

TOWN OF FARMINGTON



Post Office and Coach, Farmington, Conn.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

Cover Picture

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

~ Photo courtesy of TMG Printing

Post Office and Stagecoach

The cover picture depicts the Farmington Post Office and the U.S. Mail Stagecoach in 1906. This Stagecoach is an Abbot-Downing "Concord" stage coach.

"The Concord Coach

The Abbot-Downing story could have been written by 19th century popular novelist Horatio Alger, according to the Concord Historical Society's *Crosscurrents of Change: Concord, N.H., in the 20th Century*. Lewis Downing, a wheelwright from Lexington, Mass., arrived in Concord on a mild May morning in 1818 with a set of tools and \$60 in his pocket. Downing was "endowed with courage and optimism," and made his first carriage for Benjamin Kimball. Downing prospered as a wheelwright, setting up a small factory that had more than a dozen employees. He joined forces with carriage builder J. Stephen Abbot in 1826, and the first Concord Coach was built in the following year.

The coaches were tall and wide, custom made and individually numbered, weighing 2,500 pounds each. The big fitted wheels had spokes long enough to get through the mud and rutted roads of the young Republic. What made the coach particularly popular was its suspension, a pair of leather strips called "throughbraces" that held up the coach bodies and provided a characteristic rocking motion, far less jarring than coaches with steel springs.

Mark Twain, the author and humorist, described his coach trip west in the 1870 book *Roughing it*:

"Our coach was a great swinging and swaying stage, of the most sumptuous description – an imposing cradle on wheels. It was drawn by six handsome horses, and by the side of the driver sat the 'conductor,' the legitimate captain of the craft; for it was his business to take charge and care of the mails, baggage, express matter, and passengers. We sat on the back seat, inside. About all the rest of the coach was full of mail bags – for we had three days' delayed mails with us... We changed horses every ten miles, all day long, and fairly flew over the hard, level road."

The cost was between \$1,000 and \$1,500 apiece, a lavish sum when a worker considered a dollar a day a good wage. Coaches had separate models to carry six, nine and 12 passengers. Abbot-Downing's biggest customer was Wells, Fargo & Co., although institutions such as hotels would buy one to carry guests back and forth from a railroad station.

Abbot-Downing survived into the 20th century, and in 1915, the manufacturer supplanted its horse-drawn products with trucks and fire trucks powered by internal combustion engines. The company stopped manufacturing after World War I and the name was purchased by Wells, Fargo.

Abbot-Downing vehicles may be coming home. In 2010, developer Stephen M. Duprey proposed locating several antique Abbot-Downing wagons and coaches in kiosks along downtown Concord sidewalks, the Concord Monitor reported on Oct. 18, 2012. Concord is redesigning a section of Main Street, financed in part by a \$4.7 million federal grant, and officials have expressed hope that the coach-filled kiosks would attract visitors.”

~ Narrative courtesy of Concord (NH) Historical Society



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TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Town Council is pleased to provide you with the Annual Report for the Town of Farmington for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 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.

The Town Council has continued to implement the Strategic Plan, which established the road map for Farmington's future in six core service areas: Education, Traffic and Land Use, 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. You can 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've focused resources on specific capital projects to sustain our infrastructure.

The current Capital Budget includes a bond appropriation for a school roof replacement project. Other items include repair of the Alice Clover Pinney gazebo, a new roof on the Highway Department salt shed, and monies to develop a plan for future fire station improvement projects. The Town continues to fund the Town's road reconstruction and paving plan and funds were included for a new turf field at Farmington High School.

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 Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) completed a five-year wastewater facilities planning study and has 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 design of the WPCF upgrade began in July 2013 and will culminate during the fall of 2014. 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 current facility and existing infrastructure is not capable of meeting the projected permit nutrient removal limits. The project will also enhance energy efficiency and environmental stewardship by the authorization of funding for this extensive project and awarding a construction agreement in early 2015. 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.

In May of 2013 voters overwhelmingly approved a 3.5 million dollar open space acquisition referendum question. During this fiscal year, the Town purchased three properties totaling approximately 23 acres. In September 2013, the Town acquired Lot 13 Twin Ponds Road. This is a 1-acre parcel that preserves a wooded buffer adjacent to ponds that are part of 21 acres of existing Town-owned open space. In November 2013, the Town acquired Lots 23A & 24A Plainville Avenue near the corner of Plainville Avenue and Meadow Road. This acquisition doubles the existing Town-owned open space acquired as part of an adjacent subdivision



TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE--continued

(the gardens off of Meadow Road), and adds important habitat for the preservation of an active vernal pool identified on the existing open space portion.

Finally, in April 2014, the Town acquired Lot 8 Collinsville Road. This is approximately an 11-acre property located in the northwestern area of the Town between the Farmington River and the Farmington River Multi-Use Trail. Additionally, this property links with other open space properties that were purchased by the Town in 1999 and 2010. The three properties together will provide approximately 42 acres of open space with nearly one mile of river frontage and nearly the same amount of frontage along the Farmington River Trail.

In March 2014, the Town applied for a State Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant for Lot 8 Collinsville Road. If awarded, the grant would reimburse the Town up to 65% of the property's fair market value.

Town voters, by a large majority, approved the recommended budget and two bond questions at the first referendum in May 2014. As a result of the growth of the grand list, a significant drop in debt services and favorable non-tax revenue growth, the Town Council was able to recommend a budget that increased taxes by 1.5%. This is the third lowest tax increase in 20 years.

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

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Town Council Chair



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The 2013-2014 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, 2013 - June 30, 2014.

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 2012 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-five 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.

Town Staff meets with the Connecticut Department of Transportation on a quarterly basis to ensure that Farmington state projects are moving forward in a timely manner. The Town of Farmington continues to work with the CTDOT to obtain funding for roadway projects to improve traffic issues within the Town of Farmington.

The Town received three significant transportation grants this year.

The Town of Farmington received a \$500,000 grant for a corridor study for Route 4 from the I-84 ramp to the West Hartford Town line. The selection process is expected to be completed by the end of this calendar year. The study will take a year to a year and a half to complete.

The Town of Farmington received approval for the Reconstruction of South Road through the Capitol Region Council of Government (CRCOG). This grant is for the reconstruction of South Road from Two Mile Road to Fairview Drive. Design is anticipated to start in the fall of 2015 and construction in the fall of 2016. This is a 2.5 million dollar project which is funded by the State of Connecticut.

Lastly, the Town was informed that the DOT is working to close the statewide gaps in the rails-to-trails system along the East Coast Greenway and that there is funding for the trail from Red Oak Hill to Plainville. This project will be 100% reimbursed for the design and construction of the project. The start of construction is anticipated to begin the summer/fall of 2015.

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:

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) completed a five-year Wastewater Facilities Planning Study and has 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 design of the WPCF upgrade began in July 2013 and will culminate during the fall of 2014. 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 current facility and existing infrastructure is not capable of meeting the projected permit nutrient removal limits. The project will also enhance energy efficiency and environmental stewardship by the authorization of funding for this extensive project and awarding a construction agreement in early 2015. 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.



TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE--continued

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 some notable businesses and moved forward on some key development projects, all 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 vacancy rate for Class A officespace in Farmington is right on par with Greater Hartford as a whole. The vacancy rate for industrial space in Farmington is considerably lower than the Greater Hartford total market by more than three percentage points.

Farmington has over 2,000 businesses ranging in size from 1 person home businesses to Fortune 500 companies. This year Farmington welcomed a variety of businesses as well as some major additions and expansions.

Over the past few years the Economic Development Commission and staff have worked very hard on the quarterly Business Breakfast program. The Economic Development Commission hosted two very successful Business Breakfasts, one which included Governor Malloy as the keynote speaker with over 300 in attendance.

The Economic Development Director collects feedback at these events which are consistently ranked high, both in the networking opportunity as well as 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 come to a Business Breakfast.

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

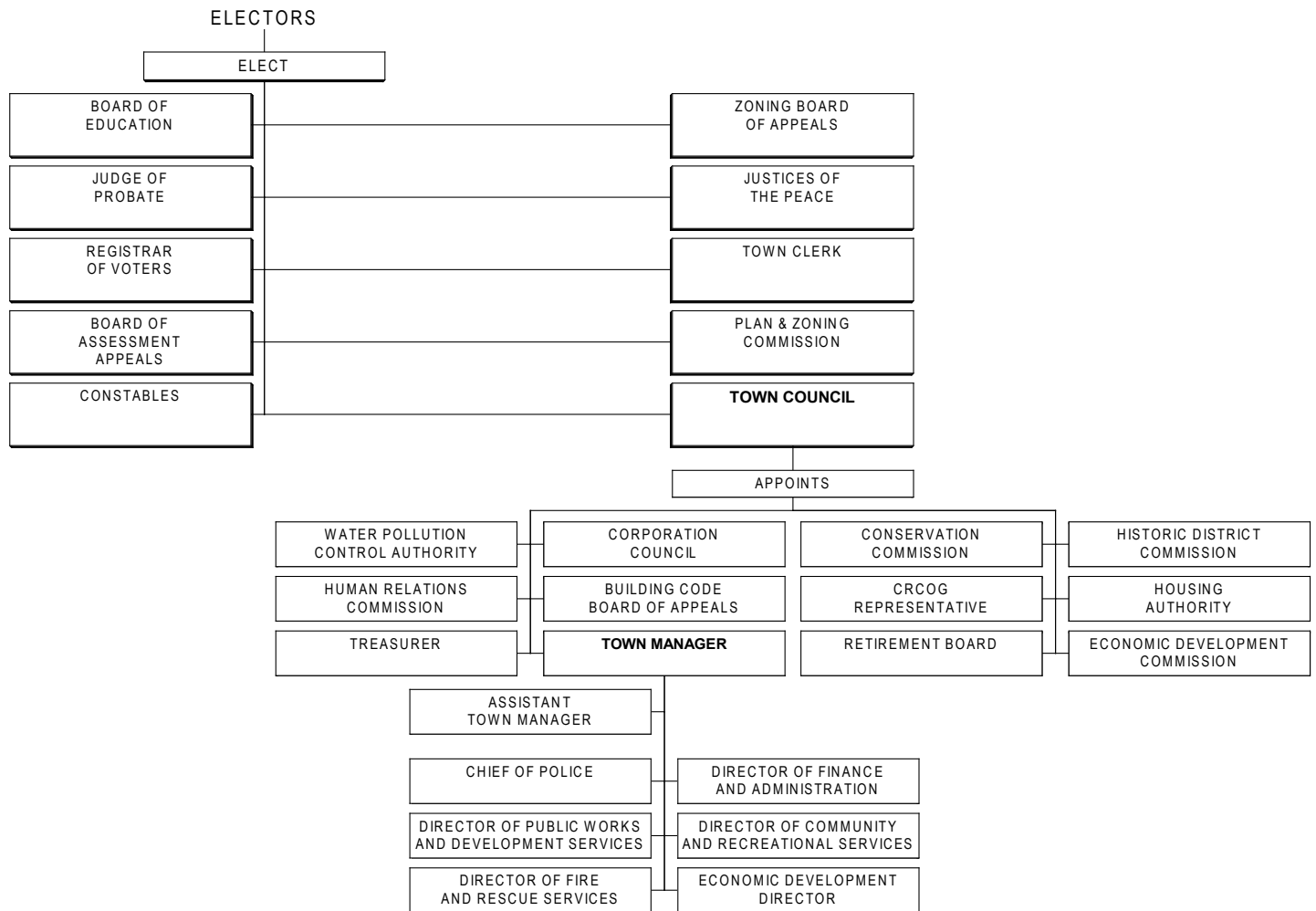
Kathleen A. Eagen
Town Manager



Town Council Chairperson Nancy Nickerson, Town Manager Kathy Eagen, Governor Dannel Malloy and President and CEO of Farmington Bank John Patrick at the Small Business Luncheon Breakfast January 30th.



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

TOWN COUNCIL

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Jeffery P. Apuzzo
Jon Landry
Peter M. Mastrobattista
Amy Suffredini
Meredith A. Trimble
John W. Vibert

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mary Grace Reed, Chair
Paula O'Brien, Vice-Chair
William Baker
Jean Baron
William Beckert
Mark Blore
Bernard B. Erickson
Christopher Fagan
Ellen Siuta

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Edward J. Kane, Chair
Robert Bezz
Elizabeth Giannaros
Norman Kilcomons
John T. Simoneau
Mark Simpson

CONSTABLES

Geno Avenoso
Craig Reed
Diane Rogers

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Barbara Brenneman
Edward J. Leary

TOWN CLERK

Paula B. Ray

TOWN PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION

Philip R. Dunn, Jr., Chair
Barbara Brenneman
Donald Doeg
Robert Jarvis
James LeBlanc
Jack Matava
Peter Bagdigian, alternate
Jay Faprie, alternate
Michael Gurski, alternate

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Kerry Callahan
Johnny Carrier
Edward Giannaros
Ronald Llewellyn
Katy Perry
John Brockelman, alternate
Gary Palumbo, alternate
Kerry Robair, alternate

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

U.S. SENATE

Richard Blumenthal
Christopher Murphy

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Esty (5th District)

STATE SENATOR

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

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Brian Becker (19th District)
Mike Demicco (21st District)



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICIALS

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Donald O. Hammerberg
George Santos
Henry Schadler
Ned Statchen

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Robert J. Hannon
Paul Amato
Robert Isner
David Houf
Allen T. Quigley
John Radasci
Todd Jones, alternate
Guy Wolf, alternate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Augusto Russell, Chair
Brian FX Connolly,
Vice Chair
John Karwoski
Joseph Howard, Jr.
Daniel Kleinman
Robert Reeve
Joan Valenti

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Hilary Donald, Chair
James Calciano
Kathryn Cox
Theresa Feder
Holly Holden
John Bombara, alternate
Dorothy Haviland, alternate
Jaye O'Leary, alternate

UNIONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Sheryl Horton, Chair
Lisa Johnson
Matthew Pogson
Janine Ransom
Matthew Ross
William Baker, alternate
Robert Hoffman, alternate
Diana Meyer, alternate

TOWN HISTORIAN

Vacant

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Justin Pagano, Chair
Cheryl Lawless, Vice Chair
John DeMeo
Christian Hoheb
Cynthia Mason

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

John Karwoski, Chair
Barbara Breneman
Dennis W. Brown
John Hangen
Jane Inrig
Jeffrey Ollendorf, staff
Justin J. Pagano
Peter van Beckum

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Ruth Grobe, Chair
Ray Elling
Donna Mambrino
Christine Mergenthaler
Zalman Nakhimovsky
Jolanta Silwinski

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Peter M. Mastrobattista,
Chair
Martina Delaney
John Hinze
Carol Presutti
Allen Quigley
John W. Vibert
William Wadsworth

RETIREMENT BOARD

Jeffery Apuzzo, Chair
Robert Brochu
Douglas Clark
Albert Cromack
Daniel Devine
Edward Leary
Ken Miller
Jeffrey Ollendorf
Gary Petersen
Geoff Porter
Joan Valenti
Pauline Wilson

TOWN MANAGER

Kathleen Eagen

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Alan Nickerson, Chair
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
John McGrane
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
Timothy Vibert, Farmington
Rich Higley, Sr., Tunxis Hose

FIRE MARSHAL

Michael Gulino

HIGHWAY & GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT

Scott Zenke

TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Robinson

TOWN ASSESSOR

Ed Hybner

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

SUPERINTENDENT

Kathleen C. Greider

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kimberly Wynne

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Dr. Laurie Singer

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Michael 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

| <u>1980</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 16,407 | 20,608 | 23,641 | 25,114 est. | 25,340 | 25,361 est. |

2. Age Distribution 2010 Census by percent

| <u>Under 5</u> | <u>5-19</u> | <u>20-34</u> | <u>35-49</u> | <u>50-64</u> | <u>65+</u> |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 4.5% | 18.3% | 14.4% | 21.2% | 23.2% | 18.3% |

3. Employment Data August 2014

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Employed | 28,102 |
| Unemployed | 1,664 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6% |

4. Educational Attainment (Persons 25 Years and Older) - 2013

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

5. Median Household Income (2011) \$84,597 \$83,962? (2012)

6. Education

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Average class size | 20.1 |
| Percent graduates to college | 96% for FY 10-11 |

REAL ESTATE

1. Percent of Housing Owner Occupied (2010) 76.2%

2. Sales Distribution by Selling Price for Single Family Homes 2009

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| \$0-\$100,000 | 0 |
| \$100,001-\$199,999 | 6 |
| \$200,000-\$299,999 | 44 |
| \$300,000-\$399,999 | 35 |
| \$400,000 or more | 56 |

3. Median Single Family Home Sales Price (2009) \$330,000

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 | 1,312 | 30,938 | \$2,020,587,875 | \$65,310 |
| Construction | 85 | 972 | \$79,717,105 | \$81,992 |
| Manufacturing | 41 | 2,478 | \$170,459,432 | \$68,780 |
| Wholesale Trade | 72 | 1,162 | \$100,275,470 | \$86,308 |
| Retail Trade | 196 | 3,760 | \$94,545,154 | \$25,148 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 10 | 117 | \$4,315,489 | \$36,911 |
| Information | 24 | 431 | \$37,925,703 | \$87,995 |
| Finance and Insurance | 158 | 4,046 | \$408,339,782 | \$100,937 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 56 | 530 | \$23,285,502 | \$43,963 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 174 | 1,774 | \$141,597,787 | \$79,803 |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 18 | 1,055 | \$199,544,417 | \$189,186 |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Svcs | 79 | 1,999 | \$80,437,471 | \$40,247 |
| Educational Services | 14 | 321 | \$11,856,317 | \$36,897 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 126 | 3,444 | \$173,265,931 | \$50,316 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 18 | 360 | \$7,406,224 | \$20,597 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 77 | 1,737 | \$36,424,034 | \$20,965 |
| Other Services (except Public Administration) | 136 | 536 | \$21,381,188 | \$39,928 |
| Total Government | 23 | 6,192 | \$427,931,008 | \$69,109 |
| Federal Government | 3 | 60 | \$3,442,033 | \$57,688 |
| State Government | 7 | 5,033 | \$366,954,984 | \$72,911 |
| Local/Municipal Government | 13 | 1,100 | \$57,533,991 | \$52,327 |

2. Major Employers 2013

| Employer | No. of Employees |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| UCONN Health Center | 5,000 - 9,999 |
| Hartford | 1,000 - 4,999 |
| ConnectiCare, Inc. | 500 - 999 |
| Macy's | 500 - 999 |
| Otis Elevator Co. | 500 - 999 |
| Trumpf Inc. | 500 - 999 |
| Tunxis Community College | 500 - 999 |
| American Red Cross | 250 - 499 |
| Connecticut Spring & Stamping | 250 - 499 |
| Edac Technologies Corp. | 250 - 499 |
| Konover Development Corp. | 250 - 499 |
| Marriott-Hartford Farmington | 250 - 499 |
| Nordstrom | 250 - 499 |
| Stanley Access Technologies | 250 - 499 |

3. Total Number of Employees (Jobs in Farmington) - 31,388

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

5. Assessment Information

Farmington Net Taxable Grand List (2012)

\$3,500,061,738

Mill Rate - 24.44

Last Year of Revaluation - 2012



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

*Front Row (L to R):
John Landry
Nancy Nickerson - Chairman
Kathleen Eagen - Town Manager
Paula Ray - Town Clerk*

*Back Row (L to R):
Meredith Trimble
John Vibert
Peter Mastrobattista
Amy Suffredini
Jeffery Apuzzo*

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

JULY 2013

- Held a Public Hearing to Consider the Purchase of Property Owned by Kenneth J. Dorio, Lot 13 Twin Ponds Road for a Purchase Price of \$135,000.
- Authorized The Town Manager To Submit An Application To The Capital Region Council Of Governments For a Roadway Reconstruction Project On South Road and for A Transportation Corridor Study Along Route 4 From The West Hartford Town Line To The I-84 Exit 39 Interchange.
- Awarded Bid # 176, Field Aeration And Deep Tinning Services in the Amount of \$23,220.

AUGUST 2013

- Held a Public Hearing to Consider the Purchase of Property Owned by Dunning Sand and Gravel Located Lot 1A River Road for a Price of \$24,000.
- Held a Public Hearing to Consider the Purchase of Properties Owned by Joyce Medvec and Shirley Bryant for a Price of \$330,000, Lots 23A and 24A Plainville Avenue (10.96 acres).
- Appointed a Strategic Planning Committee to Facilitate a Citizen Survey Opinion Poll and to Update the Town's Strategic Plan.
- Authorized the Purchase of Property Owned by Kenneth J. Dorio, Lot 13 Twin Ponds Road for the Purchase Price of \$135,000.
- Increased the Number of Police Officers from 28 to 29 for the Purpose of Adding a Second School Resource Officer.
- Increased the General Fund Budget For Personnel Expenses Associated with the Safety Upgrades and Improvements to School Buildings.
- Increased the Medical Self Insurance Fund Budget for the Purpose of Funding the Benefit Expenses for Seven School Monitor Positions.
- Transferred the Unobligated Capital Improvement Project Balance for the Purpose of Providing Funding to Acquire Equipment and Materials for Safety Upgrades and Improvements to school buildings.
- Discussed the Proposed 2014-2018 Contract Between the Farmington Administrators' and Supervisors' Association (FASA) and the Board of Education.

SEPTEMBER 2013

- Awarded Bid # 189, Unionville Streetscape Project Phase II, in the amount of \$82,458.38.
- Authorized the Purchase of Property Owned by Dunning Sand and Gravel Located At Lot 1A River Road (3 acres).



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

- Authorized the Purchase of Properties Owned by Joyce Medvec and Shirley Bryant Lots 23A and 24A Plainville Avenue (10.96 acres).
- Abated Taxes for the Property known as 8493 Wisteria Lane.
- Abated Taxes for 1-6 Winthrop Drive.
- Extended the Lease Agreement with T-Mobile for the Tower Site at 2 Westwoods Drive.
- Authorized The Town Manager To Sign A One-Year Professional Services Agreement With The UCONN Health For Paramedic Services.

OCTOBER 2013

- Authorized the Town Manager To Sign A Master Agreement with The State For Readjustment, Relocation, And/Or Removal Of Utility Facilities On Highway Projects and for Construction Projects.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Sign a Town Farm Lease Agreement with the Phillips Family.
- Awarded a Contract for the Restoration of the Farm House on 199 Town Farm Road in the Amount of \$123,030.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

NOVEMBER 2013

- Held a Public Hearing to Consider the Purchase of Lot 8 Collinsville Road, Owned by the YMCA (10.75 acres) for a Purchase Price of \$161,250.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Sign an Agreement for the Installation of a Monitoring Well Adjacent to the Water Pollution Control Facility.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Participate in the CCM Discount Prescription Drug Card Program.
- Disbanded the Farm Sub-Committee.
- Awarded Bid # 185R for an Emergency Medical Response Vehicle to Swab Wagon Company, Inc. in the amount of \$86,746.00.
- Approved the OPM Regional Performance Incentive Program Resolution.

DECEMBER 2013

- Authorized the Town Manager to Sign an Agreement with Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to Assess Commercial Property for Clean Energy Improvements.
- Approved The Purchase Of Lot 8 Collinsville Road Owned By the YMCA (10.75 Acres) For A Purchase Price of \$161,250.
- Submitted an Application to OPM For a STEAP Grant In The Amount Of \$500,000.
- Authorized The Town Manager To Sign an Agreement with The State For The Development Of The Farmington Canal Heritage Greenway.
- Ratified The Agreement On The Supervisor And Non-Supervisor And Local 2001, CSEA/SEIU Contracts

JANUARY 2014

- Appointed an "Acting" Chair of the Town Council.
- Adopted the "Rules of Procedure."
- Approved the 2014 Blighted Building List.
- Adopted the Capital Improvement Policy, the Debt Management Policy, the Reserve Policy and the Self-Insurance Fund.
- Appointed Funeral Directors as Sub-Registrars.
- Abated Taxes for the Properties Known as Lots 23A and 24A Plainville Avenue.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Execute a Personal Services Agreement with the DEEP for the America-the-Beautiful Grant.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement For the Replacement Of Shared Computer Services



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

FEBRUARY 2014

- Held a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
- Appointed a Strategic Planning Committee to Facilitate a Citizen Survey Opinion Poll and to Update the Town's Strategic Plan.

MARCH 2014

- Held a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's 2014-2015 Recommended Operating Budget.
- Awarded Bid # 192 Boat Dock Installation at Tunxis Mead Park to Mattern Construction Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$84,600.
- Consider and Take Action on the Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget.

APRIL 2014

- Held a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 156 "Sewers" of the Town Code.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Town Council's Proposed Budget.
- Approved the Town Council's Recommended Operating Budget.
- Accepted the Annual Report.
- Amended Chapter 156 "Sewers" of the Town Code.
- Authorized the Board of Education to Serve as the Building Committee for Projects Costing \$2,000,000 or Less.
- Authorized the Town Manager to Sign the Personal Service Agreement with The DEEP for a Synthetic Turf Athletic Field at the High School.
- Approved the Americans with Disabilities Act Policy and Grievance Procedure.
- Adopted the Fair Housing Resolution, the Affirmative Action Plan, the Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Statement and the Fair Housing Policy Statement.
- Established a Sub-Committee to Define Public/Private Land Development Initiatives.
- Transferred Unobligated Capital Improvement Project Balances to Acquire Replacement School Furniture.

MAY 2014

- Entered into a Contract with Quality Data Service, Inc. for Administration Software at a Cost of \$102,865.
- Set the Property Tax Rate and Solid Waste Special Service Charge.
- Authorized The Town Manager To Sign The Grant For Completing Several Revitalization Projects In Unionville.
- Adopted A Comprehensive Design Plan for Unionville Center.
- Awarded Bid #196 "Installation of Synthetic Turf Field - Farmington High School" to Mountain View Landscapes and Lawn care, Inc. in the amount of \$1,074,250.

JUNE 2014

- Set the Date of the Annual Town Meeting.
- Executed a Contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.
- Authorized the Board of Education to Apply to the State for a Grant for the Roof Replacement at East Farms School.
- Awarded the Contract for the East Farms Roof Replacement Project.
- Awarded A Contract For Asphalt Milling And Reclaiming To Garrity Asphalt Reclaiming at a cost of \$1.75 Per Square Yard.
- Awarded a Contract for Paving Roads to Galasso Materials, LLC.
- Awarded CRCOG Bid # 604, Catch Basin Cleaning, To Shaw Vac Service, LLC At A Cost Of \$18.39 Per Catch Basin.
- Awarded Bid #197 Tree Removal and Pruning Services to Distinctive Gardens & Tree Care.



ASSESSOR

The Assessor's office is responsible for locating and valuing all real estate and personal property to serve as a basis for levying taxes. Values must be based on a uniform relationship to the fair market value and assessed at 70% thereof. Guidelines established by State Statutes are followed to insure that all assessments are equitable and that the Grand List is a true and accurate report of all taxable property. The 2012 Grand List, on which the 2013-14 property taxes were based, is presented below:

| <i>Category</i> | <i>2012 Assessed Valuation</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Real Estate | \$3,077,213,800 |
| Personal Property | + 231,544,880 |
| Motor Vehicles | <u>+ 221,149,860</u> |
| Gross Assessment Value | \$3,529,908,540 |
| Exemptions | <u>- 53,243,200</u> |
| Net Grand List | <u>\$3,475,173,670</u> |

These figures denote a decrease of (\$274,198,618) in assessed value over the previous year's taxable Grand List.

The last town-wide REVAL was completed for the 2012 Grand List and the next one will be for the 2017 Grand List.

| <i>Year Built</i> | <i>Number of Homes</i> | <i>Year Built</i> | <i>Number of Homes</i> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1600-1699 | 13 | 1960-1969 | 788 |
| 1700-1799 | 62 | 1970-1979 | 603 |
| 1800-1899 | 307 | 1980-1989 | 1422 |
| 1900-1939 | 446 | 1990-1999 | 884 |
| 1940-1949 | 395 | 2000-2009 | 967 |
| 1950-1959 | 1267 | 2010-2012 | 196 |

Above is a listing of 7,305 Farmington residential homes, by year built. 41 structures were completed after the 10/1/2012 assessment date. This added \$10,572,650 in assessments, on a prorated basis and additional tax revenue of \$4,405,660. This was an increase of \$106,044 in additional tax revenue.

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. During April of 2013, the Board heard 74 appeals; 39 were denied; 35 assessments were adjusted, a reduction of (\$887,590) in assessed value. During September of 2013, the Board heard 25 motor vehicle appeals; assessments were decreased, a total of \$55,183 in assessed value; 11 were denied.



ASSESSOR--continued

The following substantial taxpayers comprise approximately 10.83% of the 2012 Grand List:

| | <i>Net Taxable Assessment</i> | <i>% of Net Taxable</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Westfarms Associates | \$102,294,840 | 3.53 |
| United Technologies | 41,299,790 | 1.19 |
| Dunn-Sager Affiliates | 39,863,460 | 1.15 |
| C L & P | 34,408,140 | .99 |
| Trumpf, Inc. | 33,792,740 | .97 |
| NSHE Columbia Hartford | 22,822,970 | .66 |
| Delfino, William & Thomas | 22,255,000 | .64 |
| Fusco | 20,537,490 | .59 |
| The Price Rite Inc. | 20,196,840 | .58 |
| The Gables of Farmington | 18,589,820 | .53 |

ASSESSMENT RECORDS AVAILABLE ON TOWN WEBSITE

Since July 2002, the Assessor's real estate street cards have been available online from the Town website (www.farmington-ct.org). From the main page, Respecting History, Planning the Future, click on **Assessor's Property Record Search**. Next, the **Search Utility Disclaimer** appears, scroll down and click on **Proceed to the Assessment Land Record Search Utility**. First, make a choice as to the type of property you are searching; **Residential**, **Commercial** or **Vacant**. Second, you can search by Owner's Name, by Street Address or by Sales Date. Click on the item you wish to search by and enter the information. Then, click on **Start Search**. Next, click on the property address and the assessor's property record card appears. There is also an **Advanced Search** for locating residential properties that have sold with certain criteria, such as home style, number of bedrooms, number of baths, living area and by sales price. The property owner's names and addresses are maintained and updated frequently.



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 2013-2014

| | Permits | Fees |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Building | 737 | \$1,120,770 |
| Electrical | 469 | 44,156 |
| Plumbing/sprinklers | 244 | 11,998 |
| Heating/Air conditioning | 441 | 47,502 |
| Demolition | 13 | 6,272 |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 367 | 3,670 |
| Zoning | <u>114</u> | <u>6,840</u> |
| Totals | <u>2,385</u> | <u>\$1,241,208</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 |
| 2013-2014 | \$72,802,158 | 2,593 | \$1,026,202 |
| 2013-2014 | \$88,139,275 | 2,385 | \$1,241,208 |



HIGHWAY AND GROUNDS DIVISION



Summer Flowering Baskets in Unionville Center

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

Road Overlay Program: As part of the town's annual roadway overlay program, 5.58 miles of roadway were reconstructed.

Trees: Through the use of Town forces and outside contractors, approximately 185 dead or diseased trees were removed from Town-owned properties and right-of-ways.

Leaf Collection: Starting on October 28th, 5 Town crews collected approximately 10,000 sq. yds. 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 54.25 inches of snow/ice fell on Farmington. The Highway and Grounds Division of Public Works plowed 42,159 miles of roads and spread 2512.62 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 2013- 2014):

- Combined: Scrap Metal, Commingled Containers, Magazines, Newspapers & Corrugated Cardboard = 2,358.75 Tons
- Leaves = 2419.75 Tons
- Brush and Wood Products = 526.18 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. Continue with yearly maintenance of 6.0 miles of trail, fences and 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:



The new synthetic turf field at Farmington High School

- Design and contract administration for a 560 foot long Sewer Main Rehabilitation under Interstate 84 and Route 6.
- Plan development and contract administration for the rehabilitation of tennis courts at Irving A. Robbins Middle School and Farmington High School.
- Field survey and preparation of base mapping for the extension of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, from Red Oak Hill Road to Plainville.
- Development of contract documents for the Farmington River Streambank Stabilization project that includes a new boat dock at Tunxis Mead Park.
- Development of contract documents for the installation of synthetic turf at Farmington High School.
- Design and contract administration for the Unionville Streetscape phase II project, which included sidewalk and accessibility upgrades along Mill Street and School Street.
- Field survey and preliminary design for the reconstruction of South Road in support of a state construction grant application.

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 sanitary sewer pump station repairs/replacement.

The Engineering staff reviews and inspects improvements constructed by private developers. These improvements included the construction of approximately 0.63 miles of sanitary sewers and 0.51 miles of roadway throughout Town. DPW Engineering Staff field located town infrastructure including storm and sanitary sewer lines for 2,978 Call-Before-You-Dig requests and inspected 53 sanitary sewer connections. The Engineering Division reviewed 32 new single-family plot plans, and 16 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 8,957 parcels; such as splits, combines, boundary changes, the addition of subdivisions. The data is used to update the Assessor's Parcel Maps.

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



FIRE MARSHAL

The following services were provided by the Fire Marshal's Office during the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014:

1. 164 new projects were reviewed for fire code compliance.
2. 10 fire incidents were investigated for cause and origin.
3. 3 investigations of hazardous materials were conducted.
4. 58 Fire protection systems tests were witnessed.
5. 670 code compliance and follow-up inspections were conducted.
6. There were 3 blasting operations — 18 blasts were witnessed
7. There were 2 fireworks displays.
8. 22 Complaints were investigated.
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, 11 Fire Safety presentations were given at various locations by their request. The Fire Marshal attended 7 In-Service Classes and a 7 day Advanced Fire Investigation School.
10. 33 Burn permits were issued.
11. 13 Tent permits/inspections - 122 Fire Watches were ordered.



Fire Fighter Dennis Frazao teaches fire prevention and safety to schoolchildren.

Fires

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Structure | 35 |
| Vehicle..... | 17 |
| Others | 33 |
| Total Fires | 85 |

Rescue/Emergency

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Medical Treatment | 2,589 |
| False Alarms | 246 |
| Mutual Aid Given | 54 |
| Hazardous Condition Calls | 155 |
| All Other Calls..... | 321 |

CALLS BY SITUATION FOUND – FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

TOTAL ALL CALLS3,450

TOTAL FIRE DOLLAR LOSS\$142,100

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



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Total Flow in Gallons – 1,181,109,900
Gallons average Daily Flow in Million Gallons – 3.8 Million Gallons per day
Yearly Average for Pollutant Removal Efficiency – 97 %



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

The WPCA has completed a five (5) year wastewater facilities planning study and has proceeded to implement the recommendations of this study and move forward with the planning of a comprehensive upgrade to the 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 will culminate during the fall of 2014 with an anticipated referendum November 2014 for the authorization of funding for this extensive project and awarding a construction agreement early 2015.

The following projects are currently in progress at the WPCF:

1. Design of Plant upgrade underway. Preliminary design workshops, equipment and process reviews, site visits, etc. An Environmental Impact Evaluation of this project has been completed and has been reviewed and approved by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).
2. Phosphorus Reduction – Staff installed a phosphorus analyzer to incorporated real time analysis within SCADA for reports and trending. Pilot testing poly-aluminum chloride for chemical precipitation of phosphorus.
3. Chemical Building – Final punch list items nearing completion.
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, and process control tanks. Also upgrades and improvements to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system.



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY--cont.

6. Improvements to WPCF Safety Program, expanded training and equipment.
7. WPCF staff is in the process of plant and collection system clean up and the removal and recycling of excess or obsolete parts and equipment

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 Snowberry PS, Control system and pump replacement at Corporate Park PS.
4. 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.
5. Batterson Park Pump Station - Engineering and design for rebuilding the wet well is under way.
6. Interceptor sewer line from Batterson Park Pump Station (Under Rt. 84 and Rt. 6 to the intersection of Wolf Pit Road) has been completed. Contractor to finish site grading.
7. Manhole grouting Town Wide – Stop inflow & infiltration project is ongoing.
8. FOG (fats, oils, and grease) Management Program – WPCA and town staff has 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.



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, he will be missed. In May of 2014, William Warner replaced 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 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 2013/2014 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 2013-2014 the Chamber and Economic Development Department planned and will present an economic summit focusing on the emerging Bioscience Industry. Together they welcomed new businesses to town and hosted several ribbon cutting grand openings.

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.



Franklin Jewelers Ribbon Cutting



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--continued

Communication & Marketing

The economic development department publishes a quarterly business e-newsletter and held three quarterly networking EDC Business Breakfast programs with featured Governor Malloy, Insurance Commissioner Thomas Leonardi, Connecticut Innovations CEO Claire Leonardi, and Traveler's Insurance Tournament Director Nathan Grube. Additionally, the department staff represents the town at local and regional events such as the Dream Ride and the Unionville Festival, and the Jingle Bell Jubilee. These activities allow us to get the word out about our economic development activities.

The Town of Farmington 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.

2013-2014 Economic Development Initiatives

Energy costs continue to rise; in 2013 Farmington became a participating CPACE community. As a CPACE community all commercial property owners have the opportunity to undergo energy efficiency upgrades and receive long term financing for these projects. In addition Farmington was selected to participate with the State of Connecticut Office of Business Energy Efficiency (COBEE). COBEE staff will conduct energy audits on all interested Farmington businesses.

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 City and Town have formed a Selection Committee comprised of four representatives of the City of Hartford and three representatives from the Town of Farmington along with staff support from each. Their charge is to thoroughly study the development potential of this property and formulate the terms and conditions for the development.



Walgreens Ribbon Cutting

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.

2013-14 Economic Development Commissioners were: Augusto Russell I (Chair,) Brian FX 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.



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2013 Board of Education

Mary Grace Reed, Chair
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 Meredith Trimble

2014 Board of Education

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

District Leadership

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

School Information 2013-2014

| School | Principal |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Farmington High School | Dr. William Silva |
| Irving A. Robbins Middle School | Theodore Donahue |
| West Woods Upper Elementary School | Teresa Giolito, Interim Principal |
| East Farms School | Renee St. Hilaire |
| Noah Wallace School | Kelly Sanders |
| Union School | Lynn Katz |
| West District School | Sharon Lowery |



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



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2013 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 2013-2014 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.*

Investing in Our Students

Farmington Board of Education Budget 2013-2014

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Salaries | \$38,451,660 |
| Benefits | 7,466,645 |
| Services | 8,355,306 |
| Supplies | 1,562,572 |
| Equipment | 591,237 |
| Dues & Fees | <u>281,370</u> |
| Total | \$56,708,790 |

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

Farmington ranked 128 out of 169 in cost of special education services.

Farmington ranked 146 out of 169 towns in cost of plant services/maintenance.

Farmington ranked 152 out of 169 towns in school-based administration.

Farmington ranked 135 out of 169 towns in total transportation.

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.fpsect.org and check the *District Reports* link.

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

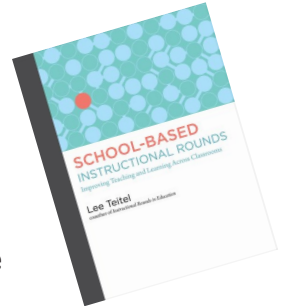


A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

U.S. News and World Report ranked Farmington High School seventh on their list of "Best High Schools in Connecticut" in their 2014 rankings. The Washington Post, in their Most Challenging High Schools, ranked Farmington second in Connecticut and Newsweek ranked Farmington High School third in their "America's Best High Schools" and 144th nationally.

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

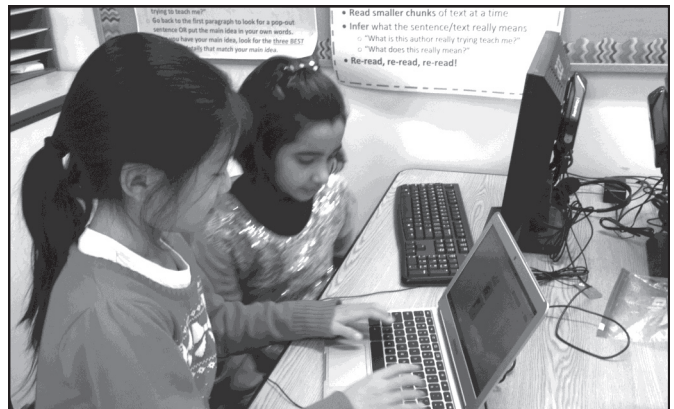
Farmington Public Schools was featured in a new Harvard Press book entitled, *School-Based Instructional Rounds*, by Lee Teitel, Lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Mr. Teitel commented, "Farmington is leading the way on strategic, flexible and customized use of instructional rounds to drive school and district improvement. This district has thoughtfully developed and integrated school-based, district-wide and vertical rounds in ways that contribute to achieving their clearly articulated "Vision of the Farmington Graduate."



Farmington Public Schools was named a national 21st Century Learning Exemplar District by The Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21), the leading national organization advocating for 21st century readiness for every student. They highlight Farmington Public Schools in an online initiative to capture and share exemplary 21st century learning practices. Learn more at www.P21.org/Exemplars.



Collaboration and Communication



Self-Direction and Resourcefulness



Problem Solving and Innovation



Critical Thinking and Reasoning



A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Thirty-four Farmington High School students participated in the Connecticut State, Science Olympiad competition held at UConn Storrs. Farmington finished with a top ten win.



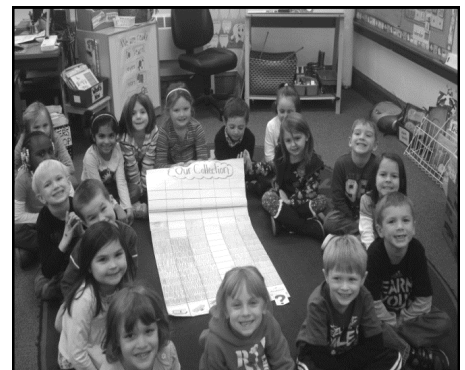
The FHS Teen Chef Program travelled to the Immaculate Conception Homeless Shelter in Hartford to prepare and serve a hot meal to 150 men.

Farmington High School economics team placed fourth in a team of thirty-two at the Harvard Undergraduate Economics Challenge.



The 1st Annual Evening of Arts and Culture was presented at Irving A. Robbins Middle School. This family event included music, dance, and art workshops by artists from the greater Hartford community.

Kindergarten students at Union School organized a food collection drive to support Corporal Ryan Wells' troop serving overseas in Afghanistan. Students and staff filled over fourteen boxes with his troop's favorite foods.



A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Irving A. Robbins Middle School Unified Theater, Unified Sports and Unified Friends Programs were selected as the Connecticut school to receive the LOVEinclusion celebration.



We are pleased to present the West Woods Upper Elementary School Rotary Essay Contest winners.

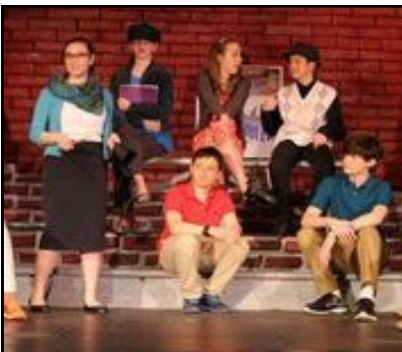
Seventy-six Farmington High School students were selected for the Northern Regional Music Festival. Fifteen high school students were selected for the Connecticut Honors Band while twenty-one students were selected for the Connecticut All-State Musicians of which three students were selected for the All-Nationals Music Festival in Nashville, TN.



One FHS student won first place in the Nutmeg Orchestra Young Artist Competition while one FHS student won third place in the Hartford Music Club Contest.

Eighty-four high school students were selected for the TRI M Music Honor Society.

Farmington High School music students performed with the University of Connecticut choirs and orchestra at the Jorgensen Auditorium as well as Welte Hall with the CCSU Wind Ensemble.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT—Standardized Testing

SAT Testing

Farmington students' 2014 SAT testing information is unavailable at this time. The SAT information will be posted on our website www.fpsct.org when it becomes available.

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Math | 558 | 551 | 559 | 571 |
| Writing | 546 | 558 | 550 | 555 |
| Critical Reading | 539 | 548 | 539 | 552 |

*CAPT Testing

Farmington Public Schools administered the CAPT—a statewide assessment in science only—to all students in grade 10. CAPT science results show the percentage of students reaching state goal over the past five years.

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Science | 70% | 77% | 73% | 73% | 69% |

*Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMTs) 2013-2014

Each spring, students in grades 5 and 8 take the Science CMTs, statewide tests comparing student performance to state goals.

Percentage of Students Meeting State CMT Goals in Science Grades 5 and 8

| | Farmington | State |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <u>Grade 5</u> Science | 98.8 | 83.4 |

(Ranked #3 in Connecticut)

| | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|
| <u>Grade 8</u> Science | 95.8 | 78.3 |
|---------------------------|------|------|

(Ranked #2 in Connecticut)

Source: CT Department of Education, 2014

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

***Farmington students participated in the pilot SBAC testing in Reading, Writing, and Math. No individual student performance data was collected this year.**

Notable Accomplishments

Number of students taking AP exams – 399 for a total of 883 AP exams. Overall, seventy-five percent of the Farmington AP exam grades were three or higher.

Sixty-six percent of the FHS Class of 2013 graduated with at least one AP course.

One hundred percent of FHS seniors met the district's graduation requirement in Science.

One hundred-seventeen Students participated in Capstone.

1,127 students participated in STC internships, workshops, and career planning.



FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Committees

Personnel and Negotiations Committee

Contract negotiations, collective bargaining.

2013

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

2014

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

Policy Committee

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

2013

Betsy Kaplan, Chair
William Beckert, Paula O'Brien

2014

William Beckert, Chair
Shawn Curtis, Bernard Erickson

Curriculum Committee

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

2013

Melanie Meehan, Chair
Betsy Kaplan, Jon Landry

2014

Jean Baron, Chair
William Baker, Paula O'Brien

Communications/Public Relations Committee

Communications to the public, newsletters.

2012

Ellen Siuta, Chair
Bernard B. Erickson, Jon Landry,
Meredith Trimble

2013

Ellen Siuta, Chair
Jean Baron, Bernard Erickson

Liaisons to Organizations and Representatives to Administrative/Community Committees

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

Farmington FOCUS—2014 Mark Blore

Joint Council/BOE Green Initiatives Committee—2014 Reps Mary Grace Reed and Shawn Curtis

Farmington High School-to-Career Committee—2013 Rep Bernard B. Erickson

Farmington Chamber of Commerce—2014—Jean Baron

Farmington Public School Foundation—2014—Ellen Siuta

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

Noah Wallace Committee—2014—Mark Blore



FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION



Superintendent Kathleen Greider received the State Champion Award from the New England Secondary Schools Consortium.

Superintendent Greider was honored for her efforts in collaboration with the Board of Education, administration, faculty, students and community to develop and implement the Farmington High School Design Team Recommendations.

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 1,300 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 third annual Adult Spelling Bee was held on March 21st at the Miss Porter’s School, Hacker Theater Building. The Spelling Bee was a fundraising event to help teachers in need of funding for innovative classroom programs beyond the school district’s budget. In addition, the 1st FPSF Innovative Initiative Grant was funded for \$95,000. In turn, Engineering Labs will be installed in grades 5 through 12 within the next three years.



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 2014 and to our outstanding students from all of the Farmington Public Schools.

Class of 2014

Valedictorian, Class of 2014—*Christopher DeBiase*

Salutatorian, Class of 2014—*Rhea Sindvani*

CABE Student Leadership Awards—*Bradley Druzinsky and Dana Le*

National Merit Semi-Finalists—*Patrick Demkowicz, Dustin Despres, Jaren Greniero, Jeewoong Oh, Rhea Sindvani, and Amrita Singh*

National Merit Commended Students—*Matthew Chisholm, Christopher DeBiase, Bradley Druzinsky, Megan Lee, Sydney Munson, Alana Silberstein, Jordan Tragash, and Evan Wlodkowski*

FHS Scholar Artist—*Trent Ransom and Larkin Meehan*

FHS Scholar-Musician—*Trent Ransom*

FHS Scholar-Athletes—*Bradley Druzinsky and Katelyn Mihalek*

Outstanding Achievement in Photography—*Shannon Jahrling*

Outstanding Achievement in Math—*Rhea Sindvani*

Outstanding Effort in Math—*Gabriella Lester and Angelika Muter*

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award—*Christopher Davenport*

Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science—*Antonia Wuschner*

Outstanding Student in Physics—*Rhea Sindvani*

Outstanding Student in Environmental Science—*Adrianna Antigiovanni*

Outstanding Student in French Award—*Lucy Tomasso*

Outstanding Student in Spanish Award—*Nicole DiTommaso*

FHS Principal's Award—*Amanda Morris*

DAR Good Citizenship Award—*Katherine Gurski*

Superintendent's Award—*Bradley Druzinsky*

CABE Leadership Awards—*Bradley Druzinsky and Dana Le*



FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

2014-2015 Teacher of the Year Carl Shugart



Farmington's Teacher of the Year is 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 A. Robbins Middle School.

Congratulations to Farmington High School's outstanding athletes:

- Boys' Soccer Team for winning their tenth Class L State Championship.
- Boys' Cross Country Team for winning their CCC West Division championship.
- Girls' Basketball Team for winning their CCC West Division league championship.
- Boys' Track Team for winning their CCC West Division league championship with an undefeated season.
- Boys' and Girls' Crew Team for competing in the Head of the Charles competition.
- Boys' Football Team for winning the second annual Olde Canal Cup game.
- Boys' Swim Team for their CCC Western Division league championship.
- Boys' Volleyball Team for their CCC West Division league championship.
- Girls' Volleyball Team for their CCC West Division league championship.
- Wrestling Team for their second place win at the CCC West Division league championship.
- Boys' Basketball Team for their second place win at the CCC West Division league championship.

A new turf field has been installed at Farmington High School through a joint effort of the Town of Farmington, the community organization "Friends of Farmington Field", the State of Connecticut and the Farmington Board of Education.



Congratulations to Irving A. Robbins Middle School:

Scholar-Leaders
Christopher DiLullo
and Rashmi Rajesh

**Superintendent's
Award**
Maggie McGuire



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 has begun accepting electronic recording of land records and has been working to make more land records available to search electronically. Currently land records from 1980 to the present are available on-line.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, revenue totaling **\$2,780,873** was collected and remitted by the department as follows: **\$1,714,314** in conveyance taxes to the State of Connecticut and the following to the Town Treasurer for fees and local conveyance tax:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Municipal Conveyance Tax | \$531,327 |
| Recording | \$418,925 |
| Dog Licenses | \$15,752 |
| Fish & Game Licenses | \$4,358 |
| Copies | \$86,258 |
| Marriage Licenses | \$5,220 |
| Maps | \$610 |
| Miscellaneous | \$4,109 |

Total **\$1,066,559**



*Town Clerk's Dog Show winners (l-r):
1st place- Tony Mancini w/Wiley Coyote; 3rd place- Jody Winslow w/Diego; 2nd place- Debbie Vital w/Maggie*

| **VITAL STATISTICS | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Births | 756 |
| Deaths | 469 |
| Marriages | 229 |

Of the births, 197 were Farmington residents, of the deaths, 237 were Farmington residents and 167 Farmington residents were married.

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

Calendar Dates for 2015

- April 18 Fishing season opens
- April 20 Annual Town Meeting
- April 21 Absentee Ballots available at the Town Clerk's Office for the Budget Referendum
- April 30 Budget Referendum
- June 1 Register all dogs for the 2014-2015 year
- June 30 Last day to register a dog without penalty fee
- Sept 30 Last day for Veterans to file discharge papers with Town Clerk to receive exemption for the next tax year
- October 2 Absentee Ballots become available for the Municipal Election
- November 3 Municipal Election

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TAX COLLECTOR

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

The collection results for the 2013/2014 fiscal year are as follows:

| | Collectible | Collected | Refunds | Outstanding |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current taxes | \$83,534,155 | \$83,442,866 | \$210,496 | \$301,785 |
| Back taxes | \$402,209 | \$168,425 | \$17,788 | \$251,572 |
| Current sewer usage | \$4,136,742 | \$4,140,375 | \$16,620 | \$12,987 |
| Current waste collection charges | \$1,658,214 | \$1,661,194 | \$12,376 | \$9,396 |
| Back sewer usage and waste collection | \$16,306 | \$10,696 | \$1,698 | \$7,308 |
| SUB TOTAL | \$89,747,626 | \$89,423,556 | \$258,978 | \$583,048 |
| Current interest and fees | | \$162,233 | \$343 | |
| Current sewer/waste interest and fees | | \$36,655 | | |
| Back tax interest and fees | | \$49,731 | \$46 | |
| Back special service interest and fees | | \$3,819 | | |
| SUB TOTAL | | \$89,675,994 | | |
| Sewer Assessments | \$686,873 | \$368,059 | | \$318,814 |
| Interest on assessments | | \$6,514 | | |
| General fund collections | | \$2,405,043 | | |
| Advanced payments - taxes | | \$273,158 | | |
| Advanced payments - sewer/waste | | \$28,657 | | |
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS | | \$92,757,425 | | |

- 99.64% of the outstanding taxes on the current grand list had been collected.
- 99.56% of the sewer usage and waste collection was collected.

Farmington taxpayers continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment to meeting their fiscal responsibilities and supporting town services. As has been reported in previous years, the Town has once again achieved a very high collection rate, even during these difficult economic times. We greatly appreciate that support, and will continue to work hard to ensure that the tax rules are applied fairly and consistently.



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 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, 2014 there were 17,262 active voters registered and they are enrolled as follows:

| | District 1 | District 2 | Total |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| Republicans | 2,046 | 2,403 | 4,449 |
| Democrats | 2,586 | 2,693 | 5,279 |
| Other Minor Parties | 78 | 80 | 158 |
| Unaffiliated | 3,414 | 3,962 | 7,376 |
| Total | 8,124 | 9,138 | 17,262 |



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% |
| Federal/State Primary- August 2012 (R) | 1,600 | 36.1% |
| Federal/State Primary- August 2012 (D) | 1,375 | 26.7% |
| Budget Vote – May 2013 | 2,481 | 14.2% |
| Budget Vote – May 2014 | 2,253 | 13.1% |



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 Economic Development, Fire Administration, and Farmington Valley's VNA branch office; (2) The Youth Annex Buildings which house the drop-in teen center and numerous Recreation programs; and (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 the 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 3,921 hours. The Connecticut Department of Transportation awarded the program \$46,532 in supplemental funds allowing us to increase transportation opportunities for seniors and to coordinate group trips.

Social Services: 4,176 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 1200 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 the clients to use the Food Pantry based on income guidelines. The clients make their shopping appointments through social services. Tuesday morning a member of our staff is available at the pantry to interact with clients, assist with stocking shelves, clean and assist clients with their packages. Throughout the year, our staff has provided 128 hours of oversight and assistance.

This year was a banner year for giving. Our holiday program provided 378 baskets to families for both holidays. 66 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 6,000 pounds. The FHS Cheerleaders were instrumental in collection and delivery. It was a true community effort.

Community Services provided staff support to the Farmington Community Chest who sponsored the Annual Farmington Cares Day on Saturday, May 31st. Our staff worked with seniors and disabled families in town to come up with "chore" services that we could provide to assist them in their homes. This year our staff was able to interview for and approve twenty projects. Farmington Community Chest Board of Director's organized the event and we were able to complete all 20 projects. The projects included: yard work, painting, minor carpentry work and major landscaping. This year we had over 180 volunteers, a majority of them from our new neighbors the Church of the Ladder Day Saints. The day was a huge success.

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

The Farmington Mentor Program now housed at the Farmington Library, has finished its eleventh year. Mentoring provides students the opportunity to improve their grades, attendance and self-confidence. Three of our students have been involved for 5 or more years and we have a 90% attendance rate.



COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

The Farmington Juvenile Review Board provides first time offenders a non-judicial process in lieu of going to court. Twenty-eight youths were diverted from court and referred for services that included substance abuse treatment, counseling and community service. Over 90% of our cases were closed which resulted in significant cost savings for state tax payers.

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.

Through the generosity of the Farmington Community Chest, Youth Services was able to send 29 children to summer camps throughout the Farmington Valley. The total grant given was \$12,000; each recipient was assessed for assistance based on the families need.

FOCUS received \$17,245 in donations. FOCUS is our local prevention council and is an arm of the Farmington Community Services Department. FOCUS provides education and information on substance abuse for the town's youth. FOCUS is a non-profit group including: parents, educators, health care professionals, law enforcement along with the Town's Community Services Dept.

Senior Services: The Senior Center remains an important resource to assist our senior population and their families to "age in place" as they seek out services, educational programs, social and recreational activities, and wellness programs. There were over 2,000 activities, classes, events or programs held at the Center. Our total senior participation exceeded 21,000 for the year.

Over 200 seniors helped us celebrate National Senior Center month and Older Americans month. The celebration included two special events. The first was a trip to Westbrook, Connecticut's outlet shops, a stop at Lenny and Joe's Fish Tale restaurant for lunch and an afternoon enjoying Hammonasset Beach. The second event was a Gala at the Senior Center to celebrate the seniors who participate in our programs. It is their participation that makes the Senior Center a wonderful community gathering place.

The Senior Center expanded their offerings this year to include a presentation on posture and aging given by Doctor of Physical Therapy students from the University of Hartford and a presentation on Vascular Disease presented by a Doctor from the University of Connecticut Medical Center. These presentations are a good example of the Senior Center's effort to collaborate with area schools and universities as well as to provide intergenerational programs.



Parks & Recreation's Adventure Challenge

The Town's Community Services Department provides financial support for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meal recipients. Operational support is provided to Services for the Elderly, a local non-profit organization.

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

The Recreation Division had a successful year offering a variety of programs including 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 Doozy of a Dog Show. The Old Fashioned Holiday Open House and Spring Egg Hunt special events also support the local food



COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

pantry. In addition to existing offerings, Farmington Recreation provided new programming throughout the year including Yabba Dabba Day Camp, Lil Rec'ers Summer Camp, Clay Play Days, and Let's Gogh Art.

There were 5,593 registrations for recreation programs, with nearly 10,000 participants in all programs.

Farmington Recreation is part of the going green movement and no longer mails the program guides. 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.

In March 2014 a new Recreation Manager was hired to fill a vacancy due to retirement. This position will oversee recreation and Westwoods Golf Course.

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.

During the year, the Authority met 8 times throughout the year discussing issues of affordable housing, the federal Section VIII rental subsidy program, the Cooperative Ownership Program and Maple Village.

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

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

The yearly Management Plan (budget) for Maple Village was approved. The Housing Authority continued to participate in the State's Rental Assistance Program for elderly tenants in Authority operated housing. The Town receives a State grant for resident coordinator services, which allows us to provide assessment, case management and program coordination. The coordinator provided over 980 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 at 100% capacity and the Town 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.

In addition to the tournaments West Woods Golf Course was chosen by ESPN to film a commercial featuring Bubba Watson, the winner of four PGA Tour titles including the 2010 Travelers Championship and the 2012 Masters. The filming took place on August 19th. ESPN chose the course after visiting area courses. During negotiations, ESPN complimented the Town on the upkeep and maintenance of the course. The Town was honored and pleased to be a part of this event. We are very proud of the golf course and all the employees that assisted.



FIRE DEPARTMENT



TFFD Fire Cadets are students between ages 14-17 who are interested in learning basic firefighting skills to serve their community.

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 8 Career Fire Fighters. During Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Fire Department responded to 3,450 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.



TFFD Fire Fighters practice their forcible entry skills.

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.

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.



TFFD Fire Fighters at the Goddard School Children's Expo.



FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued

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.

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



TFFD took delivery of a new medical vehicle for the Farmington Fire Station this year.



TFFD Fire Fighters practicing their firefighting skills.

Please visit your local fire station or call or email Mary-Ellen Harper, Director of Fire and Rescue Services, at (860) 675-2322 or 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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

As a result of outstanding traffic safety efforts, the Farmington Police Department took 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. Farmington Police make a concerted effort every year to address traffic violations; 3,767 citations were issued this past year and 135 drunk drivers were removed from our roadways through arrest. In addition, over the year officers responded to 23,462 calls for service and made 1068 adult criminal arrests.

The Farmington Police Department has installed a Med-Return drug collection box in the lobby at police headquarters. The drug collection box provides a safe, secure, and environmentally responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and trafficking of medications. This is important because the non-medical use of controlled substance (CS) medications is at an all-time high, with 6.8 million Americans reporting having abused prescription drugs in 2012, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) released in 2013. That same study revealed more than 54 percent of people who abuse prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet. The Med-Return box enables the public to regularly, safely, and conveniently dispose of such medicines when they are no longer needed or wanted. Acceptable items include prescription medications (including patches and ointments), over the counter medications, vitamins, samples, and pet medications. Items that are NOT accepted include hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, inhalers, needles (sharps), aerosol cans, non-prescription ointments, lotions or liquids, and medications from businesses or clinics. Accepted items can be dropped in the box anonymously.



Med Return Collection Box

This summer we began a new Community Service Officer Initiative. As a part of the program we hired six part-time Community Service Officers who were responsible for supplementing police patrol in town parks, on rails to trails and on the banks of the Farmington River. This was in response to frequent complaints about the abuse of the area by visitors. Complaints include illegal burning, littering, liquor and noise violations. The new CSO's will monitor the area, provide assistance, educate visitors on Town of Farmington ordinances, enforce violations and assist with maintaining the areas.

One of the most significant and growing programs within the department is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This civilian, volunteer-based program has grown in membership over the past year. They are trained in traffic control, CPR and emergency shelter management. The CERT team participated in numerous call-outs, including the Memorial Day parades, Relay for Life and to assist with a line search for evidence at a burglary/robbery scene. Their primary responsibilities include assisting with road closures during parades, storms and accidents.

It has been a busy year for our regional teams. The North Central Municipal Accident Reconstruction Squad (NCMARS) locally investigated six (6) fatal or serious crashes in 2013, and the regional SWAT Team responded to emergencies on two (2) occasions in Farmington. They also competed in the Connecticut SWAT Challenge and placed second out of almost forty teams.



POLICE DEPARTMENT--continued



Seven officers are preparing to continue their mentoring at IAR. This will be the second year of the program and by all accounts the program has been a great success. Each officer is assigned a student from IAR and they meet weekly. The goal is to have a mentor for the child who will make a positive influence in their lives, and to ultimately extend the program to other Farmington schools.

The Farmington Police Department will be having a CALEA Accreditation audit March 23-26, 2015. This will be the Farmington Police Department's 8th Accreditation and 7th Re-Accreditation (originally accredited in 1992 and

reaccredited in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2012). Contact may be made with the assessors on March 24, 2015 by a confidential phone line # (860) 675-2439 from 1 to 3 p.m. or in person at a public hearing to be held on March 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Farmington Police Department in the Yates Community Room. The Farmington Police Department is located at 319 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, CT. Persons wishing to submit written comments may send them to the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155 or fax to (703) 890-3126.



FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901



Dear Resident:

Overview

In 2010, I reported: "during these extraordinary times, innovative library service continues to emerge and flourish in Farmington". I am happy to report that we continue to invigorate this vision with demographic data revealing a new landscape. This awareness of different expectations has come about through our relationships with our customers and their candid feedback, and we are assessing the needs of our ever-changing community to determine how the library can best serve the many demands from our population. Indeed, we have received feedback and have responded to criticism with viable solutions. The positive affect of this "service beyond expectations" driven attitude has validated our work in positive responses reported in the long-range plan customer survey. Indeed, all of these past actions and responses have guided our chosen FY-15 strategic course about which we are emphatically enthusiastic. To that end, we are looking towards operationalizing exciting and important structural enhancements to our program while always keeping our eyes on the primary goal: to be the community's living room and agora and particularly a labor-intensive, people-centered, friendly organization structured to provide customer satisfaction beyond expectations through competence, intelligence and kindness.

Position

It is without hesitation that I assert our position remains as the premier community asset. However, affection can be fleeting and we must be actively vigilant and perceptive to the needs and wants of our dynamic community. In that regard, we have developed within our long-range plan a concept of Creative Commons or Maker Space to accommodate these dynamics. In addition, we have positioned the libraries in the performing arts with an outstanding and well attended music series, intellectual adult learning series, new, in development, fine arts Gallery Program, a rich new array of responsive adult programming while, outstanding children's programming continues to respond to the ever-changing dynamics of pre-K and curricular enhancements, branch services continue to expand and change with new technologies and learning opportunities.

Technology

Technology remains an essential element of the libraries landscape where we are continually looking ahead of the curve, while waiting for proven hardware and software to emerge successfully. Bring your own device (BYOD) technology is essential to the library's model and we have responded with new routers and switches to increase the speed and access of our business and other users. We have also revitalized our PC

node maintenance and placement schedule to better-fit staff and customer needs. And we are testing radiofrequency identification, RFID, in Lending Services. Training is important and we have increased the emphasis on in house and external learning as a key component to our successes. Our acquisition of a 3-D printer and scanner, and computer-aided design software are principal learning curves we will need to develop over the next several months to accommodate new programming.

Philosophy

I reported in 2010, "We have refocused and adjusted our direction toward the delivery of qualitative service units. User's experience and customer service outcomes are weighted more heavily than visitation/lending metrics. This approach is based in the total experience model, where a great deal more time and resources are required to assist customers than in the past, due to the complexity of questions and assistance required." In that regard, I believe our approach to service is validated by the libraries' exceptional overall



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lending rate that is two times Connecticut's average. Based upon the above we stand firmly on qualitative service as our core philosophy.

Organization

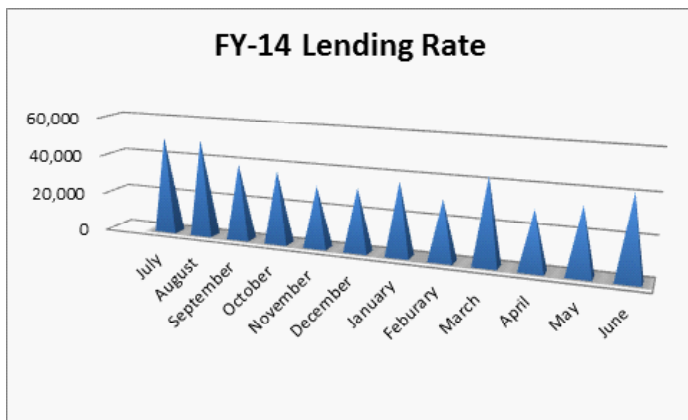
Our operational model continues to develop in response to our internal and external environments; principally, significant leadership changes in Branch, Children, Lending, Collection Management in addition to Information Services, have resulted in significant reengineering as we develop more facile and structured responses to operational requirements. Collection management has significant structural changes while lending services have focused upon workflows and software development issues resolution. RFID is undergoing beta-test to increase customer satisfaction for special segments experiencing processing delays.

In summation, I will attest to our continuous review and effort to create the best possible environment and program for our citizens. I believe this team effort with our directors and staff has resulted in one of Connecticut's finest libraries. We touch each Farmington citizen almost 30 times per year. I believe you will be amazed by the following FY 2013-2014 report.

Sincerely,

J. Johnston

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



This Chart shows the incremental lending rate through FY-14 at 423,632 loans. The above data does not include the 283,726 additional service interactions delivered throughout the year. It also not indicates service delivery time, a metric we may find instructive in future reports.



FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901--continued

Major Accomplishments

- Increased Passport services
- Energy conservation
- Barney Library staff reorganization, grounds refurbishing and building HVAC systems upgrade
- Revised Emergency Procedures
- Technology enhancement, upgrades and repositioning
- Creative Commons development
- Revenue enhancements development
- Major Programming enhancements
- Acquisitions Reengineering

Interesting Facts

- 99,865 visits to the website
- 153 teen programs, with attendance total of 1,170 teens
- 207 adult programs, with attendance of 3,901
- Volunteers gave 768 hours of their time to the Libraries
- 251 hours the information department spent providing individual technology instruction to patrons
- 1075 programs with an attendance of 22,513
- Main Library 855 programs for an attendance of 18,555
- Barney Library 220 programs with an attendance of 3,958 average program

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Emerging Technologies/Community Services

Jessica Smith, Director

Continued to develop social media outreach using tools such as Facebook and Twitter. From July 2013 to June 2014, the number of followers on Facebook increased from 368 to 472 and the number of Twitter followers jumped from 270 to 386. The constant posting of content continues to generate new followers.

2013-2014 saw the start of the Richard P. Garmany Music Series, made possible by a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Between June 2013 and May 2014, the Farmington Libraries hosted 20 music programs that attracted 1,721 concertgoers. To try to appeal to the widest audience possible, we staggered these programs on different days and times at both the Main and Barney Libraries . . . such as winter Sunday afternoons, summer lawn concerts in the early evenings, weekday evenings, and weekday afternoons throughout the year. The concerts ranged from jazz and swing, to classical and baroque, to the great American songbook and to musical plays for children. When not a capela, vocalists were accompanied by accomplished musicians, and the instruments ranged from guitar and mandolin, to piano and organ, and to violin, drums, and assorted woodwind and brass horns. We worked diligently to offer something that would appeal to every kind of music lover!

Through attentive planning and thoughtful stewardship of this grant opportunity the Farmington Libraries were able to stretch the grant to cover a two-year period. In May 2015, that two-year period will end, and we are investigating fundraising opportunities to continue to sustain this program.

We also saw an increase in the number of adult programs at the main library in 2013-2014. There was a continued commitment to the Director's College, with 172 people attending 9 scholarly programs. This past year, we partnered with the outreach efforts of the Mark Twain House and Museum and the Florence Griswold Museum to bring insight from those resources into the Farmington community. In 2013-2014, we also continued our relationship with the Lewis Walpole Library, working in concert to plan an exhibition lecture and private viewing each semester for the community.



FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901--continued

Our annual Kristallnacht program in November again drew over 100 people to hear Dr. Leon Chameides talk about how his childhood was spent in fear of the Nazis and in hiding at a monastery. Other notable programs included a staged play based on the book, "Having Their Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years," by Emily Mann, adapted from the book, "Having Our Say," by Sarah L. Delany and A Elizabeth Delany, a Hitchcock film series, a popular professor-led classic book group that met five times in total in the fall and spring, a photo organizing workshop, an author talk and book signing with a local medium, a series of write-ins for National Novel Writing Month, and a variety of health-related topics.

Lending/Collection Management ***Caroline Ford, Director***

Several staff changes have led to new systems and ideas in Lending and Collection Management. Members of both teams have been working together to provide great customer service. It's all about the patrons!

In an effort to better communicate between Lending Services, Collection Management and the Barney Library; "Meeting in a Memo" has been created to ensure that all members of the departments receive the same information in the same timely manner. Staff members are alerted to changes, upcoming events and are reminded about customer service facts. Examples of these service facts may include a refresher on discharge procedures, recommendations on fines collection, or a prompting on timeliness.

I am happy to report on some small changes in the use of staff time and skills that have yielded big results:

- To get new books in the hands of patrons in a timelier manner several Lending Services employees have been trained to assist in nonfiction cataloging.
- A Collection Management employee has learned more about cataloging and is now processing children's nonfiction.
- Lending Services staff has taken over the upkeep of the book and audio book displays on the first floor and is also in charge of the maintenance of the Community Bulletin Board, two heavily used visual areas on the main floor.
- Staff members from both departments collaborated and created an updated Lending Policy manual.
- Several Lending Service employees have been cross trained to work in the Children's department and the Barney Library, resulting in a more flexible staff that is capable of helping in other departments when needed.
- In order to ensure patrons are checking out well cared for materials several more employees are cleaning DVDs and CDs.

Lending/Collection Management ***Sarah Morgan, Director***

Our children's program continues to evolve in response to community needs and technological change. We offered 537 programs at the Main Library, attended by 14, 172 people. We also offered 19 outreach programs, attended by 2, 428 children (primarily school visits for summer reading promotion).

Programs for Families on Evenings and Weekends

In the past year, we have significantly expanded our offerings on evenings and weekends to accommodate working families. We now offer programming most weeks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, and almost every Saturday, with a particular emphasis on programs for the whole family. These programs build community, establish the library as a cultural hub, and foster an increase in materials circulation. A highlight was "Take Your Child to the Library Day," held on the first Saturday in February. We celebrated with a performance by the Sciencetellers, a troupe of scientist/storytellers, which drew an enthusiastic audience of 120 people.

Tween Programs and Services

In October, we launched the tween space with an event featuring the Farmington Valley Mudhogs tween cheerleaders, who cheered on behalf of the library. The space has been embraced by our tween patrons and is well-used by book browsers and children working on homework. In addition to the enhanced physical space, our tween programs continue to build momentum. Over the summer, our Tuesday night tween series was a shining star of the programming lineup, with an average attendance of over twenty children per program.



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Children entering grades 4-6 were the most active participants in this year's summer reading program: 582 children participated, for a total of 445,673 minutes read (58% of the total for all grades, K-6).

Other Noteworthy Accomplishments

- Our children's play area was enhanced by the installation of a "treehouse"- climbing feature that has proved very popular with our youngest patrons and their families. We also installed new board book shelving for our youngest patrons, funded in part through a memorial donation.
- Library Lucy, a reading therapy dog, was introduced over the summer as a replacement for her brother Tucker, now retired.
- We continue to offer parenting classes in partnership with Bristol Hospital, including popular programs on potty training and infant/toddler sleep habits.
- In January, staff participated in the first 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.
- We worked to align our programs and collections with the Common Core National Standards.
- Staff increased collaboration on both program planning and execution to facilitate dynamic, large-scale programming.
- The Farmington Library Children's Department Facebook group grew to 147 members.
- Summer Reading 2014 was extraordinarily successful, with 1,164 registrants and positive feedback from the community on our programming lineup and summer reading incentives program. Rather than count "books read," this year's program rewarded children for the amount of time-spent reading, and a separate incentive program encouraged children to visit the library (one ticket per visit for a grand prize drawing). Staff members and volunteers distributed 2,226 prizes.

Barney Library

Due to continued diligence in collecting fines owed by patrons, we have increased our fine revenue 2%. The Barney Library experienced several staff changes this year. Vida Lashgari took the reins as Branch Programmer, and changes were made in the branch assistant position, the hours of which are now split between two staff members.

For children, 178 programs were offered at Barney, with attendance of 3,270. For adults, a total of 42 programs were offered, with attendance of 688. For outreach, 19 children's programs were offered, reaching 2,428 people. Staff from the Barney Library worked in close collaboration with staff from both adult programming and children's programming to ensure a complementary offering of programs.

Programs and services at the Barney Library continue to emphasize high-quality customer service to the neighborhood base, but traditional services have been enhanced by the addition of the iPads and other technology. This year, the iPads were used for adult programming (the very successful iPad Club) as well as innovative programming for preschoolers and school-aged children. The Barney Library also offered some Maker-style programming (Little Bits, iPad Claymation) and began a new partnership with the Noah Wallace School and their new MakerSpace.



Several groups of high school students used the library as a backdrop for their prom photos, generating great publicity.

The art shows in the gallery continue to draw a strong audience. Of particular note were a show by local artist Judy Westcott and a show of work by young artists from Noah Wallace School, which was highlighted in an after-hours reception that drew a large crowd.

Adult and Teen Services
Laura Horn, Director

Adult & Teen Services Accomplishments FY 2013-2014

What will the library of the future look like? Librarians are always asking each other this, but what we should really be doing is asking our communities, How are we doing? What do you need? If you could



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create the library of your dreams what would it look like? This is precisely what we did this year with our anonymous Internet based survey. We wanted to know how people were using the library, how informed they were about what the library offered, how satisfied they were with our offerings and what else they would like to see from us.

Our Survey Findings -

People want more! More of everything and they want it as soon as possible. With the advent of Google, iTunes and Amazon, people are growing ever more accustomed to getting what they want when they want it. This means that not only do we need to buy more of the popular items that patrons want, but also, that we need to offer a wider variety of access points to the content that they seek.

Patrons also want to come to the library to learn more about the technological advances that are being made today. More than half of respondents, about 52 percent, wanted to see 3D printing and more exploratory projects in electronics and technology.

We need to improve and diversify our marketing techniques. Less than 40 percent of respondents were aware that we: processed passports; offered notary public services; conducted one-on-one computer and technology classes; or had a free online video streaming service.

With this wealth of data in hand we took to making any immediate improvements that were feasible as well as drafting plans for future improvements. While we won't ever be able to compete with the likes of Amazon, Apple and Google, we can do our best to allocate funding and staff time so that emphasis is placed on the areas that are of highest importance to our community.

A look at some of the enhancements made in 2013-2014:

- Axis 360 e-book platform exclusively for Farmington Library users went live in September 2013. Allows us to offer premier e-book content with shorter wait times for our patrons.
- IndieFlix online video streaming went live in July 2013. Offers multi-user access to thousands of independent films.
- Increased funding for e-books and e-audiobooks to approximately \$10,500. Up from just a little over \$4,000 in fiscal year 2012-2013.
- Partnered with FHS art & design teacher, Earl Procko, to involve FHS students in our Maker Faire and in the planning of our new Maker Space.
- Hosted our first ever Maker Faire in February 2014 with amazing results. Hundreds from Farmington and the surrounding communities joined us to learn about 3D printing, Claymation, circuits and basic robotics and much more.
- Created a new Farmington Room Manual to outline: the purpose & scope of the Farmington Room; the room use policies and procedures; and the collection development and management procedures.
- Diligently promoted library services and events by regularly updating the slider on the homepage of the website.
- Created a library brochure to give to new library card applicants highlighting the variety of services offered at the libraries.
- Designated the bulletin board with the highest visibility in the main lobby for Farmington Library use only and created a policy for posting flyers on the community bulletin board to reduce clutter.
- Dedicated 12 e-readers for Teen use; seven Nooks and five Kindle Fires. These are loaded with current popular titles, best sellers and a wide variety of summer reading books for grades 7-12.
- Collaborated with Alysson Olsen, IAR Librarian, to create new 7th and 8th grade summer reading lists.
- Purchased a minimum of five print copies, when available, of 7th and 8th grade summer reading books as well as required FHS summer reading books. Also purchased e-books for at least one of our platforms (Axis 360, Overdrive, Nook, Kindle) for every available 7th and 8th grade summer reading book and required FHS books.
- Teen print circulation increased nearly 40 percent from 1032 in June of 2013, to 1442 in June 2014.



FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

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

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. This year we were able to increase required food service inspections by 20% by adding a new Environmental Health Inspector.

The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the fiscal year.

Teen Battle Chef offered at Irving A. Robbins Middle School



An IAR student learns to follow a recipe as part of Teen Battle Chef program

In order to address the growing public health problem of overweight and obese adolescents, FVHD is committed to programs that encourage teenagers to become more knowledgeable, skilled and enthusiastic about cooking and making healthy food decisions. This year, students at the Irving Robbins Middle School had the opportunity to build skills, knowledge, and awareness of what it means to eat "healthy." During an eight session, after school program, students learned basic cooking skills using fresh, healthy ingredients, nutrition fundamentals, cultural diversity by exploring indigenous foods from other cultures, and confidence when it comes to planning, preparing, and presenting their meals. Students report that they are more likely to try new, healthier food options and are more confident in preparing foods using fresh ingredients after participating in the program.



Health Department inspectors test water as part of routine pool inspections

FVHD Rolls Out new Website:

As your local health department, we serve as subject matter experts in disease prevention and health promotion. Providing factual educational resources and tools on important public health topics and disease prevention is an important part of the work that FVHD does. This year we redesigned and updated the website to make it more user-friendly. The new page includes more content including links to additional resources. We also created a Facebook page enabling us to rapidly share information. Visit us at www.fvhd.org!

| <i>Permits Issued</i> | | <i>Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling</i> | |
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| Food Service Establishments | 155 | Food Service Establishments | 340 |
| Temporary Food Service | 75 | Salons | 79 |
| Salons | 45 | New Septic | 33 |
| New Septic | 10 | Septic Repair | 83 |
| Septic Repair | 11 | Public Bathing | 64 |
| Pools | 30 | Day Care | 4 |
| Well | 0 | Complaints (ALL) | 34 |



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 new Senior / Community Center at 321 New Britain Ave. Unionville, Connecticut. For more information visit our website WWW.FARMINGTONSENIORS.ORG

The following services were provided during the fiscal year.

MEALS ON WHEELS: 6773 double meals delivered Mondays through Fridays, Birthday gift bags are delivered to each client on their special day.

CONGREGATE MEALS: 1826 hot lunches served at the Community/Senior Center

TRANSPORTATION: 882 rides to and from medical and dental appointments.

FRIENDLY VISITING: 52 seniors involved. 27 homebound seniors have been matched with a volunteer who provides ongoing support and friendship. 70 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to the homebound in November, 2013. Highland Park Market donated the fruit. Town health agencies donated baked goods. The Farmington Garden Club donated the spring flowers and Christmas greens to 70 homebound seniors. The Farmington Community funded our "forget me not project" which allowed us to purchase and deliver goodie bags and plants to 70 appreciative seniors many times throughout the year. Union School decorated pumpkins and sent cards to 70 seniors at Halloween and special Valentine's were made by the students and delivered to the seniors. Our "It's Good to Get Out" Group, consisting of 25 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.

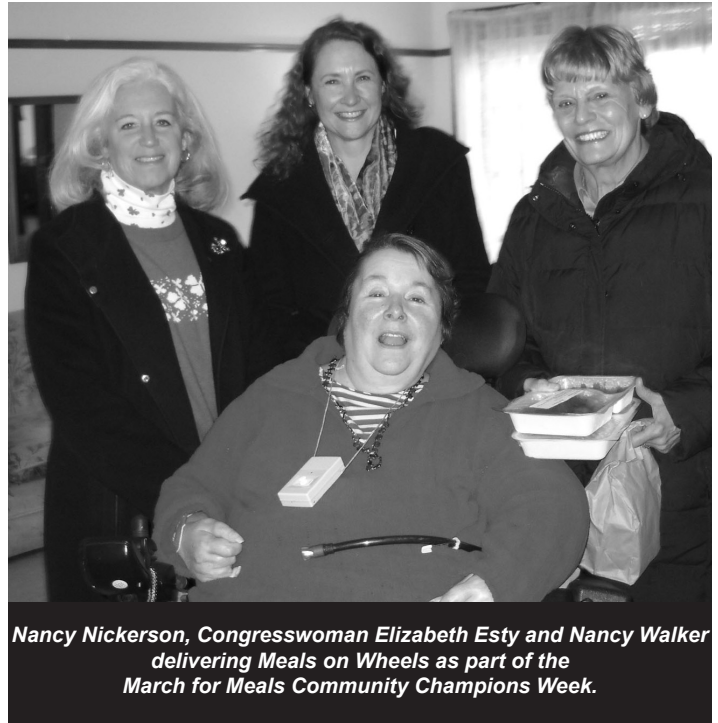
VIAL OF LIFE: This plastic vial containing vital medical information can be obtained from the office upon request.

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

SENIOR SENSE: 4700 issues of our newsletter were distributed to Farmington seniors.

LOAN CLOSET: 1161 medical equipment items were loaned out to Farmington Valley residents.

Our 11th "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 U.S State Representative Elizabeth Esty took an active part in Community Champions Week and delivered meals on wheels to our happy clients. Our March for Meal's Campaign was awarded a \$1500 grant by the Meals on Wheels Association of America.



SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY--continued



Seniors

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

S.F.E. participated in the United Way "DAY OF CARING" in September, 2013

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 23rd, 2014. 96 of our 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



The Senior Cafe was held in October for all senior citizens.



SFE Board Member Beverly Deavens selling spring flowers for March for Meals fundraiser.



Jane Dahle from the Farmington Garden Club delivering Memorial Day flower arrangements to our seniors.



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 275 acres of fields, forests, scenic vistas, historic sites and wildlife habitat from development. These 63 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.

A twelve member Board of Directors elected by its membership at the Annual Meeting in April governs the Land Trust. Current 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 2013-2014 were: President, Doug Pelham; Vice-President and Treasurer, Bruce Fernandez; and Secretary, Richard Kramer; Directors are: Richard Berlandy, Michael Delaney, David DeNuccio, Michael Lecours, Sallie Norris, Steve Silk, Bill Wadsworth, and Angham Zakko. 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.

Tina Delaney and Carol Presutti serve as Farmington Land Trust representatives to the Town Land Acquisition Committee. This committee recommends the purchase of properties by the Town for open space preservation, municipal purposes and active recreational use. The Farmington Land Trust appreciates the deep commitment of the Farmington Town Council to open space acquisition and preservation.

This past year, the Land Trust was the recipient of a wonderful donation, the Bushley homestead donated by Ruth Bushley Childs and Mary Bushley. The homestead adjoins the 23.6 acre parcel, a magnificent example of biological diversity known as the West District Preserve, which was donated by the sisters nineteen years ago.

Our properties benefitted from three major research studies conducted by faculty and students of CCSU. One of the studies, an ecological analysis of the Carey and Barney properties, will support the replanting of trees on the parcels and was supported by a grant from UNICO. Other research focused on an inventory of the species of mammals that make our West District Preserve their home and a study of invasive plants and insects at our Bancroft parcel.

The Land Trust continues its close working relationship with the BoyScouts with a new Eagle Scout project being planned for our Aqueduct Canal parcel.

This spring the Land Trust received a \$5,000 challenge grant from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council for Phase-One of our records reorganization project led by Peter Bartucca and Paula Ray.



Butterfly Stroll held in June, led by Jay Kaplan, (far left).

Farmington Land Trust board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, except in April 2014, when the Annual Meeting will be held on April 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

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FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.



In keeping with the long standing history of the Farmington Valley VNA of promoting health and wellness in the community and providing home health and Hospice care to the residents of Farmington, we are pleased to report another successful, but challenging year. Our Agency is very proud that it continues to operate as a non-profit, independent VNA that is not owned, operated or otherwise managed by a hospital or large health care system. We are working diligently to retain this structure and the historical, charitable mission that the Farmington Valley VNA has carried out since 1908. Our committed staff and Board of Directors remain focused on the values and proven benefits of a smaller, local

and engaged non-profit health care provider among the alarming trends of mega consolidations of Connecticut hospitals and health care providers with out of State and for profit corporations.

Despite aggressive competition with these systems and for profit home health and Hospice providers, our Agency continues to operate efficiently and very effectively. Even with flat or decreasing State and Federal reimbursement for services, and significant budgetary constraints, the Farmington Valley VNA has attained remarkable accomplishments. Our patient care and quality outcomes exceed State and Federal benchmarks and we are honored to have been designated, for the second year in a row, as a '2013 Home Care Elite' home health provider. This is an independent compilation of the most successful home care providers in the United States. Our Agency ranked in the top 100 nationally and is one of only two agencies in Connecticut that attained this designation. This prestigious designation is the result of outstanding patient care outcomes, quality improvement measures, patient experiences and financial management.

So many people have been positively touched in some way by our organization. Blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following surgery, illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the community, and compassionate Hospice services when caring for a terminally ill loved one in the home ~ these are just a few examples of the ways the Farmington Valley VNA has benefited local residents of all ages. A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing including a Congestive Heart Failure management program, early rehabilitation protocols after total joint replacements, and diabetes education and management.

The Agency's Community Programs Department also provides an outstanding level of quality services with a focus on illness prevention, education and maintaining good health. More than 1700 Farmington residents participated in one more blood pressure screenings, immunization programs, health and wellness screenings or educational programs offered in the past year. The flu immunization program has been negatively affected by the competing services now offered by pharmacies, urgent care facilities and national home health franchises. However, residents often return to the Agency to receive their flu shot as they appreciate the VNA's nurses' knowledge of the immunization being given, education they provide, and the personalized attention they receive from an engaged, caring health professional. The Agency has also expanded adult vaccine administration to include Zostavax (the Shingles vaccine) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) due to the rising incidence of Shingles among the middle age population and waning childhood vaccinations resulting in a greater incidence of Whooping Cough (Pertussis).

Despite the growing complexities of retaining its independence and local presence, the Farmington Valley VNA is very pleased to be an integral and vital part of Farmington's community, and remains committed to high quality health care delivery to Farmington residents and families.

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



