

TOWN OF FARMINGTON



ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

Cover Picture

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

~ Cover Photo courtesy of Unionville Museum

This early spring view of Tunxis Square, Unionville is from a postcard published around 1910. The First Congregational Church presents its original face to the public unimpeded by the Civil War Soldiers Monument which didn't open until 1916. On the right you can see far down Main Street since the trees are still leafless. On the left, a trolley waits near the Oliver Beckwith Dry Goods store and the 1902 Town Hall next door. The name Back Street is a misnomer, the street was already referred to as School Street at this time, although the three school buildings (grammar school, junior high and high school) can barely be seen on the far side of the Town Hall. In the foreground, Tunxis Square, still unpaved, seems to be awash in spring mud.

Trolleys in Farmington and Unionville



Farmington Street Railway open car No. 1 appears at the end of the line in Unionville in 1907. With all the bunting on the building, this photograph was likely taken on July 4.

~ Trolley narrative and photograph above courtesy of Connecticut Trolley Museum, "Hartford County Trolleys" copyright 2005

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**Town of Farmington
Departments**

Animal Control	860-675-2440
Assessor	860-675-2370
Building	860-675-2315
Board of Education	860-673-8270
Community Center	860-675-2490
Economic Development	860-675-2395
Engineering	860-675-2305
Finance - Accounts Payable	860-675-2339
Finance - Main	860-675-2335
Finance - Payroll	860-675-2337
Finance - Purchasing	860-675-2335
Fire & Rescue Services	860-675-2322
Fire Marshal	860-675-2320
General Info.	860-675-2300
Highway & Grounds	860-675-2550
Housing Authority	860-675-2390
Library	860-673-6791
Plan & Zoning	860-675-2325
Police (Routine)	860-675-2400
Police (TDD)	860-673-2527
Probate Court	860-675-2360
Public Works	860-675-2330
Recorded Info.	860-675-2301
Recreation	860-675-2540
Registrar of Voters	860-675-2367
Senior Center	860-675-2490
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 CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Town Council is pleased to provide you with the Annual Report of the Town of Farmington for the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 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.

This year, the Town of Farmington Strategic Plan was updated through the work of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Plan establishes the road map for Farmington's future in the following six core service areas: Education, Transportation and Land, Economic Development, Balanced Budgets, Recreation, and Best Practices in Government. The Plan outlines the long-term vision of our community and sets forth measurable actions on achieving our goals.

A town-wide survey was conducted which focused on citizens' thoughts and ideas about Town services and important issues facing Farmington residents. Changes in the community since 2005 such as population growth, the emergence of the bioscience corridor with Jackson Laboratory as an anchor to that industry, and the continuing effects of a sluggish economy required the Town to survey residents to ensure that we were moving in a direction desired by the community. The survey allowed the Town to gain a better grasp on what residents see as important issues and services.

The survey results were extremely positive. Town residents rated all Town and School services extremely high and felt that the Town of Farmington and life in it as very positive. Survey results indicated that the policy direction the Town has taken since 2005 is supported by the public and that the Town of Farmington Strategic Plan is in conformance with the values and desires of the community.

I encourage all of our residents to view the entire Strategic Plan on the Town's web site at www.farmington-ct.org, in the Town Government sub-section.

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.

Each department has equipment replacement plans. These plans support replacement of equipment throughout Town. This critical equipment keeps our volunteer firefighters safe when responding to calls for services. It allows our roads to be plowed during winter emergencies. It also keeps our parks and golf course looking clean and ready for play during the warm weather months. Equipment replacement ensures the Town's ability to offer high quality services to our residents and businesses.

The current Capital Budget includes funds for significant equipment purchases including a bond appropriation for two fire engines at the Farmington Fire Station. Equipment purchases include a large dump truck, a road maintenance truck, a backhoe loader, and mowers in the Public Works Department.

The Capital Improvement Plan continues to fund the Town's road reconstruction and paving plan, miscellaneous bridge repairs, and funds to replace existing fence along the rails-to-trails which has been damaged over the years.

At the November 2014 election, Farmington voters authorized the largest bond project in Farmington's history. The \$57,240,000 upgrade to the Water Pollution Control Facility passed by an overwhelming margin of over 2:1 (6,568 to 3,152 votes). The project will encompass the replacement of the aging infrastructure, 20 - 50 years old, to meet new, more stringent permit requirements for nutrient removal for nitrogen and phosphorus as well as increase overall capacity. The project will also enhance energy efficiency and environmental stewardship for this extensive project. Due to the Town's long-term planning and diligence, the Town is slated to receive a 21.5% or \$12,306,600 dollar grant for this project.

The Town's Green Efforts Committee had a very busy and successful year with the Solarize Farmington effort. Solarize Farmington is coordinated by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority. The goal



TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE--continued

of the program is to drive the community adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) projects through a partnership focused on localized marketing and installation efforts. This, in turn, will help to lower the installation cost of residential solar PV installations. The extensive marketing campaign generated impressive results and positive responses from residents. Over the course of 20 weeks, there were 323 site visits and proposals presented to residents and 90 signed contracts to install solar roofs on Farmington homes.

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 and work. Many businesses continue to locate here because of its attractiveness as a community. 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



Veterans Memorial Winter 2014-2015



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The 2014-2015 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, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

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 2015 fiscal year, Farmington continued to be in a strong financial position with one of the highest tax collection rates in the State. The Town's annual financial report once again won a "Certificate for Excellence" in financial reporting from the Governor of Finance Officer's Association. Farmington has been awarded this distinction for twenty-six consecutive years.

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 have also been successful in securing state-wide grants for infrastructure improvements. In addition to the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade, the Public Works Department has been extremely busy designing, managing, and monitoring infrastructure improvement projects throughout Town. Following is a summary of projects that the Public Works Department undertook 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 is anticipated to begin in the spring/summer of 2016.

The Town of Farmington received approval for the Reconstruction of South Road through the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). This grant is for the reconstruction of South Road from Two Mile Road to Fairview Drive. Construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2016. This \$2.5 million dollar project is funded by the State of Connecticut.

The Engineering Division is advancing the survey and design of a sidewalk replacement project along the east side of Route 177 from Depot Place to West District Road. The Town is coordinating efforts with both local utility companies and the Human Relations Commission on this pedestrian access improvement project, estimated to cost \$475,000. The Town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$425,000 for the project

from the State's Main Street Investment Fund, which is administered through the State Department of Housing. The project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2016.

The Highway Division undertook extensive road construction projects during the year. The Highway Department 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.



Town Hall snow Winter 2014-2015



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE--continued

The following roads were paved: Perry Street, Elm Street, Maple Avenue, Bidwell Square, Rourke Place, Girard Avenue, Devonwood Drive – Town Farm to Cambridge Intersection and Wentworth to Clermont Park, Wyndwood, Crestwood, Fernwood Lane, Birchwood Road, Tanglewood, Pinewood, Ledgewood, Northwood, Cove Circle, Washington Circle, West Side Boulevard. A total of 3.27 miles of roads were paved. The next set of roads to be paved are Cooke Street, Fawn Drive, Half Acre, White Circle, Rockridge, Carriage Drive, Tall Timbers, Old Pond, Colt Farms, Heartfield, Shipsoak, Cutler Lane, and Morea Road

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 the economic leader in the Hartford region. Of the almost 40 towns and cities in the Metro Hartford region, Farmington has the second lowest mill rate.

The latest employment statistics for the Town of Farmington show an increase of 743 new jobs, bringing the total number of jobs in Farmington to 30,938.

In 2014, \$1,018,522 was collected in building permit fees, of which \$570,467 was comprised of commercial building fees.

New Businesses in 2014 included: United Technology Corporate Headquarters, Hartford HealthCare Family Health Center, The Goddard School, Northeast Riggers, Redifol Manufacturing Company, The Center for Advanced Reproductive Services, Walgreens, Fast Fitness, and numerous small businesses. Retention and expansion occurred with Turbine Technologies, Polymer Resources, and ProHealth Physicians.

Over the past few years, the Economic Development Commission and staff have worked diligently to take the Business Breakfast Program, generously hosted by Farmington Bank, to a higher level by recruiting new businesses to the breakfasts and by having relevant speakers. The Economic Development Commission hosted three very successful business breakfasts during this past year, with an average attendance level of approximately 130 people.

At the end of each Business Breakfast, the Economic Development Director collects feedback of the event which consistently ranks "excellent", both in networking opportunity and speaker quality. The Business Breakfast series has become the "place to be" for our local business community and elected officials. I encourage our business community to participate and attend a Business Breakfast.

The Town of Farmington Strategic Plan, Goal #5, and the Resident Survey of Town residents also indicated that "Best Practices" in government was an important priority. The Town of Farmington continues to succeed in this area.

As stated on the Town Council Chairman's message, in 2014 Farmington voters overwhelmingly approved the upgrade to the aging Water Pollution Control Facility. The project began twelve years earlier in 2002 with a nitrogen reduction study and continued each year with various planning and evaluation studies and projects. The design of the project began in 2013 and was continually reviewed and modified to ensure the plant would be "state-of-the-art" and that construction would advance smoothly without service interruptions, while also ensuring that project costs would be appropriate. The Town will soon be moving towards the construction phase of the upgrade.

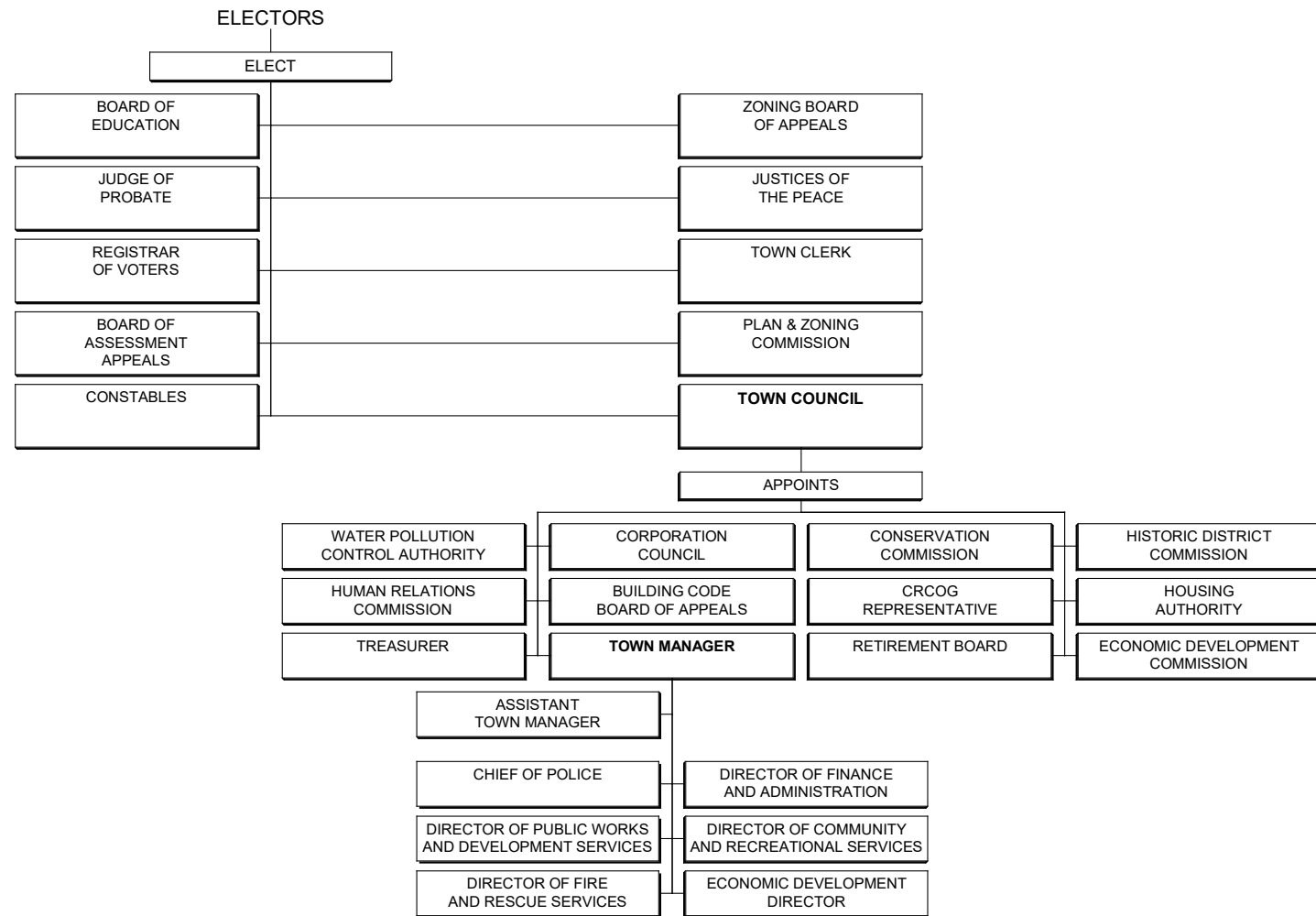
As always, working with the residents of the Town of Farmington continues to be a satisfying experience. I look forward to working together with the community to meet the facility, the land, and the service needs of the community without significantly burdening the residents with higher taxes. I look 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.

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.

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.



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

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Mark Simpson

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Paula B. Ray

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Jay Fraprie
Robert Jarvis
Jack Matava
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Michael Gurski, alternate
David Houf, alternate

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Johnny Carrier
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Ronald Llewellyn
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Gary Palumbo, alternate
Kerry Robair, alternate

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Christopher Murphy

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Elizabeth Esty (5th District)

STATE SENATOR

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Mike Demicco (21st District)



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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Robert J. Hannon
Paul Amato
Robert Isner
Allen T. Quigley
John Radasci
Michael Colandrea, alternate
Guy Wolf, alternate

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Joseph Howard, Jr.
Daniel Kleinman
Robert Reeve

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James Calciano
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Dorothy Haviland, alternate
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Janine Ransom
Matthew Ross
William Baker, alternate
Robert Hoffman, alternate
Diana Meyer, alternate

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Betty Coykendall

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Cheryl Lawless, Vice Chair
John DeMeo
Christian Hoheb
Cynthia Mason

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Barbara Brenneman
Dennis W. Brown
John Hangen
Jane Inrig
Justin J. Pagano
Peter van Beckum

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Donna Mambrino
Christine Mergenthaler
Zalman Nakhimovsky
Jolanta Silwinski

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Evan Cowles
John Hinze
Carol Presutti
Allen Quigley
John W. Vibert
William Wadsworth

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Douglas Clark
Albert Cromack
Daniel Devine
Steve Egan
Edward Leary
Ken Miller
Gary Petersen
Geoff Porter
Joan Valenti
Pauline Wilson

TOWN MANAGER

Kathleen Eagen

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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William Baker
Joseph Grcevic
Paul Menzel
Ragnar H. Peterson
Paula B. Ray
Lanny Wlodarski

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

James Foote, Chair
Peter Bagdigian
Wilbur Charette
James A. Thompson

TOWN MANAGER APPOINTED OFFICIALS

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

Erica Robertson

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Christopher Foryan

CHIEF OF POLICE

Paul J. 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 CHIEFS

Russell Nelson, East Farms
Tom Slater, Farmington
Rich Higley, Sr., Tunxis Hose

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



BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS

PRINCIPALS

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Kathleen C. Greider

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kimberly Wynne

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Dr. Laurie Singer

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Mike Ryan

East Farms School

Renee St. Hilaire

Farmington High School

Dr. William Silva

Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Ted Donahue



Noah Wallace School

Kelly Sanders

Union School

Caitlin Eckler

West District School

Peter Michelson

West Woods Upper Elementary School

Alicia Bowman



DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

1. Population

1980	1990	2000	2009	2010	2012	2020
16,407	20,608	23,641	25,114 est.	25,340	25,329	26,684 est.

2. Age Distribution 2012 Census Bureau by percent

Under 5	5-17	18-24	25-29	50-64	65+
5%	18%	7%	31%	22%	17%

3. Employment Data June 2015

Employed	13,664
Unemployed	527
Unemployment rate	3.7%

4. Educational Attainment (Persons 25 Years and Older) - 2014

High School Degree	95%
Bachelor's Degree or more	81%
2 year tech/prep colleges	13%

5. Median Household Income (2013) \$84,050

6. Education

Average class size	20.7
Percent graduates to college	86% for FY 14-15

REAL ESTATE

1. Percent of Housing Owner Occupied (2012) 72%

2. Sales Distribution by Selling Price for Single Family Homes 2012

\$0-\$100,000	0
\$100,001-\$199,999	12
\$200,000-\$299,999	49
\$300,000-\$399,999	38
\$400,000 or more	77

3. Median Single Family Home Sales Price (2012) \$371,500

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 2013

Industry	Units	Annual Average Employment	Total Annual Wages	Annual Average Wage
Total - All Industries	1,302	30,654	\$2,013,851,784	\$65,695.32
Construction	89	900	\$72,523,613	\$80,551.96
Manufacturing	39	2,209	\$152,782,214	\$69,158.30
Wholesale Trade	67	1,091	\$84,849,562	\$77,754.47
Retail Trade	187	3,689	\$95,682,626	\$25,936.69
Transportation & Warehousing	12	128	\$4,889,873	\$38,127.66
Information	27	494	\$43,384,256	\$87,777.96
Finance and Insurance	149	3,901	\$385,530,000	\$98,832.73
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	56	425	\$21,704,116	\$51,068.51
Professional, Scientific, & Tech. Services	178	2,033	\$162,382,182	\$79,892.83
Management of Companies & Enterprises	19	1,041	\$205,234,289	\$197,103.76
Administrative & Waste Management	75	1,853	\$77,156,254	\$41,646.05
Educational Services	13	276	\$11,422,961	\$41,362.56
Health Care & Social Assistance	125	3,623	\$181,720,037	\$50,155.03
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16	359	\$7,808,407	\$21,725.22
Accommodation and Food Services	83	1,833	\$37,285,645	\$20,346.87
Other Services (except Public Admin.)	137	538	\$22,948,550	\$42,648.69
Total Government	22	6,224	\$444,276,692	\$71,381.22
Federal Government	3	62	\$3,519,289	\$57,069.55
State Government	6	5,008	\$382,011,566	\$76,279.00
Local/Municipal Government	13	1,154	\$58,745,837	\$50,895.25

2. Major Employers 2014

Company Name	No. of Employees
Uconn Health Ctr	6,000
Otis Elevator Co	800
Connecti Care Inc	700
Macy's	500
TRUMPF Inc	500
Tunxis Community College	500
American Red Cross	388
Allied World Assurance Co	350
Connecticut Spring & Stamping	350
Marriott	300
Nordstrom	300
Stanley Access Technologies	280

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 (2014)
\$3,533,281,325
Mill Rate - 25.1
Last Year of Revaluation - 2012



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS



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

*Back Row (L to R):
Jon Landry
Jeffery Apuzzo
Peter Mastrobattista
John Vibert*

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

JULY 2014

- Awarded Bid # 200 "Maintenance and Repair of Police Vehicles" to Farmington Motor Sports.
- Awarded Bid # 202 "Transportation and Disposal of Sewage Sludge" to DW Transport and Leasing of North Franklin, Connecticut in the amount of \$66.85 per wet ton.
- Awarded a contract for the acquisition of a "Combination Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaner" to Atlantic Machinery, Inc. under the terms and conditions of National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract # 022014-AMI in the amount of \$319,371.
- Awarded Bid #199 "Fire Apparatus & Utility Vehicle Maintenance."

AUGUST 2014

- Held a Public Hearing on the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project and Bond Authorization Resolution.
- Approved the warning of the Special Town Meeting on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and the November 4, 2014 Referendum to appropriate and borrow \$57,240,000 for the upgrade of the Water Pollution Control Facility.
- Changed the name of the Farmington Bridge on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail to the "Preston T. Reed Memorial Bridge" at the request of the Farmington Valley Trails Council.
- Accepted the extension of Strawfield as a Town road, from the end of its existing terminus southwesterly, a distance of approximately 845 Feet, to the intersection with River Road.

SEPTEMBER 2014

- Authorized the Town Manager to sign a master municipal agreement for rights-of-way projects involving the Town of Farmington on Department of Transportation projects.
- Approved the 2014-2015 Fee Schedule for the Farmington Community/Senior Center.
- Established a Town Council Sub-Committee to review the Town Of Farmington Web Page, and recommend improvements to enhance public services.

OCTOBER 2014

- Adopted the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.
- Recommended the purchase of a portion of 40 Meadow Road to the TPZ for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General State Statutes.
- Approved a Resolution in support of State Project #51-269, Intersection Improvements Route 177 at New Britain Avenue and Mill Street.



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

NOVEMBER 2014

- Authorized the purchase of property at 40 Meadow Lane (approximately 14 acres) for a purchase price of \$360,000.
- Approved a resolution in support of the Town of Farmington's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant Application for the purpose of completing several streetscape improvement projects throughout Town.
- Awarded Bid #206 "Janitorial Services of Common Areas at Various Town Buildings" to KeeClean of Shelton, Connecticut at an annual cost of \$87,382.

DECEMBER 2014

- Approved the Strategic Planning Committee Resolution and the Town of Farmington Strategic Plan.
- Awarded Bid #214 "HVAC Modifications to Town Clerk Vault" to Advanced Mechanical Services, LLC of Farmington at a cost of \$50,977.
- Awarded Bid #209 "Server Virtualization Project" to Consolidated Computing, Inc. of Easton, Connecticut at a cost of \$275,717.
- Approved an OPM Regional Performance Incentive Program Resolution.
- Accepted Country Club Drive as a Town road, from the intersection of Town Farm Road a distance of approximately 693 feet to its existing terminus.
- Accepted an extension of West Meath Lane, along the south side of Burlington Road as a Town road from its existing terminus, a distance of approximately 75 feet to its new terminus.

JANUARY 2015

- Took action on budget targets for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign a one-year contract extension with American Medical Response (AMR) of Connecticut, Inc. for ambulance services in Farmington.
- Approved a resolution in support of the Town of Farmington's State Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grant Application.

FEBRUARY 2015

- Held a public hearing to amend Farmington Town Code Chapter 111 "Historic Areas."
- 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 \$69,875 for the purchase of Lot 8 Collinsville Road.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign an interlocal agreement with the Town of Avon for a live fire training facility.

MARCH 2015

- Held a public hearing on the Town Manager's 2015-2016 Recommended Operating Budget.
- Awarded Bid # 215 "Sanitary Sewer System Replacement-Farmington Avenue from Garden Street to Mountain Spring Road" to Paramount Construction, LLC of Newington, CT at a contract price of \$2,435,307.
- Awarded Bid # 216 "Miss Porter's Sanitary Sewer System Replacement-Maple Street to Garden Street" to Suburban Sanitation Services, Inc. of Canton, Connecticut at a cost of \$173,887.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to sign an agreement between the CT DOT and the Town of Farmington allowing State Project #51-269 for the Reconstruction of South Main Street at New Britain Avenue and Railroad Avenue to commence.

APRIL 2015

- Held a public hearing on the Town Council's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- Held a public hearing to consider the acceptance of a gift of property owned by Howard W. Griffin Jr. located at Lot 5 Crescent Avenue (approximately 0.17 acres).
- Approved the purchase of 8993 (lot 45b-1) Walnut Farms Drive owned by the Estate of John K. Hanrahan (approximately 3.57 acres) for a purchase price of \$275,000 and the land swap



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

between the Town of Farmington and the Walnut Farms Village Association.

- Approved the Town Council's Recommended Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- Appointed the accounting firm BlumShapiro of West Hartford, CT as the Town's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- Awarded Bid # 186 "Installation of Generators – Various Town Buildings" to the low bid from All Electric Construction and Communications, LLC of Milford, Connecticut at a cost of \$403,000.

MAY 2015

- Authorized the issuance of bonds to refund in whole or in part the balance of outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Issue of 2009, Series B, and General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2009, Series C.
- Authorized the acceptance of a gift of property owned by Howard W. Griffin, Jr. located at Lot 5 Crescent Avenue (approximately 0.17 acres) and the reimbursement of property taxes paid for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
- Awarded Bid # 221 "Irving A. Robbins School Site Improvements" to the low bid from J. Iapaluccio, Inc. of Brookfield, Connecticut at a cost of \$953,784.
- Awarded a contract for "State Project 51-270" Construction Inspection Services, Farmington Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Garden Street to Mountain Spring Road" to Milone & MacBroom of Cheshire, Connecticut at a cost of \$410,658.
- Set the Property Tax Rate and Solid Waste Special Service Charge for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign a License Agreement for Use of Land and Building to Provide Municipal Continuing Education Support between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Farmington.

JUNE 2015

- Amended Chapter 98 "Fees" of the Farmington Town Code.
- Set the date of the Annual Town Meeting for 2016.
- Approved the Town Council meeting schedule for 2016.
- Approved the 2016 Town Council budget workshop sessions.



Unionville Railroad Station



ASSESSOR

The Assessor is required by Connecticut Law to list and value all real estate at 70% of value as of the last revaluation. Motor vehicles are assessed each year at 70% 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 11,125 real estate parcels, 30,000 motor vehicle accounts and 1,400 personal property accounts.

The last revaluation was effective on the 2012 Grand List. Connecticut State Statutes mandate 5-year revaluations; therefore, Farmington is scheduled to perform the next revaluation for the 2017 Grand List.

The 2014 Grand List was finalized and signed on February 26, 2015. Grand List totals and other pertinent facts are listed below:

GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2014			
	Gross Assessment	Exemptions	Net Assessment
Real Estate	\$3,105,480,670	\$1,943,500	\$3,103,537,170
Personal Property	\$259,928,720	\$58,777,855	\$201,150,865
Motor Vehicles	\$229,279,460	\$686,170	\$228,593,290
TOTALS	\$3,594,688,850	\$61,407,525	\$3,533,281,325

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.

Type of Account	2013* GROSS	2014 GROSS	Difference	% change
Real Estate	\$3,083,080,755*	\$3,105,480,670	\$22,399,915	.727
Motor Vehicle	\$225,634,310*	\$229,279,460	\$3,645,150	1.615
Personal Property	\$231,653,828	\$259,928,720	\$28,274,892	12.205
Grand Total	\$3,540,368,893	\$3,594,688,850	\$54,319,957	1.534
Net Taxable Grand List after Exemptions	\$3,500,194,033*	\$3,533,281,325	\$33,087,292	.945

*after Board of Assessment Appeals

The net taxable Grand List will generate approximately \$808,650 in new revenue at the current mill rate of 24.44.



ASSESSOR--continued

The following substantial taxpayers comprise approximately 11.5% of the 2014 Grand List.

	NAME	GROSS ASSESSMENT	% OF GROSS GRAND LIST
1	Westfarms Associates	\$147,021,140	4.1
2	Dunn-Sager Affiliates	\$52,065,860	1.4
3	United Technologies	\$45,955,654	1.3
4	CL& P	\$37,435,030	1.0
5	Trumpf, Inc.	\$31,726,050	0.9
6	Delfino, William & Thomas	\$23,168,980	0.6
7	Columbia Property Hartford LLC	\$22,705,380	0.6
8	Price Reit Inc.	\$20,196,840	0.6
9	Brookdale Living Communities	\$18,604,120	0.5
10	NIC 13 Village Gate	\$17,584,950	0.5

ASSESSMENT RECORDS AND GIS AVAILABLE ON TOWN WEBSITE (www.farmington-ct.org)

The Assessors' Office recently converted the previous administrative and CAMA database to QDS and E-Quality. This change has been, and continues to be a long and arduous process. Upon completion however, the benefits of this conversion will greatly enhance the ability to retrieve essential data such as: allowing the general public to be interactive with the new GIS program, view and print field cards and eventually access an upcoming 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.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on assessments from taxpayers and reviewing and adjusting the valuations set by the Town Assessor. This Board provides an opportunity for review of assessments before an appeal is made to the courts.

The Board met in March, 2015 to hear appeals on Real and Personal property. The adjustments to the 2015 Grand List were as follows:

TYPE OF ACCOUNT	TAXABLE GROSS ASSESSMENT	BAA ADJUSTMENT	TAXABLE NET ASSESSMENT*
Real Estate	\$3,105,352,950	(\$ 63,860)	\$3,105,289,090
Personal Property	\$259,666,840	(\$130,940)	\$269,666,840

*Before exemptions



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 Division 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 2014-2015

	Permits	Fees
Building	778	\$772,946
Electrical	440	27,664
Plumbing/sprinklers	235	11,564
Heating/Air conditioning	559	77,392
Demolition	16	4,796
Certificates of Occupancy	367	3,820
Zoning	<u>114</u>	<u>7,860</u>
Totals	<u>2,028</u>	<u>\$856,042</u>

COMPARISONS

Fiscal Year	Estimated Costs	Permits	Fees
2008-2009	\$38,364,687	1,964	\$543,060
2009-2010	\$36,266,293	2,109	\$522,870
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



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, 3.83 miles of roadway were reconstructed. The following roads were paved in 2015 paving season: Cooke Street, Half Acre Drive, Fawn Drive, Ben Court, Rocky Ridge Lane, White Circle, Carriage Drive, Pine Hollow Road, Greencrest Drive, Tall Timbers, Old Ponde Lane, Ships Oak Lane, Hartfield Lane, Cope Farms Road, Cutler Lane, and Morea Road.

Catch Basins: 3,036 catch basins cleaned.

Trees: Through the use of Town forces and outside contractors, approximately 187 dead or diseased trees were removed from Town-owned properties and right-of-ways.

Leaf Collection: Starting on October 27th, 5 Town crews collected approximately 12,615 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: 15 storms amounting to 62.5 inches of snow/ice fell on Farmington. The Highway and Grounds Division of Public Works plowed 43,775 miles of roads and spread 2,068 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 2014 - 2015):

- Combined: Scrap Metal, Commingled Containers, Magazines, Newspapers & Corrugated Cardboard = 2,294.56 Tons
- Leaves = 3,222.50 Tons
- Brush and Wood Products = 479.38 Tons



Grounds Division

- Provide athletic facilities maintenance for all recreation programs utilizing Town-owned fields including: soccer, baseball, softball, football, lacrosse and field hockey.
- Grounds Maintenance of Town properties and civic organizations, i.e. Alice Clover Pinney Park, Yodkins Morin Memorial Park, Brooks Common Memorial Park, Rails-to-Trails; 10 playscapes; grounds of Town-owned buildings; Lion’s Memorial Park; Suburban Park and the Farmington Reservoir. Assisted Farmington Garden Club with pocket parks.
- Also assisted Unionville Village Improvement Association Beautification Committee.
- Serviced events such as: Concerts at Alice Clover Pinney Park; Unionville Festival; Farmington Soccer Shoot-Out; Avon Soccer Tournament as well Youth Lacrosse, Baseball and Soccer.
- The Division also maintains 6.0 miles of trail, fences and trail parking lots.



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:

- Design of a 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.
- Design, construction inspection, and contract administration for site improvements at Irving A. Robbins Middle School. This project involved the reconfiguration of the existing parking lots and the installation of energy efficient LED lighting.
- Design, construction inspection, and contract administration for the replacement of 880 linear feet of sewer main on Maple Street and Garden Street.
- Design of a roadway and drainage reconstruction project along South Road, from Two Mile Road to Orchard Road.
- Design, construction inspection, and contract administration for the replacement of a sanitary sewer main along Farmington Avenue from Garden Street to Mountain Spring Road.
- Construction inspection and contract administration for the Farmington River Streambank Stabilization project that included a new boat dock at Tunxis Mead Park.
- Construction inspection and contract administration for the installation of a synthetic turf field at Farmington High School.

The Engineering Division also acts as the liaison to the State DOT for the various traffic improvement projects along the Route 4 Corridor; including a bridge replacement over Roaring Brook currently in construction and the design of safety improvements between Main Street and Mountain Spring Road.

The Engineering Division also provided staff support for the Green Efforts Committee, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Traffic Review Board, Water Pollution Control Authority, 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 and the construction of the Fire Training Facility.

The Engineering staff reviews and inspects improvements constructed by private developers. These improvements included the construction of approximately 0.12 miles of sanitary sewers associated with 0.29 miles of new town roads. DPW Engineering Staff field located town infrastructure including storm and sanitary sewer lines for 2,666 Call-Before-You-Dig requests and inspected 52 sanitary sewer connections. The Engineering Division reviewed 40 new single-family plot plans, and 21 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 8,891 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, the department will 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.



Mailbox in snowpile Winter 2014-2015



FIRE MARSHAL

The following services were provided by the Fire Marshal's Office during the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

1. 100 new projects were reviewed for fire code compliance.
2. 15 fire incidents were investigated for cause and origin.
3. 2 investigations of hazardous materials were conducted.
4. 59 Fire protection systems tests were witnessed.
5. 623 code compliance and follow-up inspections were conducted.
6. There were 3 blasting permits — 14 blasts were witnessed
7. There were 2 fireworks displays.
8. 35 Complaints were investigated, plus 27 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, 9 Fire Safety presentations were given at various locations by their request.
10. 20 Burn permits were issued.
11. 12 Tent permits/inspections - 14 Fire Watches were ordered.

CASUALTY SUMMARY		
	Civilian	Fire Service
Fire Related Injuries	2	0
Fire Related Deaths	0	0

Fires

Structure	26
Vehicle.....	12
Others	40
Total Fires	78

Rescue/Emergency

Medical Treatment	2,570
False Alarms.....	263
Mutual Aid Given	58
Hazardous Condition Calls	162
All Other Calls.....	306

CALLS BY SITUATION FOUND – FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

TOTAL ALL CALLS3,437

TOTAL FIRE DOLLAR LOSS\$90,000



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Total Flow in Gallons – 1,368,500,000
Gallons average Daily Flow in Million Gallons – 3.75 Million Gallons per day
Yearly Average for Pollutant Removal Efficiency – 95.2 %

The Farmington Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) has the following projects completed or still in progress:

The WPCA completed a five (5) year wastewater facilities planning study and proceeded to implement the recommendations of this study and move forward with the design of a comprehensive upgrade to the Water



Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). The WPCA and the Town Council executed an agreement with Wright Pierce Engineering for these services. The design of the WPCF upgrade began July 2013 and culminated during the fall of 2014. Extensive effort was made to educate Town residents about the importance of the project during 2014. The project was approved by voters by a wide margin in a November 2014 referendum, authorizing funding for the project. Pending approval of the CT DEEP the project will go to bid in June 2015 and construction will begin in the fall of 2015.

The following projects are currently in progress at the WPCF:

1. Design of Plant Upgrade complete. WPCF staff is in the process of plant clean up and the removal and recycling of excess or obsolete parts and equipment to prepare for the start of construction.
2. Interim Phosphorus Removal Project –Staff converted the existing Sodium Bisulfite system to a poly-aluminum chloride (PACL) system for phosphorus removal. This required the relocation and installation of a temporary Sodium Bisulfite system to be used until the WPCF converts to UV disinfection. Pilot tested PACL for chemical precipitation of phosphorus. Staff installed a phosphorus analyzer to incorporate real time analysis within SCADA for reports and trending. Installation and relocation of plant piping to allow for multi-point injection of PACL.
3. Final Clarifiers- Major repair and rebuilding of Final Clarifier 1 completed. A similar project is planned during the summer of 2015 for Final Clarifier 2.
4. Continued implementation of energy cost saving projects i.e., HVAC improvements, control systems, and utilization of our emergency generator during times of peak electrical usage (Demand Response).
5. 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



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY--cont.

tanks and electrical systems to keep the existing plant running until it is upgraded.

6. Improvements to WPCF Safety Program, expanded training and equipment.
7. Replacement of the WPCF SCADA computers. These critical pieces of equipment are well past their life expectancy and running on Windows XP, which is no longer supported.

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. Pump Station Improvements include the replacement of pumps at Corporate Park PS. Upgrades to the control systems of Stanley and Patrick Flood pump stations.
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. Batterson Park Pump Station - Engineering and design for a complete pump station upgrade anticipated to be complete in the fall of 2015.
6. Route 4 Interceptor- 24 inch sewer line from Mountain Spring Road to Garden Street is being replaced as part of State Project 51-260.
7. Unionville Interceptor- 18 inch sewer line crossing Roaring Brook is being replaced as part of State Project 51-258.
8. Maple/Garden Street Sewer Replacement- abandonment of failing clay sewer pipe in an off road right-of-way. 782 feet of new PVC sewer will be installed with adequate manhole access.
9. Manhole grouting town-wide – stop inflow & infiltration project is ongoing.
10. Epoxy Lining of Manholes- protect concrete manhole structures in areas prone to hydrogen sulfide gas production.
11. Sewer Line Cleaning- the WPCA replaced its VAC-CON combination sewer cleaning truck. Crews in the process of cleaning and inspecting all Town sewer lines. This includes clearing of many overgrown sewer right-of-ways.
12. 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.
13. 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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

This year the Town bid farewell to long time Town Planner Jeff Ollendorf. Jeff retired after 27 years with the Town. His work helped shape Farmington into the community it is today, and he will be missed. In May of 2014, William Warner replaced Jeff Ollendorf as Farmington's new Town Planner.

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 164. The staff also signed off on 186 site plan applications for permitted uses and signed off on all building permits issued for all construction and renovations projects.

CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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 10 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. In this capacity they supported the listing of 4 properties to the Farmington Land Acquisition List.

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 6 applications.

Additionally, the Commission held the Town's 28th successful Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day with 508 participants, including 474 Farmington residents bringing household hazardous wastes for proper disposal.

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. Twenty four (24) 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 (UHDPC) reviewed 4 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 received state approval to expand the district and the number of designated historic properties.

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 Commission's recommendations for future land use throughout the Town are reflected in the Plan of Conservation & Development. The principal means of implementing the plan and 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 character and needs of the community.

The Commission held 21 regular meetings and conducted public hearings on 37 applications. Seven subdivision approvals created 22 residential lots. The Commission approved three zone changes.

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 21 applications during the year.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The goal of the Economic Development Department in 2014/2015 continued to be "promote growth of the tax base through programs and processes designed to encourage business retention, expansion and attraction while maintaining the character of the community." There are numerous desired outcomes aimed at achieving this objective:

- Ensure Farmington businesses are satisfied with current policies.
- Maintain a communication link between the business community and the Town through business visitations, responding to requests, participating in Town events, and reporting regularly to applicable parties.
- Review and update communication materials to ensure that they are factual, timely and user-friendly for existing and potential businesses.
- Manage and support the Economic Development Commission (EDC) in all aspects of the Economic Development policy and program.
- Establish & maintain working relationships with commercial realtors, developers, the State, utilities, local and regional organizations and the Town Planning & Development office.
- Partner with stakeholder groups such as Unionville Village Improvement Association to implement redevelopment plans and support businesses affected by redevelopment.
- Maintain an inventory of critical economic-related data and track and trend changes critical to business.

Over the year, the Department worked on specific activities designed to achieve these desired outcomes.

Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction

One of the most important responsibilities of the Economic Development staff is to conduct business visitation visits. On average the staff visits 2-3 businesses a week; this allows us to better understand local business needs, the challenges they face, as well as explore opportunities for growth in Farmington. During these visits valuable information is exchanged that allows businesses to receive the most up to date information about state and federal assistance programs as well as local initiatives they can participate in and benefit from. The staff also tracks and reports data on a regular basis to understand Farmington's economic state.

Partnerships

The Economic Development Department collaborates with local, state and regional organizations. Locally they represent the Town on the board of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, and routinely collaborate on programs and initiatives that strengthen the business community. In 2014-2015 the Chamber and Economic Development Department planned an economic summit focusing on the emerging Bioscience Industry. Together they welcomed new businesses to town and hosted several ribbon cutting grand openings. At this year's annual dinner Senator Murphy was the featured speaker and awards were presented to Apricot's Restaurant for Distinguished Business of the year, to Hartford Healthcare for New Business of the Year and to Unionville Village Improvement Associate for the Citizen of the Year Award.

The Economic Development Department partnered with The Farmington High School, School to Career Center, assisting with the Senior Capstone program, and the student intern program.

Regionally the Economic Development Department is a member of Metro Hartford Alliance, Valley Visitor's Association, and Connecticut Economic Development Association.

Communication & Marketing

The Economic Development Department publishes a quarterly business e-newsletter and held three quarterly networking EDC Business Breakfasts. This year, Mr. Peter Gioia, VP and Economist for CBIA Insurance, Insurance Commissioner Thomas Leonardi, Connecticut In-novations CEO Claire Leonardi, and Mike Freimuth, Executive Director of CRDA were the featured speakers. Over 130 business leaders attended each breakfast. The Economic Development Commission also held an informative C-PACE cocktail reception at the Country Club of Farmington. Interested commercial electricity users learned about the state's C-PACE program which funds electric upgrades to their properties.

Additionally, the department staff represents the Town at local and regional events such as the Dream Ride, the Unionville Festival, and the Jingle Bell Jubilee. These activities allow us to spread the word about our economic development activities.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--continued

The Town of Farmington's webpage at www.farmington-ct.org/EconDev contains critical economic development information. It provides useful information such as updated commercial site availability for sale or lease, information about the quarterly Business Breakfast program and contact information for the Economic Development Commissioners.

2014-2015 Economic Development Initiatives

The Town Council established the Farmington Gateway Committee to study future private-public land development opportunities in Farmington. The committee is comprised of two Town Council Members, a TPZ member, an EDC member, the Town Manager, the Town Planner and the Economic Development Director. The committee chose to study the Farmington Gateway area. A three day workshop was presented in March 2015 to solicit community input concerning this area, over 200 community members braved a cold rainy weekend to participate in the workshops. In September a community meeting was held to present the consultant's report outlining the results of the workshop.

Beautify Farmington is an expansion of the popular Annual Holiday Decoration Program, in addition to the Holiday Decorations; summer flowering baskets were installed in Unionville Center and the DiPietro Bridge in Farmington. The Farmington Garden Club partnered with the Economic Development Commission to embark on a yearlong sponsorship campaign to fund this initiative.

Economic Development Commission

The Town of Farmington's Economic Development Commission is comprised of seven individuals, representing various business interests, who volunteer their time to carry out Commission duties established by Town ordinance. Powers and duties of the Commission are to:

- Conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in the Town.
- Make recommendations to the Town Manager and/or Town Council regarding action to improve its economic condition and development.
- Seek to coordinate the activities of, and cooperate with, unofficial bodies organized to promote economic development.
- With Town Council approval, prepare and distribute printed materials to further the economic development of Farmington.

2014-15 Economic Development Commissioners were: Augusto Russell I (Chair,) Brian Connolly (Vice-Chair,) Joseph Howard, Sr., Daniel Kleinman, Bob Reeve, Joan Valenti and John Karwoski with Jeffrey Apuzzo acting as the EDC's Town Council liaison.

Economic Development Commission public meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (except August) in the Town Council Chambers at 6:30 pm. Anyone who would like more information about Farmington or economic development programs may contact the Economic Development staff at 860-675-2395.



Summer Flowering Baskets
in Unionville Center



2014 Board of Education	2015 Board of Education
Mary Grace Reed, Chair	Mary Grace Reed, Chair
Paula O'Brien, Vice-Chair/Secretary	Paula O'Brien, Vice-Chair/Secretary
William Baker	William Baker
Jean Baron	Jean Baron
William Beckert	William Beckert
Mark Blore	Mark Blore
Bernard B. Erickson	Bernard B. Erickson
Christopher Fagan	Christopher Fagan
Ellen Siuta	Ellen Siuta

District Leadership

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

School Information 2014-2015

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



All Students Reaching Global Standards of Achievement, Leadership, and Citizenship



The 2015 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 2014-2015 school year aligned to our mission. We are proud of our purposeful improvement efforts and our strong partnership with students, parents 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 2010-2015

- I. 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.
- II. 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.
- III. 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.
- IV. 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 2010

*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 2013-2014 school year, please visit the Farmington Public Schools' website www.fpsct.org and check the *District Reports* link.

Investing in Our Students

Farmington Board of Education Budget 2014-2015

Salaries	\$39,686,658
Benefits	7,313,658
Services	8,579,242
Supplies	1,680,780
Equipment	691,058
Dues & Fees	<u>285,064</u>
Total	\$58,236,460

Farmington ranked 138 of 169 towns in educational tax burden (#1 = greatest burden, #169 = least burden).

Farmington ranked 139 out of 169 in cost of special education services.

Farmington ranked 143 out of 169 towns in cost of plant services/maintenance.

Farmington ranked 146 out of 169 towns in school-based administration.

Farmington ranked 135 out of 169 towns in total transportation.

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



A Year of Achievements

USA Today ranked Farmington High School tenth in the top high school in Connecticut. U.S. News and World Report ranked Farmington High School twelfth on their list of "Best High Schools in Connecticut" in their 2015 rankings. The Washington Post, in their Most Challenging High Schools, ranked Farmington sixth in Connecticut and Newsweek ranked Farmington High School third in their "America's Best High Schools" and 144th nationally.

Education Week lists Farmington Public Schools as one of the top 25 districts worth visiting. The districts were recognized for their work on "blended, personalized and competency-based learning."

Niche.com rated Farmington High School teachers as the top thirteenth group of teachers in Connecticut.

Farmington Public Schools, one of eight Connecticut school districts, was awarded an "Arts in Education" grant by Governor Malloy. Farmington's project "Interactive Community Map: Intersection of Fine Arts, New Media & Engineering" was selected to receive over \$39,000 in funding.

Forty-six percent of FHS seniors were accepted at colleges ranked most, highly or very competitive. Ninety percent of the Class of 2013 continued to college or military service. FHS had two National Merit Program Finalists, fifteen National Merit Commended Students, and sixty-eight AP Scholars in 2014.



Collaboration and Communication



Self-Direction and Resourcefulness



Problem Solving and Innovation



Critical Thinking and Reasoning



A Year of Achievements

Six Farmington High School Students received the Aspirations in Computing Award give by the National Center for Women and Information Technology. FHS had the most honorees this year in Connecticut.



Seven Farmington High School Students attended the National History Day Team competition in Washington, D.C. Three FHS seniors placed 5th in the nation with their website design while four sophomores presented their documentary for review by the judges.

Sixty members of the FIRST Robotics Team won the District Chairman's Award which honors the "team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the values of FIRST."



Five Irving A. Robbins Middle School eighth grade students competed in the 2015 National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. The team tied for 9th place in the nation. The students earned a \$1,000 prize which they donated to IAR to support ongoing restoration of the Science Courtyard.



A Year of Achievements

Four Irving A. Robbins Middle School students competed in the 2015 Hartford Chapter MathCounts competition. The team advanced to the state competition.



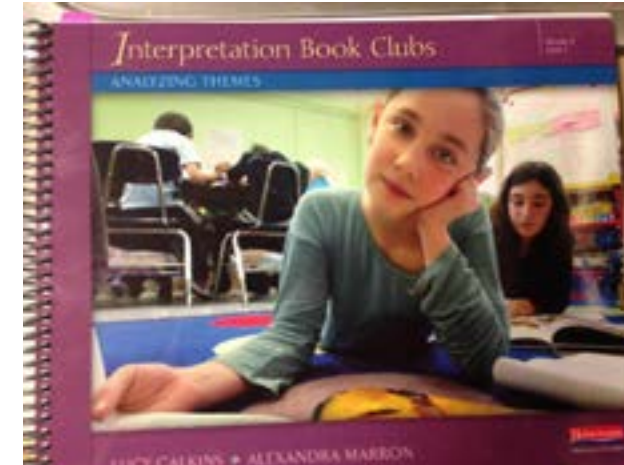
Thirty FHS students competed in the Connecticut State Science Olympiad. The Science Olympiad is a national organization that promotes inter-scholastic competition. Farmington finished in sixth place in Connecticut.



Violinist Priscilla Back and Vocalists Margaux Zimmerman and Benjamin Aube were selected for the prestigious All-Eastern Honors Ensemble which performed in Providence, Rhode Island. Farmington had 76 musicians participate in the Northern Regionals and twelve were selected for the Regional Honors Band. Farmington also had four All-Eastern Musicians.



A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS



The work of several West Woods Upper Elementary students appears in the new Lucy Calkins and Alexandra Marron text, *Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes*, released by Heinemann in July 2015. Four teachers from West Woods Upper Elementary School participated in the pilot by Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University. Kristin Alvarez, Leah Gilbert, Lauren (Palermi) Mascolo, and Jill Slayton taught the new unit, *Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes*, in January 2015 and provided weekly feedback to the authors Lucy Calkins and Alexandra Marron. The teachers' suggestions as well as the student work led the authors to some revisions.

Notable Accomplishments

Number of students taking AP exams – 422 for a total of 966 AP exams. Overall, seventy-three percent of the Farmington AP exam grades were three or higher.

Sixty-four percent of the FHS Class of 2015 graduated with at least one AP course. One hundred percent of FHS seniors met the district's graduation requirement in Science.

One hundred-thirteen students participated in Capstone.

1,162 participated in STC internships, workshops, and career planning.



Student Achievement—Standardized Testing

Science Testing 2014-2015

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 2015.

	Farmington	State
Grade 5 CMT	91%	55%
Grade 8 CMT	86%	61%

Source: CT Department of Education, 2015

The full CMT Report can be found on the BOE website www.fpsct.org

	Farmington	State
Grade 10 CAPT	69%	45%

Smarter Balanced Assessment

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

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected Achievement Level

	Farmington	State
<u>Grade 4</u>		
ELA	78%	55%
Mathematics	72%	44%
<u>Grade 6</u>		
ELA	81%	56%
Mathematics	61%	37%
<u>Grade 8</u>		
ELA	83%	54%
Mathematics	74%	37%

Source: CT Department of Education, 2015



Farmington Board of Education

Board of Education Committees

Personnel and Negotiations Committee

Contract negotiations, collective bargaining.

2014

Paula O'Brien, Chair
Mark Blore, Ellen Siuta,
Mary Grace Reed

2015

Paula O'Brien, Chair
Mark Blore, Christopher Fagan,
Mary Grace Reed

Policy Committee

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

2014

William Beckert, Chair
Christopher Fagan, Bernard Erickson

2015

William Beckert, Chair
Christopher Fagan, Paula O'Brien

Curriculum Committee

New course approval, program revisions, annual curriculum reports.

2014

Jean Baron, Chair
William Baker, Paula O'Brien

2015

Jean Baron, Chair
William Baker, Paula O'Brien

Communications/Public Relations Committee

Communications to the public, newsletters.

2014

Ellen Siuta, Chair
Bernard Erickson, Jean Baron

2015

Ellen Siuta, Chair
Bernard Erickson, Jean Baron

Liaisons to Organizations and Representatives to Administrative/Community Committees

CREC—2014-2015 Rep Mary Grace Reed, Ellen Siuta—ALT

Farmington FOCUS—2014-2015 Rep Mark Blore

Joint Council/BOE Green Initiatives Committee—2014-2015 Reps Mary Grace Reed & Christopher Fagan

Farmington High School-to-Career Committee—2014-2015 Rep Jean Baron

Farmington Chamber of Commerce—2014-2015 Rep Bernard Erickson

Farmington Public School Foundation—2014-2015 Rep Ellen Siuta

Superintendent's Interscholastic Athletics Advisory Committee—2014-2015 Rep Paula O'Brien

Noah Wallace Committee—2014-2015 Rep Mark Blore

Health & Wellness Committee—2014-2015 Rep Christopher Fagan

Cafeteria Ad Hoc Committee—2014-2015 Reps William Baker & Bernard Erickson



Farmington Board of Education



Alicia Bowman was awarded the National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). Ms. Bowman was selected for her work as a strategic instructional leader. Ms. Bowman is the principal of West Woods Upper Elementary School.



Dr. Krista Bauchman has been named Connecticut's Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAESP). Dr. Bauchman was selected for her outstanding work to ensure high-quality learning opportunities for all students. Dr. Bauchman is the assistant principal of Irving A. Robbins Middle School.

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 addiction 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, an independent, section 501(c)3 non-profit organization, 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 Public School System. Through FPSF, the fourth annual Adult Spelling Bee was held on March 27th at Farmington Gardens. The Spelling Bee was a fundraising event to help teachers in need of funding for innovative classroom programs beyond the school district's budget. The winning team, "In Last Place..." , were Kim Harrell, Tom Miller, Ted Hornik, Mearle Brockelman, Lauren English and Jim English.



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 **\$136,000** 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 2015 and to our outstanding students from all of the Farmington Public Schools.

Class of 2015

Valedictorian, Class of 2015—Anne Sherrill

Salutatorian, Class of 2015—Danielle Swanson

CABE Student Leadership Awards—Sabrina Rostkowski and Austin Zhu

National Merit Semi-Finalists—Daniel Hardiman, Anne Sherrill

National Merit Commended Students—Priscilla Back, Beatrix Bradford, Shinhui Cai, Abby Corrigan, Rohan John, Jingyu Li, Swati Rath, Sabrina Rostkowski, Connor Sager, Robert Stolarz, Lucy Tomasso, Kristen Turnbull, Dan Wackelin, Mengjie Zhu, and Margaux Zimmerman

FHS Scholar Artist— Priscilla Back and Omar Taweh

FHS Scholar-Musician—Priscilla Back

FHS Scholar-Athletes—Daniel Hardiman and Danielle Swanson

Outstanding Achievement in Photography—Omar Taweh

Outstanding Achievement in Math—Daniel Hardiman and Anne Sherrill

Outstanding Effort in Math—Quinntieja Scott

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award—Tricia Wong

Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science—Lansing Nye-Madden

Outstanding Student in Physics—Anne Sherrill

Outstanding Student in Environmental Science—Beatrix Bradford

Outstanding Student in French Award—Angelina Bazzano

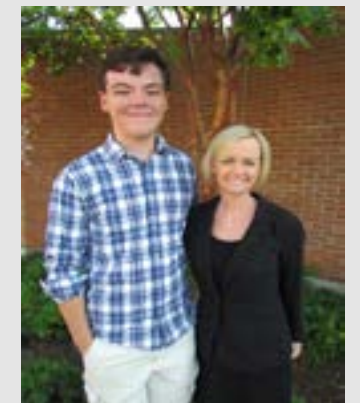
Outstanding Student in Spanish Award—Danielle Swanson

FHS Principal's Award—Abby Corrigan

DAR Good Citizenship Award— Anne Sherrill

Superintendent's Award—Kurt Daigle

CABE Leadership Awards—Sabrina Rostkowski and Austin Zhu



Farmington Board of Education

2014-2015 Teacher of the Year Carl Shugart



Farmington's Teacher of the Year was Carl Shugart. Mr. Shugart is a strings teacher at Irving A. Robbins Middle School.

Mr. Shugart has taught in Farmington since 1997. He received his Master's Degree in Music from Florida State University in Tallahassee and his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Tennessee. Mr. Shugart has also been a cornerstone of the summer strings program in Farmington and an exemplary teacher who develops strong relationships with his students and has created stellar music programming at Noah Wallace and Irving Robbins Middle School.

Congratulations to Farmington High School's outstanding athletes:

- Girls' Basketball won the CCC tournament for the third consecutive season.
- Boys' Basketball qualified for the Class LL state tournament.
- Boys' Wrestling finished second in the competitive CCC West Division.
- Boys' Lacrosse won the CCC North Division.
- Girls' Lacrosse qualified for the state Class M tournament.
- Girls' Crew varsity team won first place in the state and finished in fourth place in the National Schools' Championship Regatta in Virginia.
- Boys' and Girls' Crew teams came in second place in the Connecticut Public School Rowing Championship.
- Boys' Volleyball won the CCC West Division championship.
- Girls' Tennis won the CCC West Division championship.
- Boys and Girls' Track teams won the Class L State Championship.

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

Scholar-Leaders
Grace Duncan &
Kumar Darsh

Superintendent's Award
Dayna Deakin

CABE Leadership Awards
Molly McGuigan
Greg Lagosz



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 to information for the public and other Town of Farmington Departments. The Town Clerk is the Records Manager, Clerk of the Council, 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 362 documents electronically for recording. 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. The re-indexing of the older land records continued during the past year. Land records from 1975 to the present are now available on the internet.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, revenue totaling **\$3,048,197** was collected and remitted by the department as follows: **\$1,951,100** in conveyance taxes to the State of Connecticut and the following to the Town Treasurer for fees and local conveyance tax:

Municipal Conveyance Tax	\$554,142
Recording	\$410,210
Dog Licenses	\$14,899
Fish & Game Licenses	\$4,714
Copies	\$97,584
Marriage Licenses	\$5,550
Maps	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$9,471
Total	<u>\$1,097,097</u>

**VITAL STATISTICS	
Births	827
Deaths	449
Marriages	258



Of the births, 231 were Farmington residents, of the deaths, 215 were Farmington residents and 188 Farmington residents were married.

** The numbers regarding vital statistics are approximate because further information is still being received from other Connecticut municipalities.

2016 Dates of Interest

April 16	Fishing season opens
April 25	Annual Town Meeting
April 26	Absentee Ballots available at the Town Clerk's Office for the Budget Referendum
May 5	Budget Referendum
June 1	Register all dogs for the 2015-2016 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 year
October 7	Regular Absentee Ballots become available for the Presidential Election
November 8	Presidential Election



TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector's office is responsible for the billing, adjustments, refunds and collection of over 50,000 tax accounts. The Tax Collector's office collects real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle taxes, as well as sewer use fees, waste collection charges and special assessments. The Tax Collector's office also processes deposits for other Town departments.

The collection results for the 2014-2015 fiscal year are as follows:

	Collectible	Collected	Refunds	Outstanding
Current taxes	\$85,500,544	\$85,335,448	\$145,942	\$311,038
Back taxes	427,710	222,501	38,196	243,405
Current sewer usage	4,392,463	4,377,206	7,811	23,068
Current waste collection charges	1,654,916	1,641,551	1,514	14,879
Back sewer usage and waste collection	29,692	24,137	92	5,647
SUB TOTAL	\$92,005,325	\$91,600,843	\$193,555	\$597,987
Current interest and fees		\$154,619	\$43	
Current sewer/waste interest and fees		38,485	53	
Back tax interest and fees		112,426	159	
Back special service interest and fees		8,954		
SUB TOTAL		\$91,915,327	\$255	
Sewer Assessments	\$420,354	\$270,034		\$150,320
Interest on assessments		4,088		
General fund collections		2,003,711		
Advanced payments - taxes		218,107		
Advanced payments - sewer/waste		14,283		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		\$94,425,550		

- 99.64% of the outstanding taxes on the current grand list was collected by June 30, 2015.
- 99.29% of the sewer usage and waste collection was also collected.

A new tax collection software system was installed in June of 2014. This system has enabled us to perform daily tasks more efficiently, which allows us to focus on collection work. The general public benefits from online access, enabling them to view, print and pay taxes at their convenience.

As noted in previous years, Farmington taxpayers continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment to meeting their fiscal responsibilities and supporting Town services.



REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Farmington elects 2 Registrars of Voters every 2 years.

The current Registrars are:

Edward J Leary (R)

Barbara Brenneman (D)

They can be reached at 860-675-2378

The office hours are 9 AM - 2PM Tues, Wed, & Thurs



- * Farmington is totally represented by the 5th U.S. Congressional District.
- * Farmington incorporates all of the 21st State Representative District and a portion of the 19th State Representative District.
- * Farmington is divided into the 5th and the 6th State Senate Districts.
- * Farmington is split into 2 voting districts. District 1 has 5 precincts and District 2 has 2 precincts.

The current polling places are:

District 1, Precinct 1, 2, 3, 4 – Irving A. Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Rd, Farmington.
 District 1, Precinct 5 – West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington.
 District 2, Precinct 6 – Community/Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave, Unionville.
 District 2, Precinct 7 – Municipal Campus, Monteith Drive, Farmington.

As of January 1, 2015 there were 17,546 active voters registered and they are enrolled as follows:

	District 1	District 2	Total
Republicans	2,002	2,421	4,423
Democrats	2,529	2,631	5,160
Other Minor Parties	88	95	183
Unaffiliated	3,502	3,982	7,484
Total	8,121	9,129	17,250



The voter turnout in recent voting events was as follows:

	Number of Votes Cast	% of Eligible Voters
Town Election – November 2013	5,204	30.5%
Presidential – November 2012	17,471	77.7%
State - November 2014	10,599	61.2%
Federal/State Primary – August 2014 (R)	1,011	23.1%
Budget Vote – May 2013	2,403	14.0%
Budget Vote – May 2015	2,229	13.0%



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 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, Y.E.S. (Youth Entertainment Services) and FOCUS, the Local Prevention Council for teenage substance abuse prevention.

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 houses the drop-in teen center and numerous Recreation programs; (3) The Community & Senior Center; (4) The Stonehouse, which houses the recreation division and two affordable housing units; (5) 8 and 10 Mountain Road, which houses four affordable housing units, (6) 184 Town Farm Road, which is a Town owned affordable house and; (7) Maple Village Senior Housing Complex.

This past year over 3,000 events were scheduled from 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 drove for 4,088 hours. 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 4,500 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 allocated \$15,000 for our social workers to provide direct aid to residents. Currently, staff is assisting and working with over 1,200 clients 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 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 with stocking shelves, clean and assist clients with their packages. Throughout the year, our staff has provided 114 hours of oversight and assistance.

This year was a banner year for giving. Our holiday program provided 366 baskets to families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. 52 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 7,000 pounds. The Farmington High School (FHS) Cheerleaders and the Fire Cadets were instrumental in collection and delivery. The Police Department assisted with a toy drive in a cooperative program with West Hartford. It was a true community effort.

On May 30th our Social Service staff assisted Farmington Community Chest for the Farmington Cares Day. Approximately 130 volunteers assisted for 17 projects; they provided assistance with minor repairs and yard work including doing some work at Staples House, Maple Village and Westwoods. This event is funded and supported through the Farmington Community Chest. Our staff approves the projects and helps to provide oversight for Town projects. The entire day was a true success! Our staff joins with other community service groups to provide this type of assistance six times a year. Volunteers perform yard work, painting, minor carpentry work and major landscaping. Each year each group grows and the amount of assistance provided is a true benefit to our older residents.

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.



COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

The Farmington Mentor Program, now housed at the Farmington Library has finished its twelfth year. Mentoring provides students the opportunity to improve their grades, attendance and self-confidence. We have two new members and maintain a 90% attendance rate.

The Farmington Juvenile Review Board provides first time offenders a non-judicial process in lieu of going to court. 24 youths were diverted from court and referred for services that included substance abuse treatment, counseling and community service.

Farmington is home to two indoor Challenge Courses that provide year round programming for students. Through the collaborative efforts between Youth Services, Recreation, EXCEL, and the Physical Education Department, adventure programming continues to attract over 100 students each year. 340 6th graders from West Woods Upper Elementary attended a four hour adventure program at Pine Lake Challenge Course this past spring to enhance their communication and problem solving skills.

Through the generosity of the Farmington Community Chest, Youth Services was able to send 35 children to summer camps throughout the Farmington Valley. The total grant given was \$11,000; each recipient was assessed for assistance based on the families need.

Senior Services: The Senior Center is an active gathering place that focuses on positive aging. Our programs address the whole person by providing services, educational programs, social and recreational activities and wellness programs. Over 130 programs are offered each month with approximately 2000 attendees (duplicates) monthly. Additional programs that were added this year were pinochle, Mexican train dominoes and pickleball.

In addition to celebrating Older Americans Month and National Senior Center Month, the Center hosted the annual Senior Fair. The fair's vendors exhibit a wide range of information on services, products and resources in the health, housing and financial industries. Over 100 seniors attend each of these events. We also had a very exciting group of high school students and seniors who called themselves "JOY" (Just Older Youth). They exchanged life stories and had lively conversations with one another.

Collaboration with Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) and the University of Hartford has given students the opportunity to interact with seniors and see the needs of older adults and the benefits offered at the Senior Center. Ten students from CCSU did a service learning project by creating a survey to evaluate current programs and obtain suggestions for activities that would attract more seniors. Students studying to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy did a very informative PowerPoint presentation on "Benefits of Activity and Exercise" followed by discussion and demonstrations.

The Town's Community Services Department provides financial support for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meal recipients. This year the Town provided: \$29,391 directly to Services for the Elderly, a non-profit Farmington based agency. Of the total assistance provided, \$19,791 went directly towards client assistance and the remaining balance supported the agency's operational expenses.

Recreation: The Recreation Department 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 sports leagues, preschool socialization, cooking, dance, theater, and arts programs; swim, tennis, gymnastics, martial arts, and yoga classes; vacation, sports, science, and summer camps; bus trips, birthday theme parties, and special events. Community based programs include: the annual Ice Cream Sundae Night (co-sponsored with Ben and Jerry's of Canton), Summer Concert Series, and Face Painting. The Old Fashioned Holiday Open House and Spring Egg Hunt special events also support the local food pantry. In addition to existing offerings, Farmington Recreation provided new programming throughout the year including Lego Camp, Day Camp, Lil Rec'ers Summer Camp, Rec Summer Camp, Rec Tween Camp, Rec Adventure Camp and Let's Gogh Art.



COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

There were 5,508 registrations for recreation programs, with nearly 10,000 participants in all programs.

Farmington Recreation, under the Community and Recreation Services Department, mails program guides to every household in Farmington three-four times per year. Guides are emailed through our database and are made available online and in the school system Friday Folders. Online registrations increased from 62% to 67% over the past year. Brochures are still available in the library, Town Hall and other public buildings.

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.

Throughout the year, the Authority met eight times to discuss 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 received a State grant for resident coordinator services, which allows us to provide assessment, case management and program coordination. The coordinator(s) provided over 900 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 seven 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.

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 hosted a number of Tournaments this year including Hartford Steam Boiler, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, GE/United, Domus Amorus, Bristol HS, and the annual Dober Tournament.

Westwoods continues to advertise and market the course as a destination for novice to experienced golfers.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Tunxis Hose Company #1 Color Guard at the Memorial Day Parade

The Town of Farmington Fire Department, which includes the East Farmington, Farmington, Oakland Gardens, Tunxis Hose, 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 eight Career Fire Fighters. During Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the Fire Department responded to 3,729 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.



Town of Farmington Fire Fighters train to respond to emergencies involving Hazardous Materials

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.



Town of Farmington Fire Fighters train for ice and water rescue emergencies

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



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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 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 Mary-Ellen Harper, Director of Fire and Rescue Services, at

1. (860) 675-2322 or
2. HarperM@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.



Town of Farmington Fire Fighters train with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)



Farmington and Avon officials thank Representatives Mike Demicco, Brian Becker and Governor Malloy at the State Bond Commission meeting July 28, 2014 for awarding a Grant-in-Aid of \$200,000 toward the construction of the Live Fire Training Facility that will be built in Farmington and shared by Avon and Farmington Fire Fighters.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Connecticut Law Enforcement Chiefs' Challenge

As a result of our outstanding traffic safety efforts, the Farmington Police Department won first place in the Connecticut Law Enforcement Challenge for the third year in a row. The challenge is coordinated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States.

Our success in this program is derived from the aggressive enforcement of motor vehicle laws, participation in state and nationwide safety campaigns, educational initiatives, and collaboration with all community stakeholders in improving traffic safety. Farmington police make a concerted effort every year to address traffic violations; 3,033 citations were issued this past year and 143 drunk drivers were removed from our roadways through arrest. In addition, over the year officers responded to 22,330 calls for service and made 851 adult criminal arrests.



Accreditation

The Farmington Police Department was awarded Accreditation with Excellence in 2015 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is the eighth reaccreditation since 1992. Every three years auditors from CALEA review our compliance with 482 professionally recognized law enforcement standards. Some of the benefits to being accredited are: Controlling liability insurance costs; preparing stronger defenses against lawsuits and citizen complaints; providing an increase in community advocacy; increasing town government awareness as to how the police department is being managed; symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence within an agency; ensures policies and procedures are in place to guide employees and protect citizens; allows for an independent review of department operations to ensure best practices.

Business Consortium

The Farmington Business Consortium (FBC) was developed in 2014 in response to a recognizable void in partnerships between the police department and local industry. The FBC goals are to enhance the exchange of information, provide networking opportunities, and share training, equipment, and expertise. To date there are approximately thirty members. Membership is open to all Farmington and related business partners and we anticipate continued growth. Meetings are quarterly at host members' facilities.



Police handing out awards at Special Olympics

Community Service Officer Program

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program was developed in response to increasing complaints of littering, trespassing, parking, and other nuisance and town code violations along the Farmington River and on town recreational properties. The program began in July of 2014. CSO's are part-time Town of Farmington employees. They wear readily recognizable uniforms and report directly to the Police Department shift supervisor. They primarily work during peak weekend hours on all town recreational properties. Their purpose is to augment police patrols, provide visibility, guidance, and enforcement of municipal code violations at Town of Farmington recreation areas. Feedback from the first year was entirely positive. Complaints and littering have decreased substantially.



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Top Workplace

The Farmington Police Department was named a Connecticut Top Workplace in 2014 by "Top Workplaces". The Top Workplaces program is run by the Hartford Courant. They focus exclusively on providing employee surveys to organizations and helping them improve their "Organizational Health". The program was developed in 2006 and is intended to champion good practices by the very best organizations as a way to encourage other organizations to follow suit. Honorees are chosen based on employee opinion surveys of their employers.



Farmington Police motorcycles during funeral Chief Melanson and Officer Capodiferro



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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."
~ Marcus Tullius Cicero

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

Overview

My thoughts on writing the Annual Report usually focus on new and emerging projects, rather than on traditional services and books. This technological focus is in response to those forces (Google, Amazon, etc.) that have redefined information management and retrieval and provide powerful resources for libraries to provide traditional services with new and exciting tools. This year I will focus the Annual Report on our libraries' most important resource, our TEAM, and the melding of the new with the traditional in producing a better solution for library services.

Many hypothesize the demise of the book, and yet it remains a favorite with young readers even after their introduction to the iPad and other tablets. Furthermore, the new book release of Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* is a prime example of how the mystique and pure utility of a book will be difficult to eradicate. Indeed, 75 percent of all publishing remains in print, while the remaining 25 percent that captured the market with astonishing speed is now leveling out. The book is not yet dead!



Governor Dannel Malloy and Farmington Libraries Executive Director Jay Johnston

Position

Our library team is our greatest asset. Their steadfast determination makes each user's visit amazing, bringing humanity to the public space. This goal is based on a philosophy of "service beyond expectations," which continuously guides us to smart, empathic customer service. Indeed, visitors report their amazement in the fabulous treatment and "can do" attitude they receive. This dedication to great service is extended to children, teens, and adults equally well.

Library service can be segmented into several main and sub categories, each with its own specific interest niche. When examining these areas we find several differences, and yet remarkable unanimity. These similarities are best seen within each area where, in the Kids' Place, people ask about appropriate materials for newborn babies or a "best fit" book for a four year old. The Kids' Place is heavily invested in collaboration with and support of teacher requests and curriculum needs while selecting special materials for parents as well as community information.

Information Service customers ask for advice on a good book to read, how to use e-mail, or how to use electronic devices ranging from Android to iPhone. Other services include high quality digital printing, Notary Public service, passports and passport photos, general research, family tree research, and many other services including support for middle school, high school, and college curricula.

The Barney Branch Library runs on a popular library model where the focus is on new fiction, individualized service, and reader's advisory. The Barney Library is a wonderful destination with a milieu reminiscent of a time gone by. The library's children's and adult programming contains the same robust content as the Main Library, but with a different focus to meet the particular needs of the surrounding community.

The Farmington Room's collection supports the resolution of questions concerning genealogy, the history of Farmington, Paideia assignments, historical home inquiries and other historic records of Farmington's past.



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Technology

Technological change is inevitable. We recognize that continuous team learning is imperative as we develop and deliver new and expanded services, while meeting user expectations for a balance in resources. To accommodate these demands, we have increased learning opportunities in all areas in order to continue the technologically-specific tradition of "Library Oracle" developed here over the past years. As a result, the Information Team has developed great skills in many areas of technology software to assist user requests. Our programs are also evolving to meet changing technology. The future will undoubtedly provide more surprises than Drones delivering prescriptions in your back yard, but we continue to keep pace by offering workshops such as "How to Build a Drone" and other exciting Google Maker Camp projects. Upon the completion of our Maker Space and Media Lab in early 2016, it will even be possible to fabricate replacement parts for a drone on our 3D printer.

Philosophy

"Service Beyond Expectations" is our mantra, coupled with intelligence and kindness as our watchwords. These building blocks form the basis of our core values, values that combine the practices of the past with the possibilities of the future. This is a qualitative approach to success that continues to reinforce the importance of the individual in the public space. Our focus on qualitative measurement gives the team enough time to address individual customer needs. These sessions can be abstract and complex. We therefore measure successes one person at a time, evaluating based upon the quality of the service as measured by net affect upon an individual's experiences and customer satisfaction. Surveys of customers have shown a 93% satisfaction score regarding library service. I believe these results speak clearly toward the efficacy of our service approach.

Organization

Our "can-do" organizational philosophy is one that allows each team member to act on best practices and to develop new "bests" as well. As the landscape continues to change in education, technology, and demographics, we are continually moving our sights to more elegant methods of delivering services. The RFID project, which is in its second year, is providing good data to better understand and streamline customer services in lending. New developments in Information Services technologies present exciting methods of further assisting and enhancing customer service. The decision to reengineer our resources from Emerging Technologies and Community Services to Community and Media Services ended the year with remarkable outcomes resulting in Q/4 delivering more people to the libraries than during the previous quarter.

It is important to recognize the large amount of study and work required to successfully produce high quality programming throughout the year in addition to developing new services. Indeed, the number of people now utilizing the facilities has increased 12%. These increases are directly attributable to robust programming coupled with a great library team.

The following report will enumerate each department's accomplishments and direction. I believe you will be impressed with the depth and vigor each activity provides. Our directors and their teams continue to build upon the solid basis of people-centered personal service, which connects each individual with an answer to the purpose of their visit.

Sincerely,
Jay Johnston



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Laura Horn

Director, Adult and Teen Services

This past year has seen many changes in staffing in the Information Services Department. We welcomed Lyn Kelly and Sarah Mias to our team as Information Services Assistants, Melissa Graham as Information Services Librarian, Anna Boisvert as Teen Services Assistant and Harrison Trider as Technology Intern. With each new member added to our team came new ideas, skills and energy, and with that came change. With each improvement made, our goal always remained to provide an exceptional user experience to all who visit the Libraries either online or in-person. Whether coming to the library to hang out after school, research family genealogy or local history, get the latest great novel, learn a new skill or apply for a passport, it is important that the experience is a pleasant one for all patrons.

With a fresh new team of professionals eager to connect with the community and listen to their wants, needs and concerns, we were able to better tailor our materials and services to meet those needs. Additionally, staff attended professional conferences and workshops to keep abreast of best practices in library services as well as the many changes taking place in the field. With all that we gleaned from our interactions with the community and other library professionals, we were able to greatly enhance our offerings and truly offer service beyond expectations.

A look at some of the enhancements made in 2014-2015:

- Upgraded the library catalog to a fully-responsive website with Facebook integration, allowing patrons to access the catalog from all types and sizes of mobile devices.
- Added Lynda.com online learning website to library offerings, thereby providing patrons with access to thousands of free, web-based tutorials on a variety of topics ranging from computer programming, photo editing and the Microsoft Office Suite, to leadership skills and job searching strategies.
- Purchased a 3D printer and scanner in response to the 2014 survey where more than half of respondents indicated a desire for hands-on learning opportunities relating to 3D printing or other exploratory projects in electronics and technology.
- Collaborated with the Children's Department to offer a variety of "maker" and/or technology-focused programs and events such as: Maker Fair 2015, Winter Maker Series, Hour of Code and Google Maker Camp.
- Partnered with Farmington High School on the creation of an interactive community map that will be on display at the library upon its completion.
- Began the early stages of planning our new Maker Space, set to open in 2016.
- Created eye-catching monthly displays to connect readers with more books.
- Purchased sets of books for library book groups in order to keep them running while the Connecticut State Library installs a new interlibrary loan system.

Farmington Room

With its historic buildings, events, and people, as well as its contribution to United States history as part of the Underground Railroad, Farmington is a town rich with local history. This history has had a tremendous impact on the town and its residents and it is the goal of the Farmington Room to preserve this history and make it accessible to all. To that end, the last year was full of exciting improvements and projects, including the celebration of our grand re-opening thanks to a generous donation.

Enhancements made in the Farmington Room in 2014-2015:

- Re-framed and repaired rare Farmington Canal map to preserve it for future generations.
- Set regular hours when the room is open to the public and staffed by a librarian.
- Seventy rolls of microfilm containing issues of the Farmington Valley Herald from 1894-1986 were digitized by the firm Advantage Preservation and made accessible to the community from within the Libraries. The new database allows patrons to search by keyword or date, and is scheduled to be upgraded to an improved system that will allow for advanced searching techniques in fourth quarter 2015.
- Resources for the 8th grade Paideia research project were digitized and uploaded to the online library BiblioBoard, which is accessible to all patrons both inside and outside of the Library.
- Historic photographs were scanned and copied to preserve the integrity of the originals. Approximately 100 of these photographs were then uploaded to the BiblioBoard online library.
- The Amistad Letters collection was reviewed and re-organized by date to increase browsability and discoverability for researchers.



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Teens participate in Google Maker Camp

Teen Services

The teen community is active and vibrant in Farmington, so the services we provide need to match this energy. In 2014-2015, 199 programs were held and 1,215 teens attended these programs. Programs included afternoon movies, henna tattooing, Nutmeg Book Nominee speed dating, creating a solar oven for nachos and relaxing during finals with crafts and games in the Teen Space.

Summer reading participation has seen a huge increase this year after the adoption of a new online summer reading program that was a result of the collaboration between Children's and Teen Services staff. The new simplified program has a more modern look, which facilitates greater ease of use among users of all ages. A new modern online system coupled with outreach to the schools has resulted in a 27.6 percent increase in teen summer reading participation. With all these teens participating in summer reading the teen print circulation has also seen an increase of nearly 8 percent from the same time last year. More teens are also coming to

the library to attend programs and volunteer than ever before. Nearly 40 teens attended the teen volunteer orientation in June, with 33 going on to volunteer in the Library. In addition, teen summer program attendance has doubled when compared with summer 2014.

Sarah Kline Morgan **Director, Children's and Branch Services**

Programs for children and families continue to be a cornerstone of service at the Farmington Library.

Comprehensive Children's Service

Our program is noteworthy for its breadth and depth. This year, we offered 601 programs at the Main Library, attended by 13, 715 people. We also offered 38 outreach programs, attended by 2, 748 children (primarily school visits for summer reading promotion). We offer developmentally appropriate programs for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and school-aged children, as well as programs for families to enjoy together.

Some programming highlights:

- We launched a Spanish-language early literacy playgroup that grew to include families with roots in ten different Spanish-speaking countries. This pilot program was so successful that we plan to expand it to include playgroups for speakers of Japanese and Chinese in our fall 2015 program session, with funding from the Friends of the Library to grow our foreign language book collections.
- Tots & Tunes continues to be our most popular program with an annual attendance of 4,749 people, nearly a quarter of our programming volume. Tots & Tunes appeared on Better Connecticut, in a segment featuring the "Out and About Moms."
- We continue to offer parenting classes in partnership with Bristol Hospital, including popular programs on potty training and infant/toddler sleep habits.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programs, including our Maker programs, took a more prominent role in our lineup, for children from preschoolers to tweens.

Redesigned Summer Reading

Inspired by a State Library sponsored conference on summer reading (Re-think, Re-imagine, Re-ignite!) we crafted a revised summer reading program using new software (Wandoo) and based on best practices. This year we better aligned with the Farmington Public Schools summer reading objectives, and for the first time students will not be required to hand in their reading logs to their classroom teachers at the beginning of the school year. Instead, with parental permission, we will share each child's reading log with the media specialists at each school, streamlining the process. We also extended our program to last the entirety of



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summer vacation, rather than limiting participation to an arbitrary "summer reading period." To make it more exciting, we added elements designed to increase the meaningful engagement of children with our program and foster enthusiasm for reading. As of mid-August, 78% of registered children are actively participating in the program (825 of 1059 registered) compared to a 70% active participation rate at the conclusion of last summer.

Other noteworthy updates from the Children's Department:

- In January, staff participated in the second annual "Collection Clean-Up Month" and each attacked a particular area of the collection for weeding and collection development, including identifying books in need of replacement.
- The Farmington Library Children's Department Facebook group continues to be a powerful tool for promotion, marketing, and community building. This year, the group grew to 212 members, a 47% increase in membership.
- We continue to build our nonfiction collection to meet the demands of the Common Core curriculum, which emphasizes nonfiction. Our nonfiction book circulation increased 5% this year as a reflection of that demand.
- Our print circulation continues to be strong. Our children's fiction circulation has increased by small measures in each of the past three-years, a trend at odds with conventional wisdom.
- We improved systems for departmental planning, data-collection, and analysis. We implemented a shared Google calendar for staff scheduling, and began to use Google forms to track our program attendance.

Barney Library

This year, the Barney Library continued in its tradition of personalized customer service and high-quality programming. The branch library is well known for its readers' advisory service, superb popular collections, book club support, and general reference service. The friendly and helpful staff at Barney answer a wide range of questions from patrons as well as provide support for the many groups who use the meeting rooms and public spaces.

For children, 136 programs were offered at Barney, with attendance of 3,053. For adults, a total of 63 programs were offered, with attendance of 680. For outreach, 11 children's programs were offered, reaching 72 people. This year began a formal collaboration between the newly opened Noah Wallace Smarte Space and the Farmington Library. In addition to her lineup of traditional children's programs, Vida Lashgari conducted a successful and well-attended "maker" program for children that was held alternately at the school maker space and the library. Midway through the year, Leah Farrell joined the library staff and took over the planning and publicity for adult programs at Barney Library. Her capable efforts have expanded and energized our programs for adults at Barney.

Caroline Ford **Director, Lending Services and Collection Management**

Lending Services and Collection Management both continue to strive to give excellent customer service to all of our patrons. As we continue to blend responsibilities from both departments, staff members share their tacit knowledge of systems and procedures. As a result we have a better informed staff that can make changes, not only give better customer service, but also to get books, media and other items into patron's hands quicker.

This year we started using an RFID tagging system. Our staff has seen a decrease in the number of items improperly checked in. The staff has been working hard at tagging both adult and children's materials. We have made great progress and continue to tag materials on a daily basis. We are committed to improving our overall accuracy in the coming year.

Staff members have worked together to streamline overdue notices, paying extra attention to the hold shelf and staying informed about all library programs. More staff members have been trained to clean AV materials, process books and complete lost and paid for transactions. As always we smile, talk up library programs, direct patrons to the self-checkout machines and make sure we welcome all members of the community to the library.



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Patron services have also been enhanced due to cross departmental communications. Staff members from all departments share knowledge and ask questions of each other to ensure more consistency and better service for our patrons.

In the spirit of working together as a team, Lending and Information Services departments partnered to address overall concerns about privacy and security. We have removed patron's library card numbers from checkout slips and implemented a shredding program. Any paperwork with patron information is now shredded on a regular basis.

The big project for Lending Services in fall 2015 will be uploading patron's photos into KOHA. Having a picture on a patron's record will provide easy and quick checkouts and will further our commitment to protect patron's privacy.

Leah Farrell

Coordinator, Community Services and Media

In the past year, adult programs and marketing of library events and services have both benefitted greatly from increased efficiency, inter-departmental communication and coordination, and available avenues of communication.

A diverse slate of high-quality educational, informational, and entertainment programs for adults has brought in community members of many ages, religions, socioeconomic backgrounds, and of course, interests. While there are many "regulars" to adult programs at both the Main Library and Barney Library, we are also seeing a great number of new faces at each event.

Garmany Music Series concerts continue to be quite popular, and with additional grant monies received in March, we plan to extend the series through spring 2017. These concerts have made live music performances a regularly available form of great, affordable entertainment for our community.

Getting the word out about library programs, events, and services has become easier and more streamlined with so many digital options available, including blogs, electronic newsletters, email blasts, Facebook, Twitter, as well as the Farmington Patch and Hartford Courant events website. We have also begun to branch out into high-quality video production as a means of marketing, developing a Farmington Libraries commercial and encouraging viewers to sign up for a bus trip to New York. We continue to utilize the traditional methods of sending press releases to local newspapers and radio stations, displaying event flyers in the library, and we are currently developing a bookmark that will highlight weekly events to keep the community and staff informed about what we have going on. We are particularly focused on keeping all staff abreast of upcoming events so that they are better able to convey this information to customers during their daily interactions.

In a time when we are competing with so many other messages, we are using varied and dynamic methods to reach all levels of the community. This, combined with high-quality, diverse program offerings, contributes to an understanding within the community that the Farmington Libraries promote culture, learning, and personal growth.



FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901--continued

Major Accomplishments

- Improved Passport service procedures
- Energy conservation program
- Maker Space Grant Award
- Expanded Google Maker Camp programming
- Technology repositioning and acquisitions for Maker Space
- Media production enhancements
- Revenue enhancements development
- Major Programming enhancements
- First Farmington Libraries Farmers Market

Engagement

- 97,677** Website visits
- 544** Volunteer hours
- 141** Volunteer hours by High School students working in Children's Department

Programs

- 203** Adult programs with **3,649** attendees
- 199** Teen programs with **1,215** attendees
- 639** Children's programs with **16,462** attendees
- 140** Main Library programs with **2,969** attendees
- 210** Barney Library programs with **3,805** attendees
- 1162** Garmany Concert attendees

Services

- 90.25** Hours providing individualized technology coaching
- 540** Passports delivered
- 111** Notary Public transactions
- 2,251** Study Room and Board Room reservations
- 21,344** Information questions answered
- 14,524** Children's information and readers advisory questions answered

Resources

- 8,313** E-Books viewed
- 3,037** Audiobooks heard
- 118** Farmington Room researchers
- 18** Lynda technology programs with **2,341** independent sessions
- 182** Streaming movies viewed

Summer Reading

- 86** Adult Summer Reading participants
- 254** Teen Summer Reading participants, assisted by **8** teen volunteers
- 1,058** Children's Summer Reading participants



FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats



The Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) is the local health department for the Town of Farmington.

Preventing Disease: Recognizing that it is never too early to introduce children to healthy habits that prevent the spread of disease and prevent injury, FVHD established a "Public Health Ambassador" program reaching more than 200 children and their families. Working with daycare centers, pre-school aged children learned about the importance of hand washing in a fun and interactive session. In addition, a three part series on basic first aid,

emergency preparedness and "My Body, My Choices" was provided through Girl Scout troops. All families received additional information on important health issues including lead poisoning prevention.

FVHD launched a small-business workplace wellness program recognizing that the number of working-aged adults living with chronic conditions is increasing. Workplace wellness programs can have significant impact on productivity, employee morale and healthcare costs while reducing illness and disease. The program focuses on the leading causes of pre-mature illness and death and includes educational materials, activities, environmental and policy changes that can help support employee health.

Promoting Health: As the proportion of the population 50 years of age and older increases and the percent of the population living with at least one chronic illness increases, FVHD is now providing Chronic disease self-management programs, Fall Prevention programs and Asthma environmental home assessments. Partnering with the Farmington Valley YMCA and Arden Courts, FVHD hosted a series of seminars on healthy aging. Participants learned about fall prevention, normal aging versus dementia and nutrition. Memory screenings were also offered.

In our ongoing efforts to provide factual information on health topics, FVHD has begun issuing monthly newsletters focusing on important and timely public health issues and our website, www.fvhd.org and our Facebook page continue to be important resources.

Protecting Against Health Threats: 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	155	Food Service Establishments	375
Temporary Food Service	79	Salons	33
Salons	50	New Septic	37
New Septic	8	Septic Repair	58
Septic Repair	20	Public Bathing	87
Pools	31	Day Care	4
Well	14	Complaints (ALL)	62

Overall, the number of routine food service inspections increased by 10% this fiscal year. We also saw a two fold increase in the number of complaints reported and investigated by FVHD.

In response to the national Ebola scare, FVHD reviewed our Public Health Emergency Response Plans and protocols and provided factual and up-to-date information to other Town departments, first responders and the public.



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 life style relative to meals, transportation, socialization, home medical equipment and maintenance."

On staff, there is a full time Executive Director. A bookkeeper who is also the Program Assistant works 10 hours a week and a transportation coordinator works 5 hours a week. 160 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



Christmas greens made by the Farmington Garden Club to deliver to the homebound at Christmas. From left to right Lyn Creed, Nancy Walker.

The following services were provided during the fiscal year:

MEALS ON WHEELS: 6533 double meals delivered Mondays through Fridays, Birthday gift bags are delivered to each client on their special day.

CONGREGATE MEALS: 1449 hot lunches served at the Community/Senior Center

TRANSPORTATION: 902 rides to and from medical and dental appointments.

FRIENDLY VISITING: 40 seniors involved. 14 homebound seniors have been matched with a volunteer who provides ongoing support and friendship. 75 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to the homebound in November, 2014. 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 project" which allowed us to purchase and deliver goodie bags and plants to 75 appreciative seniors many times throughout the year. Union School sent cards to 70 seniors at Halloween and special Valentine's were made by the students and delivered to the seniors. Farmington Brownies and Girl Scouts entertained the seniors with carols at Christmas time.

Our "It's Good to Get Out" Group, consisting of 26 Farmington women, is coordinated and financed by Marcie Shepard. They went on many fun excursions throughout the year.

FRIENDLY SHOPPER: 40 seniors have been matched with volunteers who routinely shop for groceries for their client.

VIAL OF LIFE: This plastic vial containing vital medical information can be obtained from the office upon request.

TAX ASSISTANCE: 304 seniors were assisted with their tax forms by A.A.R.P. trained volunteers.

SENIOR SENSE: 7896 issues of our newsletter were distributed to Farmington seniors.

LOAN CLOSET: 1121 medical equipment items were loaned out to Farmington Valley residents. 450 items were donated to Haiti and Jamaica.



SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY--continued

Our 12th "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 program. The Chairwoman of the Town Council, Nancy Nickerson and Kathy Eagen, the Town Manager, took an active part in Community Champions Week and delivered meals on wheels to our happy clients. Our March for Meals Campaign was awarded a \$2000 grant by the Meals on Wheels Association of America.

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 program.

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

An Annual Gathering recognizing our 160 volunteers was held at THE GABLES on April 8th, 2015. 82 volunteers attended.

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

Nancy J. Walker

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Executive Director



Community Champions Day, March for Meals Campaign. Left to right - Nancy Nickerson, Kathy Eagen, Nancy Walker delivering Meals on wheels



SFE Board Member Chrissy Farrell selling spring flowers for March for Meals fundraiser.



FARMINGTON LAND TRUST

The Farmington Land Trust has one mission: 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 protects 276 acres of fields, forests, scenic vistas, historic sites and wildlife habitat from development. These 64 parcels will remain as open space forever, enriching the quality of life for Farmington residents for generations to come. We appreciate the commitment of our donors to the future of Farmington.



Land Trust Birding Stroll with Milan Bull at Cowles Parcel - 4/12/15

A twelve member Board of Directors, elected by its membership at its Annual Meeting in April, governs the Land Trust. Over 200 Land Trust members offer invaluable financial and volunteer support for maintaining and preserving the property under the Land Trust's protection and for acquiring additional open space.

Officers for 2014-2015: President, Richard Kramer, Vice-President, Richard Berlandy, Treasurer, Douglas Pelham. Directors are Jonathan Cohen, Michael Delaney, David DeNuccio, Bruce Fernandez, Nina Hayes, Michael Lecours, Sallie Norris and Steve Silk. Directors Cate Grady-Benson, Evan Cowles and Stephen Nelson joined the Board in 2015. The Land Trust office is located in the Canal House at 128 Garden Street. Our activities are supported by part-time staff members: Tina Delaney, Executive Director, and Suzan Scott, Assistant to the Executive Director.

The Land Trust's "Preserving our Legacy" dinner, held in November, memorialized the contributions of its founder, Jack Emery and its first Executive Director, Richard Noyes. Sallie Norris and Cate Grady-Benson originated and chaired the event, respectively.

Richard Kramer and Evan Cowles were appointed as Land Trust representatives to the Town Land Acquisition Committee, which recommends the purchase of properties by the Town, continuing the strong bond between the FLT and the Town to Save the Land.

With the continued generous support of UNICO we were able to continue our collaborative research projects with CCSU's Biology Department's Professor Barbara Nicholson and her students. They presented their research on best management for invasive plants at our Annual Meeting.

The Land Trust continues its close working relationship with the Boy Scouts with a new Eagle Scout project by Mike Prunk underway for our Aqueduct Canal parcel. The Land Trust also sponsored strolls and events highlighting the flowers, birds and insects that make their home in the habitats we protect.

This summer the Land Trust received a grant from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council and the Land Trust Alliance for Phase Two of our records reorganization project. When the project is completed this fall, all our property files will be digitized for easier access and searching.

Farmington Land Trust board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30 pm in the Land Trust office, except for the months of April and August.

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FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Farmington Valley VNA's 106th year of service was commemorated by the receipt of our third consecutive "HomeCare Elite Agency" award. This prestigious designation results from an independent assessment of patient care outcomes, quality improvement measures, patient experiences, and financial oversight, naming us among the top 25% of home care agencies nationwide and reflecting our century-long commitment to caring for Farmington Valley residents.

The Farmington Valley VNA, Inc. continues to proudly serve the Town of Farmington with a number of Health and Wellness initiatives. We are pleased to report that for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015, there was a 45% increase in Community Wellness participation from the previous year. Approximately 1100 Town residents attended healthcare clinics to obtain Blood Pressure screenings and vaccinations to protect from flu, pneumonia, and Shingles. More than 60 participants attended the 8 health education presentations hosted by our Community Programs Department, which focused on illness prevention and informing residents about healthier lifestyle choices.

A similar trend for increased in-home care services was also recognized during Fiscal Year 2015. Our Skilled Nursing Services provided 1,278 direct care visits to more than 70 ill or hounded Farmington residents, and our Hospice Program provided 342 visits to 8 residents in need of palliative and hospice care. In keeping with our overall mission of providing quality home care regardless of ability to pay, our nursing staff also made 30 courtesy Health Supervision "maintenance" visits to 12 residents, and 145 complimentary visits to those in need of Private Duty care, at no charge to the Town residents.

Through the efforts of our Nurse Liaison, we were successful in establishing a collaborative relationship with Touchpoint of Farmington for provisions of Hospice care within their skilled nursing facility. This collaboration allows Touchpoint of Farmington's nursing home clients to remain in their familiar 'residence' for palliative treatment and Hospice care, instead of being discharged to an inpatient hospital setting or a Hospice Unit in another facility.

Unique to the health care industry is our agency's ability to commence nursing or rehabilitative services within 24 hours of hospital discharge or identified need. This timely assessment and evaluation is not something that larger agencies can often provide.

We continue to pursue collaborative partnerships throughout the Farmington and Unionville professional and social communities, seeking new opportunities in which to provide health related education and wellness programming for area residents. Our Nurse Liaison regularly visits with local physicians and the admissions and nursing staff at skilled nursing facilities to see how our agency can support their patients, and our Community Liaison strives to develop relationships with civic groups, churches, residential communities and charitable organizations to offer wellness programs and informative educational workshops on a variety of topics.

It is with the financial support from the Town of Farmington and other communities we serve that the Farmington Valley VNA can retain our local presence as an independent, free-standing non-profit agency which operates without corporate ownership or hospital oversight. We are committed to meeting the challenges of the ever-changing health care system and remain steadfast in our mission of providing high quality, compassionate care to your community's residents.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org



2015 FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOT CLINICS

Middlewoods of Farmington	Wednesday, September 30 th	12:30-2:30 p.m.
Farmington Senior Center	Thursday, October 1 st	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Farmington Library	Saturday, October 10 th	9:30-11:30 a.m.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Farmington Senior Center	1 st Monday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	4 th Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Farmington Library	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Middlewoods of Farmington	1 st Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

