

ANNUAL REPORT 2016~2017



TOWN OF FARMINGTON

Cover Picture

This issue of the Town of Farmington Annual Report continues the series of historical pictures on the cover. This is the eleventh in the series.

Lions Club World War II Memorial Pool

The cover picture depicts the Lions Club Pool after its opening in 1949.

~ Cover Photo courtesy of Unionville Lions Club



~ Photograph courtesy of Unionville Museum

Fund-raising van for Lions Pool. Parked in front of the Heiman family's popular restaurant, the Green Picket, a van features a sign publicizing the town-wide drive for funds for the buildings of the Lions Club World War II Memorial Pool on Cottage Street
- narrative from Images of America - Unionville by Clifford Thomas Alderman

~ Photograph courtesy of Clifford Thomas Alderman



Dedication of Lions Club Pool. Aaron Heiman, chairman of the pool committee, gives remarks at the opening of the Lions' pool in 1949. Seated at his left is attorney Wallace Burke, Bob Matava, in his World War II U.S. Marine uniform, appears in the back
- narrative from Images of America - Unionville
by Clifford Thomas Alderman

~ Photograph courtesy of
Unionville Lions Club



~ Photograph courtesy of
Unionville Museum

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Unionville Lions Club



**"Joe Morin of Unionville Lions
Russ Fester of Hartford Foundation
visit rebuilt Memorial Pool July 1956"**

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Fire & Rescue Services	860-675-2322
Fire Marshal	860-675-2320
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Highway & Grounds	860-675-2550
Housing Authority	860-675-2390
Library	860-673-6791
Plan & Zoning	860-675-2325
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Social Services (Sec. VIII)	860-675-2390
Tax Collector	860-675-2340
Town Clerk	860-675-2380
Town Hall (TDD)	860-675-2314
Town Manager	860-675-2350
Water Pollution Control	860-675-2545
Youth Services	860-675-2390

TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR'S MESSAGE



WWII Veteran Alexander Bednarek (MOS Waist gunner on B-17) was honored by the Farmington Town Council on 11-28-16 --presentation made by Nancy Nickerson, Town Council Chair

The Town Council is pleased to provide you with the Annual Report for the Town of Farmington for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 fiscal year. As you read through the report, you may note the wide range of important services that we provide our citizens and business community. I know that I speak for the entire Town Council when I express the pride we have in our community, schools, and our Town employees. We hope that you find this report useful and informative.

To establish and maintain a healthy and vibrant community that is both attractive to residents and businesses, there are many factors that must be considered. The economic environment must allow businesses to prosper, bringing growth to the tax base; residents must be engaged and vested in order for the community to preserve its character and maintain a sense of place; and local government and schools must be well managed and fiscally responsible. Farmington is one of the few Connecticut towns where one can find these important components working together and providing both residents and businesses an ideal place to live, work, play, and prosper.

During the past year, a number of significant goals have been advanced in relation to the Strategic Plan. This year, the Town Council continued to take major steps to invest in our infrastructure. Nationally, many towns and cities are suffering from infrastructure degradation. In Farmington, we have focused resources on specific capital projects to sustain our infrastructure.

This year the Town of Farmington completed the Unionville Sidewalk Project. As you may know, Phase 1 of the project commenced in 2015 and replaced sidewalks along the east side of Route 177 from Depot Place to West District Road. Work began on Phase 2, the Unionville Center portion of the project, in June of 2017. Phase 2 included the replacement of sidewalks on Mill Street, Platner Street, Maple Avenue, School Street, and a portion of Main Street and Farmington Avenue along Suburban Park. This project was made possible through a matching grant in the amount of \$425,000 from the State of Connecticut Main Street Investment Fund, administered through the State Department of Housing.

Many of you have seen that there has been a lot of exciting construction work this summer on our Rails-to-Trails system. A new trail section has been constructed from Red Oak Hill to the Town of Plainville. A bridge over Route 6 for trail users has also been installed as part of the project. Construction will be completed in 2018. This project is 100% reimbursed by the State's "Let's Go CT" Transportation fund.

The Town's proactive approach to applying for various state grants coupled with the Town Council's deliberate increase in capital spending to improve our Town-wide infrastructure has enabled the Public Works Department to successfully create, implement, and oversee some amazing projects that improve the quality of life for our residents.

As you review the various sections of this report, you will understand why Farmington is recognized as an outstanding community that offers exceptional quality of life to its residents. Our schools continue to offer nationally acclaimed programs to our children, we have a broad spectrum of recreational and cultural offerings, and the Town government provides outstanding services.

Farmington is a great place to live, work and prosper. I want to assure you that all of us involved in Town government remain committed to offering outstanding "customer service" to our citizens.

Best regards, *Nancy W. Nickerson*
Nancy W. Nickerson, Town Council Chair



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE



The Town of Farmington 2016-2017 Annual Report will provide you with details of the accomplishments achieved by elected and appointed officials as well as Town of Farmington employees during the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

The Town of Farmington Strategic Plan, Goal #4, and the Resident Survey of Town residents indicated an important priority: operate with balanced budgets supported by stable equitable revenues collected from varied public and private sources. The Town made significant advances in this area.

At the close of the 2017 fiscal year, Farmington continued to be in a strong financial position with one of the highest tax collection rates in the State. We have continued to maintain our Aaa bond rating from Moody's and equivalent ratings from other agencies which allows the Town to borrow money at favorable rates. The Grand List also saw growth this year and is an indication of the strong economy in Farmington.

The Town of Farmington Strategic Plan, Goal #2, and the Resident Survey of Town residents indicated two important priorities: continuation of the preservation of open space, and improve and ease the traffic situation within Farmington without disturbing the character of the community. Below is a summary of work that was completed this year on both topics.

Farmington has seen a surge in the number of infrastructure improvement projects in Town over the last few years. This is due, in part, to the Town Council's deliberate effort to increase capital spending to improve our Town-wide infrastructure. Town staff has also been successful in securing state-wide grants for infrastructure improvements.

Following is a summary of projects that the Public Works Department has been undertaking during the year:

- The Town was informed that the Department of Transportation is working to close the statewide gaps in the rails-to-trails system along the East Coast Greenway with funding available for the trail from Red Oak Hill to Plainville. This project will be 100% reimbursed for the design and construction of the project. Construction will be completed in April 2018.
- The Town of Farmington received approval for the reconstruction of South Road through the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROCG). This grant is for the reconstruction of South Road from Two Mile Road to Fairview Drive. This project was completed the summer of 2017. This \$1.6 million dollar project is funded by the State of Connecticut.
- The Engineering Division submitted a grant for Brickyard Road and was awarded 100% funding through LOTCIP program. The grant funding totaled approximately \$900,000 and will include a portion of full depth reconstruction, milling and paving. The project will start at the intersection of Route 4 and head north towards the Rails-to-Trails crossing.
- The Highway Division has undertaken extensive road construction projects during the year. The Highway Division preps all roads for paving which includes rebuilding catch basins, adding new catch basin tops, coordinating traffic control, and loam and seeding of disturbed areas.
- The following roads have been paved this year: East Shore Blvd, Circle Drive, Colony Road, Ravine Road, Pine Drive, Sunset Drive, Lido Road, Garden Street, Wincell Smith, Pearl Street, Maple Street, Maiden Lane, Mill Lane, Porter Road, Hobart Street, Meadow Road from bridge to Route 10, Cedar Lane, Canterbury Lane, Burke Crossing, Larchwood West and Virginia Lane for a total of 4.71 miles of paving.



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE--continued

- The following roads are scheduled to be paved this summer and fall of 2017: Pinnacle Road, Pinnacle Ridge Road, Old Pinnacle Road, Suncrest Lane, Fieldstone Run, Oakland Avenue, Maple Avenue, Beech Street, Bungalow Hill, Crescent Avenue, School Street-Unionville, Mill Street and Platner Street. We have been working with the CT Water Company on water main replacement projects and they have indicated that Sylvan, Progress and Extension may have an upgrade done to the water main in the near future. We will continue to work with them so that the roads and utility work coincide.

In May of 2017 the Town Council awarded a \$241,682 bid to complete the Unionville Center Sidewalks. Work began on this project in June of 2017. This project includes the replacement of sidewalks on the following streets: Mill Street, Platner Street, Maple Avenue, School Street, a portion of Main Street and Farmington Avenue along Suburban Park.

The Town Council and the Land Acquisition Committee have had a very active year. During this fiscal year, the Town purchased two properties totaling 103.48 acres. Both of these acquisitions seemed to be very well supported in the community.

In July 2016, the Town acquired 90.48 acres at 8885 South Ridge Road for \$1,050,040. This parcel is located on the Metacomet Ridge in the southeast corner of Farmington, and is part of a linkage of more than 700 acres of contiguous woodland within the Town of Farmington, in addition to several hundred additional acres to the south in Plainville. The property is part of a Primary Conservation Area as identified in the 2008 Farmington Valley Biodiversity Project, and is home to nearly a mile of the National New England Scenic Trail. In November 2016, the Town was awarded a State Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant for the property in the amount of \$578,500 or 55% of the acquisition cost.

In December 2016, the Town received its Open Space Grant award for Lot 8 Collinsville Road in the amount of \$69,875 or 43% of the acquisition cost. Lot 8 Collinsville Road is an approximately 11 acre property located in the northwestern extent of the Town between the Farmington River and the Farmington River Multi-Use Trail. This acquisition completed an approximately 42 acre area of open space, which includes nearly a mile of river frontage and nearly the same amount of frontage along the Farmington River Multi-Use Trail.

In June 2017 the Town Council authorized the acquisition of 440 and 8658 Plainville Avenue. These properties total 13.0 acres and are located within the Lake Garda Neighborhood. These properties were acquired for \$950,000. The properties are the last vacant parcels of significant size remaining in the densely developed Lake Garda Neighborhood.

The Town of Farmington Strategic Plan, Goal #3, and the Resident Survey of Town residents also indicated that Economic Development was an important priority. The Town of Farmington continues to succeed in this area. Throughout the past year, Farmington maintained its strong commercial base, attracted notable businesses, and moved forward on some key development projects while maintaining the second lowest tax rate in the Hartford region.

Economic Status

Farmington continues to be an economic leader in the Hartford region. Of the almost 40 towns and cities in the Metro Hartford region, Farmington consistently has the lowest mill rate. Farmington's mill rate is among the lowest 25% of all towns in Connecticut.

Below are additional indicators to demonstrate Farmington's economic growth:

2016 Commercial Development Highlights

- The Upton Nut Building, located on Mill Street in Unionville, was completely renovated and restored. The building is 100% leased, adding 10 new businesses and 64 new jobs to the area.
- FIP Construction moved their headquarters to their newly renovated 24,723 square foot office building on New Britain Avenue.



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE--continued

- New England Airfoil Products was acquired by Pietro Rosa TBM Company, adding 45 new jobs in 2016. A renovated engineering office space was completed in 2016.
- Farmington's first CPACE program was completed in 2016. In March 2016, Tennis Enterprises, 94 & 8067 Brickyard Road, completed a \$337,000 clean energy project.
- Maier Advertising moved to the second floor of their 1789 New Britain Avenue office building, this allowed the first floor to offer Farmington's new 10,000 square foot co-working space, added 4 new businesses to town.
- Atria's Landing in Farmington held their official grand opening in January 2016. The Landing is a 94,500 square foot state of the art assisted living community; employing 64 people.
- Various small businesses opened their doors in 2016. They include: Tap Rock Restaurant, Happiest Inc., Butchers & Bakers, Carol's Lunchbox, Asian American Grocer, Judy's Nail Salon & Spa, and Advanced Physical Therapy, Physician's ProHealth of Unionville.

Bioscience efforts continue to thrive along Farmington Avenue

- A \$52 million, 28,000 square foot addition to UCONN's Cell Genome Science Building at 499 Farmington Avenue, added 32 new labs and 40 offices in 2016. 30 biotech startups, with 43 full-time jobs and 18 part-time jobs are housed in the UCONN Technology Incubator Program (TIP).
- UCONN Health's new \$203 million, 306,880 square foot ambulatory care facility, with a 1400 space parking garage was completed in July 2016.
- In response to the growing demand for medical and bioscience space, Farmington's Town Plan and Zoning Commission established a medical office-research floating zone, enabling Farmington to meet the growing demand for bio-medical space while protecting the nearby residential community.
- MetroRealty started construction on a 35,000 square foot medical office building on Birdseye Road and received approval for a 50,000 square foot medical office building on Farmington Avenue. In addition, a proposed 25,000 square foot medical office building on South Road was approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.
- To date, Jackson Labs has hired over 200 scientists, technicians and support staff in the Farmington location.

We welcomed several new businesses in Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

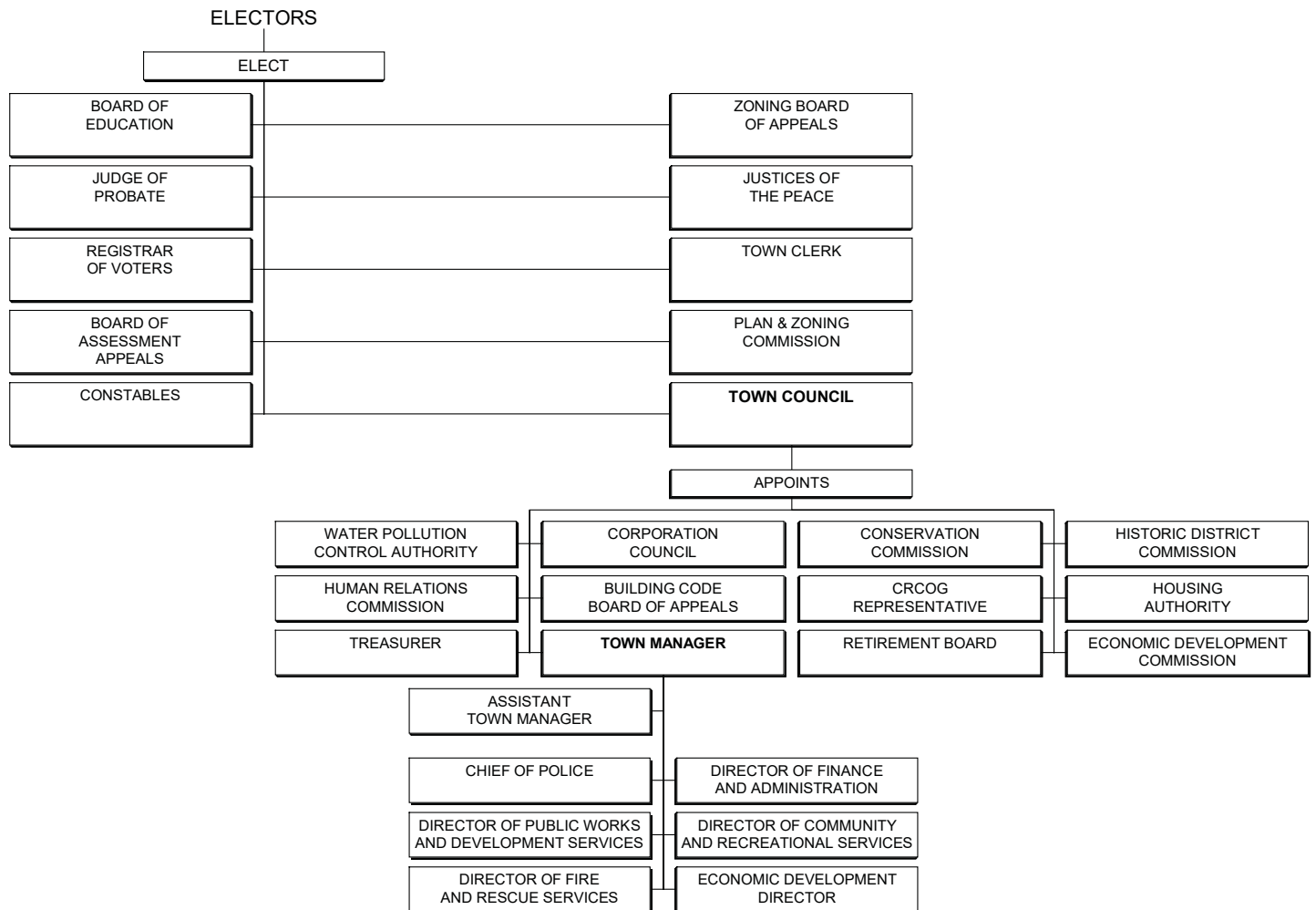
- Soma Movement – Pilates Studio
- Zen Yoga Barre – Yoga and Barre Studio
- Tap Rock Beer Bar and Refuge – in the former McGillicuddy's location
- Jill Jarret's Jillybean's Farmstand – 2 new green houses, a barn and new farmstand on Scott Swamp Road
- Happiest Inc., brings Turkish towels and unique international gifts to Farmington
- Executive Talented Services relocated from Windsor to Farmington
- Interscape Commercial Environment relocated from Hartford to Farmington

As always, working with the residents of the Town of Farmington continues to be a satisfying experience. I look forward to working together with the community to meet the facility, the land, and the service needs of the community without significantly burdening the residents with higher taxes. I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to give me a call at 860.675.2350 or email me at EagenK@farmington-ct.org.

Kathleen A. Eagen
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager



ORGANIZATION CHART



MUSEUMS

The Day-Lewis Museum

158 Main St. (rear)
Farmington, CT 06032.
Telephone: 860-678-1645
Hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm March through
November, except August.

The Day-Lewis Museum of Indian Artifacts, owned by Yale and operated by the Farmington Historical Society.

Hill-Stead Museum



35 Mountain Rd.
Farmington, CT 06032
Phone: (860) 677-4787
Web Site: www.hillstead.org
Email: hillstead@hillstead.org

Hill-Stead Museum, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1991, is an outstanding example of Colonial Revival domestic architecture set on 152 acres of fields and woodlands. The Museum houses outstanding works by Monet, Manet, Degas, Cassatt and Whistler, which are shown with the furnishings and decorative arts as they were when the Pope and Riddle families were in residence (1901-1946). The main house is complimented by a Sunken Garden with period plantings restored after the original Beatrix Farrand design.

Hill-Stead Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday for house tours: May through October from 10am to 5pm, and November through April from 11am to 4pm. Guided tours begin every half hour; the last tour begins one hour before closing. Admission is charged. On the first Sunday of each month, the Museum invites visitors to tour the house at their own pace. Hill-Stead Museum is located off route I-84 at exit 39. Follow route 4 to the second light; turn left onto route 10 South. At next light, turn left onto Mountain Road. The Museum entrance is at 35 Mountain Road. For more information or a calendar of events, please call (860) 677-4787 or browse www.hillstead.org.

Lewis Walpole Library

154 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 – 5:00,
by appointment.
Telephone: (860) 677-2140
FAX: (860) 677-6369.
E-mail: information@stanleywhitman.org

The Lewis Walpole is a non-circulating research library for English eighteenth-century studies. It was bequeathed to Yale by W.S. Lewis, who devoted his life to collecting the letters and works of Horace Walpole, 1717-1797, and to editing the Yale Edition of Horace Walpole's Correspondence. The library is located in a colonial frame house built in 1784, to which new wings have been added.

Almost every aspect of the eighteenth century is covered by the library's holdings, including the most extensive collection of English 18th-century satirical prints in the United States. Drawings, paintings, and memorabilia from Strawberry Hill, Horace Walpole's Gothic Revival villa, enrich the print and manuscript sources. The manuscript holdings are strong in the 18th-century history of diplomatic relations, particularly between Great Britain and Poland, Germany, and Russia.

Researchers and visitors are welcome by appointment. The staff also provides information by telephone and through the mail and e-mail. The library provides photocopying services. Researchers may also request that items from the Library be sent either to the Beinecke Library or the British Art Center for consultation.



Stanley-Whitman House

37 High St.
Farmington, CT 06032
(860) 677-9222
information @ stanleywhitman.org
Website:
www.stanleywhitman.org
Admission charge
Office and Visitor
Services



Hours: Open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. Tours of the 1720 historic house take place May through October Wednesday – Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm and November through April Saturday and Sunday from 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Group tours and school programs are available by appointment.

The Stanley-Whitman House, at 37 High Street, was built by Deacon John Stanley in 1720, and opened as a museum in 1935. The House was named a National Historic Landmark in 1961 and remains one of the best-known examples of early New England framed architecture. Recently restored, the house embodies the styles of both the 17th and 18th centuries. Constructed around the massive central chimney, the House features an overhanging second story with four pendant drops across the front. A lean-to, added across the back in the middle 1700's gives it the traditional New England saltbox shape.

The Stanley-Whitman House preserves and interprets the history and culture of 18th-century Farmington. Adults and children enjoy open-hearth cooking, candle-making, spinning, weaving, and other colonial activities during special events. The House offers a glimpse into colonial life, which can help to make the present and future more meaningful.

Unionville Museum

15 School St.
Unionville, CT 06085
(860) 673-2231
Free Admission
Hours: Wednesday,
Saturday, Sunday 2:00 to
4:00 pm



Housed in a restored Andrew Carnegie free public library building (the original West End Library) built circa 1917, the Unionville Museum opened in 1984 on the 150th anniversary of the federal government's official "naming" of Unionville. Through its collection and carefully researched thematic exhibits, the Unionville Museum brings together and celebrates the people, places and events that make Unionville unique. The Museum presents three exhibits a year, prints an annual historic calendar, sponsors annual vintage car parades and Ham and bean suppers, co-sponsors eight public summer band concerts in the nearby gazebo, and participates in other community activities. Friends of the Unionville Museum membership rates: Student or Senior Citizen, \$5.00; Individual, \$10.00; Family, \$15.00; Supporting, \$25.00; Corporate, \$50.00.

Old Stone Schoolhouse

93 Coppermine Rd.
(at Red Oak Hill Rd.)
Unionville, CT 06085
The Old Stone (West District) schoolhouse is a museum of local history operated by the Farmington Historical Society.
Information: (860) 678-1645



Farmington Historical Society Office

71 Main St.
Farmington, CT 06032
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1645
Farmington, CT 06034
Phone: (860) 678-1645
Website: *www.farmingtonhistoricalsociety-ct.org*



Founded in 1954 to study and teach Farmington history, the Historical Society collects and preserves documents and artifacts related to local history. The Society maintains two 18th century cottages located at 138 and 140 Main Street, Farmington. One of the cottages serves as the Society headquarters where meetings are held, as well as exhibits and the annual tag sale. The Society also maintains the 1790 Stone Schoolhouse at 93 Coppermine Road (intersection of Red Oak Hill Road). The schoolhouse is open to the public on Sundays in July and August. It is also the site of the annual Scarecrow Contest held in October. For more information, call or go to our website.

Farmington Memorial Town Forest

The Farmington Memorial Town Forest was established in 1926 as a memorial to the men and women who served in the First World War. The Forest consists of 266 acres between Red Oak Hill Road and Plainville Avenue (Rt. 177). Mr. Harry C. Ney of Farmington contributed 188 acres and other parcels were acquired from neighboring owners.



The Forest is owned by the Town of Farmington and at a Special Town Meeting on May 20, 1926 it was established that the Forest be supervised and controlled by a quasi/Town Board of Trustees. The Board, seven in number, decided that use of the Forest be for passive use such as hiking and bird watching, with no hunting, fires or vehicle trespass. As time passed, it was found necessary to manage the Forest in a constructive manner, so a professional forester was asked to draw up a forest management plan, analyzing tree stands, recommending harvest where appropriate, conducting oversight of harvests, conducting replanting and regeneration of desirable tree species and conducting surveillance of the six blocks in the plan. Mel Harder of East Hartland, CT is our forester and has been for many years.



ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCIL

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Jon Landry
Peter Mastrobattista
Gary Palumbo
Amy Suffredini
Meredith Trimble
John Vibert

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Christopher Fagan, Chair
Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair
William Baker
William Beckert
Mark Blore
Liz Fitzsimmons
Mecheal Hamilton
Paula O'Brien
Ellen Siuta

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Robert Bezz
Elizabeth Giannaros
Christopher Mathieu
John Simoneau
Mark Simpson
Ronald White

CONSTABLES

Geno Avenoso
Robert Parker
Diane Rogers

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Barbara Brenneman
Edward J. Leary

TOWN CLERK

Paula B. Ray

TOWN PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION

Philip Dunn, Jr., Chair
Barbara Brenneman
Donald Doeg
Robert Jarvis
Jack Matava
Diane Tucker
Bruce Charette, alternate
Hilary Donald, alternate
David Houf, alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Sharon Mazzochi, Chair
Kerry Callahan
Johnny Carrier
Edward Giannaros
Ronald Llewellyn
Katy Perry
John Brockelman, alternate
Christopher Forster, alternate
Jon Schoenhorn, alternate



STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

U.S. SENATE

Richard Blumenthal
Christopher Murphy

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Esty (5th District)

STATE SENATOR

Beth Bye (5th District)
Terry Gerratana (6th District)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Derek Slap (19th District)
Mike Demicco (21st District)



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICIALS

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Wilbur Charette
Todd Langston
George Santos
Ned Statchen
Vacant (D)

CONSERVATION and INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

John Hinze, Chair
Paul Amato
Robert Hannon
Robert Isner
Allen Quigley
John Radasci
Mark Simpson
Philip Markuszka, alternate
Guy Wolf, III, alternate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Augusto Russell, Chair
Brian FX Connolly
Joseph Howard
John Karwoski
Carole King
Daniel Kleinman
Robert Reeve

FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Bombara, Chair
James Calciano
Kathryn Cox
Dorothy Haviland
Holly Holden
Bruce Charette, alternate
Jaye O'Leary, alternate
Edmund Sanford, alternate

UNIONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Lisa Johnson, Chair
Robert Hoffman
Sheryl Horton
Matthew Pogson
Matthew Ross
Christopher Forster
alternate
Howard Martin, alternate
Ann Wuelfing, alternate

TOWN HISTORIAN

Betty Coykendall

HOUSING AUTHORITY

John DeMeo
Sally Hatzenbuhler
Christian Hoheb
Cynthia Mason
Justin Pagano
Vacant (R)

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

John Karwoski, Chairman
Barbara Brenneman
Dennis Brown
John Hangen
Jane Inrig
Justin Pagano
Peter Van Beckum

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Ruth Grobe, Chair
Toni Berlandy
Lisa Berzins
Donna Mambrino
Christine Mergenthaler
Zalman Nakhimovsky
Vacant (R)

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Peter Mastrobattista, Chair
Evan Cowles
John Hinze
Richard Kramer
Allen Quigley
Amy Suffredini
William Wadsworth

RETIREMENT BOARD

Peter Mastrobattista, Chair
Joshua Allen
Robert Brochu
Douglas Clark
Kyle Cunningham
Steve Egan
Robert Ingvertsen
Edward Leary
Ken Miller
Geoffrey Porter
Joan Valenti

TOWN MANAGER

Kathleen Eagen

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Alan Nickerson, Chair
William Baker
Justin Bernier
Tyson Belanger
James Hayes
Paul Krause
Paula Ray

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

James Foote, Chair
Peter Bagdikian, Jr.
Wilbur Charette
Kevin Ray
James Thompson



TOWN MANAGER APPOINTED OFFICIALS

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

Erica Robertson

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Christopher Foryan

CHIEF OF POLICE

Paul Melanson

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Nancy Parent

DIRECTOR OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

Mary-Ellen Harper

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Joseph Swetcky

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Russell Arnold, Jr.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rose Ponte

FIRE MARSHAL

Michael Gulino

HIGHWAY & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT

Scott Zenke

TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Silansky

TOWN ASSESSOR

Christine Barta

TOWN PLANNER

William Warner

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

William Kaminski

OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Jennifer Kertanis,
Farmington Valley
Health District

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jay Johnston

FIRE CHIEFS

Russell Nelson, East Farms
Don Antigiovanni, Farmington
Rich Higley, Sr., Tunxis Hose



BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS

PRINCIPALS

SUPERINTENDENT

Kathleen Greider

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kimberly Wynne

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Dr. Laurie Singer

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Vincent LaFontan

East Farms School

Renee St. Hilaire

Farmington High School

Dr. William Silva

Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Ted Donahue

Noah Wallace School

Carrie Huber

Union School

Caitlin Eckler

West District School

Kelly Sanders

West Woods Upper Elementary School

Alicia Bowman



DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

1. Population

<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
16,407	20,608	23,641	25,340	25,422 est.

2. Age Distribution by percent

Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34
4.20%	6.08%	6.37%	6.76%	5.67%	5.62%	4.83%

35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
12.88%	15.71%	13.45%	9.89%	5.12%	3.42%

3. Employment Data August 2015

Employed	14,255
Unemployed	544
Unemployment rate	3.8%

4. Educational Attainment - 2011-2015

High School Degree	18.56%
Bachelor's Degree or more	56.19%
2 year tech/prep colleges	6.59%

5. Median Household Income (2011-2015) **\$91,712**

6. Education

Average class size	20.7
Percent graduates to college	95.8% for FY 16-17

REAL ESTATE

1. Percent of Housing Owner Occupied (2015) 73.7%

2. Sales Distribution by Selling Price for Single Family Homes 2013

\$0-\$100,000	10
\$100,001-\$199,999	42
\$200,000-\$299,999	69
\$300,000-\$399,999	49
\$400,000 or more	110

3. Median Single Family Home Sales Price (2015) \$327,600

4. Subsidized Housing (2015) 901

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Public Utilities

Percent of Population Served by Public Sewer	85%
Percent of Population Served by Public Water	65%

2. Transportation

Number of Interchanges with I-84	3
Distance to Bradley Airport	20 miles



DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS--continued

ECONOMY

1. Number of Major Business Establishments by Type 2017

NAICS Code	Industry	Units	Annual Average Employment	Total Annual Wages	Annual Average Wage
	Total - All Industries	1,329	31,755	\$2,377,664,604	\$74,874.69
23	Construction	91	1,237	\$104,790,289	\$84,741.79
31	Manufacturing	39	2,290	\$166,197,717	\$72,580.70
42	Wholesale Trade	72	1,011	\$76,832,834	\$75,990.60
44	Retail Trade	177	3,289	\$83,832,472	\$25,490.68
51	Information	27	502	\$44,179,821	\$88,080.72
52	Finance & Insurance	150	3,890	\$388,682,640	\$99,929.12
53	Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	53	387	\$20,721,365	\$53,555.11
54	Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	181	1,980	\$177,447,276	\$89,608.52
55	Management of Companies & Enterprises	24	2,332	\$471,279,966	\$202,092.61
56	Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remed. Services	86	1,485	\$66,253,956	\$44,622.97
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	133	3,912	\$217,405,792	\$55,576.45
71	Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	19	381	\$8,651,200	\$22,726.44
72	Accommodation & Food Services	81	1,824	\$38,957,710	\$21,362.30
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	139	524	\$19,529,876	\$37,252.98
99	Unclassified establishment	6	4	\$151,215	\$37,032.24
	Total Government	21	6,329	\$475,120,615	\$75,070.41
	Federal Government	3	65	\$3,539,514	\$54,805.38
	State Government	5	5,059	\$409,015,315	\$80,849.04
	Local Government	13	1,205	\$62,565,786	\$51,903.87

2. Major Employers 2016

Employer	Type of Business	Approximate Number of Employees
UCONN Health Center	Hospital/College	5,189
United Technologies Corporation	Climate Control	2,700
Otis Elevator Co.	Elevator Sales & Service	800
Connecticare	Health Insurer	745
Town of Farmington/Board of Education	Municipal Government	700
Macy's	Retail	500
Trumpf	Manufacturer	460
Tunxis Community College	Education	450
Connecticut Spring & Stamp	Manufacturer	430
American Red Cross	Regional Headquarters	380
Allied World Assurance Co.	Insurance	273

3. Total Number of

Employees (Jobs in Farmington) - 30,938

4. Land Available for Commercial and Industrial Development - 242 acres

5. Assessment Information

Farmington Net Taxable Grand List (2016)
\$3,593,593,131

Mill Rate (2016) 26.68

Last Year of Revaluation - 2012



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS



*Front Row (L to R):
Meredith Trimble
Nancy Nickerson - Chair
Kathleen Eagen - Town Manager
Amy Suffredini*

*Back Row (L to R):
Gary Palumbo
Peter Mastrobattista
Paula Ray - Town Clerk
Jon Landry
John Vibert*

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

July 2016

- Held a Public Hearing to amend Chapter 156 "Sewers" of the Farmington Town Code.
- Amended Chapter 156, "Sewers," of the Farmington Town Code.
- Awarded Bid # 249 for Maintenance and Repair of Police Vehicles.
- Awarded Bid # 241 for Dial-A-Ride Transportation Services at a cost of \$37.00 per hour in years 1 and 2 and \$35.00 per hour in year 3.
- Approved a resolution in support of State Project #51-269 Reconstruction of South Main Street at New Britain Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

September 2016

- Authorized the Town Manager to execute the required documentation for the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program Award for the Scott Swamp Cemetery located at 8784 Scott Swamp Road, Route 6.
- Awarded Bid # 248 for Fire Apparatus & Utility Vehicle Maintenance.
- Approved the Proposed Contract Salary Reopener Between the Farmington Administrators' and Supervisors' Association (FASA) and the Board of Education.
- Changed the Name of the Farmington High School Renovation Committee to the Farmington High School Building Committee.

October 2016

- Authorized the Town Manager to Sign the 184 and 199 Town Farm Lease Agreement(s) Between the Phillips Family and the Town of Farmington.
- That Appropriation Transfers be Made in the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 General Fund Budget.
- That unobligated Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Transfers be Made to Close out Various Inactive CIP Accounts and Cover Shortfalls in other CIP Accounts.

November 2016

- Awarded Tyler Technologies Inc., CLT Appraisal Services of Moraine, Ohio a contract to assist the Town Assessor in the reappraisal update of all real property located within the Town of Farmington at a cost of \$257,500.
- Awarded Bid # 254 for Community/Senior Center Sidewalk Improvements at a cost of \$64,950.
- Amended the Town Manager's 2016-2018 Town Manager's Goals to include Goal 12a -A Yearly Report on Subedge Farm at Fisher Farm.



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

December 2016

- Disbanded the Web Page Committee and thanked them for their work
- Awarded Bid # 251 "Janitorial Service at Various Town Buildings" to Choice Service Solutions, LLC of East Windsor, Connecticut at a low bid price of \$79,583.80.

January 2017

- Authorized the Town Manager to sign and execute the Agreement for an easement along Route 4 and Route 177 in conjunction with the State Project #51-269 Reconstruction of South Main Street at New Britain Avenue and Railroad Avenue.
- Took action on budget targets for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.
- Recommended the construction of an approximately 16,500 square foot playground area with installation of playground equipment at West Woods Upper Elementary School, to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- Awarded Bid # 255 for One (1) New, Unused Pumper Fire Engine in the amount of \$599,152

February 2016

- Set a public hearing on March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers on the Town Manager's 2017-2018 Recommended Budget.
- Set a public hearing on March 14, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to amend Chapter 55 "Purchasing" of the Farmington Town Code.
- Appointed the Members of the Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission as a Historic District and Properties Study Committee.
- Accepted Nadia's Way as a Town Road, from the intersection of Main Street (Route 10) a distance of approximately 510 Feet to its existing terminus.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute the required documentation for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farm Viability Grant Program Award for the purpose of infrastructure improvements at Fisher Farm/Sub Edge Farm located at 199 Town Farm Road.
- Took action on the 2017 Blighted Building List.

March 2017

- Held a public hearing to amend Chapter 55 "Purchasing" of the Farmington Town Code.
- Held a public hearing on the Town Manager's 2017-2018 Recommended Operating Budget.
- Amended Chapter 55 "Purchasing" of the Farmington Town Code.
- Appointed Blum Shapiro as the Town's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.
- Accepted the 2016 Annual Report.

April 2017

- Approved the Town Council's Recommended Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement for a grant in the amount of \$578,500 for the purchase of 8885 South Ridge Road.
- Approved the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy and Grievance Procedure.
- Approved the Fair Housing Resolution for the Town of Farmington and to authorize the Town Manager to sign and distribute said resolution.
- Adopted the Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Statement for the Town of Farmington and to authorize the Town Manager to sign and distribute said resolution.
- Adopted the Fair Housing Policy Statement for the Town of Farmington and to authorize the Town Manager to sign and distribute said resolution.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute the contract for "Turn-Key LED Street Light Project" with Tanko Street lighting, Inc. for the purpose of proceeding with Task 1: Audit and Design for \$32,000.00.

May 2017

- Set the Property Tax Rate and Solid Waste Special Service Charge for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.
- Approved the transfer of uncollectible property taxes to the Suspense Tax Book.
- Awarded Bid # 247, "Exterior Lighting Replacement-Variou Buildings" to Electrical Energy Systems Corporation of Southington, CT at a contract cost of \$945,774.



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

- Awarded Bid # 260, "Unionville Sidewalk Replacement" to Morais Concrete Service, Inc. of Springfield, MA at a contract cost of \$241,682.50.
- Awarded Bid # 261, "Drainage Improvements- Mohawk Drive" to Complete Construction Company of Ansonia, CT at a contract cost of \$246,986.50.
- Accept Country Central Way as a Town Road, from the intersection of Melrose Drive a distance of approximately 1,033 Feet to its existing terminus.
- Set a public hearing to purchase 440 and 8658 Plainville Avenue.

June 2017

- Approved the purchase of 440 and 8658 Plainville Avenue owned by Robin E. Herman (Trustee) and George Grevalsky (approximately 13.0 acres) for a purchase price of \$950,000, and to authorize the Town Manager to sign a purchase and sales agreement for this acquisition.
- Recommended a Conservation Easement across Town property abutting Serra Drive to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a CGS 8-24 report and to the Conservation Commission for acceptance.



ASSESSOR

The Assessor is required by Connecticut Law to list and value all real estate at 70% of value as of the last revaluation. This year Farmington is in the process of conducting the state-mandated revaluation of all real property. Assessments will be calculated based on market value as of October 1, 2017.

Motor vehicles are assessed each year at 70 percent of the average retail value utilizing the October issue of NADA. Personal Property is also assessed annually, based on acquisition cost and depreciation schedules.

The Assessors' Office is responsible for approximately 11,120 real estate parcels, 30,000 motor vehicle accounts and 1,500 personal property accounts.

GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2016

Real Estate comprises 88% of the total Grand List with Residential Properties at 72.77% and Commercial (including Industrial and Public Utility) at 27.23%. Personal Property equates to 6% of the total Grand List, as do Motor Vehicles.

The 2016 Grand List was finalized and signed on February 10, 2016. Real Estate comprises 87.4% of the total *taxable* Grand List with Residential Properties at 62% and Commercial (including Industrial and Public Utility) at 25.4%. Personal Property equates to approximately 6.4% of the total Grand List, and Motor Vehicles are at 6.2%.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT TAXABLE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2016			
	Gross Assessment	Exemptions	Net Assessment
Real Estate	\$3,142,404,560	\$1,894,000	\$3,140,510,560
Personal Property	\$287,823,500	\$65,853,047	\$221,970,453
Motor Vehicles	\$234,399,778	\$921,220	\$233,478,558
TOTALS	\$3,664,627,838	\$68,668,267	\$3,595,959,571

	2015 Net	2016 Net	Difference	Percent Change
Real Estate	\$3,131,968,895	\$3,140,510,560	\$ 8,541,665	.27%
Motor Vehicle	230,972,586	233,478,558	2,505,972	1.10%
Personal Property	210,849,252	221,970,453	11,121,201	5.20%
Net Taxable Grand List After Exemptions	\$3,573,790,733	\$3,595,959,571	\$22,168,838	.62%

The net taxable Grand List will generate approximately **\$571,510** in new revenue at the current mill rate of **25.78**.

ASSESSMENT RECORDS AND GIS AVAILABLE ON TOWN WEBSITE

www.farmington-ct.org

The Assessors' Office converted the previous administrative and CAMA database to QDS and E-Quality. The benefits of this conversion has enhanced the ability to retrieve essential data such as allowing the general public to interact with the new GIS program, view and print field cards and next year, upon completion of the 2017 Town-wide revaluation, access the photo imaging system. Additionally, the conversion allows other Town departments to network with greater ease including a seamless interface between the Assessor and the Tax Collector.



ASSESSOR--continued

REVALUATION 2017

The Town of Farmington has contracted Tyler Technologies to conduct the State-Mandated revaluation effective October 1, 2017.

The purpose of a revaluation is to maintain equity throughout Town. Since fair market value is affected by a number of factors including location, desirability and supply and demand, all properties are reviewed for accuracy in value.

Our ultimate goal is to estimate *fair market value* of every property as of the assessment date, which is October 1, 2017. Once the market values have been determined, the assessment is calculated, reflecting 70% of the market value. Every property owner will be mailed a notice of assessment change indicating the previous assessment which was based on the fair market value from the previous revaluation of 2012, and the new assessment, updated to 10/1/17. A tax bill will be generated in July 2018 reflecting the 2017 updated value.

Currently, employees of Tyler Technology will be seen around town, taking photos and/or conducting inspections of recent building permits, identified as "Tyler Technology; Assessor's Office". They are wearing name tags, and their vehicles are registered with the Assessor's Office and the Farmington Police Department.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office.

We thank you for your cooperation in this project.

Christine A. Barta, CCMA II
Assessor, Town of Farmington

TOP TEN TAXPAYERS 2016 GRAND LIST

	NAME	GRAND LIST DESCRIPTION	GROSS ASSESSMENT	% OF GROSS GRAND LIST (ROUNDED)
1	WEST FARMS ASSOCIATES*	RETAIL - WEST FARMS MALL	\$147,147,660	3.2
2	DUNN-SAGER AFFILIATES (incl. subsidiary accounts)	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	\$55,905,490	1.2
3	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES	MANUFACTURING	\$48,915,450	1.1
4	C L & P	ELECTRIC	\$40,280,580	0.9
5	TRUMPF INC	MACHINE TOOL MFG	\$31,273,130	0.7
6	DELFINO, WILLIAM & THOMAS (including subsidiary accounts)	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	\$23,887,500	0.5
7	COLUMBIA PROP HTFD LLC	MARRIOTT HOTEL	\$22,860,660	0.5
8	PRICE REIT INC	RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER	\$20,196,850	0.4
9	BROOKDALE LIVING COMMUNITIES (includes BLC-Gables at Farmington)	SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX	\$18,634,880	0.4
10	NIC 13 VILLAGE GATE (includes NH Village Gate LLC)	SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX	\$17,794,440	0.4

	WEST FARMS MALL COMPLEX*	ASSESSMENT
	West Farms Associates	\$147,147,660
	Nordstrom Inc.	\$7,036,080
	J C Penney Corp. Inc.	\$1,398,000
	Tiffany & Co.	\$1,040,270
	All other retail	\$22,094,553
	TOTAL WEST FARMS MALL	\$178,716,563

COMMERCIAL BASE	28.00%
RESIDENTIAL BASE	72.00%



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department is comprised of six divisions, Engineering, Building, Planning, Fire Marshal, Highway & Grounds, and the Water Pollution Control Facility. These divisions are responsible for the design, planning, inspection and maintenance of the Town's existing and future infrastructure, including but not limited to roadways, storm drainage, sanitary sewer system, open space, public parks, residential, commercial and public buildings. The majority of the Capital Improvement Projects are overseen by the Department of Public Works. The Department maintains and updates its inventory of Town owned facilities, such as right of ways, sanitary sewers, storm drainage and open space parcels on a regular basis.

The responsibility of this Department is to provide the citizens with professional and courteous advice on issues ranging from home/property improvement questions, drainage concerns, sanitary sewer locations, tree locations, leaf collection and snow plowing. The Department's personnel strive to provide the highest level of service, consistently and effectively, to its citizens.

BUILDING DIVISION

The Building Department is responsible for the protection of persons in all public and private structures through its inspection programs. Building Department Staff inspects and confirms on-site work in order to monitor compliance with regulations. Areas of inspection include general construction, electric, plumbing, heating/air-conditioning, and fire safety. Staff also reviews specifications and engineering data for special structural, mechanical, energy, and fire suppression systems.

The intent of the Building Code is to ensure public safety, health, and welfare as it is affected by building construction, structural strength, adequate egress facilities, sanitary equipment, light and ventilation, and fire safety; and to secure safety for life and property of all hazards incidental to the design, erection, removal, demolition, use and occupancy of buildings.

PERMITS AND FEES 2016-2017

	<i>Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>
Building	710	\$ 533,009
Electrical	409	40,098
Plumbing/sprinklers	293	30,970
Heating/Air conditioning	443	59,734
Demolition	17	5,464
Certificates of Occupancy	342	4,795
Zoning	146	8,775
Totals	<u>1,872</u>	<u>\$ 689,600</u>

COMPARISONS

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Estimated Costs</i>	<i>Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>
2008-2009	\$38,364,687	1,964	\$543,060
2009-2010	\$36,266,293	2,109	\$522,870
2010-2011	\$38,364,687	1,964	\$543,060
2011-2012	\$41,510,176	2,514	\$587,038
2012-2013	\$72,802,158	2,593	\$1,026,202
2013-2014	\$88,139,275	2,385	\$1,241,208
2014-2015	\$61,395,104	2,028	\$856,042
2015-2016	\$24,853,668	2,072	\$498,736
2016-2017	\$38,553,018	1,872	\$689,600



HIGHWAY AND GROUNDS DIVISION

The mission of the Highway and Grounds Division is the construction and maintenance of the Town roadways and parks. These duties include seasonal maintenance such as plowing snow, leaf collection, and highway and park construction. This Division also handles waste collection, recycling and tree maintenance.

Road Overlay Program: As part of the Town's annual roadway overlay program, 5 miles of roadway were reconstructed. The following roads were paved in 2016/2017 paving season: Garden Street, Hobart Street, Porter Road, Mill Lane, Maple Street, Pearl Street, Winchell Smith Drive, Maiden Lane, Meadow Road from Main Street to the Pequabuck River Bridge, Cedar Lane, Canterbury Lane, Burke Crossing, Virginia Lane, Larchwood West, Pinnacle Road, Old Pinnacle Road, Pinnacle Ridge Road, and Suncrest Lane.

Catch Basins: 537 catch basins cleaned.

Trees: Through the use of Town forces and outside contractors, approximately 168 dead or diseased trees were removed from Town-owned properties and right-of-ways.

Leaf Collection: Starting on October 25th, 5 Town crews collected approximately 14,385 cubic yards of leaves throughout town. Leaves were taken to the Compost and Recycling areas and processed for Town residents use as organic compost, which can be picked up at Tunxis Mead Park.

Winter Maintenance: 12 storms amounting to 58.5 inches of snow/ice fell on Farmington. The Highway and Grounds Division of Public Works plowed 29,688 miles of roads and spread 1,257.42 tons of salt to keep Town roads clear and safe.

Recycling: Recycling efforts continued throughout the year, used motor oil and vehicle batteries were collected at the Highway and Grounds Garage located at 544 New Britain Avenue. The used motor oil is used to heat the Highway Garage.

Tons of Materials Recycled (FY 2016- 2017):

- Combined: Scrap Metal, Commingled Containers, Magazines, Newspapers & Corrugated Cardboard = 2,677.18 Tons
- Leaves = 3,669.56 Tons
- Brush and Wood Products = 441.58 Tons
- Mattresses and Boxsprings = 589



ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division's mission is to design, review, and inspect public works projects to ensure public safety, improve and maintain the quality of life. It also provides technical support to all Town government departments, boards, commissions and the general public.

The Engineering Division is responsible for the development of engineering designs, specifications, bid documents, as well as contract administration and inspection for various public improvements, including; drainage infrastructure, roadway reconstruction, sanitary sewer installation and repair, and improvements to parks and other publically owned land. This includes surveying, plan development as well as contract administration and inspection.

Highlights of projects processed through the Engineering Division over the course of the past fiscal year include:

- Perform construction inspection, and contract administration for the 2.4 mile long segment of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, a new multi-use trail connecting the Town's existing trail system with the Town of Plainville. This project includes the truss bridge over Route 6 and is the last section of the trail to be constructed in the Town of Farmington. This project was paid for by the State of CT and Federal Highway Administration.
- Complete the construction roadway and drainage reconstruction project along South Road, from Two Mile Road to Orchard Road. This project was paid for through the LOTCIP program from the Capital Region Council of Governments.
- Complete the design, perform construction inspection, and contract administration for the sidewalk replacement project in Unionville center along School Street, Maple Avenue, Platner Street, Mill Street, Elm Street and sections along Route 4 along Suburban Park and the southwest side up to Elm Street. This portion of the project was the Town's matching share of the Main Street Grant received from the State of CT.

The Engineering Division also acts as the liaison to the State DOT for the various traffic improvement projects along all State Roads in Town; including the safety improvement project between Main Street and Mountain Spring Road on Route 4, as well as the upcoming project for South Main Street/Route 177 from Route 4 to Depot Place.

The Engineering Division also provided staff support for the Green Efforts Committee, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Traffic Review Board, Water Pollution Control Authority, the construction of the Fire Training Facility, and various other committees and local groups. The Engineering Division is also involved in the design for upgrades associated with the Town's Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Engineering staff reviews and inspects improvements such as drainage, sanitary sewer, and pavement, constructed by private developers. In addition, DPW Engineering Staff field located town infrastructure including storm and sanitary sewer lines for over 3,400 Call-Before-You-Dig requests and inspected 45 sanitary sewer connections. The Engineering Division reviewed 25 new single-family plot plans, and 18 Plan Reviews for projects being presented to the Town Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Engineering Division Geographic Information System (GIS) parcel project maintains and updates the changes to over 8,893 parcels; such as splits, combines, boundary changes, the addition of subdivisions. The data is used to update the Assessor's Parcel Maps.

The Engineering Division utilizes this data to provide mapping support for Town departments and committees, including bus mapping for the Board of Education, mapping for elections, as well as map support for the police and fire departments. In addition, we continue to update and maintain GIS mapping of the Town storm drainage discharge, as required by the State and Federal Mandate for Storm Water Phase II Permitting and yearly reporting.



FIRE MARSHAL

The following services were provided by the Fire Marshal's Office during the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:

1. 193 new projects were reviewed for fire code compliance.
2. 8 fire incidents were investigated for cause and origin.
3. 3 investigations of hazardous materials were conducted.
4. 27 Fire protection systems tests were witnessed.
5. 714 code compliance and follow-up inspections were conducted.
6. There were 9 blasting permits — 72 blasts were witnessed
7. There were 2 fireworks displays.
8. 38 Complaints were investigated plus code question visits addressed.
9. Public education programs were presented for children in all nursery schools and elementary schools (grades K through 5). Approximately 2,100 people were taught fire safety programs using the Fire Prevention Safety Trailer. In addition, 1 Fire Safety presentation was given at The Westerleigh Housing at their request.
10. The Fire Marshal attended 9 three-hour seminars to satisfy continuing education credits.
11. 19 Burn permits were issued.
12. 32 Tent permits/inspections - 33 Fire Watches were ordered. One project of interest was initiated.
13. In the fall of 2016 it was determined that file storage space was near capacity. A concerted effort went underway to digitize all bulky files and then cross reference these both in physical and electronic storage areas. This was done over the course of several weeks utilizing a volunteer.

CALLS BY SITUATION FOUND - FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Fires

Structure	21
Vehicle	14
Others.....	21
Total Fires.....	56

Rescue/Emergency

Medical Treatment.....	3,016
False Alarms	260
Mutual Aid Given.....	40
Hazardous Condition Calls	95
All Other Calls	499

TOTAL ALL CALLS4,065

TOTAL FIRE DOLLAR LOSS (Non vehicles) ...\$562,000

CASUALTY SUMMARY

	Civilian	Fire Service
Fire Related Injuries	0	0
Fire Related Deaths	0	0



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Annual Report July 1, 2016 –June 30, 2017 for W.P.C.F.

Total Flow in Gallons –1,102,800,000 Gallons

Average Daily Flow in Million Gallons – 2.81 Million Gallons per day

Yearly Average for Pollutant Removal Efficiency – 97.0 %

Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Construction Update

The Comprehensive Upgrade to the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility has been under construction for the past 18 months. At this time the project is approximately 50 percent complete and is on schedule to be completed by the fall of 2019. Work to date has concentrated on excavating the site and building the new concrete structures and tanks, installing large piping, and providing a new electrical service and emergency generator. Looking ahead, work will focus on completing new buildings, renovating the existing tanks and buildings and installing new process equipment with computerized controls. The upgraded facility will have more capacity, an improved effluent quality by removing nitrogen and phosphorus, and will treat our wastewater more reliably and efficiently. The upgraded facility will also utilize an Ultra Violet Disinfection System, eliminating the use of chemicals currently used to disinfect treated effluent.



The following projects are currently in progress at the WPCF:

1. WPCF Upgrade Construction- Staff must continue to operate the plant during changing construction conditions, this will be challenging at times. Entire contents of the previous maintenance building have been relocated to the new maintenance building. New work and storage areas are being set up and completed.
2. WPCF Upgrade Value Engineering- worked with Wright Pierce and CH Nickerson throughout all disciplines of the project to find cost saving measures while maintaining the quality and integrity of the original design. Total Value Engineering savings reached \$451,717.
3. NPDES Permit Renewal- the discharge permit which the WPCF operates under must be renewed every 5 years. The current permit expires June 3, 2017. Staff worked with Wright Pierce Engineering to complete and submit all necessary paperwork for the renewal application to CT DEEP.
4. Interim Phosphorus Removal Project – staff have been working to fine tune operations and needed to setup alternate dosage points. Additional solids are produced that need to be handled for dewatering. This process will continue until the completion of the WPCF upgrade when permanent phosphorus removal processes come online.



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY--cont.

5. Final Clarifiers- Emergency repair of East Final Clarifier completed.
6. Effluent Polymer System- polymer feed system used to enhance settling conditions in the final clarifiers required a major repair and rebuild.
7. Plant wide repairs and improvements – Replacement, repairs, and improvements to the physical equipment have been increasing due to equipment reaching the end of serviceable life and unavailable replacement parts. This also includes major repairs to internal piping systems, pumps, process control tanks and electrical systems to keep the existing plant running until it is upgraded.
8. Improvements to WPCF Safety Program, expanded training and equipment.
9. Continued upgrades to the WPCF SCADA computer system. Programming improvements and changes to suit current operations at the WPCF and pump stations for control and data collection.

The following projects are currently in progress throughout the existing collection system to address aging pump stations, and infiltration and inflow issues.

1. Raising of sanitary sewer manholes to existing road grade town wide - Ongoing project, allows better accessibility to the collection system for maintenance.
2. Televised Inspections of sewer system Town wide, to prioritize repair and replacement of deteriorating pipes and manholes.
3. Farmington River Interceptor Siphon Cleaning- the pipes under the Farmington River were cleaned for the first time in many years. Large amounts of rocks and grit were removed from the pipes.
4. Generator Maintenance- WPCF maintenance staff have worked to overhaul, repair and replace parts on all generators. Load bank testing was also performed on the large diesel generators.
5. Radio System Upgrades- Antennae and equipment replacement projects at Pequabuck, Oakland Gardens, UCONN and Batterson Park pump stations have eliminated issues with weak communications to the SCADA system.
6. Stanley Pump Station- installation of a wet well mixing system completed. The system will keep the wet well clean and virtually maintenance free. The system will pay for itself within 3 years.
7. Chemical Root Control- Pipes in the Farmington Village/Garden Street area have been treated to prevent root intrusion.
8. Allstate Pump Station- complete pump overhaul.
9. Centerbrook Pump Station - complete pump overhaul.
10. UCONN Pump Station- Aging pumps have been either replaced or completely rebuilt.
11. UCONN Pump Station- Main feed wires for the emergency generator failed and were replaced.
12. Right of Way Tree Removal- Contractors used to remove overgrown trees in Town sewer easements.
13. Manhole grouting Town Wide – stop inflow & infiltration, project is ongoing.
14. Sewer Line Cleaning- the WPCF crews in the process of cleaning and inspecting all Town sewer lines. This includes clearing of many overgrown sewer right-of-ways.
15. FOG (fats, oils, and grease) Management Program – WPCA and town staff have implemented changes to the Town Code to prevent the discharge of FOG into the sanitary sewer system. This program is for the food services within town (restaurants, schools, businesses) to control and alleviate FOG within the collection system. This will reduce sanitary sewer back-ups and also operational difficulties at the WPCF. Individual registrations were collected and facility inspections made.
16. Energy cost saving projects - These include improvements to pump station instrumentation and control, heating control systems, and energy efficient lighting, emergency back-up power systems for the seventeen pump stations within town.



PLANNING AND ZONING

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Town Plan and Zoning Commission is responsible for guiding the physical growth of the community with due regard to the public's health, safety and welfare. The principal means of exercising control over development is through the administration of the Subdivision and Zoning Regulations, which provide standards for land use and development consistent with the needs of the community. The Commission's recommendations for future land use throughout the Town are reflected in the Plan of Development, adopted in February 22, 2008. The Commission held 19 regular meetings and conducted public hearings on 57 applications. Subdivision approvals created 19 residential lots. The Commission approved three zone changes.

CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

While this is a single commission, the Conservation Commission and Inland Wetland Commission retain their distinct responsibilities, and therefore act separately as required. The Conservation Commission is responsible for promoting the development and conservation of natural resources, including water resources. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations regarding the environmental impact of significant land use applications to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission. This year the Conservation Commission reviewed 3 land use applications, and submitted its recommendations to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission. The Conservation Commission also continued their coordination with the Town's Land Acquisition Committee toward the listing and acquisition of open space.

The Inland Wetlands Commission regulates, through a permit system, the use of land within areas designated as "wetlands" or "watercourses". Wetlands are defined by State Statute, as those soils that are poorly or very poorly drained and alluvial or floodplain in origin. Watercourses include all perennial or intermittent water bodies and waterways. The Commission also regulates activities within an upland review area, which is defined as any area within 150 feet of a wetlands or watercourse. Regulated activities include the removal or deposition of material, construction or placement of obstruction, alterations, including clear cutting, or pollution of wetlands or watercourses. Serving in the capacity of the Inland Wetlands Commission they reviewed and acted on 29 applications. The

Town Planner acting as the Wetlands Agent approved 14 applications for residential improvements within the designated upland review area.

Additionally, the Commission held the Town's 29th successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day with 576 overall participants, including 403 Farmington residents bringing household hazardous wastes for proper disposal.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department provides timely and accurate information concerning the development of the Town as well as technical assistance to the various land use boards, town departments and officials. Applications submitted to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Farmington and Unionville Historic District Commissions totaled 133. The office completed work on a detailed amendment to the zoning regulations to implement a medical office research floating zone. This regulation was subsequently approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS

The Historic District Commissions are charged with promoting the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the Town through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places associated with its history or indicative of a period or style of architecture. Thirty three applications including renovations and new construction were reviewed and certificates of appropriateness were issued by the Farmington Historic District Commission. The Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission reviewed two applications for renovations and certificates of appropriateness were issued. The UHDPC continued its work on a set of walking tour booklets through historic Unionville and began the process of expanding the district and the number of designated historic properties.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals is primarily responsible for acting on requests for variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations where a strict interpretation of the regulations would result in unnecessary hardship for a property owner. The Board also hears and decides upon appeals on alleged errors in any order or decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 12 applications during the year.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A healthy and vibrant community successfully balances the needs of both residents and businesses; bringing growth to the tax base while maintaining a sense of place in the community. Residents are engaged and vested and business needs are met and supported. Throughout the year, the Economic Development Department connects with businesses and residents and strives to cultivate an environment which brings vibrancy, balanced by smart growth principles making Farmington the ideal place to live, work, play, and prosper.

In 2016-2017 Farmington maintained its strong commercial base, experienced a modest increase in the grand list and continued to have one of the lowest mill rates in Hartford County.

- The grand list grew by .62%; increasing the net taxable grand list by \$22 million and generating approximately \$591,464 in new revenue. Farmington's mill rate is third lowest in Hartford County at 26.68 mill rate.
- Farmington's ratio of commercial taxable property is 28% of the overall tax base which helps to keep the commercial base strong and lessens the burden on the residential tax base.
- As of June 2017 unemployment in Farmington was 4.1%.
- Class A office vacancy rate is 15.9%, which is on par with the greater Hartford Region.
- Industrial vacancy rate is 3.5% and is 51% lower than the greater Hartford Region.

Along Farmington Avenue bioscience efforts continue to thrive

- A \$19.4 million 28,000 square foot addition to UCONN's Cell Genome Science Building at 499 Farmington Avenue added 32 new labs and 40 offices in 2016. 24 biotech startups, with over 43 full-time jobs and 18 part-time jobs are housed in the Farmington TIP Program.
- UCONN Health's new \$203 million, 306,880 square foot ambulatory care facility, with a 1,400 space parking garage was completed in July 2016.
- A new 384,000 square foot 11 floor new hospital tower opened in April 2016 complete with 169 private patient rooms and state of the art medical facilities.
- In response to the growing demand for medical and bioscience space, Farmington's Town Plan and Zoning Commission established a medical office – research floating zone enabling Farmington to meet the growing demand for bio-medical space while protecting the nearby residential community.
- Metro Realty received approval for a zone change using the newly adopted Medical Office Research floating zone. The zone change allowed for the approval of a new 25,000 square foot medical office building on South Road.
- Metro Realty started construction on a 35,000 square foot medical office building on Birdseye Road and received approval for a 50,000 square foot medical office building on Farmington Avenue.
- To date, Jackson Labs has hired over 200 scientists, technicians and support staff in the Farmington location.

Small Businesses added and expanded in 2016-2017

- Zen Yoga Barre
- Tap Rock Beer Bar and Refuge
- Green Tails Market relocated and expanded to a new location on Farmington Avenue
- Vivid Hues Gift Shop expanded and moved to a new location in the Brickwalk shops.
- Henry Cormier Ameriprise Financial Services relocated into new expanded space
- Servpro of Farmington Valley moved into new expanded space
- ProHealth Physicians of Unionville moved into new expanded space
- Plan B Burgers opened a new concept restaurant called Butchers and Bakers which opened in the former Marotta's Front Row Restaurant
- Jillybean's Farmstand completed construction of 2 new green houses, a barn and new farmstand on Scott Swamp Road
- Happiest Inc., a new gift shop featuring Turkish towels and unique international gifts
- Executive Talented Services relocated to Farmington from Windsor
- Interscape Commercial Environment relocated to Farmington from Hartford
- Carol's Lunchbox
- Jennifer Villa's Farmstand Truck



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--continued

explorefarmington.com

Recognizing the way we communicate has changed dramatically over the past 10 years; we explored how to best engage our residents and the business community in today's environment. We contracted Evan Dobos, creator of CiviLift, a new online lifestyle platform that will provide an easy to use communications channel. Residents and local businesses will have the ability to submit their own content such as events, business listings, and articles. This tool will allow for better communications among all our constituents. The platform will be rolled out in the upcoming year and can be found at www.explorefarmington.com

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Thriving Medical Office Research Corridor



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2016 Board of Education

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District Leadership

Kathleen C. Greider, Superintendent of Schools
 Kimberly Wynne, Assistant Superintendent
 Vince LaFontan, Business Administrator
 Veronica Ruzek, Director of Curriculum
 Laurie Singer, Director of Special Services

School Information 2016-2017

School	Principal
Farmington High School	Dr. William Silva
Irving A. Robbins Middle School	Theodore Donahue
West Woods Upper Elementary School	Alicia Bowman
East Farms School	Renee St. Hilaire
Noah Wallace School	Kelly Sanders
Union School	Caitlin Eckler
West District School	Peter Michelson



Superintendent's Message

The 2017 Annual Report for the Farmington Public Schools reflects a focused commitment to excellence in education. We believe that all students are capable of acquiring the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed for productive, ethical and responsible citizenship in an evolving world community. We are an innovative learning organization that is deeply committed to continuous improvement. Thus, collaborative interactions among students, educators, parents and families emphasize the importance of clear expectations, rigorous standards-led curriculum, inspired instruction, personal effort and engaged relationships leading to high levels of achievement for all learners.

We are a mission-driven school district. The mission of the Farmington Public Schools is to enable all students to achieve academic and personal excellence, exhibit persistent effort and live as resourceful, inquiring and contributing global citizens. In turn, this report summarizes our student achievement results and outcomes, important partnerships and accomplishments from the 2016-2017 school year aligned to our mission. We are proud of our purposeful improvement efforts and our strong partnership with students, families and our community. On behalf of the Farmington Board of Education, I am pleased to present this report to the citizens of Farmington.

Kathleen C. Greider
Superintendent of Schools

DISTRICT GOALS 2016-2017

1. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **critical thinking and reasoning** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by accessing, interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating ideas and information, drawing evidence-based conclusions, synthesizing new learning with prior knowledge and reflecting critically on learning.
2. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **collaboration and communication** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by participating effectively in a variety of teams, actively listening and responding to the ideas of others, sharing responsibility for outcomes, articulating ideas clearly in multiple formats and using technology tools to enhance communication.
3. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **problem solving and innovation** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by identifying problems, analyzing data, asking questions, utilizing a variety of resources, thinking flexibly, making connections and seeking practical, innovative, and entrepreneurial solutions.
4. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **self-direction and resourcefulness** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by exploring interests, taking initiative, setting learning goals, demonstrating persistent effort, adapting to change with resiliency and exhibiting ethical leadership and responsible citizenship.

Adopted March 2015

*Farmington's Core Academic Content Areas include English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language, Health, Physical Education, Wellness and Music, Fine and Applied Arts.

For a more detailed report summarizing specific student indicators for each goal and for every grade for the 2016-2017 school year, please visit the Farmington Public Schools' website www.fpsct.org and check the *District and School Reports* link.

Investing in Our Students

Farmington Board of Education Budget 2016-2017

Salaries	\$42,445,549
Benefits	9,115,712
Services	8,856,625
Supplies	1,678,719
Equipment	340,632
Dues & Fees	248,838
Total	\$62,686,075

Farmington ranked 134 out of 169 in cost of special education services.

Farmington ranked 125 out of 169 in the amount spent per pupil on purchased services.

Farmington ranked 148 out of 169 towns in school-based administration.

Farmington ranked 148 out of 169 in the amount spent per pupil on employee benefits.

For more information about the Farmington Public Schools, please visit our website at www.fpsct.org.



A Year of Achievements

Impressive rankings for FHS—U.S. News & World Report, Best High Schools (2017), Newsweek, Top High Schools in Connecticut and Washington Post, Top Most Challenging High Schools in Connecticut (Public and Private).

Sixty-two percent of FHS seniors were accepted at colleges ranked most, highly or very competitive. Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2017 continued to college or military service. FHS had three National Merit Program Finalists, four National Merit Semi-Finalists, seventeen National Merit Commended Students, and seventy-seven AP Scholars in 2017. FHS had sixty-four AP Honors with Distinction, twenty-nine AP Honors students and twelve AP National Scholars.

Nine FHS students were awarded the *2017 Aspirations in Computing Award* from the National Center for Women & Information Technology.

FHS Science Bowl Team finished in 2nd place at the UConn Northeast Regional Science Bowl.

One hundred Farmington High School students participated in this year's Rebuild Hartford.

Farmington's Economics Team took first place in the 12th Annual Harvard Pre-Collegiate Economic Challenge.

FHS student, Pei Chao Zhuo, published his fictional piece, "The Boy with the Jasmine Flower" in *Connecticut Writing Magazine*.



Collaboration and Communication



Self-Direction and Resourcefulness



Problem Solving and Innovation



Critical Thinking and Reasoning



A Year of Achievements

Emma Sherrill, FHS Senior, was selected as a semifinalist in the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar competition from over 5,000 candidates.



The FHS Economics Team placed first in a field of 40 schools from around the world in the annual Harvard Pre-Collegiate Economics Challenge.

FHS All-Eastern Musicians—Catherine MacKay, Kyle Wolkner and Sarah David—performed in Atlantic City with the best high school musicians from across the country.



IAR students excelled in the CT History Day Competition. Students presented their work in the form of research papers, websites, documentaries and live performances.

Six West Woods students earned the “Let Creativity Rule” Award at the annual Rockstar Banquet. The students were recognized out of hundreds of Unified Theater Leaders from across the state.



Student Achievement—Standardized Testing

Science Testing 2016-2017

All Connecticut public schools administer a statewide science assessment to students in grades 5, 8 and 10. The Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) is given in grades 5 and 8 and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) is given in grade 10. The results in the table show the percentage of students who met or exceeded the goal in 2017.

	Farmington	State
Grade 5 CMT	92%	NYA*
Grade 8 CMT	85%	NYA*

Source: CT Department of Education, 2017

	Farmington	State
Grade 10 CAPT	68%	NYA*

All achievement results can be found on the Board of Education's website (www.fpsct.org) under District and School Reports.

*Not Yet Available

Smarter Balanced Assessment

This past spring, students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 took a statewide assessment of their English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics skills called the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Farmington's results show that students are consistently performing above state averages.

SAT

In March, students in grade 11 took the new SAT as the statewide assessment in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. These baseline results show the percentage of students who met or exceeded the expected achievement level.

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected Achievement Level

	Farmington	State
Grade 4		
ELA	82%	54%
Mathematics	85%	50%
Grade 6		
ELA	83%	54%
Mathematics	73%	44%
Grade 8		
ELA	77%	54%
Mathematics	76%	42%

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected Achievement Level

	Farmington	State
Grade 11		
ELA	88%	66%
Mathematics	67%	41%



Farmington Board of Education

Board of Education Committees

Personnel and Negotiations Committee

Contract negotiations, collective bargaining.

2016

Mark Blore, Chair
Mecheal Hamilton and Liz
Fitzsimmons

2017

Mark Blore, Chair
Mecheal Hamilton and Liz
Fitzsimmons

Policy Committee

*Develops and revises policy upon recommendation of the Board.
Recommends Board action, as needed.*

William Baker, Chair
Mark Blore and William Beckert

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Mark Blore and William Beckert

Curriculum Committee

*New course approval, program revisions, annual
curriculum reports.*

Christine Arnold, Chair
William Baker and Paula O'Brien

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Communications/Public Relations Committee

Communications to the public, newsletters.

Mecheal Hamilton, Chair
Christine Arnold and Ellen Siuta

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Liaisons to Organizations and Representatives to Administrative/Community Committees

CREC—Rep William Baker

Superintendent's Interscholastic Athletics Advisory Committee—Rep Paula O'Brien

Farmington FOCUS—Rep Mark Blore

Joint Council/BOE Green Initiatives Committee—Rep Liz Fitzsimmons

Farmington Chamber of Commerce—Rep Mecheal Hamilton

Farmington Public School Foundation—Rep William Beckert

FHS Building Committee—Rep Mecheal Hamilton

Health & Wellness Committee—Rep Ellen Siuta

Cafeteria Ad Hoc Committee—Rep Christine Arnold



Farmington Board of Education

The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) presented Tim Barron with the Aspirations in Computing Educator Award at it's May 3rd Connecticut Convention. This award celebrates educators who encourage high school women's interest and participation in technology pursuits. Educator Award recipients form a national community of peers, share practices and empower other educators to encourage the participation of women in technology.

Edward Manfredi, Farmington's Health, Physical Education and Wellness Department Leader was presented the Outstanding Kinesiology/Physical Education (KPE) Practitioner Award in April from the Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU). ECSU recognizes alumni for their contribution to the field of education as teachers, principals, superintendents and more. The specific award presented to Ed Manfredi honors educators working in the field of education and recreation.

Emily Barrett, FVTA Director, has been awarded the School University Partnership Advisory Board Recognition Award, which recognizes leaders in the field whose collaboration and support informs and promotes best practice in teacher preparation.



FOCUS...on Reducing Underage Drinking



FOCUS is a non-profit group including parents, educators, social service, healthcare and law enforcement professionals. FOCUS partners with the Farmington Public Schools, sponsoring prevention education at Farmington High School and Irving A. Robbins Middle School. Their mission is dedicated to reducing underage substance abuse through education, advocacy and public awareness; to providing resources for the community about how to keep kids safe, about drug and alcohol addition and where to seek help; and to fostering a culture of non-use among teens.

Summer Learning Academy

Farmington's Summer Learning Academy provides educational programs that extend and accelerate learning for the community's students. This summer, more than 1,500 students participated in a variety of programs including academic classes, String Camp, a theater program, visual arts, and other enrichment experiences. For high school students there were credit bearing courses in selected subject areas. The Extended Care and Learning program, which provides year-round child care and enrichment programs for students, sponsored full and partial day programs that included special educational and recreational field trips.

Farmington Public School Foundation

The Farmington Public School Foundation (FPSF) is an independent, section 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides funds for programs and projects that excite and engage students, empower the creativity of teachers and support the goals and mission of the Farmington school district.

2016: Mechatronics Project: Combining electronics and mechanical engineering to give students a more authentic real-world experience in engineering

2016: Students Teaching Students II: Expansion of program where students teach peers important concepts through pictures and writing.

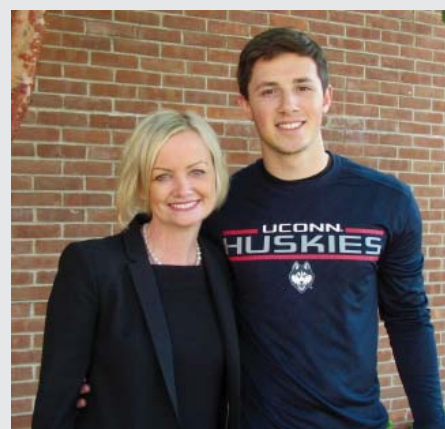


Student Achievement—Recognizing Excellence

We applaud the diverse talents and fine efforts of Farmington's students. This year the Farmington community—businesses and many families of former Farmington students—have generously donated more than \$160,000 in scholarships and awards to our scholars, leaders, musicians, athletes, artists, mathematicians, scientists, writers, linguists, and community volunteers. Academic and leadership awards are listed here. Congratulations to all of our many scholarship winners from the Class of 2017 and to our outstanding students from all of the Farmington Public Schools.

Class of 2017

- **Valedictorian, Class of 2017**—*Jash Mirani*
- **Salutatorian, Class of 2017**—*Michaela Flynn*
- **U.S. Presidential Scholars Semi-Finalist**—*Emma Sherrill*
- **National Merit Finalists & Semi-Finalists**—*Omar Ahmad, Spencer Buzdon, Allen Haugh and Emma Sherrill*
- **National Merit Commended Students**—*Daniel Bobylov, Daniel Caminiti, Janet Chen, Michaela Flynn, Parsa Fooladband, Matthew Gregory, Pearl Liu, David Malakh, Miles Messier, Nivedita Nath, Parsa Pazooki, Smrithi Raman, Luke Steele, Prashant Swami, Deep Upadhyay, Christopher Ware and Laurie Yousman*
- **Superintendent's Award**—*Kevin Dunst*
- **Board of Education Student Leadership Awards**—*Akash Kumar and Sarah Muller*
- **AXA Achievement Scholarship Award**—*Emma Sherrill and Skyler Szot*
- **FHS Scholar Artists**—*Eric Wang and Maya Habacker*
- **FHS Scholar-Musician**—*Eric Wang*
- **FHS Scholar-Athletes**—*Jordan Sicklick and Michaela Flynn*
- **CIAC Award of Excellence**—*Carline Feinberg and Ryan Witter*
- **Outstanding Achievement in Math**—*Pearl Liu*
- **Outstanding Students in Health/PE & Wellness**—*Margaret Costello and Josiah Walker*
- **Outstanding Achievement in English**—*Alexandra Appell*
- **Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award**—*Maja Peszko*
- **Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science**—*Roman Gusyev*
- **Outstanding Student in Physics**—*Luke Steele*
- **Outstanding Student in Environmental Science**—*Pearl Liu*
- **Outstanding Student in History**—*Laurie Yousman*
- **Outstanding Student in Social Studies**—*Allen Haugh*
- **Outstanding Student in French Award**—*Spencer Buzdon*
- **Outstanding Student in Spanish Award**—*Allison Barone*
- **FHS Principal's Award**—*Navva Sedigh*
- **DAR Good Citizenship Award**—*Allen Haugh*



A Year of Achievements

2016-2017 Teacher of the Year Melissa Dale



Farmington's Teacher of the Year was Melissa Dale, Grade 2 teacher at Union School. On being recognized as Farmington's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Dale said, "I am honored to be chosen as Farmington's Teacher of the Year. At the same time I am humbled because as an individual teacher, all my success is due to every person I have ever worked with. So, I would like to recognize all the amazing teachers, staff, and administrators that make me better at what I do every day and all of my students that inspire me. I am thankful to work in a district where we collaborate with parents and students to improve our teaching and increase student learning. I am blessed to be in this remarkable profession that is dedicated to children and developing their brightest future."

Mrs. Dale has taught in Farmington since 1997.

Congratulations to Farmington High School's outstanding athletes:

- Farmington High School's Unified Sports program was selected as a Champion School by Special Olympics Connecticut and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athlete Conference.
- Ian Thomas was recognized as Hartford Courant's Athlete of the Year in Boy's Soccer.
- Boy's Soccer won the Class LL State Championship.
- Josh Wroblewski was recognized as Hartford Courant's Athlete of the Year in Boy's Swimming.
- Central Connecticut Conference Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Kevin Dunst and Teyah Floyd.
- Boy's Ice Hockey won the Division II CCC Tournament.
- Girl's Volleyball were the Class L State Finalists.
- Boy's Soccer, Girl's Volleyball, Boy's Volleyball, Girl's Tennis and Girl's Golf were all selected as Central Connecticut Conference Champions.

Congratulations to Irving A. Robbins Middle School scholar-leaders:

Scholar-Leaders
Angela Sadlowski &
Akhil Kokkuke



Superintendent's Award
Kylee Ficks



TOWN CLERK

The mission of the Town Clerk's office is to accurately maintain the records of the Town of Farmington in a manner that allows easy access for the public and other Town of Farmington Departments.

The Town Clerk is the Records Manager, Clerk of the Council, Registrar of Vital Statistics and Freedom of Information Liaison for the Town of Farmington providing assistance to all the Town of Farmington Departments.

The Town Clerk's Department processes, indexes and records all land transactions, including deeds, mortgages, liens, and maps; all vital statistics of births, marriages and deaths; and official documents, including Town Council Minutes, Town Meeting Minutes, veteran discharges, and election results. The Town Clerk's Department is responsible for election processes including pre-and post-election responsibilities and the issuing of all absentee ballots. The Town Clerk's office processes licenses for fish and game, dogs, marriages and various permits.

During the past year the Town Clerk's office received 664 documents electronically for recording, which is a 16% increase from the last fiscal year. The electronic recording process is more efficient than the manual recording process and saves the Town money in postage expenses by not having to return paper documents.

Five more years have been completed in the land record re-indexing project. Land records from 1966 to the present are now available on the internet.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, revenue totaling **\$3,090,887** was collected in the Town Clerk's Office and remitted as follows: **\$1,946,446** in conveyance taxes to the State of Connecticut and the following to the Town Treasurer for fees and local conveyance tax:

Municipal Conveyance Tax	\$601,664
Recording	\$410,750
Dog Licenses	\$16,694
Fish & Game Licenses	\$3,772
Copies	\$99,634
Marriage Licenses	\$5,340
Maps	\$340
Miscellaneous	\$6,247
Total	\$1,144,441

**VITAL STATISTICS			
Births	993	Of the births, 219 were Farmington residents; of the deaths, 273 were Farmington residents and 218 Farmington residents were married.	<i>**The numbers regarding vital statistics are approximate because further information is still being received from other Connecticut municipalities.</i>
Deaths	545		
Marriages	294		

Dates of Interest 2018	
April 14	Fishing season opens
April 16	Annual Town Meeting
April 17	Absentee Ballots available at the Town Clerk's Office for the Budget Referendum
April 26	Budget Referendum
June 1	Register all dogs for the 2018-2019 year
June 30	Last day to register a dog without a penalty fee
Sept 30	Last day for Veterans to file discharge papers with Town Clerk to receive exemption for the next tax year
October 5	Regular Absentee Ballots become available for the Gubernatorial Election
November 6	Gubernatorial Election



TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector's office is responsible for the billing and collection of real estate, business/personal property, motor vehicle (regular and supplemental) taxes, sewer usage and waste collection charges and special assessments.

The collection results for the 2016-2017 fiscal year are as follows:

	Collectible	Collected	Refunds	Outstanding
Current taxes	\$92,478,638	\$92,377,649	\$171,370	\$272,359
Back taxes	344,579	154,075	21,618	212,122
Current sewer usage	4,860,480	4,865,824	7,557	2,213
Current waste collection charges	1,666,573	1,658,587	2,213	10,199
Back sewer usage and waste collection	28,480	15,464	0	13,016
SUB TOTAL	\$99,378,750	\$99,071,599	\$202,758	\$509,909
Current interest and fees		146,340	254	
Current sewer/waste interest and fees		36,093	7	
Back tax interest and fees		57,776	14	
Back special service interest and fees		6,213	0	
SUB TOTAL		\$99,318,021	\$203,033	
Sewer Assessments	\$103,724	87,953		\$15,771
Interest on assessments		2,010		
General fund collections		1,526,754		
Advanced payments - taxes		4,484,063		
Advanced payments - sewer/waste		671,832		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		\$106,090,633		

- 99.71% of the outstanding taxes on the current grand list were collected.
- 99.67% of the sewer usage and waste collection was collected.

Updated technology has greatly improved our ability to allow Farmington taxpayers and the general public, access to tax information at any time, day or night. This has greatly reduced routine inquiries and allowed us to redirect our focus on collections. We look forward to future advances that will offer even more convenience to our taxpayers.

Faced with an ever-changing economic climate, Farmington taxpayers continue to meet their fiscal responsibilities and support Town services.



REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The entire Town of Farmington is in the 5th U.S. Congressional District. Farmington incorporates all of the 21st State Representative District and a segment of the 19th State Representative District. Portions of Farmington are included in the 5th and 6th State Senate Districts. Farmington has two local voting districts, 4 Polls and 7 precincts as follows:

District 1, precincts 1,2,3,4	Irving Robbins School
District 1, precinct 5	West Woods School
District 2, precinct 6	Community / Senior Center
District 2, precinct 7	Municipal Campus (FHS or Library) see signs

To register to vote in Farmington one must meet these requirements:

1. Be a United States Citizen
2. Be a resident of Farmington
3. Be 17 years of age, becoming 18 by November 6, 2018
4. Be completely released of confinement and parole if a past felon.

The Voter turnout in recent voting opportunities was as follows:

	ELIGIBLE	VOTED	%
11-8-2016 Presidential	18,959	14,943	78.8
11-8-2017 Town	18,901	6,445	34.1
11-3-2015 Town	17,007	5,103	30.0
11-4-2014 State	17,311	10,599	61.2

Farmington Registrars are Edward J. Leary (R) and Barbara Brenneman (D)

Call with questions: (860) 675-2378 or (860) 675-2379



COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The Community and Recreational Services Department continues its mission to manage resources, provide wholesome programming and coordinate opportunities to achieve creative solutions for a healthy community. The Department provides programming in three essential areas: supportive services, recreational activities and community engagement and is organized into seven divisions: Housing, Transportation, Recreation, Westwood Golf Course, Youth, Senior and Social Services. The Department also provides staff leadership to Human Relations, Housing Authority, Juvenile Review Board, Fair Rent Commission, Local Interagency Service Team (L.I.S.T) and FOCUS, the Local Prevention Council for teenage substance abuse prevention. Additionally the Department serves as a staff liaison for several community groups, including: food pantry, Farmington Community Chest, Unionville Improvement Association, and numerous sport leagues and organizations.

The Department provides administrative oversight for: (1) The Staples Homestead, which houses the offices of the Fire Administration and Community Services; (2) The Youth Annex Buildings which house the drop-in teen center and numerous Recreation programs as well as the Board of Education's alternative high school; (3) The Community & Senior Center; (4) The Stonehouse which houses three affordable housing units; (5) 8 and 10 Mountain Road which houses four affordable housing units; (6) 184 Town Farm Road which is the Town-owned affordable house; and (7) Maple Village Senior Housing Complex.

This past year over 2,500 events were scheduled for seniors and various community groups at the Community & Senior Center; including programs, such as: regular meetings of numerous civic groups, flu shots and Town meetings.

Transportation: Our Dial-A-Ride ran for 3,610 hours, provided 6,210 individual rides and drove 25,261 miles throughout the year. The Connecticut Department of Transportation awarded the program \$62,043 in supplemental funds allowing us to increase transportation opportunities for seniors and to coordinate group trips.

Social Services: Approximately 4,600 hours of case work was provided to families, youths, individuals and elderly. These services are offered to residents experiencing financial, physical and psychosocial hardships. A social worker is available to assess needs, advise on available options, support and serve as an advocate. While many services are available through Social Services, additional assistance is provided through a system of networking, advocacy and referral. This year the Farmington Community Chest generously allocated \$15,000 for our social workers to provide direct aid to residents. Currently, staff is assisting and working with 1,057 households with over 1,850 client units needing some type of assistance from a simple food pantry application to complex case management oversight.

Community Service Staff continues to provide support to the Farmington Food Pantry. The Pantry is run by a Board of Directors and the Town approves the clients to use the Food Pantry based on income guidelines. The clients make their shopping appointments through Social Services. Tuesday morning a member of our staff is available at the pantry to interact with clients, assist volunteers, and assist clients with their packages. Throughout the year, our staff has provided 192 hours of oversight and assistance.

This year was a banner year for giving. Our holiday program provided 434 baskets to families for both holidays. 95 donors contributed food and/or gift baskets. The Police and Fire Department assisted in food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and collectively brought in 8,000 pounds. The FHS Cheerleaders and the Fire Cadets were instrumental in collection. The CERT team (Certified Emergency Response Team) delivered baskets to clients. The police Department also assisted with a toy drive in a cooperative program with West Hartford. It was a true community effort.

Throughout the year, staff interviewed, approved and coordinated projects for community service days with various organizations, including: Farmington Community Chest, First Church in Farmington, United Way, various civic organizations and one extended family. Approximately 280 volunteers assisted for 63 projects throughout the fiscal year; they provide assistance with minor repairs, painting and yard work at various homes including doing some work at Maple Village and Westerleigh. Each year each the group grows and the amount of assistance provided is a true benefit to our older residents.



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Youth Services: The mission of Youth Services is to promote positive youth development through the coordination of direct services and activities. Our staff works with parents, schools, police and the community to provide support and services.

The drop-in teen center has reopened its doors with some innovative programming. Over the past six months 35 youths attended with over 410 visits.

The Farmington Mentor Program, now housed at the Farmington Library, has finished its fourteenth year. Mentoring provides students the opportunity to improve their grades, attendance and self-confidence.

The Farmington Juvenile Review Board (JRB) provides first time offenders a non-judicial process in lieu of going to court. Nineteen youths were diverted from court and referred for services that included substance abuse treatment, counseling and community service. This past year we were again the recipient of a grant from Connecticut Youth Services Association for our JRB to provide clinical support services to clients. This continues to allow us to better service youths in crisis and to spend critical time with youthful clients and their families.

Farmington is home to two indoor challenge courses that provide year round programming for students. Through the collaborative efforts between Youth Services, Recreation, EXCL, and the Physical Education Department, adventure programming continues to attract over 100 students each year and regular attendance has increased by 35%.

Through the generosity of the Farmington Community Chest, Youth Services was able to send 54 children to summer camps throughout the Farmington Valley. The total grant given was \$16,756; each recipient was assessed for assistance based on the family's need.

Senior Services: The Senior Center has marked its 15th year having served over 2,894 members. We continue to add quality programs, dedicated instructors and support services for the older adults in our community. Opportunities for healthy aging are created through social interaction, lifelong learning, and physical, mental and emotional well-being.

This fiscal year our programs increased from 125 to 170 per month with an average monthly attendance of 1,800 or 21,664 visits in the year. We have 1,860 current members. Our growth can be attributed to additional programs, especially the fitness center. Members are now able to improve their level of activity and achieve their fitness goals with workouts supervised by a Certified Personal Trainer. A new class, Move Strong, was introduced to address balance issues for fall prevention.

Both physical activities and mental stimulation are high priorities at our Center. We have partnered with the Alzheimer's Resource Center to present "Brain Fitness" classes. Many of our activities such as card playing, chess, wood carving, pickleball, tablet and smart phone instruction are socially engaging and mentally stimulating.

We partner with AARP to host Driver Safety Classes, Car Fit, FRAUD Watch and AARP Income Tax Preparation. As an AARP Tax Aide training site, 50 volunteers attend the training and then are assigned to prepare taxes throughout our region.

We are fortunate to have CHOICES, a state funded program that helps people understand their Medicare coverage and health options. Our volunteer CHOICES counselor assisted 88 people this past year. We are grateful to our volunteers who have performed over 500 hours.

We are working to address the "three C's" of healthy aging: (1) CONNECT through activities with others; (2) CHALLENGE members with opportunities to have fun, grow intellectually, physically and spiritually; and (3) CONTRIBUTE by recognizing individual's experience and skills that can enhance the Senior Center.

The Town's Community Services Department provides financial support under our relief fund for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meal recipients. This year the Town provided: \$29,319 directly to Services for the



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Elderly, a non-profit agency. Of the total assistance provided: \$9,600 went directly towards supporting the agency's operational expenses and the remainder paid for meals.

Recreation: Recreation is dedicated to providing wholesome recreation and leisure activities for the enjoyment of all residents in the community. Recreation promotes good health, friendships, and opportunities for sharing family time. New challenges, outdoor adventures, positive competition, creativity and lifetime opportunities are other endless benefits.

The Recreation Division had a successful year offering a variety of programs including bus trips, dance lessons, swim lessons, summer swim team, winter swim team, tennis lessons, martial arts, golf lessons and camps, youth basketball, youth soccer, youth and adult running, summer camps, and our 10th annual REC Adventure Camp which brought a number of Farmington youth up to The Forks, Maine for our biggest white water adventure to date.

Community-based programs for 2016 – 2017 included our 30th Annual Ice Cream Sundae Night co-sponsored by Ben and Jerry's of Canton, the Summer Concert Series and our annual Spring Egg Hunt where donations, in lieu of fees, are accepted for the local food pantry.

There were 4,235 receipts processed with a total of 5,339 enrollments for recreation programs for 2016 – 2017. Online registration, which began in 2006 at 6%, hit an all-time high in 2016 – 2017 at 69%.

Farmington Recreation under the Community and Recreational Services Department mails program and service brochures to every household in Farmington 3-4 times per year. They are also emailed through our database and are made available online.

Housing (Housing Authority): The Housing Authority, created by Ordinance 65 effective May 1972, was implemented to further affordable housing opportunities within the Town of Farmington. It also investigates alternative solutions and initiatives regarding affordable housing.

The Housing Authority met 5 times throughout the year discussing issues of affordable housing, the federal Section VIII rental subsidy program, the Cooperative Ownership Program and Maple Village.

In order to increase its affordable housing stock, the Town of Farmington began a program in 1981 known as the Plan for Cooperative Ownership. To make the purchase of single-family homes more affordable to homebuyers of low to moderate income, the Town of Farmington rented land lots to individuals who qualified under selection criteria.

The Executive Director of the Housing Authority, who is also the Director of Community & Recreational Services, is responsible for the administration of Maple Village, a 40-unit elderly housing complex located in Unionville, on Maple Avenue Extension. The complex, built in 1975, houses individuals over the age of 62 and disabled adults.

The yearly Management Plan (budget) for Maple Village was approved. The Housing Authority continued to participate in the state's Rental Assistance Program for elderly tenants in Authority-operated housing. The Town receives a state grant for resident coordinator services, which allows us to provide assessment, case management and program coordination. The coordinator(s) provided over 300 visits to residents under this program.

Additionally, the Authority administers 90 HUD Section VIII vouchers, which provide rental subsidies for individuals who qualify with low income. The program is classified as a High Performer.

The Town owns 7 affordable rental units of different sizes. The units are financially maintained through the rental funds.

The Authority also maintains landlord/tenant disputes including complaints and/or rent increases.



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Westwoods Golf Course: Operated by the Town of Farmington, Westwoods Golf Course leads players on an 18-hole jaunt past rivers, lakes, and bunkers that extends to 4,407 yards from the back tees. Despite its relatively short stature, Geoffrey S. Cornish designed the course to demand accuracy and consistency. The facility is designed as a great practice facility for all golfers, offering a 30-stall driving range and a practice green, which, at 24,000 square feet, affords ample room for practicing short game skills.

Westwoods continues to provide quality lessons for our youth as well as adults and families. This past summer we had 135 participants in lessons through camps or group instruction.

Westwoods hosted a number of tournaments this season. Westwoods continues to advertise and market the course as a destination for novice to experienced golfers. Through some promotional efforts, many of our regulars have posted their positive experiences online and continue to encourage others to stop by.



FARMINGTON FOOD PANTRY

Since 2006, the Farmington Food Pantry has been located in Amistad Hall at The First Church of Christ in Farmington, operating under the Outreach Committee of First Church. Following a mission to provide a "respectful, empowering environment, where food and personal care items are available to individuals who need assistance in Farmington", the pantry currently serves over 200 Farmington families – a number that continues to grow each year. The pantry operates on a "Clients Choice" program which allows clients to pick the items they like and need, rather than being given a pre-packaged bag of food. As a partner agency of Foodshare, the pantry can receive food and household necessities for a nominal amount. The pantry is funded solely through donations and staffed entirely by volunteers. All clients are pre-qualified by social workers from the Town of Farmington Community & Recreational Services Department. Additionally, Farmington Community Services staff provides support during Tuesday shopping days allowing for increased communication with clients.



The Farmington Food Pantry is located on the lower level of Amistad Hall on the campus of First Church Congregational 75 Main Street, Farmington, CT

During the past ten years the pantry has adapted to the changing needs of clients by establishing a program to fund purchases of fresh fruits, produce, and other items most needed on the pantry shelves, and by implementing a dairy program to provide milk and yogurt along with occasional cheese and butter.

In 2016-2017, the pantry distributed over 48 tons of food to needy residents during more than 2,000 client visits. This reflects a 13% increase in distributed food from last year and a 16.5% increase in client visits from last year. The all-volunteer staff logged in over 2,590 hours of service processing food drives, stocking shelves, and staffing shopping days - a 14% increase from last year. The pantry also published an informational web site in January 2017 www.farmingtonfoodpantryct.com which includes a secure online donation link to the pantry through PayPal.

The pantry volunteers and Community & Recreational Services staff continue to work tirelessly to further our mission of ending hunger in Farmington. Together with our partner agencies and the Farmington community, the pantry is making a meaningful difference in the lives of our Farmington neighbors in need. Thank You!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Farmington Fire Department, which includes the East Farmington, Farmington, Tunxis Hose, Oakland Gardens, and Southwest Fire Stations, provides Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services throughout the Town of Farmington. The Fire Department is a "combination department" which means that it is staffed by a combination of approximately 175 Volunteer Fire Fighters and 8 Career Fire Fighters. During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Fire Department responded to 4,069 fire and medical emergencies.

The Fire Department is actively recruiting Volunteers because they play such a vital role in the services that we provide. Anyone who lives or works in Farmington, is at least 18 years of age, has a high school diploma or GED, and a valid Connecticut Driver's License may apply to be a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Non-Farmington residents may apply if they live within 5 miles of the fire station they wish to join, or if they work in Town and have written permission from their employer to respond to emergencies during work hours. The Fire Department will provide all equipment and training associated with being a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

The Fire Department is also actively recruiting Fire Cadets. The Fire Cadet Program is designed to encourage residents between 14 and 17 years of age to become familiar with the responsibilities of volunteer fire fighters, to demonstrate to young people the importance of service to the community through involvement in the volunteer fire department, and to develop a working knowledge of First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and the Safe Working Practices associated with the Fire Service.



New Pierce Pumpers for Farmington Center Station. The trucks are 2017 Pierce Enforcers and are identified as Engine 4 and Engine 6.

The Town of Farmington Fire Department has a Knox Box Program in place to facilitate immediate access to a secured building during an emergency. Knox Boxes are locked metal boxes that hold the keys to the building on which they are installed. Each Town of Farmington Fire Apparatus is equipped with a Knox Box that contains the "Farmington Knox Box Key" which opens all of the Knox Boxes installed on buildings in the Town of Farmington. The Knox Boxes installed in the fire apparatus are controlled electronically by signals initiated by the Farmington Public Safety Communications Center. The installation of a Knox Box at a property allows the Fire Department quicker, easier access to a property in the event of an emergency, thereby helping to save lives and eliminate property damage that might otherwise occur as a result of the Fire Department forcing entry into a building to render assistance. Residents or Business owners who are interested in installing a Knox Box are encouraged to contact the Fire Department.



Fire Fighters training Fire Cadets

The Fire Department operates a "Fire Safety Trailer" to teach people how best to react during a fire. The Fire Safety Trailer is a "mobile classroom" that is designed to look like a home and is set up to demonstrate many of the real-life hazards that could be encountered during a house fire. A non-toxic smoke system illustrates the need to "crawl low" in fire, a heated door demonstrates the importance of feeling closed doors before opening them, an escape ladder in the bedroom reminds participants to know at least two ways out of the home, a 911 Phone System allows people to practice calling 911, and a fully-equipped kitchen shows many common fire hazards – and



FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued



East Farms and Farmington Volunteer Fire Department members operating at scene of a rescue at the Holy Family Monastery on Tunxis Road

how to avoid them. If you are interested in having your group or organization tour the Fire Safety Trailer, please contact the Fire Department.

Please visit your local fire station or call or email Steven Hoffmann, Director of Fire and Rescue Services, at (860) 675-2322 or hoffmanns@farmington-ct.org for more information about becoming a volunteer or to inquire about any of the services offered by the Town of Farmington Fire Department.

THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, BY MAINTAINING A CONSTANT STATE OF READINESS THROUGH FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION.



**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
FIRE CADETS TRAINING**



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**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued



**EAST FARMS VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued



**FARMINGTON
VOLUNTEER
FIRE
DEPARTMENT**



FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued



**TUNXIS HOSE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Farmington's Emergency and Community Alert System, Everbridge, has upgraded its software platform!

As of February 4, 2016 the Town of Farmington has upgraded its Emergency Alert and Community Notification Program, Everbridge, to a new software platform. The new system provides you with the ability to customize what alert notifications you want to receive and how you want to receive them. Although you will continue to receive emergency alerts from the Everbridge system, we ask that you re-validate your information in the new system in order to access the updated features and subscriptions.



What is the Emergency Alert / Community Notification Program?

In an effort to enhance the Town's ability to communicate with its residents and strengthen its ability to make large-scale notifications during an emergency the Town has implemented the Everbridge Notification System. The system has two clearly distinct components. The first component is the Emergency Alert Notification System. The Emergency Alert system allows local officials to help protect lives and property by providing critical information to residents during emergencies, including dangerous situations. The system allows the Police and Fire Departments to quickly send out an emergency alert to residents in any affected geographic area in town. Depending on the emergency, the alert may be sent to the entire town or selected areas within town. The current database includes only traditional wire-line telephone numbers as listed in the telephone book (the "land line" phone you may have in your home). If you want the system to send alerts to other communication devices that you use, then you must provide your contact information by logging into the Notification Web Page on the Town's web site at <http://www.farmington-ct.org/>

The second component is the Community Notification System. This system allows residents to receive information on upcoming events and general information from various Town Departments. The categories of notification that you may select from are General Government, Public Safety (non-emergency), Recreation, Business and Economic Development, Public Works, Community Services and Senior Services. Community notifications are only available if you log into the website and register for the Departments of your choice.



How can I sign up for the Emergency Alert and Community Notification Program?

The system allows you to add other means of communication to the Notification System. In addition to your current home phone, you can add mobile phones, e-mail and/or text messaging to be included to receive alerts from the Emergency Alert and Community Notification System.

Please visit <http://www.farmington-ct.org/> for more information. The system will only work with your participation. Help us to keep your families safer and more informed. Please sign up today.



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FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901

**“Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services,
great libraries build communities.” ~ R. David Lankes**

In Fiscal Year 2011-12, I reported the state of Farmington Libraries as “Diverse, Dynamic, Efficient, and Innovative: different in program development, proactive in customer focus, effective in increased operations, and innovative in service delivery.” I also stated, “Although technology is important; relationships and personal service, especially as a long-term investment, are essential. Because it is through these relationships that we hear the community’s voice by listening closely while gaining a direction to a successful future.”

Today I am thrilled to note that we continue to hold those precepts true as we work to build a stronger and more robust community.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 was a milestone year for the Libraries: first, the enunciation and discovery of the past with our 100th Anniversary celebrations; and second, looking to the future of the Libraries as we developed our Long Range Plan. These seemingly disparate elements constitute the basis for melding our best historical qualities into our next iteration of community programming.

Looking ahead offers an exciting opportunity to study trends, conduct research, compile data, and develop plans. Looking back, we see solid examples of what works well: connecting kids and families with reading, providing carefully curated collections of books and electronic media, being the preferred destination for the community, and offering excellent programs and services.

Looking Forward

Though planning for the future is exciting, it can also seem chaotic and overwhelming, especially in our fast-evolving digital world. This must have been what it felt like to witness the flurry of change in the automobile industry during the early 20th-century: steering wheels versus joysticks, windshields versus goggles, gas versus steam engines. Similarly, the late 20th-century computer industry saw the beginnings of the rapid development that brought about our current tech-immersed world. Upon close examination, the information and literary market of today is experiencing similar changes; we see a landscape of e-books, audiobooks, databases, social media, maker spaces, media labs, and now immersive technologies which expand traditional 2-D communication models into a 3-D space.

These emerging technologies produce opportunities and challenges, while presenting unprecedented choices and directions that requiring new thinking, strategic vision, and technical knowledge. Therefore, to succeed, our service delivery must continuously evolve with active Library team and Board participation.

Long Range Plan

This year began with a fresh and spirited mission: The Farmington Libraries partner with the community to provide free access to services, experiences, and resources that offer opportunities to explore, create, and share ideas. The next step in our process was to create a new and flexible Long Range Plan. In that spirit, the Board and Library Team worked to develop, produce, and carry out a new plan for both tactical and strategic purposes. We created this plan without the use of a consultant, with startling results. While our 100th Anniversary celebrations allowed us to explore the Farmington Libraries’ evolution from subscription enterprises to free public libraries, our goal was not simply to look back and enjoy the progress made, but rather to find new answers to cyclical and future needs in alignment with our values and mission.

This Annual Report is about what the Libraries team, Board of Trustees and stakeholders have achieved together, and where we are headed. It is a statement of community and purpose derived from a continuous, protracted and concentrated search for effective direction.

Sincerely,

Jay Johnston M.S., M.A.
Executive Director



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Laura A. Horn--Director, Information Services

Are libraries still relevant? Will they be relevant in 10 or 50 years? People often use online information and e-commerce resources such as Wikipedia, Google and Amazon as examples for why libraries are no longer relevant or why they soon won't be. That somehow, inexplicably, libraries have managed to last as long as they have without changing. That while Google and Amazon were making their mark on this world, libraries were just quietly fading into the background, with the faint thump of the rubber stamp the only sound coming from these dusty old repositories. I can assure you, as can anyone who has visited a library recently, that this is not the case. As The Farmington Libraries celebrate our 100th year of service to the community we look back on all that we have done and we look ahead to all that we will one day do. Some things will never change: we will always seek to inspire a love for reading and stress the importance of literacy skills, we will always facilitate the sharing of ideas, and we will always provide a safe space for people to explore new ideas and concepts and create their own paths in this life. The only thing that will change is the how. Libraries will endure because they are equal parts tradition and innovation. We will not forget where we have come from and what is truly important and we will always be looking towards the future.

With core services and the future of library services in mind, our goals over the past year were: to maintain a vibrant and current collection of physical materials, to preserve and improve discoverability of items relevant to local history, to enhance our ability to connect readers with books, to provide greater access to digital content, and to inspire creativity and the exploration of ideas through access to online learning opportunities and hands-on programs.

Information Services & Farmington Room Highlights

- Developed a Maker Space program schedule filled with both hi-tech and low-tech hands-on activities that drew nearly 400 participants.
- Led 150 one-on-one equipment training sessions in the Maker Space totaling 241 hours.
- Hosted our 4th Annual Maker Fair with nearly 500 in attendance, including 25 volunteers.
- Launched the Maker Space Blog as another way to connect community members with the Library and the Maker Space.
- Digitized and made accessible to the public Farmington Library Oral History Project interviews.
- Implemented new collection management procedures, with the assistance of specialized software, to ensure currency, vibrancy and relevancy of library collections.
- Worked closely with database providers to increase marketing efforts and improve accessibility to online resources resulting in a 63.4% increase in database usage.
- Developed an extensive e-book and e-audiobook collection of popular and backlist titles, leading to a circulation increase of nearly 28%.
- Improved reader's advisory through the addition of NovelistPlus to the staff side of the Libraries' catalog.
- Launched the wildly popular intergenerational monthly gaming event, Tabletop Game Night.
- Worked with Administration to plan and build a 3-D and immersive technology lab -- The Studio -- at the Main Library.



Teen Services Highlights

Increased summer reading participation nearly 20% through innovative incentive program and outreach visits to the schools.

Hosted 3rd annual summer Maker Camp, with 12 programs taking place over six weeks focusing on themes including solar power, conductivity and flight. Each program was at maximum capacity.

Collaborated with four local town libraries to co-host the 2nd Annual Inter-Town Trivia Tournament, which also included activity booths, snacks, a costume contest and a concert by Draco and the Malfoys. Over 175 community members attended the event and team Farmington won!



FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901--continued

Anna Eisen--Children's Librarian

Amid a busy landscape of technology and media, the Children's Department provides developmentally-appropriate educational programs, a well-informed team, and a welcoming space for new parents, preschoolers, elementary school students, and tweens to learn and engage. While meeting community needs for traditional library services, we also recognize emerging opportunities to serve families with creative, hands-on learning experiences and engagement.

Children's Program Highlights

We offered 608 programs this year at the main library, attended by 13,711 people. Additionally, we reached 2,153 children at 24 outreach sessions to schools, daycares, and community organizations additional in Farmington. The Barney Library saw 2,852 children and their caregivers attend 134 programs, ranging from early literacy storytimes for toddlers, to hands-on STEM and arts programs for school-age children.



At the Main Library, Tots & Tunes remains one of our most popular programs, with three sessions each week. This year, 4,413 children and their caregivers engaged in this active music and movement program -- 32% of our annual program attendance overall.

As part of our Books for Babies program, parents of newborns receive a book and library tote bag, and a welcoming introduction to library resources. This year, 37 families visited the library for their baby bags and information about early literacy programs at the library.

Our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program continues to be popular with the under-five crowd. Reading books together is one of the most important ways for families to ensure children are ready for success in school. This year, 32 new children registered for the program, and 19 children completed reading logs with 1,000 books, celebrating their accomplishment at our annual party in August.

Programmatic Challenges Met

Recognizing Farmington's increasingly diverse population, we continue our world language programming with storytimes and playgroups for families who speak Polish, Spanish, and Chinese. These culturally relevant programs bring new families into the library, facilitating connections between families and to the larger Farmington community. Additionally, demand for multilingual books increased, further boosting circulation statistics and supporting family literacy.

In response to patron feedback and survey responses, we continue to expand our program offerings with a range of evening and weekend programs, increasing access and flexibility for busy families. Saturday programs include reading with Lucy, a certified therapy dog; Daddy & Me, an interactive program for toddlers and their fathers or other male caregivers; Stories Old & New, a storytime program for the whole family; and seasonal programs throughout the year .



Collaboration with Schools

By collaborating with teachers, library media specialists, and daycare providers, we leverage shared resources to reach children who may not otherwise have access to the library. The Summer Reading Program supports our shared vision of fostering a love of literacy and learning throughout the calendar year. We worked closely with Farmington Public Schools' Extended Care & Learning (EXCL) and Summer Learning Academy to facilitate summer trips to the library for elementary school students. With help from the library's Lending Services team, every student was able to check out books related to their personal and academic interests, ensuring a positive experience during their visit .



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We also worked with library media specialists at Farmington Public Schools to update the summer reading lists to align better with students' reading levels and interests, and the schools' curriculum goals. By creating a sense of fun and challenge through the Summer Reading Program, we continue to see high rates of participation among students throughout the summer.

Leadership Change

In February 2017, Anna Eisen accepted the role of Children's Librarian to lead the department and looks forward to supporting the library's role as a welcoming community hub for families in Farmington.

Caroline Ford--Director, Lending, Collection Management, & Branch Services



Lending Services Team

We have the friendliest Lending staff in Connecticut! The team continues to provide excellent customer service to everyone who visits our libraries. This past year over 200,000 people came to the libraries; our mission was to welcome them all. We believe that being kind and friendly makes a difference in the lives of our patrons.

This year the Lending Services team welcomed over 1,700 new library card holders to our libraries; currently we are issuing our special edition 100th Anniversary cards.

Additionally, Lending checked in and out over 500,000 items. We continue to use our RFID system and strive to be more accurate when checking in items .

Collection Management Team

Our Collection Management team processed over 14,000 items this year. They continue to ensure that holds get to people in a timely manner, and they work tirelessly to keep up with the new releases. They also help out the Lending Desk when needed.

New Substitutes

This past year we hired two excellent substitute Lending Services team members. The substitutes fill at a moment's notice, and are also crossed-trained to work at the Barney Library. Senior staff members at the Main and Barney have been doing a great job in training new staff to give excellent customer service to all.

Children's Services Training

This year four Lending Staff members were trained in the Children's Department to provide assistance when needed.

Simplifying Lending Services for Patrons

Lending services keeps moving forward by providing new helpful technology and wonderful customer service.

- We have updated how we accept payments using the Square point-of-sale system. Staff is now able to accept payments for fines, bus trips, Café Louise and other special events all in one place, and patrons have more payment options than before. All team members are trained to use this great customer service tool.
- Recent updates to our Integrated Library System KOHA now offer several new and exciting technology features for our patrons.
- If a patron is trying to log in to their library account from home and they forget their password, they can now have a new password link emailed to them.



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- Patrons can now pay fines from home on their library account using their PayPal account. This is a great new customer service tool that provides another convenient option for paying fines.
- Patrons can now be notified by text when they have a hold or when items are due. We have already had positive feedback during our trial period and our starting to let all of our patrons know about this service.

Barney Library

Our branch continues to provide the personalized customer service that has made the Barney Library a beloved community destination. Last year Barney had 20,000 visitors. Staff members fielded over 7,000 reference questions and circulated more than 30,000 items.

Barney Staff also supports two book groups and manages the Outreach Program for home bound patrons.

Leah Farrell--Coordinator, Community Services and Media

In keeping with our 100th Anniversary motto of "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future," our adult programming this year continued the tradition of offering a wide array of entertaining, informational, and enriching experiences for our patrons, while evolving to include more small, hands-on programs as spurred on by the growing popularity of the Maker Space.



Collaboration with Information Services

An increase in Maker programs developed into a closer working relationship with Information Services, which has allowed us to put more minds to coming up with diverse and innovative program ideas. Having more staff involved in programming has also enabled us to offer more inclusive, all-ages programs such as ukulele lessons, family concerts, tabletop game nights, and more. Our greatest success in this regard was the July 2017 outdoor family concert by Koo Koo Kanga Roo, where we had 600 people of all ages in attendance.

Adult Programming Highlights

- Held responsive informational programs featuring expert financial advice, health and wellness classes, and our Small Business Series with SCORE.
 - Continued the tradition of providing a wide array of intellectual content through our lecture series with Yale's Lewis Walpole Library and the Director's College lecture series, which this year featured topics such as local history, music, and anthropology.
 - Provided opportunities for entertainment and movement with programs such as line dancing, ukulele lessons, and the Indie Film Series.
 - Partnered with local activist groups Forward CT and Farmington Valley Indivisible to offer a series of expert, non-partisan panels to shed light and provide factual information on topics brought up by the 2016 Presidential Election.
 - Refined adult programs at Barney Library, with regular craft- and jewelry-making classes that have become very popular with stay-at-home parents and retired persons from Farmington and surrounding communities. These have become social events, where attendees chat and encourage each other in their projects.
- Though we held fewer concerts than last year, Garmany Music Series attendance increased by 40% due to improved selection of musical acts to meet community interest.



FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901--continued

Special Events

This fiscal year also marked the first part of our Platinum Anniversary celebrations. The year was kicked off with the unveiling of the timeline installed in the Main Library's stairwell. This was followed up by our first Platinum Concert, featuring New York City's Elysium Jazz Band performing music of the 20's and 30s to honor the Libraries' early years. Our main event, however, was the Platinum Dinner Dance, held at the Farmington Club in April. This lovely evening featured delicious food, dancing to the music of Sharades oldies band, and a presentation by Executive Director Jay Johnston. More events are planned for the remainder of 2017.



Our seasonal curated arts shows and the Farmers Market continue to be successful and enriching events for the community.

Library Marketing & Publicity

This year we continued to fine-tune our marketing and publicity practices, particularly with our increased our efforts in special marketing. We have begun to reach out directly to people and groups that we think would be interested in specific programs or services. For instance, when we held programs on climate change, we contacted local environmental and conservation groups. They will often send members to these programs and share the information within their own networks.

Coordination with the Information Services Department has also extended to our marketing and publicity. This year, we began using the online design platform Canva to create much of our digital and print materials, and more staff are able to originate high-quality visual content than ever before. This led to Administration and Information Services working together to create an informational and comprehensive booklet for Adult Summer Reading 2017. This booklet included information about the Adult Summer Reading Program, summer reading suggestions, and summer programs, and has been very popular with patrons.

This year we were also honored to receive an award for Outstanding Library Public Relations in Print Media for our 2015-2016 Annual Report. The award was presented by the Connecticut Library Association's (CLA) Publicity Committee at the 2017 CLA Conference in Mystic, Connecticut.

Administrative Highlights

- Planning and design of new seating areas in the Main Library.
- Elevator Replacement Plan & State Grant Application.
- Replaced NCR cash system with Square online cash management system, integrated with Quick-Books accounting software.
- Converted accrued time-keeping system from paper to an electronic database.
- Set up online banking account with Farmington Bank.
- Improved irrigation at the Barney Library.
- Renegotiated copier/printer contracts.
- Wi-Fi router enhancements to allow better internet access throughout the Main Library building.



“As a kid, I would get my parents to drop me off at my local library on their way to work during the summer holidays, and I would walk home at night. For several years, I read the children’s library until I finished the children’s library. Then I moved into the adult library and slowly worked my way through them.”

~ Neil Gaiman



FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

The Farmington Valley Health District is the local health department for the Town of Farmington

A preliminary community health assessment for the Farmington Valley has illuminated the issues of mental illness and substance abuse throughout the region. Through Resilience Grows Here, an initiative focused on the mental health needs of veterans, active duty military, their families and young men, FVHD is working to help connect veterans to the resources they need. In addition, FVHD has initiated a Mental Health Task force focusing on a year-long call-to-action focusing on what individuals and communities can do to promote better mental health and support those living with mental illness. A monthly column has been featured in the Valley Press highlighting these specific topics. FVHD is also tracking opioid related deaths, emergency room visits and hospitalizations to further illuminate the magnitude of this public health epidemic and identify prevention strategies in collaboration with our community partners.

Recognizing that the proportion of the population 50 years of age and older is increasing, FVHD worked with facilities working with the aging population to provide two Matter of Balance programs. The 8 week, evidence based program has been shown to reduce falls in older adults. Falls are the leading cause of hospitalizations and reduced quality of life among the population 65 years of age and older making this program an important public health initiative for older Farmington residents. In addition, FVHD is regularly featured at assisted living facilities presenting on a variety of public health topics.

FVHD continues to serve as subject matter experts for Farmington on myriad public health issues. The health department fields hundreds of questions from Farmington residents on topics including immunizations, Zika, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, water quality, the flu, rabies and recalls to name a few. FVHD participated in the Unionville Festival providing hundreds of fair goers with health education information and answering questions. Factual information on many public health issues and topics through the FVHD website, www.fvhd.org and Facebook page are regularly updated.

Enforcing CT General Statutes, the Public Health Code and FVHD regulations are an important part of our work to ensure that the public's health is protected when eating out, swimming in a public pool, going to a salon or drinking water from a private well. The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year:

Permits Issued:		Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:	
Food Service Establishments	161	New Septic	17
Temporary Food Service		Septic Repair	61
Salons	48	Public Bathing	97
New Septic	2	Food Service Establishments	305
Septic Repair	13	Complaints (ALL)	37
Well	15	Salons	53
		Day Care	6



SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Services for the Elderly of Farmington, Inc. is a nonprofit agency with its mission:

"To assist older citizens with maintaining their desired home lifestyle relative to meals, transportation, socialization, home medical equipment and maintenance."

On staff, there is a full time Executive Director and a bookkeeper who is also the Program Assistant works 10 hours a week and a transportation coordinator works 5 hours a week. 150 volunteers assist in the various programs of this organization. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from all areas of the town. Financial support is primarily provided by the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, the Town of Farmington, service groups, churches, businesses and fund raising events. Our agency is located at the Senior / Community Center at 321 New Britain Ave. Unionville, Connecticut. For more information visit our website WWW.FARMINGTONSENIORS.ORG

The following services were provided during the fiscal year:

MEALS ON WHEELS: 5194 double meals delivered Mondays through Fridays, Birthday gift bags are delivered to each client on their special day.



Congregate meal program

CONGREGATE MEALS: 1607 hot lunches served at the Community/Senior Center

TRANSPORTATION: 798 rides to and from medical and dental appointments.

FRIENDLY VISITING: 26 seniors involved. Our "It's Good to Get Out" Group, consisting of 15 Farmington women, is coordinated and financed by Marcie Shepard. They went on many fun excursions throughout the year. 11 homebound seniors have been matched with a volunteer who provides ongoing support and friendship. 75 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to the homebound in

November, 2017. Highland Park Market donated the fruit. Town health agencies donated baked goods. The Farmington Garden Club donated the spring flowers and Christmas greens to 75 homebound seniors. The Farmington Community Chest funded our "forget me not program" which allowed us to purchase and deliver goodie bags and plants to 75 appreciative seniors many times throughout the year.

FRIENDLY SHOPPER: 559 grocery shopping trips were made by volunteers. Seniors have been matched with volunteers who routinely shop for groceries for their client.

JOB BANK: 251 people requested the job bank list

TAX ASSISTANCE: 313 seniors were assisted with their tax forms by A.A.R.P. trained volunteers

SENIOR SENSE: 7400 issues of our newsletter were distributed to Farmington residents in November 2016. 7386 were circulated in May 2017.

LOAN CLOSET: 978 medical equipment items were loaned out to Farmington Valley residents. 520 items were donated to the nonprofit agency Orphan Grain Train who send these items to many underprivileged countries throughout the world



Mrs. Beckert's 4th Grade class at Union School - the winning classroom collecting the most money for March for Meals Campaign

Our 15th "MARCH FOR MEALS" campaign was very successful. Canisters were placed in all the elementary schools in Town throughout the month of March. All of the proceeds help subsidize our Meals on Wheels



SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY--continued



Nancy Nickerson, Town Council Chair, and Kathy Eagen, Town Manager, delivering Meals on Wheels to Marie Bouchard on March for Meals Champion's Day

program. The Chairwoman of the Town Council, Nancy Nickerson, and Kathy Eagen, Town Manager, took an active part in Community Champions Week and delivered meals on wheels to our happy clients.

Our nonprofit agency participated in the Traveler's PGA Tournament fundraiser "BIRDIES FOR CHARITY".

TOWN OF FARMINGTON: Financial assistance was given to our meals on wheels and congregate meals programs. This enabled any Farmington resident, regardless of their financial status, to participate in the meal programs.

FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB again hosted a Christmas party at the Farmington Gardens for 50 of our seniors.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT hosted a Café Night in the fall and the spring providing free music entertainment and refreshments for the seniors.

An Annual Gathering recognizing our 150 volunteers was held at The Landings of Farmington on May 2nd, 2017. 87 volunteers attended.

This agency will continue to serve the growing needs of the elderly of this town.

Nancy J. Walker, Executive Director



FARMINGTON LAND TRUST

The Farmington Land Trust's mission is: to protect open space in perpetuity through acquisition, stewardship, education and advocacy. The Land Trust has pursued this single goal since its founding in 1971 as a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of federal tax code. Support for the Land Trust comes from Town residents dedicated to the preservation of open space.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the Land Trust now protects 290 acres of fields, forests, wetlands, scenic vistas, historic sites and wildlife habitat from development. These 65 parcels will remain as open space forever, enriching the quality of life for Farmington residents for generations to come. We appreciate the foresight of the donors of these properties and the continued commitment of our contributors to the future of Farmington.

The Land Trust is governed by a board of fourteen Directors, elected by its membership at the Annual Meeting in April. Over 320 Land Trust members offer invaluable financial and volunteer support for maintaining and preserving the properties under the Land Trust's protection and for acquiring additional open space.

Officers for 2016-2017: Richard Kramer, president; Evan Cowles and Cate Grady-Benson, vice-presidents; Doug Pelham, treasurer; and Diane Tucker, secretary. Directors: Jim Calciano, Jorge Delano, Nina Hayes, John Hinze, Francie Brown Holmes, Steve Nelson, Sallie Norris, Steve Silk, and Linda Tomasso. Our executive director is Bruce Edgren. The Land Trust office is located in the Canal House at 128 Garden Street.

The Land Trust's 2016 Preserving our Legacy fundraiser, the "Great Ditch", was held in September at The Farmington Gardens. Over 200 celebrants gathered for cocktails and dinner followed by a presentation by Jay Bombara on the Farmington Canal and a tribute to Henry Mason, FLT Emeritus Director.

With the ongoing generous support of UNICO, we continue joint research projects on our properties with Professor Barbara Nicholson and her students from the CCSU Biology Department. This year they conducted an environmental survey of plant life at our recently acquired Clatter Valley Road Parcel. On our Carey Pasture Parcel, Chris Moreno completed construction of a blind for observation of birds and other wildlife for his Eagle Scout project.

The Land Trust presented educational and outdoor events each month on one or more of its properties, including: Snow Moon Snowshoe Outing, Owl Howl, Woodland Wildflowers at the Canal Aqueduct, Birding at the Cowles Parcel, Outdoor Yoga on Main, Hike to Hospital Rock, Meet the Moths, Hike to Will Waren's Den, Creepy Crawlies, and our annual Thanksgiving Opt Outside Hike, this year, on Clatter Valley Road.

Richard Kramer and Evan Cowles serve as Land Trust representatives to the sevenmember Town Land Acquisition Committee, which recommends the purchase of properties by the Town, continuing the strong collaboration between the FLT and the Town to Save the Land of Farmington.

Farmington Land Trust board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in the FLT office, except for the months of April and August.

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FARMINGTON VALLEY (VNA) VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to serve the residents of Farmington with outstanding health care services and programs. Despite the challenges that the national arena creates for the public, with the support from the Town of Farmington, the VNA can give preventive care that helps to curb higher direct cost to residents. In every program that the VNA offers, Farmington residents' utilization of our services increased, sometimes by over 500%. Hospice visits for the prior fiscal year totaled 62. For this current year, residents in Farmington recorded 512 Hospice Skilled visits.



That jump in utilization shows in and of itself that we are there for you, serving as each person has chosen. We have worked diligently with your Town officials to make known that patients have a right to choose, and we are grateful to report that they are choosing us.

Home Care service visits rose by 20%, Health Supervision evaluations and assessments rose by 45%, and 7 residents received vaccinations free of charge. Being able to provide some of the services free of



cost to residents enables the VNA to assist in containing healthcare expenditures. We are the only VNA in the state that receives such financial support from the community, and due to this, our ability to provide care on a strictly preventive nature is unique. This clearly translates to fewer doctors' visits, lower hospitalization rates and overall containment of medical expenses. The Farmington Valley VNA continues to produce better outcomes than national and state standards with regards to Patient Satisfaction Surveys, and we have once again been awarded a Home Care Elite Certification.

The Community Programs continue to show increased participation in health care services. There was a 40% increase in the number of residents that received vaccines for the flu and pneumonia. Over 450 residents participated in the 13 Flu Shot Clinics that were scheduled. This is quite a testament to choose again, as residents do prefer having the direct nursing care and supervision during this procedure, as opposed to stopping in one of the public clinics, where no clinical oversight is given once a medication is administered. Blood pressure screenings also increased from the prior year, and this monitoring allows patients a visit with a healthcare provider that often extends to include answers and education about their medications and the health issues that people are attempting to manage independently. Our skilled nurses spend one on one time with each resident, always evaluating how it is that we can be of service. The strength of these health care initiatives is testimony to the commitment that Farmington residents have in becoming strong health advocates for themselves and their families.

Joint networking efforts continue between the Farmington Valley VNA and the Directors of Social Services and Senior services. The VNA remains available to service those residents in the Middlewoods housing community. There continues to be a strong relationship as well at Westerleigh Congregate Housing, with monthly educational series being well attended.

It continues to be an honor to serve the Town of Farmington with a well-rounded set of Home care, Hospice and Community Programs. The Farmington Valley VNA remains committed to offering these services, and assures that it will do so by keeping with the trends and changes of the health care environment of today as well as being proactive with change for the future.



FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST

The Farmington Community Chest (FCC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1931 for the purpose of improving the health, educational opportunities, and community life of all residents of the Farmington community. Through individual volunteers and the investing of donated funds, the Farmington Community Chest is able to support Farmington Cares day, Farmington Fuel bank, Camp and Education scholarships, Services for the Elderly, Summer Movies for children and their families and many other valuable projects. Farmington Community Chest is funded through donations from individuals and organizations such as the Hartford Foundation, private donors, and an annual wine tasting fundraiser held in November.



In 2016-2017 funds distributed by the Farmington Community Chest enabled numerous organizations to assist Farmington residents. The Farmington Fuel bank provided fuel assistance to 22 households. Camp scholarships totaling \$16,000 were awarded to school age children. Services for the Elderly received \$6,000 for programming. Friends of the Meetinghouse received \$10,000 to help preserve Judah Woodruff Historic Meetinghouse. Each year the Community Chest gives out scholarships through Farmington High School – including a vocation scholarship and those pursuing medical careers. In addition to funds, volunteers were provided to help seniors and disabled with household projects during Farmington Cares Days. These are only a few of the many projects and organizations supported by Farmington Community Chest funding and services.

For 86 years the Farmington Community Chest has been helping improve the health, educational opportunities, and community life of Farmington residents. We are proud of our positive impact on the quality of life for all residents and look forward to growing with our community as we continue to seek opportunities to financially support our community's evolving needs.

Farmington Community Chest Mission

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TUNXIS SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Tunxis Seniors Citizen Association was established by the Farmington Valley Woman's Club (FVWC) in 1969. Its mission was to sponsor a Senior Center. At the time, the building now known as the Unionville Museum was unoccupied and the town council agreed to allow the FVWC to use the building as a Senior Center.

The first meeting was held on March 10, 1969. For the next 24 years, the members of the Tunxis Senior Citizens Association ran the Senior Center as volunteers.

In 1993 the Town of Farmington hired an Elderly Services Coordinator (Nancy Parent) as a Municipal Agent for the elderly in town. Many of the activities that had been previously run by the TSCA members were now overseen by the town. The Senior Center is currently managed by Sharyn Holmes and is located at 321 New Britain Avenue in Unionville.

Despite the fact that the TSCA had accomplished its goal of creating a senior center, it did not disband. Instead it continues to "unite senior citizens based on their common interests." There is **live musical entertainment** on the 2nd Monday of the month, **fun bingo games** on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month, and **friendly bridge competitions** offered every Friday. There are also **community volunteer opportunities** throughout the year.

TSCA is a state-certified non-profit organization with a membership of 300 members. The annual fee for membership is \$10.00. For more information, please contact Peg Preato at 860-673-5797.

"To unite senior citizens based on their common interests"



Officers and Directors - Patty LeBouhillier, Marcie Shepard, Leslie Ward, Betty Kopiec, Betty Anderson, Peg Preato, Carolyn Boswell, Patty Costello, missing Keith Wuerthner and Rose Paternostro



Annual Christmas Banquet – Patty Costello, Lelap Le and Ed Bassett



Just a few of our 50+ life-time members. To become a life-time member, you need to belong to TSCA for 20 years and be over 80 years old. Congratulations to these members!

