9 Town Officers, 2 Marine Officers and troopers from the State Police Barracks, Troop "C" in Tolland.

The team is backed up by the entire State Police Department and its specialists which include: Major Crime Squad, Detective Division, Forensic Laboratory, Fire Marshals Division, Emergency Services Division, Narcotics Division, Canine Corps, Bomb Squad, Traffic and Truck Squads.

HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to reduce serious fatal and motor vehicle accidents Resident Troopers and Town Officers are continuing their strict enforcement policies and periodic DWI saturation patrols. Once again, the Resident Trooper's office applied for and received grants from the Department of Transportation under the Federal Highway Safety Program, which allowed for extra DWI patrols during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day and July 4th weekends.

The Town wide Crime Prevention Program continues in the community this year. We welcome new neighborhoods to contact our office for help in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program.

During the past year the Resident Troopers and Town Officers made numerous presentations to schools and civic groups regarding drug abuse, drunk driving, seatbelt safety, home and business security, careers in law enforcement and various other issues concerning public safety.

The Ellington Marine Officers continue to administer vessel safety inspections and enforcement on Crystal Lake enforcing both State Statutes and Town Ordinances that promote water safety.

Ellington's Resident Troopers and Town Officers will continue to give the citizens of Ellington the most professional service possible.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Criminal Cases Investigated	295	270	262
Motor Vehicle Investigations	265	252	210
Motor Vehicle Arrests/Warnings	3,109	3,513	2,932
DWI's	59	63	52
Marine Safety Inspections	515	551	471

BUILDING OFFICIAL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

The Building Official's office is located in the Town Hall Annex Building inspections are generally done the next day after notification is given to the Building Official.

ACTIVITY REPORT

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
New Single Family Homes	117	79	87
New Commercial Buildings	5	3	2
New Multi-Family Buildings	6	4	0
Residential Alterations & Additions	85	94	92
Repairs/Replacements to Existing	181	186	175
Mechanical/Electrical	982	731	771
Other	286	255	246
Totals	1,662	1,352	1,373
Field Inspections	2,106	1,633	1,617

FIRE MARSHALL

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Office of Town Fire Marshal has both an investigative and a code enforcement role within our community. Town-wide responsibility for the investigation of all fires, explosions and hazardous materials incidents is mandated by state statutes. This investigation work requires determination of the point of origin, the cause and the circumstances of these incidents following the processing of the scenes for evidence, documentation and statements. Search warrant applications are filed and misdemeanor and felony arrest warrant applications are filed when appropriate.

Annual code compliance inspections of all buildings and occupancies except single and two-family homes are also mandated by state statute. This requires enforcement of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, Hazardous Chemicals Code, Explosives Code, Liquid Petroleum Gas and Liquid Natural Gas Codes, Gas Equipment Code, Fireworks and Special Effects Code, Oil Burner Equipment Code, Tent and Portable Shelter Code and numerous sections of the Connecticut General Statutes. Orders are prepared and issued for the abatement of violations of the referenced codes and statutes. In the course of this inspection work liquor licenses are approved and day care centers, group day care homes, blasting operations, all trucks transporting flammable or combustible liquids or hazardous materials are permitted. Construction plans for buildings and occupancies regulated by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code are reviewed prior to the issuance of building permits, all open burning is permitted, all underground and above ground flammable and combustible liquids storage tank installations and removals are approved, the town's portion of the state-wide annual fire prevention poster contest is administered, and numerous additional services are provided as necessary.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Investigations	53	64	58
Criminal	19	24	23
Non-criminal	27	40	33
Suspicious	0	0	0
Undetermined	6	0	2
Fire Casualties	4	4	0
Fatal	0	0	0
Non-fatal	4	4	0
Building Fires	20	26	10
Motor Vehicle Fires	5	8	3
All Other Fires	16	23	35*
Hazardous Materials Incidents	8	7	6
Fire Losses, Total (X 1000)	\$168.1	\$411.2	\$218.2
Criminal	\$35.0	\$19.0	\$60.0
Non-criminal	\$130.0	\$392.2	\$157.6
Suspicious	0	0	0
Undetermined	\$3,550	0	\$.05
Value of All Properties			
Exposed to Loss (X 1000)	\$1,434.6	\$2,679.4	\$3,448.5
Enforcement Inspections	337	528	606
Commercial	27	99	76
Public Assembly	19	51	24
Educational	20	13	9
Residential (Multi-family)	238	310	437
Hazardous Materials	10	24	28
Other	24	31	31
State Licenses and Permits Approved	52	44	34
Open Burning Permits			
Processed/Approved	30/24	26/25	18/18
Enforcement Citations Issued	272	690	232
Arrests and/or Referrals	6	6	2

* Twenty (20) of the thirty-five (35) fires shown at "All Other Fires" involved unauthorized open burning.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

CHIEF: Michael D. Varney
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Vincent L. Gambacorta
DEPUTY CHIEFS: John W. Turner, Robert Levandoski
CAPTAINS: Dominick Cristelli, Robert Smith
LIEUTENANTS: Jack Rich II, Thomas Adams, Gary T. Feldman, Sr.
SECRETARY: Jonathan H. Allen
TREASURER: Dennis C. Varney

MEMBERS

Valerie Adams	Thomas B. Adams	Jonathan H. Allen
Paul Bigelow	Fred Bird	Bryan Blotniski
Duane Boston	Steven Breault, Sr.	Brendan Burke
John Carpenter	Stephen Chase	Daniel Connors
Jerry Connors	Jessica Crickmore	Tyler Demarest
Dominick Cristelli	Richard Daugherty	Donald Davis
Leonard Descheneaux, Sr.	Kevin Dunn	Elizabeth Feldman*
Gary T. Feldman, Sr.	Kevin Gambacorta	Vincent Gambacorta
Peter Gomez	Kyle Goulet	Mitchell Griswold
Peter Hany, Jr.	Dan Hoffman	Luke Hoffman
Gary Knybel	Robert Levandoski	Tammy Lucey
Don Moore	Robert Morganson	Karl Neubecker
David O'Hagan	Daniel Parisi	Robert Parlante
Jack Rich	Jack Rich II	Robert Sandberg, Sr.
Jason Schall	Paul Secker	Allen Smith
Randall Smith	Robert Smith	Susan Trisler
William Trisler	John W. Turner	Dennis C. Varney
Michael D. Varney	Frederica Weeks	

*2004 Firefighter of the Year

LIFE MEMBERS

Leonard Aronson	Arthur Caldwell	Clyde Cordtsen, Jr.
Luis DeCarli	Ralph Edwards	Allan Lawrence, Jr.
William Preston, Sr.		Frederick Randall

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized in 1928. This year we are proud to celebrate our 77-year history of providing the Town of Ellington and its citizens with the finest possible volunteer emergency fire and rescue services.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department's mission is the protection and preservation of life and property during fire and other emergencies in the Town of Ellington; to honor all emergency calls, and to support fire prevention education activities. During the past several years the types of incidents, their added frequency and growth of the town has demanded increased levels of training, equipment and expertise in new technologies by our volunteers.

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

During these last few years there has been a greater need for additional volunteers. Every volunteer fire department across the state is experiencing shortages of manpower. It is not easy with today's employment and family commitments to be a volunteer firefighter. Many hours of training are required to be a part of the emergency service delivery team. For information about how you can become a volunteer or if you wish to learn more about your local emergency services you can pick up information at the Town Hall, the Ellington Center Fire House on Main St., visit our award winning website www.ellingtonfire.org or leave us a message at 870-3190, someone will get back to you.

GRANTS

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department received a grant of \$39,150 from the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award will be used by the department to upgrade their radio communications equipment increasing their capability to communicate with other emergency response agencies. This is the second year in a row that the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department was a recipient of this grant program. In 2002 \$162,180 was received and used to replace their self-contained breathing apparatus, upgrade existing air operated rescue tools and purchase fire prevention education equipment. Again this year the Department submitted grant request for training supplies and equipment. The request is currently pending.

In 2002 Country Pure Farm's juice packaging company plant in Ellington sent a cloud of approximately 6000 pounds of ammonia over town early Tuesday morning October 15th, leading to the evacuation of about 2500 people. Following this event the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department developed a plan to increase the ability to respond to future similar events. This year the department received \$28,500 in funds from Country Pure Farms to purchase a chemical response trailer, response equipment and enhanced training.

INCIDENT REPORT SUMMARY

Below is a compilation of our emergency response statistics for the time period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. During this period of time our department responded to 641 emergency calls. There were a total of over 482 hours of emergency services provided. This accumulates to over 5271 man-hours donated to provide these emergency services.

To report an emergency enhanced 911 telephone service is available throughout our community. Persons reporting emergencies are able to communicate directly with our regional emergency dispatch center.

Fire, Explosion	57
Structural fire	30
Vehicle fire	5
Trees, brush, grass fires	13
Refuse, dumpster fire	5
Fire, Fireworks, other	4
Rescue Call	322
Emergency medical call/ Assist	281
Vehicle Accident, Extrication	34
Extrication from building	1
Water, Ice Rescue	2
Trapped by power lines	1
Rescue Standby	3
Hazardous Condition Standby	56
Flammable/Combustible liquid spill	10
Gas leak	2
Chemical spill or leak	4
Carbon monoxide incident	5
Power line down.....	8
Overheated Motor	1
Arching, shorted electrical equipment	6
Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1
Accident other	1
Vehicle accident no extrication	15
Aircraft Standby	1
Hazardous Condition, Other	2

Service Call	101
Service call, other	1
Person in distress, other	1
Lock out	1
Water evacuation, leak	10
Smoke, odor removal	2
Animal rescue	1
Police or other govt. agency assist	60
Public service.....	4
Assist invalid.....	2
Cover assignment, standby, move up	19
Good Intent Call	41
Good intent call, other	18
Cancelled en route, wrong location	8
Authorized controlled burning	1
Odor of smoke, steam or vapor.....	8
Hazmat investigation	6
False Call	60
False call, other	5
Malicious false alarm	1
Alarm system malfunction.....	20
Unintentional alarm.....	25
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	9
Other Type of Incident	4
Lightning strike.....	2
Severe weather standby	1
Other type of incident	1

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING & ACTIVITIES

During the past year Ellington firefighters spent over 7000 hours in departmental training activities. Several officer drills were conducted in the area of management skills, interoperable communications, and regional response plans. Drills were also conducted throughout the year with surrounding mutual aid fire and rescue departments in topics such as: Mass Decontamination, Large Foam Operations, Tower Ladder Operations, Tanker Shuttle and Live Fire Training. The Ellington Fire Department also sponsored and hosted several courses this past year including: Emergency Medical Technician, Electrical Safety, Automatic External Defibrillation program, Emergency Scene Photography, Firefighting and Rescue, Hazardous Materials, and OSHA reviews. Several regional response team and association meetings were also held at our station throughout the year.

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

Members of our department also attended specialty courses held at the National Fire Service Strategic Planning Summit in Denver, Volunteer Chief Officers Symposium in Orlando, Florida, International Fire Chiefs Conference in New Orleans, the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Atlantic City, New England State Training Conference in Amherst Massachusetts and the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

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

Current Levels of members' certifications include:

Fire Fighter I	16
Fire Fighter II/III	25
Fire Service Instructor I	15
Fire Service Instructor II	1
Fire Officer I	8
Fire Officer II	7
Safety Officer	7
Pump Operator	5
Truck Operator	1
Hazardous Materials Operational	31
Hazardous Materials Technician	5
Emergency Medical Technician	19
Medical Response Technician	12
Emergency Medical Services Instructor.....	4

AWARDS RECEIVED AND REGIONAL OFFICES

During this last fiscal year the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, in addition to the many thank you's which we receive, was also honored for the second year to have its Chief, Michael Varney, recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Chief Magazine as one of the top four volunteer fire chiefs in the country. Chief Varney also received recognition from the State legislature for his service to the State of Connecticut as the President of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association.

Several of our ranking officers are also very active within regional and state organizations. The officers listed held the following leadership positions in these organizations: Jack Turner, Treasurer of Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, and Michael Varney, President of the CT Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Varney also serves on the Governors Homeland Security Steering Council and Working Groups, the State Urban Search and Rescue Steering Committee, and as Chairman on the Statewide Radio System Interoperability Committee among several other regional workgroups. These again show the dedication of our members and the respect they receive through the state with their training and leadership.

EQUIPMENT

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

New self-contained compressed air (SCBA) units, rescue airbags and upgrades to our existing compressor and air cascade systems were completed.

Six new sets of firefighting gear were purchased as part of our annual replacement program. All members are issued their own SCBA facemask and protective carry bag. The fire department continues to develop the UHF radio system for operational use with the apparatus and officers. This past year we were able to purchase items such as forestry rakes, hose and firefighting gear at reduced rates using CCROG and the State of Connecticut bids.

Due to our increase in emergency medical responses and training levels we placed additional emergency medical service equipment, portable oxygen units and first responder medical kits in service.

FACILITY

The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department currently operates from one facility at 29 Main Street which houses 8 vehicles, several trailers and all department offices, equipment and

records. Department meeting and training sessions are also conducted at this facility, which is currently very cramped for space as several of our vehicles are parked outside. During this year we continued with our regular maintenance and safety inspections, and completed badly needed roof repairs. This year capital improvement funds were allocated to address asbestos issues within the Fire Station. During 2001 we completed the work on a feasibility study for an additional Fire Station in the southern end of town. This station would solve our space issues while reducing response time to other areas of town, in turn increasing the ability for our organization to better save lives and property.

JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM

The Junior Program is open to Ellington youths between the ages of sixteen and eighteen. Junior program members participate in the same programs and training as the regular membership, and they also engage in their own training and activities. This past year all of the junior members participated in the cadet camp program held at the Connecticut Fire Academy. Their participation at emergency incidents is restricted as not to expose them to hazardous activities. The insights and support they bring to the fire department represents a valuable part of our organization. As they grow in experience and age they are brought into the organization as fully training members.

FIRE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION

The Fire Prevention and Public Education Team had another busy year. Over 25 public education presentations were conducted along with two open houses at our station. The majority of emphasis is placed on the younger children trying to build a comprehensive understanding about fire and mind a safety presence. These included visiting the Elementary schools, K through Grade 2, the area nursery schools, Pre-K programs, Ellington Junior Women's Club sponsored Safety Town, Senior Center and several other events where our members demonstrated the fire escape trailer from the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. During the year we also gave numerous tours to groups of our firehouse and spoke to other organizations on fire and safety related issues. Please contact us if you would like to set up an appointment for us to host or speak to your organization.

STATEWIDE FIRE SERVICE HONOR GUARD

The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard was established this year to honor the fire service, the firefighters who have given their lives to this honorable calling and their families. Our desire is to see that the highest honor is paid to our fallen brothers and sisters as well as their individual families and their firefighting families. Several members of The Ellington Volunteer Fire Department are active contributing members to this statewide organization.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

FUTURE PLANNING

The town is experiencing an increased growth rate and we are planning now to meet the needs of our community in the years to come. The need for apparatus replacement and relocation are areas of immediate concern. The town has secured the work of an emergency service consultant to review the services provided to the town by the emergency service agencies. Options for the replacement of the 1975 pumper and 1970 tanker are being explored.

Thank you for your continued support, respect and help in making this the 76th year of our service to the community a safe and successful year for everyone.

For more information on our department's activities and programs please visit us on the internet at www.ellingtonfire.org.

E911 MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

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

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

Legislated financial support for regional dispatch centers and 911 PSAPs is in place and is distributing funds for the continued operation of these vital communication centers. Funds collected from telephone user fees are equitably distributed to all eligible dispatch centers. The formula for distribution of these revenues has been revised with the expectation of additional revenues being available around January 1, 2006. Along with the revision, a plan to supplement capital improvements and dispatcher training was implemented.

During the past year Phase II of the dispatch center renovation was completed. Project activity continues in order to complete capital improvement projects that were included in a state grant. The dispatch center staff is working closely with the Office of Statewide Telecommunication to increase the accuracy of the state mapping program in our area.

Increased usage of the system, communications coverage and interoperability between jurisdictions and agencies continues to be a priority and a challenge for the county planning committee.

CRYSTAL LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF: Charles Pippin
ASSISTANT CHIEF: Bryan Harvell
DEPUTY CHIEF: Christopher Marks
CAPTAIN: Brian Pippin
LIEUTENANT: John Wrynn
LIEUTENANT: Doug Rogala
LIEUTENANT: David Wright
SECRETARY: Gretchen Thompson
TREASURER: David Wright

MEMBERS

James Adkins	Tony Hamm	Doug Rogala
Michael Allen	Allen Harvell	Jessica Schillinger
Robert Bonin	Bryan Harvell	Timothy Seitz
Larry Booth	Brian Legare	Hilary Somers
Cindy Bregoli	Gerry MacFeat	Jason Szemrelo
David Bregoli	Greg Manner	Ashley Thompson
Jason Carroll	Christopher Marks	Bruce Thompson
Theresa Chidester	Geralyn Merrill	Gretchen Thompson
Bruce Coles	Anna Meyer	William Trisler
Jennifer Coles	Sara Peletier	Susan Trisler
Tom Descheneaux	Brian Pippin	David Wright
David Dragan	Charles Pippin	John Wrynn
Richard Edwards	Justin Risley	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Gretchen Harvell	Jessica Harvell	Reka Wrynn
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN: Joseph Willis
CO-CHAIRMEN: John Wrynn
CLERK: Tonya Glomboske
BOARD: Frank Patagimas, Chuck Christman, Joe Kuzia

SUMMARY OF CALLS

The Crystal Lake Fire Department responded to various numbers of calls during 2005 totaling 254 incidents. Listed below is the breakdown of those calls.

Structure Fires	13
Brush Fires	18
Vehicle Fires	1
Fire/Wires Down/Other	18
Mutual Aid	14
Station Coverage	11
Fire Alarms	24
CO Detectors.....	6
Motor Vehicle Accident w/Injuries	27
Motor Vehicle Accidents w/o Injuries.....	21
Medical	45
Medical w/Paramedic.....	25
Search and Rescue	0
Tolland County Dives	3
Water Rescue	1
Life Star	4
Fatalities.....	1
Chimney Fires	2
Miscellaneous	20

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

With the responsibility of responding to a variety of emergencies, members maintained or advanced required skills through in-house training drills and by attending courses offered by

the Connecticut Fire Academy, Hartford County Fire Academy, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Attendance at these courses included classes in the following skills: firefighting, hazardous materials, emergency medical training, incident command, live burn exercise, thermal imaging camera technology, water rescue, and ice rescue. This year five members attended dive classes to become certified open water divers. As a member of the Tolland County Dive Team, department members attend dive drills and planning meetings each month.

Our medically trained personnel, consisting of Emergency Medical Technicians and Medical Response Technicians, work side-by-side with Ellington Ambulance to ensure the best pre-hospital medical possible. In addition, they work the RGH Paramedic and the Life-Star Helicopter for serious medical emergencies. All medical personnel are trained in use of a defibrillator, in case of cardiac arrest. Our members train diligently to make sure our patient receives optimal care.

Each October, our department visits the Crystal Lake School to teach the students the importance of fire prevention and fire safety. All students K-4 are given the chance to talk with a firefighter about the importance of fire safety, how to properly use 9-1-1, and most importantly fire prevention. The department also visits the area day care centers and pre-schools teaching younger children the importance of fire safety and prevention.

The Crystal Lake community is steadily growing and we are moving forward to meet its needs. Most recently the department ordered the replacement of one piece of aging equipment. The 1978 Engine Tanker known as ET242 is scheduled to be replaced with a new 2000 gallon Engine Tanker being built and set for delivery to our community in November of 2005. Thanks to the Town of Ellington residents voting unanimously to replace the ageing apparatus. This year the department also began billing insurance companies for all motor vehicle accidents to help defer the cost to our residents of replacing old and damaged rescue equipment

We would like to thank our families, friends and the Town of Ellington for their continued support in our efforts as we strive to make our community a safe and happy place to live in.

ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

PRESIDENT: John Streiber
VICE PRESIDENT: Corinne Sandberg
TREASURER: Krista Schultz
SECRETARY: Karen Violette, Cindy Rivard
SCHEDULER: Becky York
TRAINING: Donald Lanier
SUPPLY: Bruce Hoffman
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Ray Close
MAINTENANCE: Peter Hany, Sr.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Sharon Breault	Dawn Gerber	Corinne Sandberg
Carrie Caron	Peter Hany Sr.	Krista Schulz
Ray Close	Jennifer Hays	Terry Shook
Renee Cyr	Heather Heldmann	John Streiber
Kate Dunn	Bruce Hoffman	Diane Turner
Katie Dzicek	Don Lanier	Becky York
Nancy Gagne	Cindy Rivard	Greg York
	Angie Sandberg	

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Jean-Marie Currier	Deb Messier	Bill Trisler
Tom Dzicek	Anna Meyer	Susan Trisler
Brian Goulet	Cindy Munro	Karen Violette
Natasha Livermore	Bob Parlante	Chris Weidner
	Dennis Roggi	



Ted Graziani (State Representative), John Streiber (President of Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps), Dennis Milanovich (Ellington First Selectman), and Tony Guglielmo (State Senator) present the Leo R. Schwartz Emergency Medical Service of the Year Award to the members of Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps is fortunate to have many people who wish to give back to the community in the form of volunteerism. We provide 24 hour/7 day a week Emergency Medical Service to the Town of Ellington and surrounding communities through Tolland County Mutual Aid Dispatch.

In 2004 Ellington Ambulance replaced an aging ambulance with a 2004 Life Line Modular type ambulance. They placed in service 10 Automatic External Defibrillators and replaced forty fire resistant jumpsuits. In 2005 severely needed safety helmets were purchased through "the fee for service program" all at no cost to the taxpayers. This was done through the cooperative efforts of the town government and the Ambulance Corps. Our new Automatic External Defibrillators have pediatric capability, one is in place at the Town Hall, one is placed at the Senior Center, one in each ambulance, six are placed in the private vehicles of our most active first responders. The Jumpsuits are constructed of NOMEX (a fire resistant material) and the acquisition of the helmets which are equipped with goggles and reflective markers make our job much safer.

In the Fall of 2004 Ellington Rescue Post and the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps received numerous awards.

The Post was featured in The Nation Association of Emergency Medical Technician Magazine article on the ABC's of responding to school emergencies.



John Streiber, Cindy Rivard, Carrie Canon, and Terry Shook earned first place honors at the 2005 Emergency Medical Service Olympics in Cromwell.

In 2004 Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps drew national attention when it received The Leo R. Schwartz Emergency Medical Service of the Year Award at a banquet in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the Annual Emergency Medical Service Conference in Cromwell, Connecticut, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps members competed with their peers from around the state in a simulated accident and were treated to a first place award with additional bonus of having our Rescue Post 512 members taking third place.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps staffs the ambulance weeknights and weekends. Our volunteers manage part time and full time staff to cover the town during the workday. We are always looking for more volunteers to ease the load of the current volunteer staff and welcome newcomers.

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance covers the cost of education and equipment for all volunteers. They must be compassionate and enthusiastic.

Visit www.ellingtonambulance.org for further information.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

STAFF

The Animal Control Department consists of Animal Control Officer Barbara Murdach and Assistant, David Yoho. The Shelter is open seven days a week between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. The Shelter, which is located on Main St. behind the Fire Station, is the holding quarters for stray, roaming and relinquished dogs and also quarantined dogs and cats. The Animal Control Officers are available for emergency calls by calling the Ellington Resident Troopers Office and the Animal Control Officer on-call will be contacted by beeper. Emergency calls consist of: animal bites, dog damage to livestock or personal property, injured animals or wildlife that has had contact with people or pets or is suspected of having rabies. Nuisance wildlife calls are handled through the State D.E.P. Wildlife Department and they can be reached at: 424-3011. Routine calls will be handled during the normal shelter hours. Ellington Animal Control Officers provide assistance to the community so that animals and people can co-exist safely and peacefully. Contact the Ellington Animal Control Department at: 870-3155 with any questions or problems pertaining to animals. An important role of this department is to work closely with the public to educate on the laws, solve problems and offer advise on the care and concerns of pet ownership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellington Animal Control sponsored a Low-Cost Rabies Clinic on June 5, 2005 in cooperation with the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association. Rabies is a public health threat and it is important to protect your pets from this virus. Protecting your pets also helps to maintain a barrier between humans and possible rabid wildlife.

Ellington Animal Control has a web page to view adoptable shelter pets. This site is located at:

<http://www.ellingtonacp.petfinder.com>
or through petfinder.com search by zip code.

This free website has greatly increased our ability to find our homeless pets new homes. The adoptable animals are spending less time in the shelter waiting to be adopted. The Internet has offered us greater exposure for advertising these homeless pets for adoption.

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Complaints Investigated	833	882	847
Impounded pets			
redeemed by owners	65	57	64
Animals Adopted	48	66	52
Dogs/Cats Euthanized	12	9	16
Animal Bites	32	21	36
Dogs/Cats picked up Dead	10	8	22
Infractions/Summons Issued	28	16	9
Total Impounded Animals	136	134	152

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

NEW EQUIPMENT: The Public Works Dept. purchased a new four wheel drive pick up truck this year through the capital improvement program.

ROAD WORK: This year's road project was the paving of Crescent Circle, Westland Road, Penfield Avenue, Jolly Road, Sunset Road, Stein Road, Shenipsit Street, and Westview Terrace. Mountain Street, Snipsic Lake Road, Upper Butcher Road and Middle Butcher Road were overlaid in preparation for chipsealing. The State of Connecticut paved Lower Butcher Road. In conjunction with property development, we have been working with the developers' contractors once again and have finished the paving and drainage on Windermere Avenue through to Abbott Road. The culvert on Middle Road at the Town line failed and was reconstructed.

BUILDING PROJECTS: This year's building projects consisted of the renovation of the Tax Collector's office and the Town Clerk's office, as well as the Senior Center addition. We made improvements to the electrical systems on the Town green to accommodate the Winterfest that occurred this December. The Public Works Employees erected the new playscape at Center School. We have been working at the High School renovating playing fields and pouring footings for the bleachers, scoreboards and goal posts.

SNOW REMOVAL: This winter was very harsh. The crews went out 25 times for sanding, salting or plowing. We purchased 3,004 tons of salt, 4,069 yards of sand, and 29,900 gallons of Liquid Calcium Chloride.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING: We had another very successful Household Hazardous Waste day on September 25, 2004. 338 cars which is equivalent to 255.5 households dropped off hazardous waste on this day. Over the last 12 months and including the September 30 collection day, residents dropped off 4,087 gallons on waste oil and an undetermined amount of paint. Ellington is the only town that accepts latex paint from its residents at the hazardous waste collection. We recycled 2.5 tons of computer components this year. This year the DPW complex was certified by the Department of Environmental Protection to receive waste oil, oil filters, computer components, florescent light bulbs, and propane tanks year round.

WPCA: The High School pump station received an overhaul with new pumps and rails. At the Crystal Lake Pump Station new valves and pumps were installed. At the Vernon Pump Station, a new system to monitor the pumps through a phone line was installed.

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

The objective of the Public Safety Commission is to maintain an advisory role with the Board of Selectmen and all branches of the town's Public Safety to ensure a high level of safety. The Commission also acts as a liaison to town residents to help direct any complaints, suggestions, etc. to the proper authorities that concern Public Safety issues.

Library

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

SERVICES

The Hall Memorial Library provides all residents of Ellington with materials and opportunities for entertainment and education. The collection consists of items in several formats, including books, periodicals, records, audiotapes, videotapes, compact discs, DVDs, puzzles, puppets, online reference materials, and equipment, such as tape players and Polaroid cameras. These materials are categorized into the adult circulating collection, young adult circulating collection, juvenile circulating collection, and Reference non-circulating collection. Also available are computers for word processing and access to the Internet. The friendly, well-trained staff is available to help find information, answer questions, and recommend reading materials using this collection.

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

For those patrons who aren't able to come to the Library, outreach services are provided. At Snipsic Village, the senior housing complex, a rotating collection of library books is made available on a monthly basis, and the Library runs a delivery service to homebound patrons.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Hall Memorial Library experienced another busy year, serving 88,336 patrons, circulating 118,467 items and answering 2,913 reference questions. Programs for children included the summer reading program, "Read for the Fun of It", over 100 story hour sessions, a puppet show, a cartooning workshop, and a visit from the Mystic Aquarium marine life education program. The annual holiday ornament workshop featured build-it-yourself gingerbread houses. The young adult summer reading program was titled "Bet You Can't Read Just One" and focused on the many series popular with young adults. Cultural events included our own reader's theatre of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town", masterfully arranged by Jim Stoughton and Mark Traut, a spring poetry reading, and a musical performance by the always-popular Irish group "The Bally Beags".

The Library participated in the town's first Winterfest celebration, hosting a children's play by the high school drama department, a card-making workshop, refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library, and the Festival of Trees.

Behind the scenes, the library staff implemented a new computer system. The Bibliomation consortium that HML belongs to migrated to the Horizon integrated library system in September, after two years of planning, programming and training. This new system allows patrons to manage their own library accounts, renewing and reserving items and requesting interlibrary loans. It also allows for email communication of overdue notices. The adjustment period for the public was minimal, as the new system is very user-friendly, and the staff adapted with their usual cheerful professionalism.

The difficult financial times took their toll on library operations, causing cuts in Saturday hours, the elimination of the online tutoring program, and drastic reductions in the number of books, periodicals and movies purchased. Many generous patrons and businesses and the Friends of the Library stepped up to help offset some of these cuts. The Hull family donated the amount needed to fund a "Birds of Prey" program, which attracted over 100 people during April school vacation.

Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, the main hallway was outfitted with an art hanging system, thereby creating gallery space in the library. Already several wonderful exhibits have been displayed, including the 30th anniversary exhibit of the Tolland County Art Association. More exhibits are planned for the future, giving the residents of Ellington an opportunity to share the wealth of artistic talent in our area.

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

CIRCULATION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	41,713
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	3,830
Children's Books and Periodicals	34,578
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>38,346</u>
TOTAL	118,467

COLLECTION

Adult Books and Periodicals.....	37,513
Young Adult Books and Periodicals	1,769
Children's Books and Periodicals.....	14,994
Audiovisual and Miscellaneous Materials	<u>7,609</u>
TOTAL	61,885

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adults	6,612
Young Adults	634
Children	<u>1,687</u>
TOTAL	8,933



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Information Guide

AREA

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

ALTITUDE

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

CLIMATE

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

POPULATION

The population of the town has remained moderately stable over the past ten years. As of 2004, the population was approximately 14,571.

GOVERNMENT

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

STREETS

The Town has 87.34 miles of municipally maintained roads. The State of Connecticut maintains 24.62 miles of state roads which intersect the town. These are Routes 140, 286, 83, 30, 32 and 74.

TAXES

The Town currently has a tax rate of 33.6 mills applied to the 2001 Grand List at 70% of Fair Market Value of property. A townwide revaluation of real estate and personal property was completed in 2000.

SEWERS

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

WATER

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

SCHOOLS

The Ellington school system includes five schools which provide public education for grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive. Total enrollment as of February 2005 is 2,436 students. Within a 20-mile radius the Town has access to the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community Technical College, Eastern Connecticut State College, Trinity College and Asnuntuck Community Technical College.

INCOME

The Mean income per household was \$67,277 as of the 2004 Census.

HOUSING

As of the 2000 Census, the Town of Ellington had 5,285 housing units, including 365 condominiums. There are 11 apartment complexes (846 dwelling units), one of which provides subsidized housing.

AIRPORT

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

RECREATION

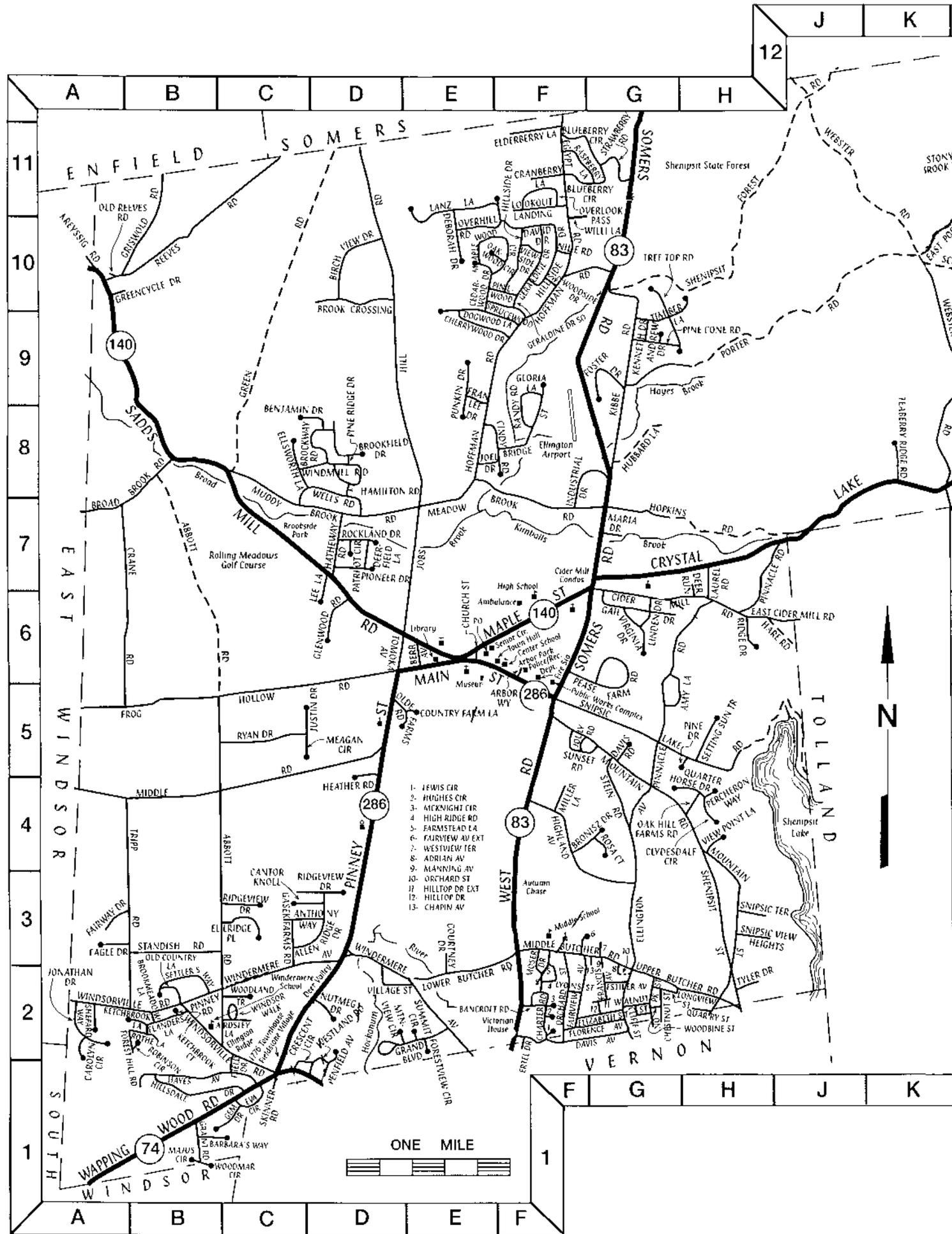
The Town provides beach facilities at Crystal Lake during the summer months. The State of Connecticut maintains a public boat launch at Crystal Lake. The Town maintains sports facilities at each school, Brookside Park and the High School Athletic Field, providing manicured playing fields. In 2004, a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

LOCAL BUSINESS

The Ellington business community is currently a blend of agriculture and small commercial and industrial enterprises. The dairy industry has long been the major producer of goods, but Ellington also provides products in the fields of packaging, pharmaceuticals, sporting goods, automobiles, industrial designs and printing.

SENIOR CENTER

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



- 1- LEWIS CIR
- 2- HUGHES CIR
- 3- MCKNIGHT CIR
- 4- HIGH RIDGE RD
- 5- FARMSTEAD LA
- 6- FAIRVIEW AV EXT
- 7- WESTVIEW TER
- 8- ADRIAN AV
- 9- MANNING AV
- 10- ORCHARD ST
- 11- HILLTOP DR EXT
- 12- HILLTOP DR
- 13- CHAPIN AV

Recreation

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

Programs are provided on a cost-affordable basis with financial assistance (scholarships) available to individuals/families based on income guidelines.

The recreation department office is located at 31 Arbor Way (located next to Arbor Park and the Ellington Center Fire Department). The office phone number is 870-3118, and the fax number is 870-3198. A voice mail system is available. Normal business hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00 pm, and Friday 8:30 - 1:30 pm.

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

STAFFING

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

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

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

Recruiting, securing and approving of the over 300 individuals that volunteer on an annual basis within the town programs is an enjoyable yet time-consuming task. A person wishing to volunteer must complete a volunteer disclosure form and, once approved, must take part in a National Youth Sports Coaches Association certification program. The department has formulated a non-certified coaching seminar that stresses the current aspects of coaching today's youth. The department also provides technical assistance to all sports coaches as well as access to taking part in the certification process for becoming a legally registered official in softball, basketball and soccer.

PROGRAMS

Traditional athletic programs seem to thrive within the confines of Ellington, and department staff continues to make a concentrated effort to get the "pulse" of the community when arranging special events and passive-oriented programs. Input is welcome from all residents.

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

Classes and programs include but are not limited to: youth and adult athletic team sports, special skills classes, health classes and special events.

Extensive efforts have been made to expand summer program offerings in addition to seasonal events. The summer day camp has expanded to a.m. and p.m. aftercare this summer.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The Recreation Department offers a three tier format: travel teams, recreation teams, and instructional leagues. The approach of the Recreation Commission staff is that everyone should be encouraged to compete in the athletic arena regardless of age or ability. We advertise this through implementing athletic programming for ages 4 through adult. Competition can be healthy if kept in check! The Recreation Commission staff is very proud that coaches, players and spectators, in general are well versed in their roles regarding their sport and promoting good sportsmanship.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with each and every other town board and agency, is taking a serious look at the present and future, both short and long term. The current budget dilemma (town-wide annual budget as approved by the Board of Finance) has created a major void in the commission's operational and maintenance line items. Additional revenues must be generated in order to maintain the safety and quality of the existing facilities. The need exists for a long-term athletic facility plan to be formulated; the commission's mission statement still revolves around safe and useable athletic facilities.

The fall and winter of 2004-05 was the first opportunity for the recreation department to make full use of the newly renovated school gymnasiums (since the completion of the school renovation projects). The recreation department extends a sincere thank you to the members of the Board of Education custodial staff for their caring and patience over the past three years when dealing with recreation staff and participants.

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES: TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Summer Day Camp (7 week program)	222	48 (avg./day)	68 (avg./day)
Beach Passes	248	197	151
Swim Lessons	319	316	292
Open Swim	67 days	64 days	53 days
Boys Basketball	229	253	270
Girl's Basketball	177	200	210
Men's Basketball	110	125	60
Summer Basketball	30	35	30
Instructional Basketball	175	189	195
Men's Volleyball	20	15	15
Co-Ed Volleyball	25	25	40
Women's Volleyball	30	21	15
Girls Softball	140	117	170
Instructional T-Ball	154	143	165
Women's Softball	18	17	25
Men's Softball	20	20	15
Junior Soccer	680	639	595
Indoor Soccer	63	68	110
Letters to Santa	60	79	75
Tennis Lessons/Camp	65	73	110
Sports Coaches Clinics	70	57	30
Senior Citizens Exercise	15	17	20
Mini Programs	900	1,145	1,248
Women's Basketball	10	13	25
Basketball Camps	48	73	80
Red Cross Courses	100	110	90
Integrative Programs	55	50	40
Teen Activities	150	130	220
Track & Field	94	110	115
Adult Fitness	25	48	40
Yoga	55	30	45
Jukido	30	33	35
Little League Baseball	325	325	350
Football League	125	125	175
Lacrosse	30	20	35
Soccer Camps	65	73	65



The summer series provided a wide variety of musical styles:

- Little BIG BAND (Big Band)
- Dennis Polisky & the Maestro's Men (Polka) - cancelled
- Stone Canyon (Country)
- White-Eyed Lizard Band (Caribbean Music)
- Tirebiter (Rock)
- Wild Notes (Irish Music & Dance)

Over 2800 people attended the summer concerts in 2005. One concert was cancelled because of weather and another was rescheduled after storm damage at the high school. Average attendance was nearly 500 for each night, 200 for the make-up date.

We would like to thank the following for donations to Ellington Cultural Arts: 2005 Concertgoers, who donated \$1,386 to be used for next year's programs.

We would also like to thank our business sponsors:

- Series Sponsor- SBM Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- Concert (little BIG BAND) Sponsor: NewAlliance Bank
- Friends: Bolles Motors, Inc., Ellington Center Animal Clinic, Ellington Center Liquor Shoppe, Ellington Supermarket and New World Classics.

Due to a 99% cut in the 2006 budget, the Cultural Arts Commission will not be producing a summer concert series in 2006. However, we are working on developing a program in which we will seek outside funding that can be made available in the form of grants to local groups or individuals for cultural arts projects and programs. Look for more information about this program soon.



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Cultural Arts Commission is a nine member appointed body. The Commission normally meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Cultural Arts Commission is charged with facilitating and encouraging cultural activities in the community. The Commission accomplishes these goals through planning and developing a series of culturally diverse programs and activities, which it makes available to the community. Examples of these activities are:

- Summer Concert Series: Sunday evening concerts through July and August in Arbor Park. Rain location, Ellington High School.
- Concerts and other programs throughout the year.

A 35% budget cut in 2004 resulted in a shorter summer season for 2005, six shows instead of eight and fewer programs throughout the year.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ballybeags concert at the library in March.
- The commission for an arrangement of traditional New England dance tunes for high school band by Vernon musician, Bill Walach was delayed due to construction at the high school. The performance premiere is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ellington High School Auditorium.

Social Services

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The principal function of the Human Services Commission is to identify and provide programs that meet the social services needs of the community. The Commission strives to provide programs and services that will improve the quality of life for all residents.

PROGRAMS

The Human Services Commission monitors the social service, health care, and transportation needs of the community. It reviews funding requests from various service providers to determine the most cost effective way to provide the best possible services. Residents are provided direct service or referred to community-based programs. Listed below is a summary of programs and services available.

DIRECT SERVICES

BENEFIT COUNSELING: Assistance provided to individuals and families in applying for state and federal programs. Staff will advise applicants of the appropriate program and its guidelines. Programs include Social Security Benefits, Title XIX, Food Stamps, Veterans Benefits, ConnPACE, Renters Rebate, and the HUSKY program.

DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM FUNDS: Limited funds are available to assist residents with non-recurring emergency needs. Households must meet certain income guidelines. Maximum benefit: \$200 per calendar year. Funds are used to provide rental assistance, heating and utility cost, and prescriptions.

FOOD BANK: Non-perishable food items and food vouchers are available to individuals and families in need.

FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: These programs assist eligible households to pay their winter heating bills. Households must meet income guidelines based on the Federal Poverty Level. Limited financial assistance is available from the Tri-Town Fuel Bank and Operation Fuel. Similar eligibility guidelines apply.

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING: Holiday food baskets and toys are collected and distributed to individuals and families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Households must meet certain income guidelines.

HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM: Funds are available to make no interest loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties. Funds for the program come from a Small Cities Grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development. To be eligible, low and moderate-income residents must live in the housing units. Landlords owning buildings in Ellington with up to seven units whose tenants meet the income guidelines are eligible for assistance. Typical repair work address building code and serious maintenance problems. These no-interest loans do not have to be repaid as long as the applicant lives in the home. When the home is sold in the future the loan must be repaid to the Town. Community Opportunities Group (COG) manages this program for the Town.

SALVATION ARMY: Funds are available through the Salvation Army Service Unit to meet emergency and supplemental needs of individuals and families. Funds are used to provide food and clothing vouchers, rental/mortgage assistance, heating and utility costs, and prescription costs. Camp Connri applications and campership information are available through Youth Services.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES: Health care services are provided by local agencies. Home health care is available through the Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. VNHSC offers a comprehensive range of in-home health care services. Services are available on a fee for service basis. Programs promoting good health, public education, and community awareness of early prevention and detection of diseases are sponsored by the home health care agency and the North Central District Health Department.

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY: Counseling is available for individuals and families through local mental health providers in the area. In times of crisis or stress there are 24-hour hot lines available to the caller. Limited counseling for youth is available through Ellington Youth Services Bureau.

TRANSPORTATION: Dial-A-Ride service is available to elderly and disabled residents for employment, medical appointments, and local recreation and socialization within Tolland, Vernon, and Ellington. Vans are wheel-chair accessible. Advance reservation is required. For rides outside of the Tri-Town area, ADA Transit service is available. Rides are available Monday through Friday from Hockanum Valley Community Council's Transit Program. The senior van provides door-to-door service to the senior center, shopping, and some medical appointments.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Human Services Commission began discussion on developing a needs assessment to survey senior housing and social service needs. The Commission received many proposals and interviewed several different vendors before deciding on the University of Connecticut, Center on Aging. The survey will be completed over the next several months and focus groups will be held throughout the community to obtain feedback on the quality of life in Ellington. The results of the needs assessment will be used to request funding grants for new senior housing and to help Human Services develop new programs and services that will better serve our present and future generation of older adults.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

APPLICATIONS	2002-2003	2003-3004	2004-2005
Tri-Town Fuel Bank	19	27	27
Operation Fuel	3	1	3
ACCESS Fuel Program	114	125	110
Salvation Army Vouchers	7	3	9
Salvation Army Boots N Shoes	35	40	49
Salvation Army Camp Connri	0	6	1
Thanksgiving	41	41	46
Christmas	50	46	44
Renters' Rebate	69	73	76
AARP Tax Program	59	68	92
Discretionary: Utility/Housing	42	41	60
Food Pantry	33	42	56
Notary Services	28	38	27

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

The Department is governed by a Board of Directors (Board of Health) in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut. John Golon serves as Ellington's representative to the Board and there is one vacancy. The Health Department is staffed by a Director of Public Health, a Chief of Environmental Services (both registered sanitarians), a part-time Health Educator, six sanitarians and a support staff of 2.5 clerical workers. The Department has a Medical Advisor and contracts for bookkeeping, auditing and legal services.

THE PRIMARY MISSION

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

- Preventing epidemics and outbreaks of diseases; undertaking epidemiological investigations, follow-up and working to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and the like.
- Assisting private physicians in obtaining free vaccine from the state for childhood immunizations.
- Inspection of restaurants, other food service establishments and facilities and the epidemiological investigations follow-up and prevention of the spread of food borne diseases.
- Safety inspections of schools, convalescent homes and other institutions.
- Water quality testing of bathing areas.
- Review, testing and approval of new septic systems, as well as the review and approval of plans for system repairs and/or expansion.
- Provision of laboratory testing of drinking water, paint samples for lead, blood, stool and other samples such as insects and birds as may be necessary in the investigation of outbreaks and illnesses.
- Investigation of complaints in regard to public health hazards, nuisances, rodent or insect control.
- The provision and support of health education and prevention programs.
- Monitoring the health status of the population.
- Assistance to the Department of Environmental Protection upon request for help in collection of samples or for follow-up or investigation of specific problems.
- Development and implementation (if ever needed) of Regional Post-Exposure Smallpox Mass Vaccination Plan, as well as a regional bioterrorism plan to immunize or in other ways protect the population of the District from a bioterrorism event or outbreak.

HIGHLIGHTS

The director continues to review all communicable disease reports from labs, physicians and hospitals pertaining to residents of Ellington and follows up on any cases that need to be to stop any potential transmission.

Health Education programs continue in the District including the introduction of a new program at Windemere School last spring on nutrition education and childhood obesity prevention. With the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Food Service, the initial program, evaluated by a Masters student from UCONN Farmington (and a health educator at a Hartford Hospital) will be expanded in Ellington in the fall of 2005 with our District Registered Dietitian and Fitness Instructor.

West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease and rabies are subjects of continued surveillance by the department with advice to the public on prevention on our web site (www.ncdhd.org) along with application forms for permits, links to related sites on Public Health and other information about our services and current public health news.

Bioterrorism response activities and training have been heavy during this past fiscal year. One hundred six meetings/training sessions totaling 287.5 hours were attended.

The Bioterrorism Grant Program met all state contract deliverables for FY 2003-2004 which ended October 1, 2004 (extended) and has reached all contract deliverables for the current fiscal year ending August 30, 2005.

The BT Coordinator and selected staff have participated in ten drills/exercises during the past year including the TOPOFF 3 multi-national drill involving Connecticut, New Jersey, Canada and Great Britain on April 4-8, 2005; Enfield Hazmat Drill on May 15, 2005 which involved many public safety members from our District communities; Bloomfield POD exercise on September 28-29, 2004; and, Eastern Highlands Anthrax POD exercise June 23, 2005 to name but a few.

We continue to perform credentialing and creating identification badges for our volunteer staff from our member communities consisting of East Windsor, Enfield, Ellington, Stafford, Suffield, Vernon, Windsor Locks and Windham. We have created over 1,000 photo ID badges to date. We also created specific identification badges for some of our fire and police department partners in Ellington, Enfield and East Windsor as well.

During FY 2004-2005, we actively recruited clinical personnel to assist with our clinic (POD) operations including physicians and pharmacists, mailing out over 500 recruitment letters to all our member communities.

We recently created a 16-page recruitment pamphlet and had 5,000 printed. We will begin a rigorous volunteer recruitment campaign during the next fiscal year targeting the many civic organizations in our District including the North Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Lions clubs and other civic groups.

The upcoming year will focus on additional staff training in the areas of Epidemiology surveillance and National Incident Management (NIMS) compliance. To that end, we will hold additional orientation and training sessions for our District partners.

While the overall number of new lots tested was down, the number of new septic permits, well permits and inspections were on the rise - most likely due to the large number of lots tested last year.

A number of properties required ground water monitoring this past spring.

New subdivision plans reviewed and approved include: Freedom Ridge - 8 lots on South Road; Angel Trace - 20 lots on Crystal Lake Road; Crestwood IV - 22 lots on Ellsworth Lane; Crystal View Estates - 20 lots, Ludwig Road; and High Ridge II - 5 lots with wells only on Ridge Drive.

Site investigations including soil test and ground water monitoring were conducted at a number of properties and include phases of the plan review process for preliminary plans which included: three lots on Pine Cone Road that required drain installations or ground water monitoring; ten lots on South Road that required soil tests and ground water monitoring; 20 lots in Crystal View Subdivision with follow up testing and ground water monitoring; eight new lots on the corner of Jobs Hill Road and Route 140 which required soil testing and ground water monitoring; 26 lots in Brooks Crossing III Subdivision that required new soil testing and ground water monitoring; and, 10 lots on Pinney Street (Pitney Farms) that required follow-up soil testing and ground water monitoring.

This past year, the water quality of Ellington Acres Water Company's supply came into questions when some samples were found to be positive for bacteria. Our department worked with the First Selectman and the Water Supply Section of the State Department of Public Health to resolve all issues in order to ensure that a clean and safe water supply was available to all Ellington residents.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

	2003-2004	2004-2005
Soil Tests (Total)	153	100
New	137	90
Repair	16	10
Septic Permits		
New	18	30
Repair	22	13
Septic Inspections	172	210
Well Permits	37	47
Additions Reviews (on well/septic)	191	172
Plans Reviewed		
Subdivisions (Total Lots)	57	80
New Plot Plans	63	41
Repairs	23	20
Wells Only	42	34
Well Water Test Reviews	26	37
Permits to Discharge	26	29
Food Licenses Issued	34	35
Temporary Food Permits	22	18
Food Service Inspections	50	93
Plans Reviewed for Food	1	-
Food Orders Issued	3	7
Complaints (Total)	30	18
Garbage & Refuse	8	2
Housing	8	5
Rodents & Insects	7	2
Sewage Overflow	3	6
Water Quality	-	2
Food Complaints	1	1
Miscellaneous	3	-
Complaint Orders Sent	4	4

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. is a multipurpose social service agency located in Rockville/Vernon. The mission of the HVCC is to assure that the social service needs of low income and/or disabled residents of the Tolland County area are met. Services available include:

TRANSPORTATION: HVCC provided over 29,000 rides to area residents during FY 2004/2005 covering over 148,000 miles. Over 25 registered Ellington residents took 825 rides.

COUNSELING

TRI-TOWN PANTRY: In the average month, the Pantry provides 537 bags of food for over 856 households. During FY 2004 over 15,156 and 2953 elderly people were served in addition to some 17,563 adults. During Thanksgiving 424 families, including 1272 children, received holiday food baskets. At Christmas 445 families, including 1423 children, received holiday food and gifts. Over 81 Ellington families received food from the Tri-Town Pantry during FY 2004.

ELDER SERVICES: During the past year 67 new clients have come into the program through outreach visits. Staff has provided 446 hours of counseling and 682 hours of social support. The adult volunteers, 47 in number, have given 2851 hours of time. Their services include friendly visiting; medical rides for frail elderly, grocery shopping and making reassurance calls.

GOOD CENTS THRIFT SHOP: The HVCC Thrift Store, although no longer funded by a Job-Readiness grant, continues to mentor high

school students with special needs. We provide a forum for them to showcase their talents while learning a skill and giving us some much needed help in return. We also provide low cost clothing and household needs for low-income families. In fact, if someone is without funds, a gift certificate is provided for him/her to shop in anonymity. McDonald's move from the plaza has had a significant impact on our revenue, but we are hopeful that the new owners will enhance the area and bring traffic back to the plaza. Good Cents continues to receive donations and volunteer assistance from a very generous community. An additional staff person has been hired this past year, but volunteers are always welcome to join our team. The excess income generated by the store helps to fund the much needed programs of HVCC.

VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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

AGENCY SERVICES

I. HOME HEALTH

- Skilled Nursing Care
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Work
- Home Health Aide
- Homemaker
- Companion
- Choreperson

II. MEDICARE CERTIFIED HOSPICE

- Routine Hospice Home Care
- Inpatient Hospice Care
- Respite Hospice Care
- Continuous Hospice Care

III. SPECIALTY SERVICES

- Bereavement Support Groups
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Diabetic Nursing
- Enterostomal Therapist
- HIV/AIDS Program
- Nutritional Counseling
- Palliative Care
- Pastoral Care
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Rehabilitative Nursing
- In-Home Tele-Health Monitoring

IV. WELLNESS SERVICES

- Adult Day Center
- Alzheimer's Support Groups
- Corporate Wellness
- Elder Wellness
- Flu Immunization
- LifeLine Partnership with ECHN
- Meals-On-Wheels
- Stroke Support Groups

V. ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCY

SERVICES PROVIDED

HOME HEALTH CARE	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	3445
Physical Therapy	676
Occupational Therapy	173
Speech Therapy	20
Medical Social Work	58
Home Health Aide	3060
Homemaker/Companion	389
Hospice Chaplin	1
	7822
HOSPICE	32 days
ADULT DAY CARE	1262 days
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	1471 (2 meal packets)
ELDER WELLNESS PROGRAMS	1011 (residents)
FLU VACCINE PROGRAM	380 (residents)

In fiscal year 2004-2005 there was a significant increase in requests for service: the Home Care Program provided 9% more visits than the prior year; 91% more days of Adult Day Care were provided; and the Flu Program experienced a 58% increase in residents receiving vaccine.

TRI-TOWN SHELTER SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

Our mission is to provide safe, supportive, and secure temporary housing, intentionally address the contributing factors resulting in homelessness, and to encourage residents to reclaim responsible control over their lives and to reentry the community as contributing citizens. To this end, we have adopted the following model: Empathetic Care + Encouragement + Effective Case Management + Education + Equipping = **Empowerment**

HIGHLIGHTS

Tri-Town Shelter Services temporarily houses fifteen residents, either families or adults and is staffed twenty-four hours a day. Given our 15 bed capacity x 364 days in a fiscal year, we can provide shelter for a total of 5,460 evenings.

During the past year we provided housing for 291 adults and 21 children, making 312 clients served during FY 04-05. One of the demographic figures we record and report monthly to our regulatory agencies is our utilization percentage. This is the percentage of use of our services in a given period of time. During FY 04-05 our utilization average for the year was 93%. This translates into a high occupancy rate.

During the past year there as been significant board development and recruitment. This has resulted in three new members serving on the Board of Directors. In an effort to operate a more viable and sustainable program, new standards were set and I am happy to report that they have been fully implemented and realized.

The Board of Directors and Executive Director spent considerable time reviewing the personnel policies and program regulations and requirements. These were very outdated and no longer reflected our model change. Consequently, the Personnel Committee and Program Committee convened to draft up new documents. These received full board approval and all staff have been retrained. These have been fully implemented and, as a result, program integrity has been enhanced significantly.

During this past year staff development and team building has been a major focus. As a result, we are operating according to higher standards of professionalism. In addition, the level of compassionate and competent care being offered has dramatically improved.

Another major focus during FY 04-05 has been to address our public image, broaden our partnerships, nurture collaborative relationships with other service providers, and to maintain a higher visibility in the surrounding communities. Numerous tours of the facility have been given and countless presentations have been conducted in the community. In addition, we have participated in several community activities.

Finally, during FY 04-05 we created a web page that is informative and user friendly. This website contains biographical sketches on each Board member and shelter staff. A description of the core values that drive our program is outlined and there are numerous links that introduce us and the clients we serve to those visiting us online. We encourage your readers to visit us at www.tri-townshelterservices.org and to give us their feedback.

PROGRAMS

During FY04-05 we successfully launched three new programs, each of which are designed to promote personal growth and vocational development in the lives of those entrusted to our care. Along with providing temporary housing, we have a multi-function room that houses a PC Lab, Learning Lab and On-Site Mentoring Program.

Securing and sustaining employment is a major program requirement for the majority of our residents. In an effort to promote skills development making them more marketable, we have a PC Lab that is open during scheduled or pre-arranged times. Residents have the opportunity to learn basic computer skills and gain familiarity with various software programs. In addition, they can use the PC Lab to write their own resumes and cover letters.

The Learning Lab houses educational material on a wide range of personal growth topics. There are books, literature, curriculum and training materials on such subjects as personal awareness and development, relational growth, medical health, mental health, social skills development and life skills development. The Learning Lab also houses various assessment tools that allow a resident to identify their marketable skills as well as grade level proficiency in several academic areas. The materials in the Learning Lab will expand as we bring and/or receive educational contributions.

In recognition that our residents have not had positive role models at critical times in their lives, we have designed a Mentoring Program. Members of the Board, staff and community volunteers serve as our mentors. After training they are matched carefully with those residents who have expressed an interest in being mentored. As you think about your own life, picture those people who have come alongside you during difficult times and have left an impact. Healthy models and intentional mentoring are vital elements for optimal personal growth and productivity. In an effort to support those serving as mentors, the Learning Lab has a file cabinet containing a broad range of personal growth articles and informational literature so that mentors can become increasingly aware of how best to serve their mentees. There is also a distribution rack containing one page fact sheets on mental health issues, substance abuse issues, and workforce skills.

CT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Just last month The Coalition held their 4th Annual Training Institute at Middlesex Community College in Middletown. The Tri-Town Shelter Director conducted a workshop entitled, "Caring Without Wearing" which was very well attended.

According to the CT Coalition to End Homelessness, 33,000 people in CT experience homelessness in a 12 month period; 13,000 of these are children and this equates to 20,000 households in need of housing over the course of a year. Their most recent publication (Spring 2004) entitled *A Social Barometer for CT* states that "Over the past five years the number of housing related requests handled by 2-1-1 Specialists

increased by 120%, compared with the overall number of service requests which increased by 53%. During the same time period the number of calls from homeless individuals increased by an astounding 357%." This trend, along with the factors contributing to homelessness, further widens the gap between supply and demand. Locally, we are here to serve the undesirable plight of those who have become overcome by "life's curves." It is our pleasure, along with those in partnership with us, to come alongside those less fortunate and to empower and equip them to regain their self-esteem and to regain responsible control over their own lives.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Thank you for your continued financial support and on a more personal note, I would be delighted to give your readers a tour of our facility and a overview of how the program works in the lives of our clients. Given our program expansion, your growing financial contribution is welcomed.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Clients, thank you for your continued partnership. In light of the ever changing economic and employment landscape, many of us are only a paycheck away from being residents of a shelter ourselves. Consequently, our service will be characterized by grace, humility, empathy and supportive care.

YOUTH SERVICES

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Services provides a wide range of programs in areas of community activities, after-school programs, mental health services (individual, family and group), and volunteerism. For the 2004-2005 year, Youth Services had a total of approximately 2, 615 children and their families participate in the following programs.

Counseling: A family therapist is employed by the town to provide sliding fee scale counseling services to the youth (under the age of 18) and their families. Referrals and advocacy are also provided. All services are confidential and evening hours are available by appointment. Through out the year, 25 children and families were provided this service.

Querks: A six week in-school program for kindergarteners and 1st graders which teaches the students social skills and self-esteem. This program was provided to Center, Windermere and Crystal Lake Schools.

Turning Points: Youth Services is proud to have developed in pilot program for 4th graders. The program is for 6 weeks and is facilitated in the classrooms. The main goals for the program are to increase positive peer relationships, teach and reinforce the use of conflict resolution skills and recognize and cope with feelings. We are able to work with two classrooms this year, one in Windermere and one in Center School. Youth Services received positive feedback and hopes to expand the program in the coming years to all 4th grade classrooms.

Groups: Choices is a program for 3rd and 4th grades to enhance life skills like dealing with feelings, communication, and social skills. This program ran for three sessions, working with total of 16 children. In partnership with the schools, youth services co-led discussion group on topics of grief, social skills and smoking cessation (at high school level).

ROPE: A total of 62 6th grade students participated in Right of Passage Experience (ROPE), a 10 session after-school community initiative which guides the students in developing decision making and leadership skills. For facilitators we had a total of 11 high school students and adults.

Homework Club: Due to the success of last year pilot program, we were able to expand this year increasing the number of students being assisted with study skills and homework. A total of 22 5th and 6th graders meet with 20 high school students once a week for 14 weeks.

Munchkins: In partnership with Recreation Department a two-day a week pre-school program ran for three sessions with a total of 31 children.

Summer Programs: Two new programs were developed for the summer, Healthy habits and Teen Activity Days. Healthy habits focused on proper nutrition and exercise. For two days a week for a total of eight sessions, the participants of the group went on hikes, bike rides, and yoga classes and discussed healthy decision for eating. Teen activity groups went on outings to golf-land, movies and Lake Compounds. A total of 6 girls participated in Healthy Habits and 10 participated in Teen Activity Days. One of our most successful new summer programs is Family Movie and Dinner Night. At a low cost a family enjoys a movie and pizza dinner, each movie was sold out for total of 120 participants (60 for each movie night). We ended our summer with a Community Picnic. 185 people came out to enjoy a hot summer day, a play on a bouncer, face painting, games, water balloons and a cook-out.

Assembly: This year Youth Services sponsored an assembly at the Middle School addressing proper nutrition, eating habits and exercise. In the news, the poor eating habits of today's youth has caused a lot of attention, in collaboration with Middle School we decided to take a proactive step and teach these essential skills to the students.

Halloween Happenings: For the 3rd year of running this program, our numbers have doubled. Approximately 400 children and their families enjoy a evening of costumes, crafts, cookies, games and treat or tricking.

Holiday Programs: In partnership with the recreation department to holiday programs ran this year, one was Holiday Craft and Movie Night where 80 children and 30 adults participated. The our successful Gingerbread Making Workshop a total of 44 children and adults created wonderful and yummy gingerbread houses.

Beach Blast and Ice Cream Social: To celebrate the end of the school year, youth services ran the 8th annual Beach Blast for 5th and 6th graders at Crystal Lake Beach. Youth Services treated the Middle School students and teachers to ice cream sundaes.

Bike Safety and Car Seat Check Clinic: To start the summer off, youth services sponsored a free bike helmet give away and fitting. Then the children rode through an obstacle course with the supervision and guidance of state trooper. We were able to give away 100 bike helmets to children and adults. Several families had their car seat checked and reinstalled by a certified state trooper.

ELDERLY OUTREACH

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Elderly Outreach worker serves as a link between the elderly and programs, services, and agencies that enable the elder to remain independent in their home environment, finding alternate housing, and short or long term care options as needed. The Outreach Worker serves as an advocate for Ellington elderly and their families, provides information, counseling and referrals on service options/interventions and educational programs.

SERVICES

- Conducts home visits and individual needs assessment for programs and services.
- Makes appropriate referrals and provides follow up contact/case management.
- Assists clients and/or family members in completing applications for various programs and services including, but not limited to, ConnPACE, Medicare, Medicaid/Title 19, Foodstamps, Veteran's Health Services, Energy Assistance, Elderly Homeowner's tax credit, Basic & Additional Veteran's tax credit, Renter's Rebate, Connecticut National Family Caregiver Support Grant, Alzheimer's Respite Grant, the Geropsychiatric Day treatment program, visiting nurse services, adult day care, housing applications and legal aid services.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Collaborated with the Ellington Senior Center Director for the following: annual Flu Shot clinic/206 attended; Mental Health and Aging Program/22 attended; Women, Health and Aging presentation/19 attended; Ellington Clergy and Human Services Department luncheon/5 local clergy members.
- Responded to 57 calls regarding home owner tax credit issues, assisted 31 elders in completing their Homeowner's Tax credit applications, and assisted 19 in completing the Additional Tax credit applications.
- Received 107 contacts about ConnPACE, assisted 60 clients in completing the application, and paid the application fee for 13 clients.
- Mailed out 22 packets of information on Living Wills and assisted 7 clients in completing the forms. Addressed other legal issues for 32 other clients, including assisting one senior client with bankruptcy issues.
- Assisted 29 senior clients with Medicaid/Title 19 issues and applications.
- Reviewed and assisted senior clients with 22 Medicare related issues, and reviewed information and forms with 16 clients regarding Medicare D.
- Provided information on Medigap health insurance to 28 senior clients.
- Monthly home deliveries of Food Bank items to 8 homebound clients.
- Received 55 contacts regarding housing options for seniors, and assisted 6 clients in filling out applications. Succeeded in assisting 2 senior clients in applying for and receiving USDA 504 Housing Rehab. Grants.
- Ongoing recruitment for "Friendly Visitors" for isolated elders, and currently has 5 dedicated volunteers who gave 237.5 hours of friendly visiting hours this year.
- Arranged for 5 Lifeline installations.
- Assisted 2 clients in getting telephone services installed in their homes and paid for the installation cost.
- Completed 28 Renter's Rebate applications with elderly clients.
- Facilitated one senior Ellington resident in having his first art show presentation at the Hall Memorial Library!

ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

The Senior Center is a focal point for individuals age 60 and older to gather for socialization and programs designed to meet their social, recreational and health needs.

STAFFING

The Senior Center staff consists of a full-time Director and part-time employees that includes the Assistant to the Director and three van drivers. In addition the Town participates in a federally funded program that provides a receptionist to work 20 hours per week. We are very grateful to have many dedicated volunteers who provide help with activities and fundraising endeavors.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior Center expanded in December 2004 to accommodate the growth in programs and participants.

Volunteers who served throughout this past year reached 55 individuals! We have a formalized volunteer program where we welcome individuals of all ages. During this past year, we had four high school students who assisted in office tasks.

North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) awarded the Senior Center with a grant to enhance our transportation program by offering residents rides to non-emergency medical appointments. The Ellington Medical Transportation Services (EMATS) grant program runs from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005. The Senior Center received written confirmation that another grant through NCAAA for the EMATS program is awarded for October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. The EMATS Program is funded in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging.

In October 2004, our Memories and Creative Writing group published its first book! We sold over fifty copies that reached California, Florida and England. Currently, this unique group of individuals is working on their second publication due in November 2005. We always welcome newcomers to join our group. The group meets on the third Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. Come share your stories written or orally with us.

The Senior Center Director and Municipal Agent continue to work together to co-sponsor some programs, such as, the annual Flu Clinic and entitlement program information presented at the Senior Center.

The Elder Wellness Program is contracted through The Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc., that offers monthly blood pressure and diabetic screenings at the Senior Center.

The Senior Center offers its facility to civic and community organizations that need a place to meet in the evening.

Harvest Moon Revue is our first variety show slated for October 15, 2005 at Ellington High School. The variety show takes place in the 1940's era, with song, dance and a script written by Bill Prenetta, English and Drama teacher at Ellington High School, under the auspices of the Senior Center Director, Erin Graziani who assisted in the coordination of this fine production. Cast includes Senior Center staff and volunteers, individuals of all ages including students from the Middle School and High School.

The Senior Center staff is sincerely grateful to all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers. We say thank you to the individuals who share their talents and give so much of their time!

The Town Crier News is our monthly newsletter that includes a detailed description of our programs and a calendar of events. The Town Crier is available at the Senior Center and various places in town. Or you may obtain The Town Crier News by visiting the Town's website: www.ellington-ct.gov click "Our Town News" (blue column), select "newsletter", select "Senior Center".

The Senior Center is located at 16-18 Church Street in the Center Plaza. Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 to 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 to 1:30 p.m.

For further information and/or volunteer opportunities contact the Senior Center at 870-3133.

MUNICIPAL AGENT

The role of the Municipal Agent is to advocate the needs of residents age 60 and older in the community. The Municipal Agent for the Town of Ellington is currently the same person who has been hired by the town to be the Elderly Outreach Worker.

Ellington Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The 2004-05 school year was marked by the celebration of the completion of two major building projects. Grand Openings were held on September 21, 2004 for Center School and May 4, 2005 for Ellington High School. Both events included guest speakers and special recognition of those who contributed to the success of each of the projects.



The newly renovated Center School consists of approximately 25,000 square feet to the existing facility with a two-story addition. In addition to changes in the core facilities, fifteen classrooms/instructional areas were added. The \$8.4 million project began in the summer of 2001 and was completed in August 2004. With the completion of Center School, 148 students were redistricted from the two other elementary schools.



The high school project also consisted of a complete renovation to the entire building and additions of 29,000 square feet at a cost of almost \$19 million. Although the project is complete there are still some outstanding "punch list items" which need resolution. Both buildings were designed by the architectural firm of Moser/ Pilon/Nelson of Wethersfield, CT with the projects being managed by The Permanent Building Committee.

Ellington participated this year in the Open Choice Program where students from more diverse communities enroll in Ellington schools. Six students attended Center School and five attended Windermere. Support was provided to make sure these students had a successful academic year. The program was quite successful and we anticipate these students will return the next year.

Each year, the Board of Education identifies two focus goals. The first was to build support for educational programs by promoting effective communication between our schools and the community. The Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education and the schools have worked hard to promote the many programs and successes we have achieved throughout the year through meetings of the three major town boards regarding budget support, updated websites for each school, a community newsgram, school-to-home newsletters, active and involved PTOs and parent advisory groups, positive press coverage and two well-attended "grand openings" at Center School and Ellington High School. Unfortunately, these efforts did not translate into support of the town and school budget. What is particularly troubling is that parents and the community seem to be very satisfied with our programs, performance and results, but are unwilling to pay the costs of maintaining our schools at this level. Obviously more needs to be done on all fronts, beginning immediately.

The second goal for 2004-05 was to improve student learning by involving all Ellington professional staff in curriculum initiatives with an emphasis on the assessment component of curriculum mapping and *Understanding by Design (UbD)*. There continues to be good progress in the implementation of both *UbD* and curriculum mapping. Teachers and administrators participated in a full day of long-range planning with an educational planning and consulting firm. The result was the development of an updated three-year plan for implementing *UbD* and curriculum mapping. To date, there are 66 teachers trained in *UbD* with plans to continue training by in-house trainers and through the Capitol Region Education Center (CREC). Each school has been involved in curriculum mapping by content area, grade levels or departments using specialized software for this purpose.

In summary, the 2004-05 school year was another highly successful year, especially with the completion of the building projects. In the report which follows we hope to inform residents of our successes and accomplishments as well as identify some areas of needs and potential growth.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

As stated above, work continues with the *UbD* and curriculum mapping initiatives. These tools are proving to be particularly helpful in all curriculum and program development areas. By using *Techpaths*, a curriculum mapping software, teachers in the district are more easily able to align curriculum with changes in state learning standards. The mapping provides a framework that includes content, skills and assessments all revolving around essential questions that are clearly tied to the Connecticut Frameworks. Work was done this year to revamp the assessments in *Techpaths* and a group developed ways to standardize them. This will improve our ability to search on assessments by type or content and share information between teachers, schools or levels. This was a time consuming, but worthwhile effort. With the *UbD* unit design tool, teachers are able to design more effective instructional units which will increase student learning. These two initiatives should ensure deeper student understanding and longer retention of major concepts.

Although Ellington's Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) scores keep rising, the district continues to analyze test results and revise action plans. This has been a multiple year project requiring sustained focus and systemic change. Plans focus on improving efforts in specific areas such as estimation or problem solving in math or editing and revising in language arts.

A program based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) standards is being developed to improve student performance in critical stance testing. Specific lessons were presented targeting prediction, figurative language, drawing conclusions, inferences and summarizing. These skills are a direct match for the CMT critical stance category. Weekly lessons were provided in these challenging higher order thinking skills. This program will continue into next year with the intent of improving CMT test performance. Another major initiative this year was the piloting of a new core reading program in grades K-3. The current program, which was thirteen years old, is no longer aligned with the new state expectations for student learning.

ONGOING K-8 PROGRAMS

A major examination and realignment of the K-8 science curriculum took place this year. This work will continue in preparation for the inclusion of science on the Connecticut Master Test (CMT) in 2008.

Crystal Lake's Reading Recovery program had a successful ninth year serving 24% of the first grade population. Math Recovery continued for a third year supporting students in first grade.

Windermere's Immigration Day was, as usual, a great success. The program, which was created after September 11 when Ellis Island was closed for an extended period of time, was designed to provide students with a realistic version of what immigrants experienced as they entered this country. The program has grown in popularity and includes not only school staff but community volunteers. Activities include performances of ethnic songs and dances in costumes designed by students. The day culminates with a closing ceremony where immigrants (students) are sworn in by a local presiding judge and become citizens.

Collaborative efforts continue with the Town's Youth Services Department. Youth Services Coordinator, Diane Lasher-Penti, presented six sessions to each Center School kindergarten class. This program, entitled the Querks, focuses on bullying, peer relationships, positive interaction techniques, etc. Ms. Lasher-Penti also worked with fourth grade classes presenting various ways for students to sustain positive social relationships with others. The students learned ways to support each other and to interact positively.

Crystal Lake also collaborated with the Youth Services Department to teach a program in kindergarten and grade one on individual differences and conflict resolution. It was a good way to enhance our health curriculum.

Another ongoing program is our Civil War Day at Windermere School. Teachers work closely with volunteers and members of various historical societies to provide students with authentic experiences of how soldiers dealt with military life. Food, clothing, medical needs, battle strategies and the music of the day are all presented to fifth grade students by specially trained individuals dressed in Civil War uniforms. This outstanding learning experience continues to grow in scope as more ideas and activities are added to the program.

All fifth and sixth grade students completed a keyboarding program this past spring. Students enjoyed the programs and made tremendous speed and skill improvements in keyboarding.

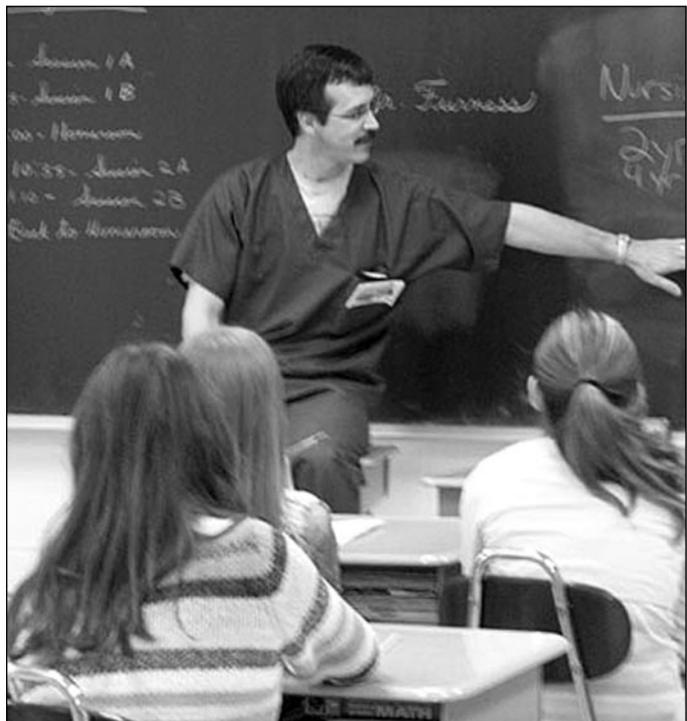
Center School had over 50 participants from the school system and the community who took part in this year's Celebrity Reader Program. This continuing initiative is a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear adults talking about the importance of reading, as well as, an opportunity for community members to visit our schools.



Windermere students participated in Civil War Encampment Day.

The Enrichment Program for grade 5-6 students has continued to enhance math understanding and reading/writing skills through outstanding learning experiences designed to have students apply higher level thinking skills to a variety of problem solving situations. Students involved in the program are encouraged to share their skills with their classmates. This program provides our most advanced training in various applications for technology ranging from PowerPoint to web page design.

The most involved program at Windermere in terms of planning and coordination is the sixth grade Career Day program. Our goal is to design a program that will acquaint students with a range of possible careers along with the educational and skill requirements individuals must possess for each. Students select and attend four career programs that interest them. Students have experienced a wide variety of professional, as well as skilled trade careers. Feedback from the professionals, as well as students, continues to be positive and supports further development of this program.



Fifth and Sixth Grade students participated in Career Day.

As an enhancement to the middle school French program, world language teacher, Roberta Kiner, organized a trip to Montreal, Canada during the April school break. Students and parents traveled for four days visiting museums, art galleries and French restaurants. The trip gives the students a first hand opportunity to immerse themselves in French culture.

A real highlight this year was the completion of a 25 foot wall mural on ocean life at Crystal Lake School. Elementary art teacher, Steve Bernard, initiated, organized and led students in this project which was funded by the PTO. Every student in the school participated in planning and painting the tiles which were later installed by a professional company.



Crystal Lake students worked with art teacher, Steve Bernard, to create a sea life mural.

The new Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, was released this summer and media specialist, Shannon McNeice, held a Harry Potter Party for middle school students. When they arrived, students were greeted by several staff members costumed as characters from the story. Refreshments were served such as, pumpkin juice, cauldron cakes and other assorted Hogwarts treats. The staff and students then discussed the new book and theorized where the story would lead.

A walking club was promoted at Windermere School this year. Grades five and six were chosen to pilot the club last fall. Ms. Parciak, school psychologist at Windermere, helped develop the detailed student mileage record system and designed a rewards system. The club was very popular, with students walking a total of 576 miles during November. In the spring, the program was expanded to include grades 1-4 and we were pleased to see the mileage total grow to 3000 miles by June 1. The program requires volunteers to manage the mileage cards and organize the records on a daily basis. The program will continue next year as it promotes the health benefits of regular exercise.

We are fortunate to have strong and supportive PTOs and booster clubs in our district. Through fund raising events, these volunteer groups help enhance programs and provide enrichment activities for students at all grade levels. The focus of many of these programs is to help students learn about other cultures. Some of the elementary programs included the Sankofa Kuumba, an African dance and drum troupe, the National Theatre for the Deaf program on Asian folk tales, Motoko, a Japanese storyteller, a performance by a Chinese Folk Dance troupe and a Chinese New Year celebration, Mad about Math, the Magic of Science and the Marionette Theatre. The PTOs also support successful reading at home programs. We thank you all for your support!

Ellington Middle School was awarded a grant from the Connecticut River Recovery Group which enabled them to

purchase a fish tank and associated equipment needed to raise salmon eggs. The eggs were delivered to the school in early September. A member of the River Recovery Group visited the school once a month to record the growth and activity of the eggs. In the spring, eighth grade science classes took a field trip to the Connecticut River to release the hatched fish. All the eighth grade science classes were actively involved in the raising of the eggs and they hope to be able to have two tanks for the coming year. The release of the salmon turned out to be a great learning experience.

To celebrate Grandparents' Day, Crystal Lake students invited their grandparents or a special person to lunch. Nearly every student had visitors for lunch that week. Similar programs are held at Center and Windermere Schools.

In November, Center School hosted the Senior Citizens' luncheon. Over 45 Ellington seniors attended, toured the new building and enjoyed a great turkey dinner.

Center School students raised almost \$2,000 for the Tsunami Relief effort and collected 500 nonperishable items for the Governor's Foodshare Project. Through these types of community service projects, students learn that they are a part of a much larger community than just Ellington and that there are much less fortunate people in the world.

Fathers and daughters enjoyed a magical evening at the second annual Father & Daughter Dance held at Ellington Middle School. Ms. Padegimas, a seventh grade language arts teacher, organized the dance along with the help of other teachers in the language arts department. A DJ was hired for the evening, refreshments were served, and dance contests were held with gift baskets as prizes. Each group of teachers creates a basket with a different theme, such as a reader's dream basket which contains books, gift certificates to Barnes & Nobel, small snacks and other sundry items related to reading. This year, forty students attend with their fathers! Ms. Padegimas is looking forward to enticing even more students to attend next year as word spreads about how much fun this special evening is.

Students at Crystal Lake decided to do a food drive for Make a Difference Day in October and exceeded their goal by collecting 400 nonperishable food items that week. Students set goals and graphed their progress. At the end of the week, the kindergarten classes sorted the food, tallied it and boxed it for delivery to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.

Fourth grade students at Crystal Lake once again participated in the Nutmeg Children's Book Award program. This program is a statewide initiative for students in grades 4-6. Each year, ten books are nominated for the award. The books are purchased and fourth graders are encouraged to read them. Students then chart their reading and vote for their favorite. Several teas were held through the year to discuss the books and encourage leisure reading.

Ellington students at all levels participated in the Art at the Capitol program. Student artwork is selected and hung in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Students and their families are later invited to a reception in May.

In February, Crystal Lake School participated in the African American Read in Chain. This is a National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) program that involves schools stopping to read works by African American writers on the same day and time. Teachers selected authors to read to introduce students to new works.

Ellington Middle School students did an outstanding job of performing community service this year. Students raised funds for the Tsunami victims by selling red hearts and then the hearts we hung throughout the school. There were enough hearts to circle the entire school hallways on both levels. Each heart

contained the name of the donor. EMS *Character Counts* members raised over \$500 for the *Smile Train Organization* selling candy bars. The *Smile Train Organization* provides medical services for children that are born with cleft palates. EMS Spanish class students sold lollipops and donated the funds to *Common Hope* and "adopted" a young man named Henry who lives in Guatemala. All funds donated to *Common Hope* paid for Henry's schooling for one year and also provide some medical services for his family. Our students have been donating to Henry's education for four years now and we receive wonderful letters from him expressing his thanks and also describing his progress in school. Henry hopes to be able to visit one day to thank the students personally. Student Council members held fund raisers for *Kidsafe*, an organization that shelters battered women with children, and *Americares*, which provides relief services. Mr. Monk, EMS social studies teacher, once again held a "Hoops for Hearts" fun night to raise funds for the *American Heart Association*. Each year students get pledges for funds from friends and families and spend an evening playing basketball. EMS teachers, Mrs. Fuellhart and Mr. Monk also work with our eighth graders organizing trips to a local nursing home in Vernon. On a Saturday morning the two teachers and several volunteer students go the nursing home and spend several hours playing cards or bingo and reading to the residents.

Center School had over 75 parent volunteers this year. Parents read with students, worked in the library, helped students in the computer lab, ran off papers for the teachers, helped make classroom learning centers, etc. Center School's Volunteer Program was once again recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) this May as an example of an outstanding parent/community volunteer program.

Crystal Lake is fortunate to have a strong volunteer program. Fifty-seven people including parents, high school students and senior citizens volunteered in classrooms or the media center on a weekly basis. These volunteers greatly enrich student life at Crystal Lake School. In April, during Volunteer Recognition Month, a library book was purchased to honor each volunteer, and students and teachers wrote notes to thank these giving people.

Crystal Lake had a number of multi-age programs this year. The first and fourth grades have a buddy program. The classes meet weekly to work on shared curriculum areas such as an animal study in first grade and habitat study in fourth grade. Each second grader has a first grade reading partner. The partners meet weekly during which the second graders read to the first grader. As a technology project this year, second and fourth graders collaborated to research and develop multimedia presentations on dinosaurs. These were then posted on the second grade website.

9-12 ONGOING PROGRAMS

The high school completed and submitted its New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) two year report. NEASC is a national accrediting agency which held an evaluation visitation in 2003. The report is a response to recommendations raised during the visitation. Our report was well received by the NEASC Commission on Secondary Schools and will not be required to report again until 2008.

Professional learning groups were established at the high school in response to an NEASC recommendation. These PLGs meet one period a week to discuss issues related to teaching and learning. The groups routinely work on issues such as academic expectations for student learning, curriculum mapping, technology use, instructional strategies and other curricular and departmental issues.

Honors, advanced placement and UCONN cooperative programs provide motivated students with an opportunity to achieve significant college credits prior to high school graduation. The courses set high standards and provide a rigorous curriculum that allows students to feel well prepared as they enter college.

The theatre arts program, run by Bill Prenetta, continues to provide a broad range of experiences across all aspects of drama. The basic course introduces students to the study of theatre. Students who continue in the program gain a true understanding and love of theatre. Through one act plays and a major production, students gain insight and exposure into acting, directing, behind the scenes activities and marketing performances.

The April art exhibition at Hall Memorial Library is an annual show of artwork from seniors and juniors enrolled in the portfolio preparation course. Art portfolios are admission requirements for most independent and university art schools and colleges.

Grade 9 and 10 continue to focus on preparation for the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). Extended practice and skill development experiences that align with the CAPT requirements have shown results and high levels of achievement across the four areas tested. In addition, remediation is provided for those students not meeting the state goal.

Two new science courses have been added to the curriculum this year in response to the increase in science graduation requirements. The two courses are *science in a technical world* and *environmental science*. These choices offer viable options to students who do not wish to pursue either chemistry or physics.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ginny Hogan, the family and consumer science department initiated a preschool program as a component of our child care and development course. Students planned activities and observed cooperative play and development of the children.

STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Dr. Eileen Kouba, EHS Principal, and Mr. Jack Leonard, EHS Assistant Principal, who retired this year. We thank you for your many years of hard work and dedication to the children of Ellington. You will be missed.

Congratulations also to Dr. Barbara Ripa, EMS Principal, who resigned this year to accept a superintendency in Massachusetts. We wish you the best in your new position.

Fifteen fourth grade students in Mrs. Gentilcore's class had their poetry nationally published and recognized for the "Poetic Achievement Award."

Fourth grade students at Crystal Lake participated in a year long exchange with Evergreen Health Care Facility. Students corresponded with their senior partners and visited monthly. Fourth grade teacher, Christine Marshall, set up the program and the PTO funded the transportation.

The PRIDE program continued at Crystal Lake School this year. PRIDE is a way for teachers and staff to recognize and reward students for excellence in five categories: politeness, respect, initiative, discipline and excellence. Throughout the year, staff complete a PRIDE nomination form when a student excels in one of the areas. Award recipients are announced to the school and receive pins and certificates. The names of PRIDE students are posted on a board in the front hallway. This program has been in place for fourteen years and was recognized as an exemplary program by CAS. Windermere and Center Schools also support similar programs.

Elementary art teacher Steve Bernard offered an art club for students who had difficulty with fine motor and art class

activities this year.

Under the tutelage of science teacher, Roy Gurnon, students in the Garden Club have worked hard to improve the grounds surrounding Ellington Middle School. Flower plugs were purchased, potted and grown by members of the club and then sold at a plant sale. The proceeds from the sale of the flowers were used to purchase plantings for the perimeter of the school. A group of volunteer students and staff spent a Saturday planting the shrubs and flowers and then covering the surrounding area with mulch. This will be an ongoing project as students learn not only the skills for planning and establishing a garden, but also the skills and discipline needed to maintain the garden once it is established.

We acknowledge a special group of student volunteers who perform a critical service to our community on a daily basis with their involvement in Rescue Post #512. Mr. Raymond Close serves as their advisor. Post students who successfully complete EMT course work receive high school credit for their training. The skills they acquire allow them to serve on the ambulance crew and respond to emergencies in town. Two dozen students participated in this school-community partnership.

EHS chemistry students scored well in the Chemistry Olympiad at UCONN in March. Jeff Gagnon achieved the third highest score at the Olympiad and his performance was recognized by the American Chemical Society at an award luncheon at Mount Holyoke College.

Megan Sirag was selected by the UCONN School of Engineering and awarded a scholarship to participate in a summer engineering program.

Adam Cartier and Ashton Porter were selected to represent EHS in the "Capitol Region Interdistrict Leadership Academy." Their selection was based on leadership ability, strong academic standing, interest and commitment to community service and ability to work successfully with peers and adults. The students were selected from a group of applicants from the Greater Hartford area to participate in this year-long leadership academy which began this past summer with an all expense paid trip to Colorado to participate in an Outward Bound experience. The students will continue to work with the academy to develop leadership skills by working on community-based service learning projects throughout the 2005-06 school year.

Tara Heffernan and Spencer Hrubala were selected to receive the annual CAS Scholarship Athlete Award

Rachel D'Amico and Timothy Wheeler were selected to appear in the March/April issue of Next Step Magazine. The two students were nominated by EHS and selected by the magazine based on their volunteer work, extra-curricular activities, academics, work ethic and all-around character.

In April, the National Honor Society inducted twenty-three juniors and seniors. New members included: Valerie Angell, Erik Badger, Adam Cartier, Sarah Cocuzzo, Margaret Deptula, Lesley Drohan, Molly Dunn, Kristin Dziadul, Daniel Goldthwaite, Kimberly Harte, Gregory Honda, Ashley Hulstein, Rajvir Jutla, Derek Lata, Taylor Lucic, John Moeller, Sonia Patel, Christopher Perron, Ashton Porter, Kathleen Riley, Jena Savage, Leigh Scordato and Kathryn Stein.

Twelve student council members and their advisor, Mrs. Fontanella, attended the CAS Spring Leadership Conference in March at Wesleyan University.

Class scholars are Jennifer VanOudenhove, Shaelyn Dolen, Samantha Plachy, Sara Caney, Lyndsay Mills, Carolyn Burgess and Katherine Harty.

Congratulations to the 145 Ellington students who graduated on June 17. Ninety-two percent of the graduates will go on to two or four year colleges and technical schools. The

Class of 2005 valedictorian was Rebecca Stephenson. Rebecca, a National Honor Society member, received many honors and awards over the last four years including the 2004 Holy Cross Book Prize. Rebecca is attending the University of Arizona where she will pursue her goal of becoming a speech/language pathologist. The 2005 salutatorian was Tara Heffernan. Tara, a member of the National Honor Society and student council, also received many honors and awards including the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Tara is attending Siena College where she is majoring in American studies.

DISTRICT NEEDS

The BOE is facing three major needs for the immediate future: 1) the expansion of its school facilities to keep up with enrollment growth; 2) gaining support for its operating budget and 3) acquiring adequate funding through the capital improvements budget for its technology and building infrastructure. All of these are funding and financial issues. There are plans in place to address each of these needs.

In March 2005, the BOE School Facilities Study Committee (SFSC) made its final report to the BOE with a series of options to address the continuing student population expansion due to the growth of Ellington. The committee made up of BOE members, Town elected officials, parents, and administrators determined that, even with the recent expansion of our schools, its present K-6 facilities will be overcrowded by 2007-08, the middle school is already over-capacity and the high school will need additional space by 2014-15. The SFSC made several recommendations to address these problems and funds have been approved to obtain cost estimates for these possible options. Once the cost estimates have been obtained, the BOE will determine how it will proceed in obtaining community support in order to move forward.

For 2005-06 the BOE had requested a budget of \$25,244,655. After four referendums, this request was reduced to \$23,888,655 and approved in a referendum held on June 29. As a result of this referendum, the BOE was unable to hire the number of classroom teachers necessary to keep up with enrollment growth. The lack of adequate funding for 2005-06 has resulted in larger class sizes in grades 4-12; the elimination of needed summer programs; reduction in supplies, equipment and technology; the institution of "pay-for-play" at the high school and the taking of risks in the fuel account and special education. If this lack of financial support continues, further erosion will take place in the school system's ability to meet its goal of providing a quality educational program for its students.

Lastly, the Town has invested millions of dollars in expanding and renovating its facilities. Each year, the BOE develops a five-year capital improvement plan which lays out a plan to maintain its facilities for the future. Other than the installation of new wells at Crystal Lake School, none of the plans recommendations were addressed. Without proper funding, the school facilities will begin to deteriorate, which will eventually cost the taxpayers more money in emergency repairs. Additionally, the school system does not have in place a long range plan to replace outdated and older computers which have a three to five year life span. Such a plan needs to be addressed in either the capital improvements plan or the BOE operating budget.

All of these needs require support from the community. Each of the needs is exacerbated by the Town's continued growth, the lack of long term planning and cut backs in funding and unfunded mandates by both the State of Connecticut and the Federal Government.

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† *Class Scholar*

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

Members of Troupe 5226 of the International Thespian Society wore Blue/Gold Honor Cords.

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Sheila Bailey

TOWN COUNSEL: Susan Boyan, Esq.

TOWN ENGINEER: James Thompson, Buck & Buck Engineers

TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Zoning Enforcement Officer: Robert Phillips
Land Use Assistant: Reanna Goodreau
Secretary: Kristin Michaud

TREE WARDEN: Peter Michaud

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	TERM EXPIRES
Dennis C. Milanovich, First Selectman	December 2005
Dennis F. Frawley, Deputy First Selectman	December 2005
Peter J. Charter	December 2005
Mark D. Leighton	December 2005
A. Leo Miller	December 2005
Michael P. Stupinski	December 2005
Nancy O. Way	December 2005

BOARD OF FINANCE

Robert K. Pagani, Chairman	December 2007
Robert J. Cleary, Jr.	December 2005
Robert J. Clements	December 2007
Vaughn E. Gerber	December 2007
Mark A. Joys	December 2005
Barry C. Pinto	December 2005

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dale C. Roberson, Chairman	November 2007
Maurice W. Blanchette	November 2007
Gary J. Blanchette	November 2005
Kimberly F. Cleverdon	November 2005
Howard Friedman	November 2007
Louise Gerber	November 2007
Daniel C. Keune	November 2005
Sean Millane, Sr.	November 2005
Kathleen L. Perrier	November 2005
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow	November 2007

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Susan Luginbuhl (<i>Democrat</i>)	January 2007
Wanda Deland (<i>Republican</i>)	January 2007

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Beverley B. Lewis, Chairman	December 2005
Carolyn E. Cook	December 2005
John Halloran, Jr.	December 2007
Nancy J. Pagani	December 2007
Henry F. Szemplinski	December 2005
Miriam N. Underwood	December 2005

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Emery L. Zahner, Chairman	December 2005
Clifford L. Aueter	December 2007
Mort Heidari	December 2005
Robert G. Hoffman	December 2007
Geraldine R. Kupecky	December 2005
Lori L. Spielman	December 2007

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mary B. Cardin, Chairman	December 2007
Kenneth M. Braga	December 2005
Adam J. LaFleche	December 2005
Robert R. Palozej	December 2007
Mark R. Spurling	December 2007
Duane Zahner	December 2005

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

AD HOC YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Ken LaForge, Chairman	June 2006
Michele Beaulieu	June 2006
Robert M. Dawson, III	June 2006
Anthony H. Gallicchio	June 2006
Nancy O. Way	June 2006

AD HOC DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL (1 yr.)

Doris Crayton	August 2005
Eileen Kouba	August 2005
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2005
Peter Martin	August 2005
Nancy Netherwood	August 2005
Barbara Ripa	August 2005

AD HOC PINNEY HOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Dale Roberson, Chairman	July 2005
Gary T. Feldman	July 2005
James Gage	July 2005
Gerry Gillung	July 2005
Marcia Kupferschmid	July 2005
Debby Wallace	July 2005

AD HOC COMMITTEE – TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY/DISABLED (1 yr.)

Brian Kenny, Chairman	September 2005
Helen Filloramo	September 2005
Joe Leslie	September 2005
Darlene S. Sutton	September 2005
John Whidden	September 2005

AD HOC YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE (1 yr.)

Leo Arnone	August 2005
Mary Bartley	August 2005
Yale Cantor	August 2005
Doris Crayton	August 2005
Chantal Haracsy	August 2005
Todd Harmon	August 2005
Eileen Kouba	August 2005
Diane Lasher-Penti	August 2005
Tomasa Raver	August 2005
Sue Stack	August 2005
Rev. Jeffrey Stalley	August 2005

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (3 yrs.)

Thomas J. Stack, Chairman	January 2006
Marie Bedor	January 2008
Kimberly Bechard	January 2007
ALTERNATES	
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2006
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2008

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Term through Budget Season)

Gary Daigle	2005-06
Joseph Snyder	2005-06
Adella Ugolik	2005-06

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

(5 yrs.)

James Alexander	April 2010
Thomas Connelly	April 2006
Donald Gobeille	April 2007
Howard D. Reckert	April 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2009

CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM

DISTRICT (3 yrs.)

Pamela Amodio	June 2005
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COMMUNITY VOICE CHANNEL

ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Carl Slicer	June 2006
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Shawn Costello, Chairman	March 2006
Jesse Amsel	March 2006
Glenn Eberly	March 2007
James Gage	March 2007
David Hurley	March 2008
Walter Moody	March 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	March 2009

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Paul Recker, Chairman	February 2009
Pamela Amodio	February 2008
Denise Archibald	February 2007
Jeanne Gessay	February 2007
Patricia Wassey-Stoughton	February 2007
Dr. Julius P. Williams	February 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2008
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2009
<i>Vacant</i>	February 2009

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Debra A. Riley (<i>Democrat</i>)	December 2007
Coreen Margnelli (<i>Republican</i>)	December 2007

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Richard J. Cleary, Chairman	July 2006
John Luginbuhl	July 2008
Anna Sanko	July 2006
Eric Santini	July 2006
Laura Sherman	July 2005
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Laurie Fiore	January 2007
Tim Olmsted	January 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	January 2007

HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY**COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)**

Yale Cantor	March 2006
Susan Stack	March 2006

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 yrs.)

Stephen Schindler, Chairman	June 2007
Margaret C. Bean	June 2009
Thomas Berube	June 2008
Edward Jeski	June 2010
Irene Lagasse	June 2008
Lois Matczak	June 2006
Rich Cofrancesco, Executive Director	

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (4 yrs.)

Yale Cantor, Chairman	January 2006
Melinda Ferry	January 2006
Helen Filloramo	January 2008
Cynthia Heidari	January 2006
Sandra-Anne Orsini	January 2008
Hassan Salley	January 2006
Sharon Schall	January 2008
Susan Stack	January 2008

INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY (4 yrs.)

Kenneth Braga, Chairman	January 2007
Adam Barber	January 2007
Sanford Cohen	January 2007
Kim Flannery	January 2009
Donald McConnell	January 2009
Christine Murphy	January 2009
Margo Wheeler	January 2007
ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Jean Burns	January 2006
Steven Hoffman	January 2007

INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD (4 yrs.)

Jonathan Allen	April 2009
Mark Boone	April 2007
Audrey Kubas	April 2007
Diane O'Hagan	April 2009
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer (Ex-officio)	
<i>Vacant</i>	April 2007

LAND RECORDS INSPECTOR

Nancy Lemek	September 2005
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MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL #15

Beryl Cantor	January 2007
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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3 yrs.)

John P. Golon	June 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	June 2007

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

(4 yrs.)	
Gordon Oliver, Chairman	January 2008
Thomas Boscarino	January 2008
Neal Breen	January 2008
Hunter Giroux	January 2006
Kevin Hayes	January 2006
Robert Larew	January 2008
Thomas Neeson	January 2006
Michael Pantuosco	January 2006
Thomas Stauffer	January 2006

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

(4 yrs.)	
Robert Thiesing, Chairman	February 2006
Paul Critchley	February 2008
Douglas Flamino	February 2006
Katherine Heminway	February 2006
Gary Magnuson	February 2008
Daniel Tutko	February 2008
Peter W. Welti	February 2006
Dennis Frawley	December 2005
(Board of Selectmen Representative)	
Gary Blanchette	November 2005
(Board of Education Representative)	
Robert Clements	December 2005
(Board of Finance Representative)	
Lori Spielman	December 2005
(Planning & Zoning Representative)	
Peter Michaud, Public Works Director (Ex-officio)	

PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATES

(2 yrs.)	
Arlo Hoffman	September 2006
James Prichard	September 2005
Ronald Small	September 2005

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION (3 yrs.)

Michael R. Bard	September 2005
Ernest Boothroyd	September 2005
James McGrath	September 2005
Corinne Sandberg	September 2006
(EVAC representative)	
William Trisler	September 2006
(CLFD representative)	
<i>Vacant</i> (EVFD representative)	September 2006
<i>Vacant</i>	September 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	September 2007
<i>Vacant</i>	September 2007

SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

(3 yrs.)	
Carolyn Cook	October 2005
Rose Parent	October 2006
William Enes, Jr.	October 2007

VERNON AREA CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL (2 yrs.)

Carl Slicer	June 2006
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VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES OF CT., INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(1 yr.)	
Jenifer Eukers	June 2006

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

AUTHORITY (4 yrs.)	
Mark Spurling, Chairman	April 2007
Edward Duell	April 2006
Stacie Mikol	April 2006
Rex Myers	April 2008
Daniel Parisi	April 2009

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ALTERNATES (2 yrs.)	
Joseph Snyder	August 2005
Robert Wambolt	August 2006
<i>Vacant</i>	August 2006

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

DEMOCRAT	
Yale Cantor	January 2009
Thomas J. Connelly	January 2009
Thomas J. Dzicek	January 2009
Glenora G. Forbes	January 2009
Dennis W. Frawley	January 2009
Vaughn E. Gerber	January 2009
Frank C. Graziani	January 2009
John M. Halloran, Jr.	January 2009
Marion W. Hoffman	January 2009
James R. Josephiac	January 2009
Edwin M. Lavitt	January 2009
Pamela B. Lombardo	January 2009
Thaddeus J. Okolo	January 2009
Paul H. Prokop	January 2009
Hassan W. Salley	January 2009
Mark R. Spurling	January 2009
John S. Watts	January 2009
Rachel Wheeler-Rossow	January 2009

REPUBLICAN

Clifford Aucter	January 2009
Maurice W. Blanchette	January 2009
Peter J. Charter	January 2009
Robert J. Clements	January 2009
Dale T. Cunningham	January 2009
Ann L. Harford	January 2009
Leonard A. Johnson	January 2009
Jerrold R. Starr	January 2009
Lorette R. Starr	January 2009
Michael P. Stupinski	January 2009
Nancy O. Way	January 2009
UNAFFILIATED	
Tony G. Locke	January 2009
Bettie Rivard-Darby	January 2009

Ellington Public Schools

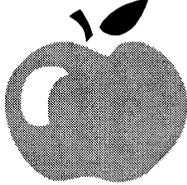
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**2005-2006
School
Calendar**



DATES

First Day of School Sept 1
Last Day of School* Jun 19

* Tentative

NO SCHOOL

- Convocation Aug 29
- Teacher Inservice Aug 30-31
- Labor Day Sept 5
- Columbus Day Oct 10
- Teacher Inservice Oct 11
- Teacher Inservice Nov 10
- Veterans' Day Nov 11
- Thanksgiving Nov 24-25
- Christmas Recess Dec 26-Jan 2
- Martin Luther King Day .. Jan 16
- Presidents' Day Feb 20
- Winter Recess Feb 21-24
- Good Friday Apr 14
- Spring Recess Apr 17-21
- Memorial Day May 29

October

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○ ○ **EARLY DISMISSALS** ○ ○

- K-8 Conferences Nov 16-18
- 9-12 Inservice Nov 18
- ½ Day - All Schools Nov 23
- K-8 Inservice Jan 13
- 9-12 Jan Inservice T.B.D.
- 7-8 Conferences Feb 15-17
- K-12 Inservice Mar 24
- K-6 Conferences Apr 11-13
- Last Day * June 19
- High School Exams T.B.D.
- (4 days in January & June)
- Graduation* June 19
- * Tentative

NOTE

Make-up days will be scheduled after June 19th. If more than five school cancellations occur, the days may be made up during the April vacation beginning with the first day of the week. This decision will be made by April 3, 2006.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

IN AN EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE DIAL 911

<p style="text-align: center;">NON EMERGENCY CALLS</p> <p>AMBULANCE: 870-3170 FIRE: Crystal Lake Fire District 870-3174 Center Fire Department 870-3190 RESIDENT STATE TROOPER: 875-1522 STATE POLICE – TROOP C 896-3200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN HALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">55 Main Street, PO Box 187 Ellington, CT 06029 Hours: Monday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Friday – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM</p>
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<p>ADMINISTRATION:</p> <p>Dennis C. Milanovich, First Selectman 870-3100 General Information: Carol York/Marie Sauve 870-3100 Selectman's Office Fax 870-3102 TDD/TT Phone for Hearing Impaired 870-3196</p> <p>ANIMAL CONTROL: Barbara Murdach 870-3155</p> <p>ASSESSOR: Rhonda McCarty 870-3109 Assessor Fax 870-3197</p> <p>BUILDING PERMITS: Peter R. Williams 870-3124</p> <p>BURNING PERMITS: Allan Lawrence 870-3126</p> <p>CEMETERIES: Ellington-Connie Nichols 872-2595 Crystal Lake-Mark Hoffman 875-9021</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICE: Hockanum Valley Community Council 872-9905</p> <p>CONSERVATION OFFICER: Laura Gregonis 424-3333</p> <p>ELDERLY OUTREACH CASEWORKER: Anna Turner 870-3131</p> <p>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Donald Davis 870-3182</p> <p>FINANCE: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer 870-3115 Bills And Accounts: Andrea M. Salemi 870-3115 Finance Fax 870-3158</p> <p>FIRE MARSHAL: Allan Lawrence 870-3126 Fire Marshal Fax 870-3122</p> <p>HEALTH: North Central District Health Department: Director: William Blitz 745-0383 Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc. 872-9163</p> <p>HOUSING AUTHORITY: Rich Confrancesco, Executive Director 872-6923</p> <p>HOUSING REHABILITATION: 870-3132</p> <p>HUMAN SERVICES: Doris Crayton 870-3128 Human Services Fax 870-3198</p> <p>LIBRARY, HALL MEMORIAL: Susan Phillips 870-3160</p> <p>MUNICIPAL AGENT: Anna Turner 870-3131</p> <p>POLICE: Resident Troopers' Office 875-1522</p>	<p>POST OFFICE: 875-6391 PROBATE COURT: 872-0519 PUBLIC WORKS: Peter Michaud 870-3140 Public Works Fax 870-3147</p> <p>RECREATION: Robert Tedford 870-3118 Recreation Fax 870-3198</p> <p>RECYCLING COORDINATOR/ REFUSE & BULKY WASTE: Peter Michaud 870-3140 Waste Management (Contractor) 528-7000</p> <p>SCHOOLS: Superintendent's Office 896-2300 Superintendent's Office Fax 896-2312 Special Services 896-2300 Center School 896-2315 Crystal Lake School 896-2322 Ellington High School 896-2352 Guidance Office 896-2352 Ellington Middle School 896-2339 Windermere School 896-2329</p> <p>SENIOR CENTER: Erin Graziani 870-3133 Sr. Center Fax 870-3136</p> <p>SEWER ADMINISTRATION: Pamela Lombardo 870-3145</p> <p>SEWER MAINTENANCE: Peter Michaud 870-3140</p> <p>STATE ROADS: East Windsor Garage 623-4473 Vernon Garage 875-4993</p> <p>TAXES: Pamela Lombardo 870-3113 Tax Fax 870-3197</p> <p>TOWN CLERK/REGISTRAR VITAL STATS: Cynthia Lacaprucia 870-3105 Town Clerk Fax 870-3197</p> <p>TOWN PLANNER: Town Planner Fax 870-3120 870-3122</p> <p>TREE WARDEN: Peter Michaud 870-3140</p> <p>VOTING: Susan Luginbuhl/Wanda Deland 870-3107</p> <p>YOUTH SERVICES: Diane Lasher-Penti 870-3130</p> <p>ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Robert Phillips 870-3120</p>
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Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Closed Saturday in July & August)

HOUSING AUTHORITY - 872-6923

20 Main Street, PO Box 416 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9:00 AM to Noon