

Town of Farmington

FY 2018-2019 Annual Report



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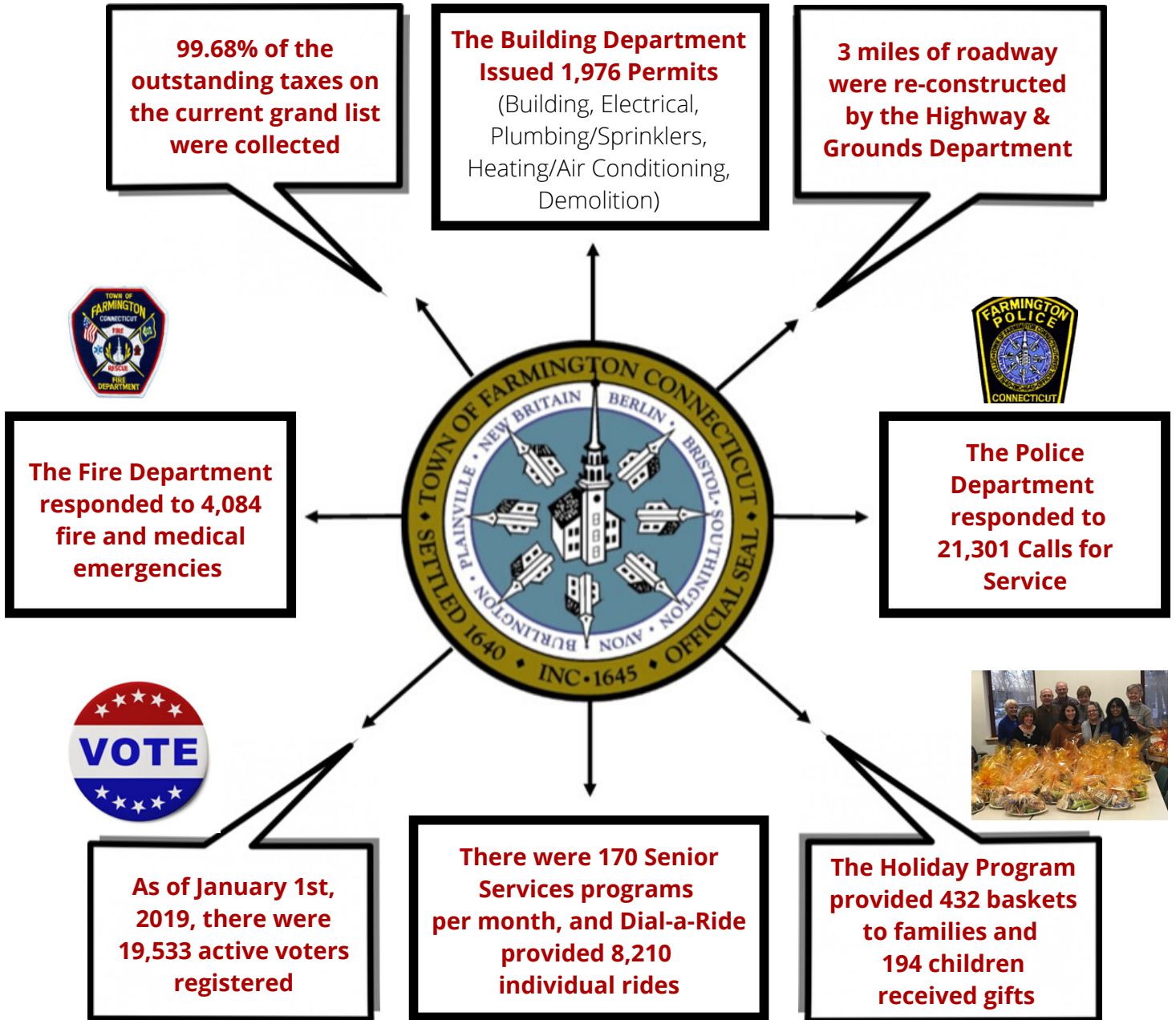
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Farmington at a Glance - FY 2018 - 2019

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"Farmington was awarded one of the 2018 Best Places to Live in CT by Niche.com with an A+ overall grade. Of the 38 towns and cities in the Metro-Hartford region, Farmington has the third lowest mill rate at 27.97.

Farmington has a AAA Bond Rating."



FARMINGTON GREEN EFFORTS



Tons of materials recycled:
Combined Materials = 2,243.67 Tons
Leaves = 3,563.38 Tons
Brush and Wood Products = 437.20 Tons
Mattresses and Boxsprings = 833

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Town of Farmington Department Directory



Animal Control	860-675-2440
Assessor	860-675-2370
Building	860-675-2315
Board of Education	860-673-8270
Community Center	860-675-2490
Economic Development	860-675-2395
Engineering	860-675-2305
Finance - Accounts Payable	860-675-2339
Finance - Main	860-675-2335
Finance - Payroll	860-675-2337
Finance - Purchasing	860-675-2335
Fire & Rescue Services	860-675-2322
Fire Marshal	860-675-2320
General Info.	860-675-2300
Highway & Grounds	860-675-2550
Housing Authority	860-675-2390
Library	860-673-6791
Plan & Zoning	860-675-2325
Police (Routine)	860-675-2400
Police (TDD)	860-673-2527
Probate Court	860-675-2360
Public Works	860-675-2330
Recorded Info.	860-675-2301
Recreation	860-675-2540
Registrar of Voters	860-675-2367
Senior Center	860-675-2490
Social Services (Sec. VIII)	860-675-2390
Tax Collector	860-675-2340
Town Clerk	860-675-2380
Town Hall (TDD)	860-675-2314
Town Manager	860-675-2350
Water Pollution Control	860-675-2545
Youth Services	860-675-2390

Town Council Chair's Message

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The Town Council is pleased to provide you with the Annual Report for the Town of Farmington for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year. As you read through the report, you may note the wide range of important services that we provide our citizens and business community. I know that I speak for the entire Town Council when I express the pride we have in our community, schools, and our Town employees. We hope that you find this report useful and informative.

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

During the past year, a number of significant goals have been advanced in relation to the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is the most important planning document for the Town of Farmington, as it guides elected and appointed officials on matters of policy, finance, and operation to ensure the needs of Farmington Citizens are being heard and met.

This year, the Town Council continued to take major steps to invest in our infrastructure. As a part of the Town's long term paving program, which was overwhelmingly supported by voters in 2016, the Highway and Grounds Department paved a total of 3 miles of roadway this year.

Many committees were created by Town Council this year. The Farmington Village Center Committee was established on July 10, 2018 and focuses on the Farmington Village Study Area and the future use of the Parson's property, as well as recommendations on quality of life enhancements for this area. The Town Council also appointed the Farmington High School Building Committee on March 26, 2019 and charged them with engaging multiple architects to create conceptual designs for a comprehensive solution that addresses the Statement of Needs for maintaining the current facility; renovate as new; or a new building.

In October 2018, the Farmington High School Ad Hoc Survey Committee conducted a survey of Town residents. 99.3% of all residents surveyed reported their quality of life living in Farmington as very good (72.8%) or good (26.5%). We are so pleased with this response, and as you review the various sections of this report, you will understand why Farmington is recognized as an outstanding community that offers exceptional quality of life to its residents. Our schools continue to offer nationally acclaimed programs to our children, we have a broad spectrum of recreational and cultural offerings, and the Town government provides outstanding services.

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

Best Regards,
Nancy W. Nickerson
Town Council Chair



The Town of Farmington 2018-2019 Annual Report will provide with you details of the accomplishments achieved by elected and appointed officials as well as Town of Farmington employees during the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

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 2019 fiscal year, Farmington continues to be in a strong financial position with one of the highest tax collection rates in the State. We have continued to maintain our Aaa bond rating from Moody's and equivalent ratings from other agencies, which allows the Town to borrow money at favorable rates. The Grand List also saw growth this year and is an indication of the strong economy in Farmington.

The Town of Farmington Strategic Plan, Goal #2, and the Resident Survey of Town residents, indicated that improving the ease of the traffic situation within Farmington, without disturbing the character of the community is a priority. Following is a summary of work that was completed this year on both topics.

Farmington has seen a surge in the number of infrastructure improvement projects in town over the last few years. This is due, in part, to the Town Council's deliberate effort to increase capital spending to improve our Town-wide infrastructure.

Town staff has also been successful in securing state-wide grants for infrastructure improvements.

Summary of projects the Public Works Department has been working on during the year:

- The Highway Division has undertaken extensive road construction projects during the year. The Highway Division preps all roads for paving which includes rebuilding catch basins, adding new catch basin tops, coordinating traffic control, and loam and seeding of disturbed areas.
- The following roads have been paved this year: John Steele Road, Northeast Road, Old Mountain Road from Mountain Spring to just east of Ely Road, Walnut Farms Drive, Kent Lane, Paper Chase Drive, Chaffee Lane, Westview Terrace and Mals Way and the commuter parking lot on Town Farm Road.
- Engineering Staff performed the design and successfully presented the Town Hall Parking Lot reconstruction project to town boards for permitting. This will improve the circulation as well as provide additional parking spaces. It will also provide upgrades to the storm water quality measures. Construction on the project has begun utilizing Highway Division Forces. The Engineering Division is overseeing the project and providing coordination and engineering services as needed. The contract to install the granite curbing, concrete sidewalks and other items has been advertised and awarded. The project is expected to be fully completed in the summer of 2019. This project is being funded through the town's capital projects fund.
- The construction phase of the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) upgrade is substantially complete. The Water Pollution Control Plant staff continues to operate the plant during changing construction conditions, which has been challenging at times. The upgraded facility will have an improved effluent quality and capacity while treating our wastewater more reliably and efficiently. The upgraded facility will also utilize an Ultra Violet Disinfection System, eliminating the use of chemicals currently used to disinfect treated effluent. Current activity on the site includes near startup of the Ultra Violet Disinfection System and re-routing influent through new portions of the plant.

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

Economic Status

Farmington continues to be an economic leader in the Hartford region. Of the almost 40 towns and cities in the Metro Hartford region, Farmington has the third lowest mill rate of 27.18. Farmington is in the top 10% of municipalities with the lowest mill rates in the state.

Farmington's commercial base contributes 32.2% of the total taxes and the residential base is 67.8%. These ratios indicate a vibrant business community whose contribution to the tax base takes much burden away from the residential community.

In 2018, the unemployment rate in Farmington was 3.2% while Connecticut's unemployment rate was 3.8%.

An exciting initiative, Simple Recycling Curbside Textile Recycling Program, was endorsed and approved by the Green Efforts Committee and Conservation Commission this year. This recycling program provides an easy opportunity to recycle textiles such as clothing, shoes, pillows, linens, drapes/curtains, etc. The benefits to Farmington for joining the program include a reduction in our waste stream and thus a reduction in our tipping fees for our waste removal. There is no fee to Farmington to participate in the program. Farmington will receive a nominal reimbursement per ton of textile material that Simple Recycling collects.

We welcomed several new businesses in Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

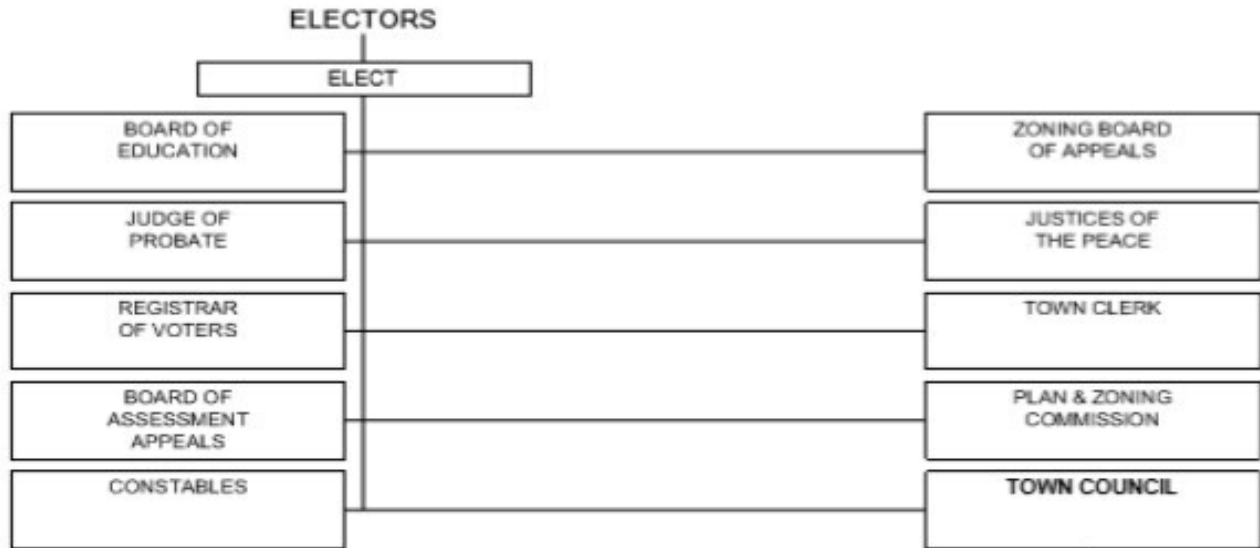
1. **The Coder School**
2. **Crafted Hair**
3. **Thistle & Reed Boutique**
4. **Essex Financial**
5. **Ion Bank**
6. **Peloton**
7. **Texas de Brazil**
8. **Rebel Dog**
9. **Nardelli's Grinder Shoppe**
10. **Vineyard Vines**
11. **The Green Treehouse**
12. **Nespresso**
13. **Kate Spade New York**
14. **Journey Communications**
15. **New Image Photography**
16. **Ron's Automotive**
17. **Farmington Polo Club**
18. **Sweet Equations**
19. **Ink Hair Bar**
20. **Russell Verizon**
21. **On the Go Smoothie Café**
22. **A Mark above the Rest Wealth Management**
23. **Prism Autism Education & Consultation**
24. **Abundant Health**
25. **Pomona Pete's Restaurant**
26. **Farmington Polo Club**
27. **VeraCore Software Solutions**

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 BlonskiK@farmington-ct.org.

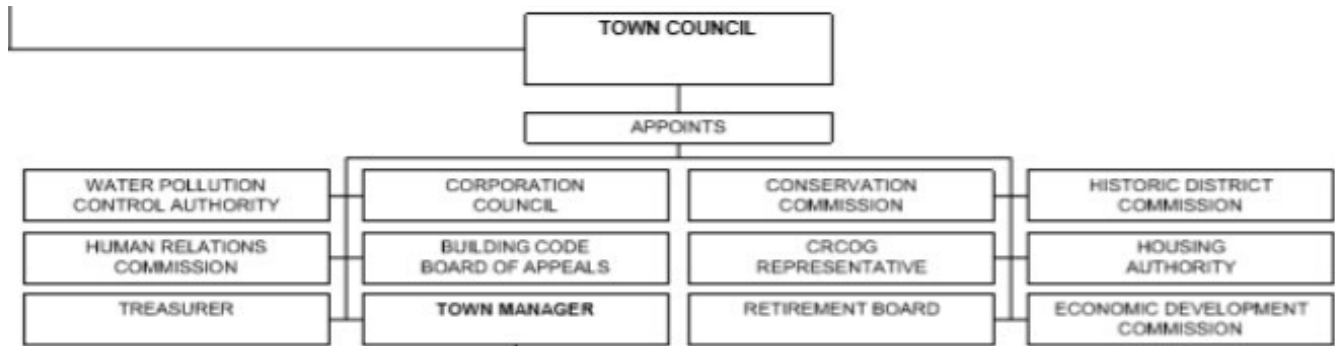
Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Blonski
Town Manager

Organizational Chart - Town of Farmington

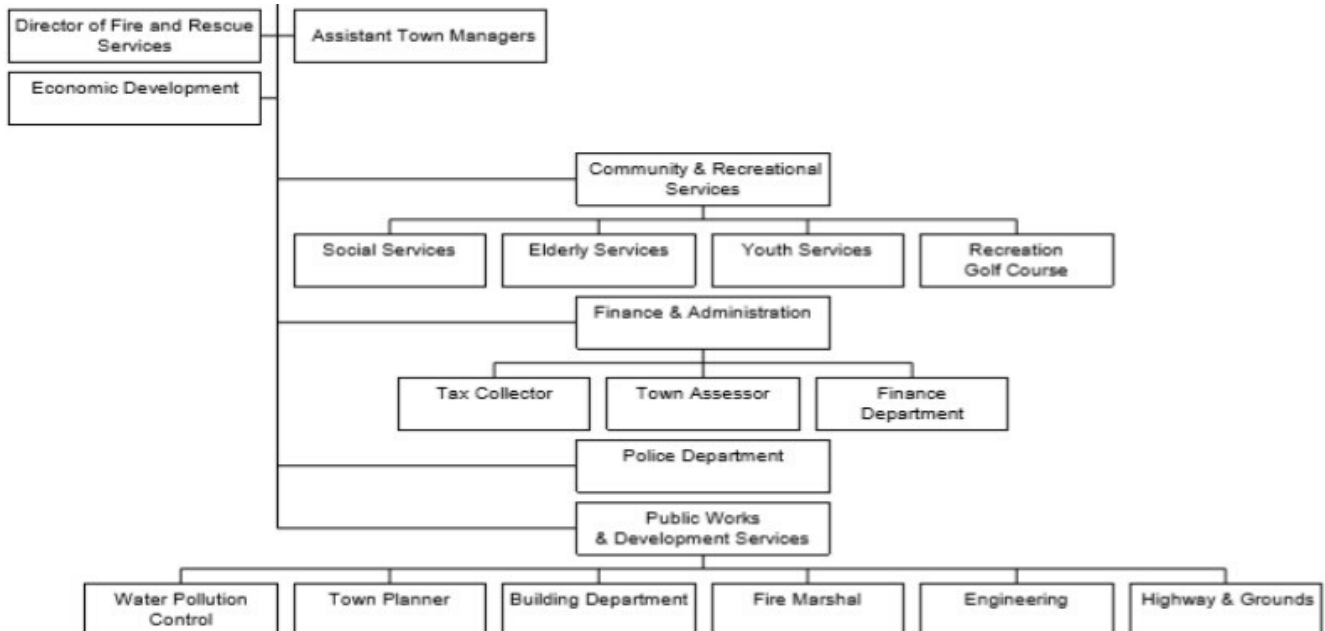
Residents/Electors Elect the Following Positions:



Town Council Appoints the Following Positions:



The Town Manager Appoints the Following Positions:



Day-Lewis Museum

158 Main St. (rear), Farmington, CT 06032

Phone: (860) 678-1645

Open 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.



Farmington Historical Society Office

71 Main St., Farmington, CT 06032

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1645

Farmington, CT 06034

Phone: (860) 678-1645

Website: 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 a neighboring owner. The Forest is owned by the Town of Farmington. ~continued in next column ~

Farmington Memorial Town Forest

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 uses 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.



Hill-Stead Museum

35 Mountain Rd., Farmington, CT 06032

Phone: (860) 677-4787

Website: 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 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and November through April, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. 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 email hillstead@hillstead.org.



Lewis Walpole Library

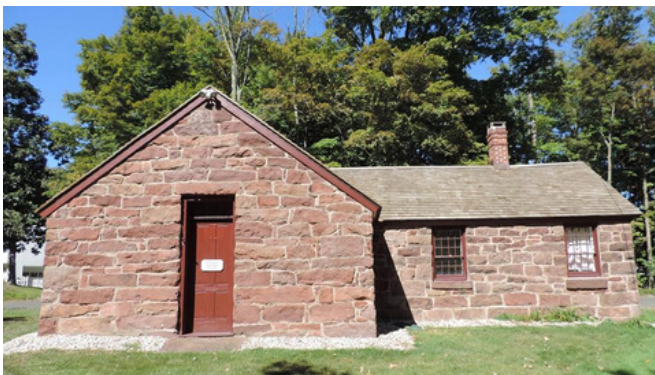
154 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 – 5:00, by appt.

Website: walpole.library.yale.edu/

Phone: (860) 677-2140

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.



Old Stone Schoolhouse

93 Coppermine Rd. (at Red Oak Hill Rd.),

Unionville, CT 06085

Phone: (860) 678-1645

The Old Stone (West District) schoolhouse is a museum of local history operated by the Farmington Historical Society.



Stanley-Whitman House

37 High St., Farmington, CT 06032

Website: stanleywhitman.org

Phone: (860) 677-9222

The Stanley-Whitman House 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.



Unionville Museum

15 School St., Unionville, CT 06085

Website: unionvillemuseum.org

Phone: (860) 673-2231

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.

Town of Farmington

Town Council

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Bruce Charette, Vice-Chair
Patricia Boye-Williams
Paul Cianci
Edward Giannaros
Beth Kintner
C.J. Thomas

Board of Education

Christopher Fagan, Chair
Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair
William Beckert
Mark Blore
Kristi Brouker
Liz Fitzsimmons
Mecheal Hamilton
Ellen Siuta
Andrea Sobinski

Board of Assessment Appeals

Madelyn Colon
Elizabeth Giannaros
Christopher Mathieu
John Simoneau
Mark Simpson
Ronald White

Constables

Geno Avenoso
Peter Bagdigan
Diane Rogers

Registrar of Voters

Barbara Brenneman
Edward Leary

Town of Farmington

Town Clerk

Paula B. Ray

Town Plan & Zoning Commission

Barbara Brenneman, Chair
Donald Doeg
Hilary Donald
Michael Grabulis
Matthew Pogson
Diane Tucker
Joel Nowakowski, alternate
Paula O'Brien, alternate
Mindy W. Ogan, alternate

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jon L. Schoenhorn, Chair
Kerry Callahan
Johnny Carrier
Ronald Llewellyn
Robert Phillips
Katy Perry
Christopher Forster, alternate
Harry Marsh, alternate
Jay Tulin, alternate

State and Federal Officials

U.S. Senate

Richard Blumenthal
Christopher Murphy

U.S. Representative

Jahana Hayes (5th District)

State Senator

Derek Slap (5th District)
Gennaro Bizzarro (6th District)

State Representative

Tammy Exum (19th District)
Mike Demicco (21st District)

Town Council Appointed Officials

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Building Code of Appeals

Swapna Das
Todd Langston
George Santos
Ned Statchen
Vacant

Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission

Robert Hannon, Chair
John Hinze
Robert Isner
Mark Simpson
Ned Statchen
Inez St. James
Guy Wolf
Richard Berlandy, alternate
Jay Tulin, alternate

Economic Development Commission

Brian F.X. Connolly, Chair
John Karwoski
Carole King
Daniel Kleinman
Robert Reeve
Amy Suffredini
Bill Wadsworth

Farmington Historic District Commission

John Bombara
James Calciano
Dorothy Haviland
Holly Holden
Jaye O'Leary
Agostino "Dino" F. Marchese, alternate
John Renehan, alternate
Edmund Sanford, alternate

Unionville Historic District Commission

Lisa Johnson, Chair
John Brockelman
Robert Hoffman
Sherryl Horton
Matthew Ross
Barbara Marsh, alternate
Christopher Forster, alternate
Ann Wuelfing, alternate

Town Historian

Betty Coykendall

Housing Authority

John DeMeo
Gregory Hall
Sally Hatzenbuhler
Christian Hoheb
Cynthia Mason
Justin Pagano

Human Relations Commission

Ruth Grobe, Chair
Vacant (D)
Vacant (R)
Christine Mergenthaler
Zalman Nakhimovsky
Jay Tulin
Lisa Pawlik

Land Acquisition Committee

Patricia Boye-Williams, Chair
Paul Cianci
Evan Cowles
Robert Hannon
Richard Kramer
William Wadsworth
Guy Wolf

Retirement Board

Bruce Charette, Chair
Joshua Allen
Robert Brochu
Steven Cohen
Kyle Cunningham
Steven Egan
Robert Huelin
Robert Ingvertsen
Kenneth Miller
Geoffrey Porter
Joan Valenti

Town Manager

Kathleen A. Blonski

Veterans Memorial Committee

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

Water Pollution Control Authority

James Foote, Chair
Peter Bagdigian
Vacant (R)
Kevin Ray
Jennifer Wynn

Town Manager Appointed Officials

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Assistant Town Managers

Kathryn Krajewski
Erica Robertson

Building Official

Christopher Foryan

Chief of Police

Paul Melanson

Director of Community & Recreational Services

Nancy Parent

Director of Fire & Rescue Services

Steven Hoffmann

Director of Finance & Administration

Joseph Swetcky

Director of Public Works & Development Services

Russell Arnold, Jr.

Economic Development

Rose Ponte

Fire Marshal

Michael Gulino

Highway & Grounds Superintendent

Scott Zenke

Tax Collector

Samantha Pletscher

Town Planner

Shannon Rutherford (Acting)

Water Pollution Control Plant Superintendent

William Kaminski

Other Municipal Officials

Director of Health

Jennifer Kertanis, Farmington Valley Health District

Library Director

Laura Horn


Fire Chiefs

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

Board of Education Officials:

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

School Information 2018-2019	
School	Principal
Farmington High School	Dr. William Silva
Irving A. Robbins Middle School	Dr. Scott Hurwitz
West Woods Upper Elementary School	Alicia Bowman
East Farms School	Renee St. Hilaire
Noah Wallace School	Dr. Carrie Huber
Union School	Caitlin Eckler
West District School	Kelly Sanders



FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Pioneers | Scholars | Contributors | Citizens

Demographic and Economic Statistics

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1. Population

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

2. Age Distribution by percent

0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
5%	12%	11%	24%	30%	19%

3. Employment Data (2018)

Employed	13,859
Unemployed	453
Unemployment rate	3.2%

4. Educational Attainment (2013-2017)

High School Degree	18%
Bachelor's Degree or more	57%
2 year tech/prep colleges	6%

5. Median Household Income (2013-2017) \$94,785

6. Education (2018-2019 school year)

Average class size	20 students per teacher
Percent graduates to college	95.6%

REAL ESTATE

1. Percent of Housing Owner Occupied (2013-2017) 72.9%

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

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

3. Median Single Family Home Sales Price (2013-2017) \$327,900

4. Subsidized Housing (2018) 875

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

ECONOMY

1. Number of Major Business Establishments by Type 2017

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

2. Major Employers 2018

Employer	Type of Business	Approximate Number of Employees
UCONN Health Center	Hospital/College	6,355
Otis Elevator Co.	Elevator Sales & Service	800
Town of Farmington/Board of Education	Municipal Government	718
Connecticare	Health Insurer	700
United Technologies Corporation	Climate Control	550
Macy's	Retail	500
Trumpf	Manufacturer	500
Tunxis Community College	Education	500
American Red Cross	Regional Headquarters	380
Allied World Assurance Co.	Insurance	350
Connecticut Spring & Stamp	Manufacturer	350

3. Total Number of Employees (Jobs in Farmington) - 32,263

4. Land Available for Commercial and Industrial Development—196 acres

5. Assessment Information

Farmington Net Taxable Grand List (as of 10/1/18)
\$3,667,248,785

Mill Rate (FY 18/19)
27.97

Last Year of Revaluation -
2017

Summary of Town Council Actions



Town Council Members

Front Row (L to R):

Bruce Charette
Nancy Nickerson - Chair
Kathy Blonski - Town Manager
Edward Giannaros

Back Row (L to R):

Paula Ray - Town Clerk
Patti Boye-Williams
C.J. Thomas
Beth Kintner
Paul Cianci

Summary of Town Council Actions: July 1st, 2018 - June 30th, 2019

JULY 2018

- Awarded a contract for the purchase of one Jacobsen HR600 Wide Area Rotary Mower at a purchase price of \$59,883.23.
- Awarded a contract for the purchase of one John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader at a purchase price of \$111,295.71.
- Awarded a contract for the purchase of one 20Lg International Model HV5007 Heavy Duty Cab and Chassis at a purchase price of \$87,943.00.
- Appointed a Farmington Village Center committee, consisting of: two Town Council members, one member of the Farmington Historical Society, one member from the Farmington Historic District Commission, one member from the Farmington Village Green & Library Association, one member from the Farmington Economic Development Commission and three members that are either a Farmington Village Business owner or a Farmington Village Resident, and the Farmington Village Business Owner(s) or Resident(s) will each serve a 4-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2022.

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Amended the Farmington Town Code Chapter 111 "Historic Areas" by including the addition of four properties to the Unionville Historic District: 42-44 Maple Avenue, 20 Elm Street, 1761 Farmington Avenue and 230 Main Street.

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Awarded contract for the purchase of Treated Road Salt for the 2018/2019 winter season at a purchase price of \$73.50 per ton.
- Awarded contract for the purchase of one Monroe Heavy Duty V-Box Spreader Dump Body at a purchase price of \$111,242.00.
- Toured Miss Porter's School and met with Miss Porter's representatives.

OCTOBER 2018

- Approved the resolution in support of the Town of Farmington's interest in acquiring the Parson's property from the State of Connecticut and authorizing the Town Manager to begin the process with the State of Connecticut (DOT).
- Established a Town Council Auditor Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

NOVEMBER 2018

- Ratified the tentative collective bargaining agreements (Supervisor and Non-Supervisor) between the Town of Farmington and Local 2001, CSEA/SEIU for the Period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
- Amended the charge of the Town Council Auditor Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

DECEMBER 2018

- Approved resolutions which are required for submission of State of Connecticut grant applications for the Security Vestibule at various schools.
- Approved a resolution which is required for submission of State of Connecticut grant applications for the Office Relocation at West District Elementary School.
- Ratified of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Farmington and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 1689, for the Period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
- Authorized of the Farmington Town Manager to write a letter to Probate Judge Evelyn Daly, in support of the name change from "the Farmington-Burlington Probate Court" to "the Farmington Regional Probate Court."

JANUARY 2019

- Set a budget target of 2% to 2.5% for the Town and Board of Education for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.
- Discussion of the FHS Community Survey Ad Hoc Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Discussion of the FHS Facility and Financial Ad Hoc Committee's findings and recommendations.
- Acceptance of the reports from the FHS Community Survey Ad Hoc Committee and the FHS Facility and Financial Ad Hoc Committee.

FEBRUARY 2019

- Approved the Board of Education statement of Needs for the Farmington High School renovation project.
- Awarded Bid #280, the acquisition of one (1) new, unused pumper engine at a contract price of \$678,178.
- Awarded Bid #283, "Town Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction Project" at a contract cost of \$368,785.
- Reviewed the Town Manager's Proposed seven-year capital Improvement Plan.

MARCH 2019

- Accepted the Annual Report.
- Appointed a Farmington High School Building Committee.
- Set the Charge for the Farmington High School (FHS) Building Committee, in accordance with the general responsibilities included in Chapter 53 of the Farmington Code.

APRIL 2019

- Approved the Town Council's Recommended Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
- Approved the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy and Grievance Procedure. Approved the Fair Housing Resolution for the Town of Farmington and authorized the Town Manager to sign and distribute said resolution.
- Adopted the Affirmative Action Plan for the Town of Farmington.
- Adopted the Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Statement for the Town of Farmington and authorized the Town Manager to sign and distribute said resolution.
- Adopted the Fair Housing Policy Statement for the Town of Farmington and authorized the Town Manager to sign and distribute said resolution.

MAY 2019

- Approved the transfer of uncollectible property taxes to the Suspense Tax Book.
- Approved a resolution adopting the Capital Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2019-2024.
- Awarded a contract to supply in place bituminous material on town roads for the 2019 paving season at a cost not to exceed \$750,000.
- Ratified the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Farmington and Local 331, International Brotherhood of Police Officers, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

JUNE 2019

- Awarded a contract for the purchase of one SPRAYSTAR 2000 sprayer and accessories at a purchase price of \$52,480.70.
- Approved property tax refunds.

"The Assessor is required by Connecticut Law to list and value all real estate at 70% of value, as of the last revaluation. Farmington's most recent revaluation, of all real property, was effective as of October 1, 2017, and real estate assessments are based on market value as of that date."

Grand List as of October 1, 2018

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT TAXABLE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2018			
	GROSS ASSESSMENT	EXEMPTIONS	NET ASSESSMENT
Real Estate	\$ 3,201,174,920	\$ 1,690,500	\$ 3,199,484,420
Personal Property	\$ 321,560,230	\$ 89,027,173	\$ 232,533,057
Motor Vehicles	\$ 236,158,868	\$ 927,560	\$ 235,231,308
TOTALS	\$ 3,758,894,018	\$ 91,645,233	\$ 3,667,248,785

TOWN OF FARMINGTON TAXABLE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2018 AS REVISED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS				
	2017 NET	2018 NET	DIFFERENCE	% CHG
REAL ESTATE	\$ 3,192,456,130	\$ 3,199,484,420	\$ 7,028,290	0.22%
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$ 232,795,485	\$ 235,231,308	\$ 2,435,823	1.05%
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 228,785,259	\$ 232,533,057	\$ 3,747,798	1.64%
NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST AFTER EXEMPTIONS	\$ 3,654,036,874	\$ 3,667,248,785	\$ 13,211,911	0.36%

The taxable grand list increase would add approximately \$359,100 in new revenue at the 2017 mill rate of 27.18

- Motor vehicles are assessed each year at 70 percent of the average retail value utilizing the October issue of NADA. Personal property is also assessed annually, based on acquisition cost and depreciation schedules.
- The Assessors' Office is responsible for approximately 11,212 real estate parcels, 24,517 regular motor vehicle accounts, and 1,528 personal property accounts. In addition, there were 3,943 accounts on the 2017 supplemental motor vehicle list.
- Assessor Christine Barta left for another position in December 2018 and the 2018 Grand List was signed by Acting Assessor, Edward Hybner, on February 27, 2019.
- Real estate comprises approximately 87.24% of the total taxable grand list with residential properties at 61.39% and commercial (also including industrial, public utility, use assessment and apartment buildings) at 25.85%. Personal property and motor vehicles account for roughly half each of the remaining 12.76% of the net taxable grand list.
- There are exemptions available for veterans among others as well as tax relief for the elderly or disabled. Some of these have income limits and require an application every two years.

Top 10 Taxpayers

TOP TEN TAXPAYERS 2018 GRAND LIST				
	NAME	DESCRIPTION	ASSESSMENT	GRAND LIST
1	WEST FARMS ASSOCIATES*	RETAIL - WEST FARMS MALL	\$177,004,290	4.83%
2	DUNN-SAGER AFFILIATES (including subsidiary accounts)	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	\$62,976,870	1.72%
3	C I & P	ELECTRIC UTILITY	\$48,431,110	1.32%
4	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES DELFINO, WILLIAM & THOMAS (including subsidiary accounts)	REAL ESTATE & MANUFACTURING REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	\$46,036,640 \$28,090,540	1.26% 0.77%
5	COLUMBIA PROP HFFD LLC	MAROTT HOTEL	\$27,694,980	0.76%
6	TRUMPF INC	MACHINE TOOL MFG	\$24,040,490	0.70%
7	FARMINGTON CT SENIOR PROP LLC	ASSISTED LIVING	\$21,592,930	
8	PRICE REIT INC	RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER	\$20,952,120	0.57%
9	NIC 13 VILLAGE GATE (includes NH Village Gate LLC)	SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX	\$20,009,420	0.48%
10	BROOKDALE LIVING COMMUNITIES (includes BLC-Gables at Farmington)	SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX	\$18,467,490	0.50%
	TOTALS		\$495,296,880	12.91%

WEST FARMS MALL COMPLEX*		ASSESSMENT
West Farms Associates		\$175,373,280
May Department Stores Co		\$1,631,010
Nordstrom Inc		\$5,530,370
J C Penney Corp Inc		\$1,064,850
Tiffany & Co		\$1,171,860
All other retail		\$19,778,823
TOTAL WEST FARMS		\$204,550,193

**COMMERCIAL BASE	32.40%
**RESIDENTIAL BASE	67.60%

*Includes real estate and personal property. **Per cent of net taxable grand list.

Assessment Records and GIS Available on Town Website

The screenshot shows the 'Land Record Search' page on the Town of Farmington website. It features a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a disclaimer, and a search form at the bottom. The disclaimer states that the Town provides information 'as is' and is not liable for any errors or omissions. The search form includes fields for 'Owner Name', 'Location (if known)', 'MIL', 'Unique Identifier', and 'Commuter Company'. There is also a 'Please select how you would like to search properties' section with radio buttons for 'Residential', 'Apartment', 'Commercial', 'Church', 'Civic', 'Elderly', 'Entertainment', 'Firehouse', and 'Industrial'.

Assessment data is available online, through the assessor's webpage, using the "Land Records Search" link (pictured above). The information is updated automatically overnight and represents a work-in-progress, as the records are being updated in preparation for the next grand list.

Department of Public Works

"The Department of Public Works is comprised of seven divisions: Building, Engineering, Fire Marshal, Highway & Grounds, Planning and Zoning, Water Pollution Control, and Westwoods Golf Course maintenance."

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 2018-2019

	Permits	Fees
Building	780	\$495,897
Electrical	468	\$80,990
Plumbing/sprinklers	287	\$17,611
Heating/Air conditioning	429	\$56,267
Demolition	12	\$4,722
Permit Sub-Total:	1,976	\$655,487
Zoning Fees		\$5,040
Certificate of Occupancy Fees		\$6,180
Certificate of Approval Fees		\$4,760
Work Done Prior Fees		\$4,275
Fee Sub-Total:		\$20,255
Grand Total Fees:		\$675,742

Annual 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
2010-2011	\$32,825,131	1,574	\$470,276
2011-2012	\$41,510,176	2,514	\$587,038
2012-2013	\$72,802,158	2,593	\$1,026,202
2013-2014	\$88,139,275	2,385	\$1,241,208
2014-2015	\$61,395,104	2,028	\$856,042
2015-2016	\$24,853,668	2,072	\$498,736
2016-2017	\$38,533,018	1,872	\$689,600
2017-2018	\$60,330,563	1,967	\$915,147
2018-2019	\$44,483,660	1,976	\$675,742

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division's mission is to design, review, and inspect public works projects to ensure public safety, and 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:

- Wells Acres Sewer System Replacement Project;** The Engineering Division performed Full Design, construction inspection, and contract administration for this major Sewer System Replacement Project on which replaced the existing system on Wells Drive, Fable Lane, and Harvest Lane. This project is being funded through the town's capital projects fund and was completed fall of 2018.
- Town Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction;** Engineering Staff provided design services and successfully presented the project to town boards for permitting. This project proposes to improve the parking at town hall with additional parking spaces and circulation and additionally provides upgrades storm water quality measures. This project is being funded through the town's capital projects fund and was 95% complete fall of 2019, final landscaping to be installed in the spring of 2020.

Engineering Division *continued*

The Engineering Division also acted as the liaison to the State DOT for various traffic and roadway improvement projects along all State Roads in Town including;

- **The Safety and Traffic Operational Improvements on Route 4 between Main Street and Mountain Spring Road.** This project was substantially complete in June of 2018. We continue to monitor the overall traffic signalization throughout the corridors in Town.
- **Intersection Improvements on South Main Street (Route 177) at new Britain Ave and Mill St.** Between Route 4 and Depot Place. Engineering Staff provided plan review and engineering support during the design and bidding phase of this project. The project was substantially completed fall of 2019 and punch list items will be completed spring of 2020.
- **Intersection Improvements on Colt Highway at I-84 Entrance on Route 6.** The intersection of Route 6, State Route 531 and I-84 on ramp will be reconstructed starting in the spring of 2021 to improve the traffic flow onto I-84. Work will include new configuration of the "X" intersection and allow for dedicated left turn lane onto I-84.
- **The Development Wing is working jointly with Metro Realty to make improvements to the intersection of South Road, Two Mile Road and State Route 531.** The Engineering Division worked with the State of Connecticut DOT to transfer funding from a previously approved project on Route 6, which will be incorporated into a future DOT project to construct a Roundabout at this intersection to improve traffic flow during the peak am am and pm periods. Construction is slated for spring of 2021.

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.

Engineering staff reviews and inspects improvements such as drainage, sanitary sewer, and pavement, constructed by private developers. In addition, Engineering Staff field located town infrastructure including storm and sanitary sewer lines for over 3,100 Call-Before-You-Dig requests and inspected 47 sanitary sewer connections and repairs. 116 Excavation Permits and 52 Traffic Obstruction permits were also issued by the Engineering Division. Additionally 14 new single-family plot plans, and 15 site plans were reviewed for adherence to town design standards 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 more than 8,700 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

- 399 new projects were reviewed for fire code compliance.
- 9 fire incidents were investigated for cause and origin.
- 5 investigations of hazardous materials were conducted.
- 34 Fire protection systems tests were witnessed.
- 829 code compliance and follow-up inspections were conducted.

Fire Marshal *continued*

- There was 1 blasting permit and 15 blasts were witnessed
- There were 5 fireworks displays.
- 24 complaints were investigated plus code question visits addressed.
- 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, 3 Fire Safety presentations were given at Touchpoints of Farmington, Westerleigh Housing and Middlewoods of Farmington, at their request.
- The Fire Marshal attended 4 three-hour seminars to satisfy continuing education credits and attended a 16 hour seminar for the International Arson Association Investigators.
- 35 Burn permits were issued.
- 45 Tent permits were ordered and inspected - 45 Fire Watches were ordered.

Calls by Situation Found - FY 2018-2019

Fires	
Structure	21
Vehicle	9
Others	19
Total Fires:	49

Rescue/Emergency	
Medical Treatment	2967
False Alarms	277
Mutual Aid Given	58
Hazardous Condition Calls	145
All Other Calls	604
Total All Calls:	4,051
Total Fire Dollar Loss (non-vehicles):	\$10,500

Casualty Summary	Civilian	Fire Service
Fire-related injuries	2	0
Fire-related deaths	0	0

Highway and Grounds

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.

Highway and Grounds *continued*

Road Overlay Program: As part of the Town's annual roadway overlay program, 3 miles of roadway were reconstructed. The following roads were paved in 2018/2019 paving season: John Steele Road, Northeast Road, Old Mountain Road from Mountain Spring to just east of Ely Road, Walnut Farms Drive, Kent Lane, Paper Chase Drive, Chaffee Lane, Westview Terrace and Mals Way and the commuter parking lot on Town Farm Road.

Trees: Through the use of Town forces and outside contractors, approximately 75 dead or diseased trees were removed from Town-owned properties and right-of-ways.

Leaf Collection: Starting on October 29th, 5 Town crews collected approximately 14,010 cubic yards of leaves throughout town. Leaves were taken to the Compost and Recycling areas and processed for Town residents use as organic compost, which can be picked up at Tunxis Mead Park.

Winter Maintenance: 10 storms amounting to 40 inches of snow/ice fell on Farmington. The Highway and Grounds Division of Public Works plowed 25,926 miles of roads and spread 1,616.50 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 2018- 2019):

- **Combined: Scrap Metal, Commingled Containers, Magazines, Newspapers & Corrugated Cardboard = 2,243.67 Tons**
- **Leaves = 3,563.38 Tons**
- **Brush and Wood Products = 437.20 Tons**
- **Mattresses and Boxsprings = 833**



Planning and Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Department is comprised of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission, Planning Department, Historic District Commissions, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

- Number of Zoning Permits Issued: 128
- Number of Zoning Registration Forms Issued: 6
- Number of Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued: 23
- TPZ Applications Processed and Reviewed: 80
- ZBA Applications Processed and Reviewed: 7
- IWC/CC Applications Processed and Reviewed: 22
- Upland Review Applications Processed and Reviewed: 3
- Historic District Commission Applications Processed and Reviewed: 20
- Zoning Violation Complaints Responded To: 134

The Town Plan and Zoning Commission continues to be led by Chairperson Barbara Brenneman. In January 2019, Shannon Rutherford assumed the role of Acting Town Planner and liaison to the TPZ.

The Planning Department and the Economic Development Department have worked collaboratively on several projects which will have a very beneficial impact on Farmington. These include:

- Redevelopment of the former Apricot's Property at 1593 Farmington Ave.
- Redevelopment of the Farmington Racquet Club to welcome Big Sky Fitness
- Redevelopment of the former GEM Manufacturing building at 155 Scott Swamp Road to accommodate a Thomaston Savings branch bank, self-storage, retail and fitness uses
- Redevelopment of a portion of the Corner House at the intersection of Rte. 4 and Rte. 10 to accommodate Ion Bank
- Expansion of the RaymCo building at 62 Spring Lane to facilitate the growth of their manufacturing facility
- Expansion of the Image First building at 1838 New Britain Avenue to facilitate the growth of their commercial laundering operations
- Approval of the Collinsville Saving Society branch bank at Post Office Square
- Approval of H&H Refrigeration at 1814 New Britain Avenue, allowing the corporation to stay in Farmington and own their facility

Additionally, the Planning Department has provided the additional development services in the following areas:

- Oversee construction of the Five Corners Development
- Oversee construction of the assisted living/memory care facility on Route 4

Planning and Zoning *continued*

- Oversee construction of the medical office facilities at 55 South Rd. and 599 Farmington Ave.
- Oversee construction of numerous residential new construction and expansions
- Preliminary discussions with the TPZ regarding improvements to the Epicure Plaza
- Numerous staff consultations with developers and property owners regarding development and redevelopment opportunities in Farmington

These projects will continue to foster a much stronger sense of place in Farmington and will be notable additions to the grand list. It is interesting to note the number of redevelopment and expansion opportunities presented within the 2018-2019 fiscal year. With the limited availability of undeveloped land in Farmington, the Planning Department's ability to creatively work with owners and tenants to facilitate expansions or redevelopment of underutilized property will continue to be critical.

In addition to the development opportunities realized last year, the staff and TPZ worked hard on several text amendments to the Zoning Regulations. Amendments to the sign regulations were implemented to limit lighting of signs. There were changes made to align the procedural requirements for public hearing notifications for subdivision, variance, special permit and wetland applications. The most notable changes to the regulations concern the demolition of buildings. The following itemizes these changes:

- Demolition of any principal structure shall require the submission of a site plan and review by the TPZ for determination of Zoning Compliance.
- If a development project involves the demolition or partial demolition (>50%) of an existing structure more than 75 years old the applicant shall be required to provide notice of the public hearing to the Farmington Historical Society, the Town Historian, the President of the Unionville Museum and the Chairman of the Farmington and Unionville Historic District Commissions.
- To preserve Farmington's specimen structures, Article IV, Section 15A – Reasonable Consideration for the Protection of Historic Factors was added to the regulation. This section requires a special permit and site plan review for the demolition of any building listed in the survey entitled – The History and Architecture of Farmington, Connecticut 1985-1986: An Architectural and Historical Survey, conducted by the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust, as amended.

Facilitating redevelopment and preserving Farmington's historical character will be key components of Farmington's future planning efforts.

Water Pollution Control Facility

The comprehensive upgrade to the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility has been under construction for the past 38 months. At this time the project is approximately 95 percent complete and is on schedule to be completed by this fall (2019). This completion includes the Headworks, Grit Removal, Four Primary Settling Tanks, Aeration Tank 3 & Aeration Tank 1 and 2 Retrofitting, Final Settling Tank 3, UV Disinfection, Solids Transfer, and Dewatering. The upgraded facility's capacity has increased 5.65 MGD to 6.30 MGD and has design peak of 18.97 MGD. Improved effluent quality by removing nitrogen and phosphorus will treat our wastewater more reliably and efficiently. The Ultra Violet Disinfection System is now in use and has eliminated the use of chemicals previously used to disinfect treated effluent.

The following projects are currently in progress at the WPCF:

- **NPDES Permit Renewal**- the discharge permit which the WPCF operates under has been renewed with minor changes and will go into affect September 1st, 2019.
- **Increased Nitrogen Removal** – Plant staff are working to enhance the nitrogen removal by adjusting the process and internal recirculation rates.
- **Biological Phosphorus Removal** – Operators have been working to optimize process control for Biological Phosphorus removal. By utilizing VFA's and PAO's (Phosphorus Accumulating Organisms) operators can create an environment where phosphorus is reduced biologically, helping to save chemical costs.
- **Sodium Hydroxide Addition**- Sodium Hydroxide has been added to enhance the process control environment (alkalinity and PH). This will help optimize process control.
- **Plant wide repairs and improvements** – Replacement, repairs, and improvements to the physical buildings and equipment that have not been affected by the construction continues.
- **Influent and Effluent flow meters were calibrated** and both met or exceeded NPDES permit requirements.



The following projects are currently in progress at the WPCF:

- **Ongoing improvements to WPCF Safety Program, expanded training and equipment.** New checklists and programs were created for alternate procedure checklists, and permit required confined spaces.
- **Continued upgrades to the WPCF SCADA computer system.** Programming improvements and changes to suit current operations at the WPCF and pump stations for control and data collection.

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

- **Raising of sanitary sewer manholes to existing road grade town wide** - Ongoing project, allows better accessibility to the collection system for maintenance. Structural repairs of inverts and risers completed as needed.
- **Televised inspections of sewer system town wide**, to prioritize repair and replacement of deteriorating pipes and manholes.
- **Generator maintenance** - WPCF maintenance staff have worked to overhaul, repair and replace parts on all generators. Load bank testing was also performed on the large diesel generators.
- **Radio System Upgrades** - Equipment at Pump Stations and the Avon Flow Meter have been evaluated and upgrades are scheduled this year at (Harlan, Devonwood, South Road, Pequabuck, and Tunxis) in order to provide better communications to the SCADA system.

Water Pollution Control Facility *continued*

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

- **Wells Acres Sewer Replacement** - pipes are being replaced to address structural defects and eliminate infiltration. A new trench drain system is also being installed to relieve groundwater around the sewer pipe.
- **Chemical Root Control** - Pipes in the Farmington Village/Garden Street area have been treated to prevent root intrusion. This is an ongoing maintenance program.
- **Allstate Pump Station** - complete pump overhaul. Wet well was cleaned.
- **Batterson Park Pump Station** - Pump #1's bearings and seal were replaced with a more efficient cartridge seal. The station was bypassed to ensure backup in the event our second pump failed.
- **Centerbrook Pump Station** - Complete pump overhaul & capacitors & relays were replaced. Wet well was cleaned.
- **Devonwood Pump Station** - Section of bubbler system tubing was replaced. Work has begun on the new radio communications and touchscreen panels.
- **Patrick Flood Pump Station** - The station was bypassed in November 2018 and the wet well was completely cleaned. Transducer and fog rod heights were adjusted. New soft start was installed in September 2018.
- **UCONN Pump Station** - Aging pumps have been either replaced or completely rebuilt. Variable Frequency Drive for Pump 3 failed and was replaced. Wet well was cleaned.
- **Westfarms Pump Station** - Wet well completely emptied and cleaned. Spare pump motor purchased. New NIC control system is being installed to replace outdated system.
- **Harlan Road Pump Station** - New pumps have been installed at the station. Wet well was cleaned. Work has begun on the new radio communications and touchscreen panels.
- **Collection System Data Management** - Improvements have been made to the databases used to record and organize collection system cleaning and Right of Way maintenance.
- **Manhole grouting Town Wide** - stop inflow & infiltration, project is ongoing.
- **Sewer Line Cleaning** - the WPCF crews in the process of cleaning and inspecting all Town sewer lines. This includes clearing of many overgrown sewer rights-of-way.
- **FOG (fats, oils, and grease) Management Program** - WPCA and town staff have implemented changes to the Town Code to prevent the discharge of FOG into the sanitary sewer system. This program is for the food services within town (restaurants, schools, businesses) to control and alleviate FOG within the collection system. This will reduce sanitary sewer back-ups and also operational difficulties at the WPCF. Individual registrations were collected, and facility inspections made. Cleaning records are requested quarterly from each facility.
- **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.
- **Updated and calibrated the Avon Flow meter that provides daily flow information from Avon to the Farmington WPCF.** Crocus lane was also updated and calibrated.



"The Farmington Economic Development Department and its Commissioners (EDC) are dedicated to promoting business growth and vibrancy in our town, while maintaining the proud character of our community."

Farmington is the Economic Leader in the Hartford Region

As the economic leaders in the area, Farmington businesses and residents benefit from our stable government, strong tax base, and one of the lowest mill rates in the greater Hartford region.

- Of the 38 towns and cities in the Metro-Hartford region, Farmington has the third lowest mill rate at 27.97. Farmington is in the top 10% of municipalities with the lowest mill rates in the state
- The grand list grew by .0038, for an increase of \$13,996,861. The net taxable grand list will generate approximately \$391,492,202 in new revenue, at the current 27.97 mill rate. *Please note this was a reval year.
- Farmington's commercial base contributes 32.2% of the total taxes and the residential base is 67.8%. These ratios indicate a vibrant business community whose contribution to the tax base takes much burden away from the residential community.
- In 2018, the unemployment rate in Farmington was 3.2%, while the Connecticut unemployment rate was 3.8%.
- In 2018, \$ 1,096,031.95 was collected in permitting fees, of which \$737,802.47 was from commercial projects. This represents approximately \$45,132,690.13 of commercial investment.
- AAA Bond Rating was maintained.

Our population of 24, 300 swells to a daytime population of approximately 54,000, providing us with a diverse blend of residents and businesses that create an envious demographic and economic makeup, which allows us to have one of the lowest mill rates in the Hartford region, while delivering excellent town services.

Connect, Cultivate & Collaborate

In 2018 Farmington continued to welcome new businesses to our commercial community. The growth ranged from small businesses and shops to larger medical office and residential buildings. The Bioscience- Medical corridor located around UCONN Health continues to thrive; the UCONN TIP incubator program currently houses 35 companies and employs 91 full time employees. A number of businesses were retained and expanded in 2018 all pointing to our businesses' satisfaction with the Town of Farmington.



To further strengthen Farmington's economic ecosystem, the Economic Development Council embarked on developing a communication strategy that would realize a more connected community of engaged residents and business owners.

In mid-November 2017, Explore Farmington was launched. This lifestyle platform was created to connect, cultivate and collaborate with the community; its primary goal is to advance business, public engagement and growth. We used the platform daily and created a weekly events' email that was very well received by the community. After using the platform for the past year, we worked with the developer to improve and update the site. The new site will be launched in July 2019.

Connect, Cultivate & Collaborate



The EDC contracted with a local marketing firm, Journey Communications, to better define our brand and to update our marketing materials. Journey also helped us develop marketing strategies that would drive traffic to ExploreFarmington.

The new marketing brochures will be used during trade shows and outreach events. The materials that were developed will be used throughout all of the EDC's communication channels, including weekly emails, the Business E-Newsletter, PowerPoint presentations, social media posts and the EDC section of the town's website.



This year's Free EDC Business Breakfast Series was sponsored by People's United Bank. The series continues to be very successful; attracting close to 200 registrations, per breakfast. There were three breakfasts held this year.

Presenters included James Lombella, president of Tunxis Community College, John Traynor, Investment and Economist for People's United Bank, and David Griggs, Executive Director of MetroHartford Alliance.

Recognitions were awarded to Ahern Funeral Homes, CT Spring and Stamping, and the 2019 New Business of the Year Award was given to NEAP, a Pietro Rosa Co,



Continuing our efforts to create a sense of place; the Beautify Farmington Program was expanded again this past year. This was the fourth year of providing both summer flowering baskets and winter holiday kissing balls.

This year's fundraising efforts allowed for all the light poles in Unionville Center to have summer flowering baskets.

Awards and Recognitions

- Farmington was awarded one of the 2018 Best Places to Live in CT by Niche.com with an A+ overall grade
- The Farmington UCONN TIP Program received the InBIA Impact Award for creating economic impact in their communities, through a robust variety of programs, spaces and services that serve the entrepreneurs and early-growth companies that are the engines of job creation.
- The 2018 Marcum Tech Top 40 recognizes the fastest-growing technology companies in Connecticut. Companies must have at \$3 million in annual revenue and demonstrate record growth in each of the preceding 4 years. ADNET Technologies and IT Services both made the list.
- Farmington High School was one of 41 high schools to receive the 2019 College Success Award. The awards are presented by Great Schools, a non-profit, that recognizes 1,722 schools across 25 states that have a successful track record of students who later enroll in 2- or 4-year colleges.

2018 Board of Education	2019 Board of Education
Chris Fagan, Chair	Chris Fagan, Chair
Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair/Secretary	Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair/Secretary
William Beckert	William Beckert
Mark Blore	Mark Blore
Kristi Brouker	Kristi Brouker
Elizabeth Fitzsimmons	Elizabeth Fitzsimmons
Mecheal Ham ilton	Mecheal Ham ilton
Ellen Siuta	Ellen Siuta
Andrea Sobinski	Andrea Sobinski

District Leadership

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

School Information 2018-2019

School	Principal
Farmington High School	Dr. William Silva
Irving A. Robbins Middle School	Dr. Scott Hurwitz
West Woods Upper Elementary School	Alicia Bowman
East Farms School	Renee St. Hilaire
Noah Wallace School	Dr. Carrie Huber
Union School	Caitlin Eckler
West District School	Kelly Sanders



Superintendent's Message

The 2019 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 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 2018-2019 school year aligned to our mission. We are proud of our purposeful improvement efforts and our strong partnership with students, families and our community. On behalf of the Farmington Board of Education, I am pleased to present this report to the citizens of Farmington.

Kathleen C. Greider
Superintendent of Schools

DISTRICT GOALS 2018-2019

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- All students will demonstrate performance standards in **self-direction and resourcefulness** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by exploring interests, taking initiative, setting learning goals, demonstrating persistent effort, adapting to change with resiliency and exhibiting ethical leadership and responsible citizenship.

Adopted March 2015

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

For a more detailed report summarizing specific student indicators for each goal and for every grade for the 2018-2019 school year, please visit the Farmington Public Schools' website www.fpsct.org and check the *District and School Reports* link.

Investing in Our Students

Farmington Board of Education Budget 2018-2019

Salaries	\$44,521,715
Benefits	\$9,773,598
Services	\$9,020,087
Supplies	\$1,872,866
Equipment	\$389,348
Dues & Fees	\$222,283
Total	\$65,799,897

- Farmington ranked 155 out of 169 towns in school-based administration.
- Farmington ranked 130 out of 169 in cost of special education services.
- Farmington ranked 130 out of 169 in the amount spent per pupil on purchased services.
- Farmington ranked 117 out of 169 in the amount spent per pupil on employee benefits.



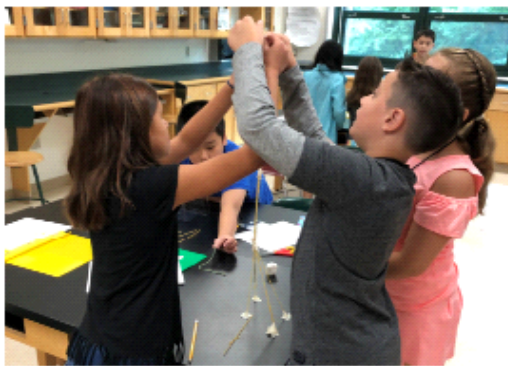
Farmington's Vision of the Graduate



Collaboration and Communication



Self-Direction and Resourcefulness



Problem Solving and Innovation



Critical Thinking and Reasoning

A Year of Achievements

Farmington High School received the 2019 Educational Citizenship Award for Social Justice Week 2019 from the Connecticut Association of Schools. Twenty-two FHS students met the World Language requirement for the State of Connecticut Seal of Bi-literacy. FHS also received 11 HALO Award nominations for excellence in theatre.

Sixty percent of FHS seniors were accepted at colleges ranked most, highly or very competitive. Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2019 continued to college or military service. FHS had one National Merit Program Finalist, one National Merit Semi-Finalist, eleven National Merit Commended Students, and seventy-seven AP Scholars in 2018. FHS had seventy-one AP Honors with Distinction, forty AP Honors students and seventeen AP National Scholars.

Forty FHS students participated in the New England Math Competitions throughout the year. Our students were awarded first place in the New England Mathematics League.

Two FHS students were selected to compete in state-level finals at Sacred Heart University of the Shakespeare Speaking Competition. One student was selected to compete in the Connecticut Poetry Out Loud competition.

Six students from the FHS Economics Team qualified for the "Euro Challenge!" semifinal competition.

Student Achievement—Standardized Testing

Science Testing 2018-2019

NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards test) was administered during 2018-2019. However, results will not be available until November of 2019.

Smarter Balanced Assessment

SAT

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

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

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected Achievement Level

Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected

Grade	Farmington		State	
	ELA	Math	ELA	Math
4	82%	82%	55%	53%
6	81%	71%	55%	45%
8	85%	74%	56%	44%
Average 3-8	82%	75%	56%	48%

Grade	Achievement Level			
	Farmington		State	
	ELA	Math	ELA	Math
11	84%	66%	62%	41%

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

Source: CT Department of Education, 2019



Farmington Board of Education

Board of Education Committees

Personnel and Negotiations Committee

Contract negotiations, collective bargaining.

2018

Mark Blore, Chair

Mecheal Hamilton and Andrea Sobinski

2019

Mark Blore, Chair

Mecheal Hamilton and Andrea Sobinski

Policy Committee

Develops and revises policy upon recommendation of the Board.

Recommends Board action, as needed.

Christine Arnold, Chair

William Beckert and Mark Blore

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Curriculum Committee

New course approval, program revisions, annual curriculum reports.

Mecheal Hamilton, Chair

Christine Arnold and Liz Fitzsimmons

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Communications/Public Relations Committee

Communications to the public, newsletters.

Ellen Siuta, Chair

William Beckert and Kristi Brouker

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Liaisons to Organizations and Representatives to Administrative/Community Committees

2018

CREC—**Rep Christopher Fagan**

Superintendent's Interscholastic Athletics

Advisory Committee—**Rep Kristi Brouker**

Farmington FOCUS—**Rep Bill Beckert**

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FHS Building Committee—**Rep Ellen Siuta and Rep Chris Fagan**



Farmington Board of Education



Congratulations to our Administrators and Staff

Amy Miller, FHS English Department leader, was selected to present at the New England Association of Teachers of English.

Nilda Irizarry, IAR Assistant Principal, was selected as a presenter for the League of Innovative Schools' Fall Conference.



Jean Molloy and the IAR Social Studies Department received the CT Red, White, and Blue State Award for Civic Engagement.

Karla McClain, IAR Choral teacher, was published by the National Association for Music Education.

Ed Manfredi, Physical Education Chair, received the Professional Honor Award from CTAHPERD.



FOCUS...on Reducing Underage Drinking

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

Summer Learning Academy

Farmington's Summer Learning Academy provides educational programs that extend and accelerate learning for the community's students. This summer, more than 1,500 students participated in a variety of programs including elementary, upper elementary and middle school academic acceleration and remediation courses. Farmington Continuing Education offered a Suzuki String and Chamber Academy, a Musical Theatre Academy, a Cultural Arts, and other enrichment courses and experiences. For high school students there were credit bearing courses in selected subject areas. The Extended Care and Learning program, which provides child care during the school year for students, offered a summer camp program that included educational and recreational field trips. Additionally, Farmington Collaborative Preschool offered both a full and half day summer camp program for preschool students and incoming Kindergarten students.

Farmington Public School Foundation

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

2018 Funded Projects:

WW Integrated Digital Media Arts Initiative: Integrating digital media arts in WW art classes.

WW/IAR Heart Rate Technology in PE: Utilizing live heart rate monitor technology in PE classes to encourage proper exertion.

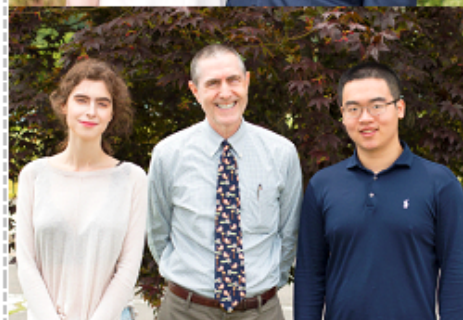
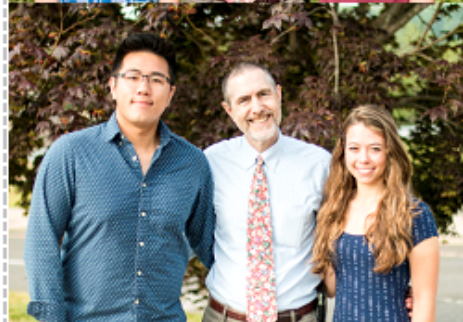
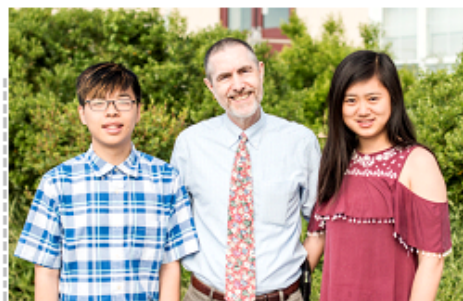
NW Next-Level Assemblies: Providing user-friendly technology to promote the sharing of student work.

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 \$170,000 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 2019 and to our outstanding students from all of the Farmington Public Schools.

Class of 2019

- **National Merit Scholarship Finalist**—*Pei Chao Zhuo*
- **National Merit Commended Students**—*Alexander Benham, Justin Choung, Kumar Darsh, Jeffrey Duan, Asushka Jami, Lakshya Kawatra, Rohit Limaye, Neel Mirani, Lehan Nguyen, Yash Sabarad, Pei Yi Zhuo*
- **Superintendent’s Award**—*Joanne Le*
- **Board of Education Student Leadership Awards**—*Dayna Deakin and Kieran Mangla*
- **FHS Principal’s Award**—*Haoyi Wang*
- **FHS Salutatorian**—*Ava Ferrigno*
- **FHS Valedictorian**—*Pei Chao Zhuo*
- **FHS Scholar Artist**—*Tristan Wong and Amy Jia*
- **FHS Scholar-Musician**—*Tristan Wong*
- **FHS Scholar-Athletes**—*Jeffrey Duan and Mia Grzywinski*
- **CIAC Award of Excellence**—*Dayna Deakin, Katherine Siuta, Zackary Marsh, Robert Sposato*
- **Outstanding Achievement in Math**—*Pei Chao Zhuo*
- **Outstanding Students in Health/PE & Wellness**—*Anna Saraceno, Som Sedigh*
- **Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science**—*Dara Hechter*
- **Outstanding Student in Physics**—*Lehan Nguyen*
- **Outstanding Student in Environmental Science**—*Madeleine Parent, Clarke Strauss*
- **Outstanding Student in History**—*Margaret Tharpe*
- **Outstanding Student in Social Studies**—*Pei Chao Zhuo*
- **Outstanding Student in French Award**—*Dalia Donor*
- **Outstanding Student in Spanish Award**—*Samantha Scheidel*
- **DAR Good Citizenship Award**—*Elise Dudley*



A Year of Achievements

2018-2019 Teacher of the Year

2018-2019 Staff Member of the Year



Farmington's Teacher of the Year, Kim Millar, was announced at the annual convocation meeting held on August 22, 2018. On being recognized as Farmington's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Millar stated, "It is an honor to have been selected as Farmington's Teacher of the Year and I'm deeply grateful to be a recipient of this award. I extend my sincerest gratitude to the dedicated colleagues and friends with whom I work and learn from each day. Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with many teachers and administrators who have mentored and supported me. I feel fortunate to be part of a team of educators and families that is so committed to innovative teaching and continuous improvement." Ms. Millar has taught in Farmington for thirty-one years.



Farmington's first Staff Member of the Year, Jean Letourneau, was also announced at the annual convocation meeting held on August 22, 2018. Ms. Alicia Bowman, Principal, shares, "Jean is so very deserving of this recognition...Since the moment I met Jean, he has been the utmost professional--consistently kind, hardworking, and passionate about his work! The West Woods School Community is fortunate to have Jean as a leader, problem-solver, and colleague. We are looking forward to celebrating this terrific honor with Jean." Mr. Letourneau has served as a dedicated staff member in the Farmington Public Schools for nineteen years.

Congratulations to Farmington High School's outstanding athletes:

- Boy's Basketball won the CCC league Division championship and won the CT State Basketball Championship Division III.
- Boy's Soccer won the CCC league division championship.
- Girl's Soccer were Class L State Finalists.
- FHS Ice Hockey team were semifinalist in Division II State tournament.
- Boy's Lacrosse were CCC league division champions.
- Girl's Tennis won the CCC division championship and were semi-finalists in the State Class L tournament.
- Boy's Tennis had an undefeated season and were CCC league division champions.
- Girl's softball won the CCC league division championship.



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

Scholar-Leaders
Sachi Akmal & Drew McClutchy

Superintendent's Award
Anastasia Verbo

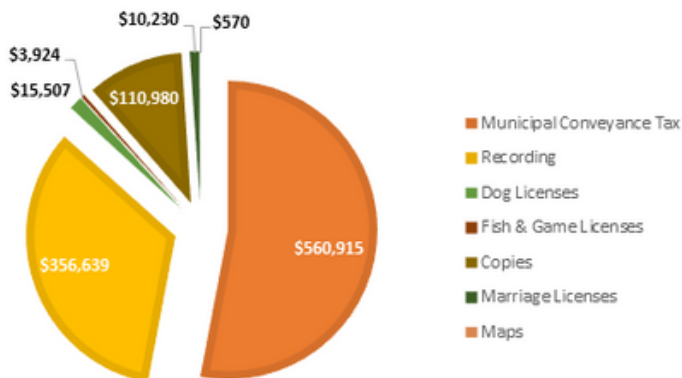


"The mission of the Town Clerk's office is to accurately maintain the records of the Town of Farmington, in a manner that allows easy access for the public and other Town of Farmington Departments."

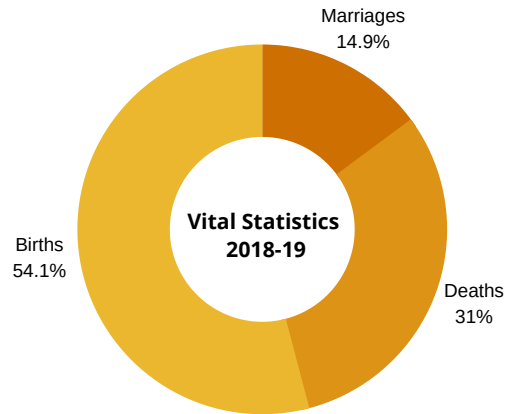
The Town Clerk is the Records Manager, Clerk of the Council, Registrar of Vital Statistics and Freedom of Information Liaison for the Town of Farmington providing assistance to all the Town of Farmington Departments.

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

During the **2018-2019 fiscal year**, revenue totaling **\$3,935,949** was collected in the Town Clerk's Office and remitted as follows: **\$2,856,820** in conveyance taxes to the State of Connecticut and **the following to the Town Treasurer for fees and local conveyance tax:**



Total to Town Treasurer: \$1,079,129



Births: 193 Farmington residents
Deaths: 261 Farmington residents
Marriages: 204 Farmington residents

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

2020 Dates of Interest	
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 2020-2021 year
June 30	Last day to register a dog without a penalty fee
September 30	Last day for Veterans to file discharge papers with the Town Clerk to receive exemption for the next tax year
October 2	Regular Absentee Ballots become available for the Presidential Election
November 3	Presidential Election

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

The collection results for the 2018/2019 fiscal year are as follows:

	Collectible	Collected	Refunds	Outstanding
Current taxes	\$99,558,763	\$99,372,430	\$129,227	\$315,560
Back taxes	\$481,814	\$208,058	\$22,471	\$296,227
Current sewer usage	\$5,077,697	\$4,756,725	\$2,317	\$323,289
Current waste collection charges	\$1,676,034	\$1,657,755	\$392	\$18,671
Back sewer usage and waste collection	\$41,178	\$23,074	\$118	\$18,222
SUB-TOTAL:	\$106,835,486	\$106,018,042	\$154,525	\$971,969
Current interest and fees	-	\$153,571	\$5	-
Current sewer/waste interest and fees	-	\$55,969	-	-
Back tax interest and fees	-	\$81,094	\$6	-
Back special service interest and fees	-	\$9,656	\$0	-
SUB-TOTAL:		\$106,318,332	\$154,536	
Sewer Assessments	\$100,251	\$98,942	-	\$1,309
Interest on assessments	-	\$1,302	-	-
General fund collections	-	\$1,237,785	-	-
Advanced payments - taxes	-	\$150,231	-	-
Advanced payments - sewer/waste	-	\$13,830	-	-
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:		\$107,820,422		

- 99.68% of the outstanding taxes on the current grand list was collected.
- 94.94% of the sewer usage and waste collection was collected.

Updated technology has greatly improved our ability to allow Farmington taxpayers and the general public, access to tax information at any time, day or night.

This has greatly reduced routine inquiries and allowed us to redirect our focus on collections. We look forward to future advances that will offer even more convenience to our taxpayers.

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

Registrars of Voters

"The entire Town of Farmington is in the 5th U.S. Congressional District. Farmington incorporates all of the 21st State Representative District and a segment of the 19th. Portions of Farmington are included in the 5th and 6th State Senate Districts."

Farmington has two local voting districts, four polling locations, and seven precincts as follows:

- **District 1, Precincts 1,2,3,4**
Polling Location: Irving Robbins School
- **District 1, Precinct 5**
Polling Location: West Woods School
- **District 2, Precinct 6**
Polling Location: Community / Senior Center
- **District 2, Precinct 7**
Polling Location: Farmington High School

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

- **Be a United States Citizen,**
- **Be a resident of Farmington,**
- **Be 17 years of age, turning 18 by Nov 2, 2020,**
- **Be completely released of confinement and parole if a past felon.**

Voter turnout in most recent voting opportunity:

	ELIGIBLE	VOTED
11-5-2019, Town*	19,352	6,825

*At 35.3%, the 11-5-2019 Town Election turnout was the best Farmington has experienced since 2009.

If you wish to check the status of your voter registration, you may use the "look up tool" at the web site of the CT Secretary of the State:
www.sots.ct.gov.

If you need to register or change your current registration, you may do so at the website:
www.voterregistration.ct.gov.

ELECTION DATA

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As of January 1, 2019 there were 19,533 active voters registered; active voters are enrolled as follows:

	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	TOTAL
REPUBLICANS	2,215	2,691	4,906
DEMOCRATS	3,097	3,052	6,149
OTHER MINOR PARTIES	127	146	273
UNAFFILIATED	3,910	4,295	8,205
TOTAL	9,349	10,184	19,533

The voter turnout in recent voting opportunities were as follows:

	NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS
TOWN ELECTION - NOVEMBER 2017	6,445	34.1%
PRESIDENTIAL - NOVEMBER 2016	14,943	78.8%
STATE - NOVEMBER 2018	12,835	66.4%
BUDGET VOTE - MAY 2018	1,694	8.9%
BUDGET VOTE - MAY 2019	1,273	6.5%

Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 in order to be added to our voter list for the November 3rd, 2020 election. The Registrar of Voters office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Limited registration at the Registrar's office will close at 12:00 Noon, Monday, November 3rd, 2020. Election Day Registration (EDR) will be available only at the Registrar's office in Town Hall.

Absentee ballot applications are available in person, or by mail, through the Town Clerks office, weekdays from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Absentee Ballots will be mailed starting October 2nd, 2020.

Farmington Registrars are:

Barbara Brenneman (D)
Edward J. Leary (R)

If you have any questions, please call:
(860) 675-2378 or (860) 675-2379.

Community and Recreational Services

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"The Community and Recreational Services Department continues its mission to manage resources, provide wholesome programming and coordinate opportunities to achieve creative solutions for a healthy community."



The department provides programming in three essential areas: supportive services, recreational activities and community engagement.

The Community and Recreational Services Division is organized into seven divisions: Housing, Transportation, Recreation, Westwood Golf Course, Youth, Senior and Social Services. The department also provides staff leadership to Human Relations, Housing Authority, Juvenile Review Board, Fair Rent Commission, Local Interagency Service Team (L.I.S.T) and FOCUS, the Local Prevention Council for teenage substance abuse prevention. Additionally, the department serves as a staff liaison for several community groups, including: Farmington Food Pantry, Farmington Community Chest, Unionville Improvement Association, Services for the Elderly and numerous sport leagues and organizations.

The department provides administrative oversight for:

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



All the seven divisions of the Community and Recreational Services Department provide supportive services and recreational activities to community residents. Our community enhancement services are those larger offerings that help to make Farmington the special place that it is. These services range from our Annual Thanksgiving Gathering, Annual Egg Hunt, Senior Fair, to the summer concerts and are facilitated through a collaborative effort of the entire department. This year through added publicity and the use of social media these programs have grown in popularity. This past year over 2,500 events were scheduled for seniors and various community groups at the Community & Senior Center; including programs, such as: regular meetings of numerous civic groups, flu shots, and town meetings.

Transportation: Our Dial-A-Ride ran for 4,222 hours, provided 8,210 individual rides and drove 29,652 miles throughout the year. The Connecticut Department of Transportation awarded the program \$62,043 in supplemental funds allowing us to increase transportation opportunities for seniors and to coordinate group trips.

Social Services: Approximately 4,800 hours of case work was provided to families, youths, individuals and elderly. These services are offered to residents experiencing financial, physical and psychosocial hardships. A social worker is available to assess needs, advise on available options, support and serve as an advocate. While many services are available through Social Services, additional assistance is provided through a system of networking, advocacy and referral. This year the Farmington Community Chest generously allocated \$15,000 to their direct aid fund that our social service staff administers. Currently, staff is assisting and working with 547 households with 1,029 client units needing some type of assistance from a simple food pantry application to complex case management oversight. Supportive 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 mornings a member of our staff is available at the pantry to interact with clients, assist volunteers, and assist clients with their packages. Throughout the year, our staff has provided almost 200 hours of oversight and assistance.

This year was another banner year for giving. Our holiday program provided 432 baskets to families for both holidays and 194 children received gifts. 82 donors contributed food and/or gift baskets. The Police and Fire Department assisted in food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and collectively brought in 8,000 pounds. The CERT team (Certified Emergency Response Team) delivered baskets to clients. The police department also assisted with a toy drive. It was a true community effort.

Throughout the year, staff interviewed, approved and coordinated projects for community service days with various organizations, including: Farmington Community Chest, First Church in Farmington, United Way, various civic organizations and one extended family. Approximately 300 volunteers assisted for 55 projects throughout the fiscal year; they provided assistance with minor repairs, painting and yard work at various homes, including doing some work at Maple Village and Westerleigh. Each year, each group grows and the amount of assistance provided is a true benefit to our older residents.

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

The drop-in Teen Center continues to be a hub of activity for our local youth. Over the past year 106 youths attended with over 1,039 visits.

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



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

Through the generosity of the Farmington Community Chest and a private donor, Youth Services was able to send 53 children to summer camps throughout the Farmington Valley. The total grant given was \$17,460; each recipient was assessed for assistance based on the family's need.



Senior Services: The Senior Center has marked its 16th year having served over 1,946 members. We continue to add quality programs, dedicated instructors and support services for the older adults in our community. Opportunities for healthy aging are created through social interaction, lifelong learning, and physical, mental and emotional well-being.

This fiscal year we provided an average of 170 programs per month with an average monthly attendance of 1,800 or over 21,500 visits in the year.

The fitness center is in full operation. The fitness/wellness center recorded 2,044 visits. Additionally, the new Beat Parkinson's program helps alleviate symptoms and the progression of Parkinson's disease has increased in popularity. The goal is to improve gait, flexibility, core strength, level of energy and overall health.

Both physical activities and mental stimulation are high priorities at our Center. Many of our activities such as card playing, chess, wood carving, pickleball, tablet and smart phone instruction are socially engaging and mentally stimulating. We partner with AARP to host Driver Safety Classes, Car Fit, FRAUD Watch and AARP Income Tax preparation training. As an AARP Tax Aide training site, 50 volunteers attend the training and then are assigned to prepare taxes throughout our region.

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

Our intergenerational program, funded through North Central Area Agency on Aging, hosted 8 programs throughout the year with 164 participants. This group is a partnership between senior citizens and high school students.



The Town's Community Services Department continues to provide financial support for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meal recipients. This year the town provided: \$29,600 directly to Services for the Elderly, a non-profit agency. Of the total assistance provided: \$9,600 went directly towards supporting the agency's operational expenses.

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

The Recreation Division had a successful year offering a variety of programs including bus trips, dance lessons, swim lessons, summer swim team, winter swim team, tennis lessons, martial arts, golf lessons and camps, youth basketball, youth soccer, youth football, youth and adult running, and our REC Summer Camps.

There were 4,067 receipts processed, with a total of 5,106 enrollments for recreation programs for 2018- 2019. Online registration, which began in 2006 at 6%, hit another all-time high in 2018 - 2019, at 80.6%. Farmington Recreation, under the Community and Recreational Services Department, mails program and service guides to every household in Farmington, 3-4 times per year. They are also emailed through our database and are made available online.

Housing (Housing Authority): The Housing Authority, created by Ordinance 65, effective May 1972, was implemented to further affordable housing opportunities within the Town of Farmington. It also investigates alternative solutions and initiatives regarding affordable housing. The Housing Authority met 6 times throughout the year discussing issues of affordable housing, the federal Section VIII rental subsidy program, the Cooperative Ownership Program and Maple Village. In order to increase its affordable housing stock, the Town of Farmington began a program in 1981 known as the Plan for Cooperative Ownership. To make the purchase of single-family homes more affordable to homebuyers of low to moderate income, the Town of Farmington rented land lots to individuals who qualified under selection criteria.

The Executive Director of the Housing Authority, who is also the Director of Community & Recreational Services, is responsible for the administration of Maple Village, a 40 unit elderly housing complex located in Unionville, on Maple Avenue Extension. The complex, built in 1975, houses individuals over the age of 62 and disabled adults. The yearly Management Plan (budget) for Maple Village was approved. The Housing Authority continued to participate in the state's Rental Assistance Program for elderly tenants in Authority operated housing. The Town receives a state grant for resident coordinator services, which allows us to provide assessment, case management and program coordination. The coordinator(s) provided over 300 visits to residents under this program.

Additionally, the Authority administers 90 HUD Section VIII vouchers, which provide rental subsidies for individuals who qualify with low income. The program is classified as a High Performer. The town owns 7 affordable rental units of different sizes. The units are financially maintained through the rental funds. The Authority also maintains landlord/tenant disputes, including complaints and/or rent increases.

Westwoods Golf Course: Operated by the Town of Farmington, Westwoods Golf Course leads players on an 18-hole jaunt past rivers, lakes, and bunkers that extends to 4,407 yards from the back tees. Despite its relatively short stature, Geoffrey S. Cornish designed the course to demand accuracy and consistency. The facility is designed as a great practice facility for all golfers, offering a 30-stall driving range and a practice green, which, at 24,000 square feet, affords ample room for practicing short game skills. Westwoods continues to provide quality lessons for our youth as well as adults and families. This past summer we had 150 participants in lessons through camps or group instruction. Westwoods hosted a number of tournaments this season and continues to advertise and market the course as a destination for novice to experienced golfers. Through some promotional efforts, many of our regulars have posted their positive experiences online and continue to encourage others to stop by.

Farmington Food Pantry

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"Since 2006, the Farmington Food Pantry has been sponsored by, and located in, Amistad Hall, on the campus of The First Church of Christ, in Farmington, CT. The Pantry is funded solely through donations and staffed entirely by volunteers."

In 2019, the Pantry organized as a Connecticut nonstock corporation named Farmington Food Pantry, Inc. and obtained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The Pantry now operates with the oversight of a Board of Directors and will continue to be housed at First Church of Christ Farmington. The Pantry will continue to be funded solely through donations and staffed entirely by volunteers. Our mission remains the same: to provide a "respectful, empowering environment, where supplemental food and personal care items are available to individuals who need assistance in Farmington."

The Pantry operates on a "Clients Choice" program which allows clients to pick the items they like and need, rather than being given a pre-packaged bag of food. As a partner agency of Foodshare, the Pantry can receive food and household necessities for a nominal amount.

All clients are pre-qualified by social workers from the Farmington Community & Recreational Services department. Additionally, Farmington Community & Recreational Services staff provide support during Tuesday shopping days, allowing for increased service and communication with clients.



**During 2018-2019,
246 Farmington families
were approved to shop
at the Pantry.**

The Pantry continues to serve an ever-growing need. In July 2018, the Pantry opened a third donation drop-off location at the firehouse at 76 Main Street, in Farmington. (Food donations can be dropped off at the firehouse on Monday - Friday, from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.) The site has already collected over 4,200 pounds of food in 2019.

Other drop off sites are: the First Church of Christ foyer, in Amistad Hall, on School Street (Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm), and Stop and Shop, at 1799 Farmington Avenue, in Unionville.



The Pantry is grateful to receive ongoing fresh produce and eggs from many generous farms and farm stands in town. The Farmington Community Chest continues to be a generous supporter of the Farmington Food Pantry, Inc., providing funding for various projects and equipment.

In 2018-2019, the Pantry distributed nearly 49 tons of food to needy residents during more than 2,200 client visits. The all-volunteer staff logged in over 2,500 hours of service, processing food drives, stocking shelves, and staffing shopping days. In 2018-2019 the Pantry significantly increased its social media profile through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter platforms, debuted a new logo, and completed an overhaul of the Pantry web site (farmingtonfoodpantryct.com). The web site's secure online donation link, via PayPal, has proven to be a popular and convenient source of financial donations for the Pantry. Check it out!

The Pantry volunteers and the Community & Recreational Services staff continue to work tirelessly to further our mission of ending hunger in Farmington. Together with our partner agencies and the Farmington community, the Pantry is making a meaningful difference in the lives of our Farmington neighbors in need. Thank you to all who support the Farmington Food Pantry, Inc.



Fire Department

"The Town of Farmington Fire Department includes the East Farmington, Oakland Gardens, Farmington, Tunxis Hose, and Southwest Fire Stations."



The Fire Department is a "combination department" which means that it is staffed by a combination of approximately 127 Volunteer Fire Fighters and 9 Career Fire Fighters. **During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Fire Department responded to 4,084 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.



Volunteer firefighter, Steve Jones, and volunteer Fire Chief, Don Antigiovanni, celebrate 50 years of service to the Town of Farmington.

Non-Farmington residents may apply if they live within 5 miles of the fire station 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 Firefighter. 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.



Ladder 1 truck raises the American Flag for a community event.



The Fire Department provides instruction on American Heart Association courses for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. More than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside the hospital each year. Instructors within the department provide Community CPR instruction quarterly, at no charge, at the Community/Senior Center.

These courses are instrumental to teaching members of the public the necessary skills to recognize a cardiac arrest, get emergency care on the way quickly and provide CPR until a high level of medical care arrives. These courses also incorporate the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The use of an AED within three to five minutes after a collapse greatly increases the chance of survival. For every minute that passes without CPR or defibrillation, the chance of survival of a victim decreases by 7 to 10 percent. The Town of Farmington is a HEARTSafe Community, which is a community that has documented the "Chain of Survival" links to address cardiac emergencies for its citizens. These links include early access to emergency care, early CPR, early defibrillation, and early advanced care.

The Town of Farmington Fire Department is also available to instruct at businesses, schools and daycare centers, in order to ensure this vital training is maintained within our community. Please contact us if you are interested.



Tunxis Hose volunteer firefighters, Deputy Chief Paul Krause and Lieutenant Logan Rickis, pose with a mother and the baby they helped her deliver.

Strategic Goals

One of the strategic goals assigned to the Town of Farmington Fire Department is to provide quality fire, medical and rescue services to the Town of Farmington. Under this strategic goal, the Town of Farmington Fire Department was tasked with formulating and submitting an alternative local emergency medical services plan to the Department of Public Health. The purpose of this submission was for reassignment of the Primary Service Area designation for Paramedic Service (ALS), within the Town of Farmington.

Submission of an Application to the Commissioner of Public Health for the reassignment of the Primary Service Area designation for Paramedic Service (ALS) was completed back in April 2018. The forward momentum of the processes led to multiple meetings with the North Central Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Council and a public hearing before the Department of Public Health, to support the request for the change illustrating the added benefits to the community that this assignment would have.

On January 15, 2019, the Department of Public Health, through the Office of Emergency Medical Services, assigned the Paramedic (ALS) PSAR to the Town of Farmington Fire Department. The town now holds the Paramedic PSAR and continues to contract these services out to American Medical Response (AMR).



East Farm volunteer firefighters, Jack Nelson and Brian Nelson, drive auction winners to school.



Fire Safety Trailer for Fire Prevention and Safety community outreach.

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.

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



Director and Members of the TFFD participate in the "Fight for Air Climb," in Hartford.

Field Training Exercises



Director and Members of the TFFD get ready to make the climb.



Town of Farmington Fire Department, Waste Treatment Plant employees and UCONN FD conduct a confined space drill.



Career Town of Farmington Fire Department firefighters conduct high angle rope rescue training.



Tunxis Hose trains at the Live Fire Training Facility.

Police Department

"The Police Department maintained its assiduous pace this past year by responding to 21,301 Calls for Service. There were 578 Adult Arrests, 3,526 Motor Vehicle Stops conducted and 1,787 citations were issued."

Citizen Survey

The Farmington Police Department takes great pride in providing quality and professional service to everyone in our community. Citizen input on how we are doing and where we could improve is invaluable to enhancing our services, and for future planning. To garner this information, a citizen survey was available online, for completion between April 15-June 15, 2019. Below are highlights from the compilation of surveys received:

Have you had contact with any member of the FPD within the last 3 years? Yes - 85.37% No -14.63%

Tell us who you had contact with?

- Dispatcher- 21.14%
- Police Officer- 49.59%
- Supervisor/Command- 11.38%
- Animal Control Officer- 8.94%
- Community Service Officer/CERT member- 4.07%
- Other (Administrative/Records)- 4.88%

In what capacity did you interact with the FPD?

- Made a Complaint- 20.48%
- Victim of a Crime- 10.84%
- Traffic Stop- 14.46%
- Arrested- 1.2%
- Witness- 8.43%
- Other- 44.59%

During your interaction, were you treated with professionalism, dignity and respect?

Yes - 98.57% No - 1.43%

Do you believe the representative listened to your concerns, and attempted to help resolve your issue?

Yes - 97.10% No - 2.90%

How would you rate our response to your call for service?

- Faster than Expected - 26.09%
- About what was Expected - 47.83%
- Slower than Expected - 4.35%
- N/A - 21.73%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of service to the community provided by the FPD?

- Excellent - 80.49%
- Good - 15.85%
- Fair- 2.44%
- Poor 1.22%

Overall, how would you rate the competency level of the FPD?

- Excellent- 72.29%
- Good- 25.3%
- Poor- 2.41%

Overall, how would you rate the professionalism of the FPD?

- Excellent - 80.72%
- Good - 16.88%
- Fair - 1.2%
- Poor - 1.2%

Would you be hesitant to contact the FPD?

Yes - 1.21% No - 98.79%

Over the past 3 years, do you believe crime in Farmington has increased, remained the same or decreased?

- Remained the Same - 71.25%
- Decreased - 11.25%
- Increased - 17.5%

Overall, how safe do you consider the Town of Farmington?

- Very Safe - 63.86%
- Safe- 34.94%
- Not Safe- 1.2%

How concerned are you with the following in Farmington?

	Not Concerned	Concerned	Very Concerned
Robbery	62.65%	27.71%	9.64%
Burglary	38.55%	48.19%	13.25%
ID/Internet Crime	37.80%	41.46%	20.73%
Theft from Vehicle	24.10%	51.81%	24.41%
Traffic Issues	25.30%	39.76%	34.94%
Speeding	32.53%	34.94%	32.53%
Drunk Driving	38.55%	48.19%	13.25%
Distracted Driving	8.43%	55.42%	36.14%
Drug use/sale	44.58%	32.53%	22.89%
Vandalism/Littering	55.42%	32.53%	12.05%
Juvenile Issues	54.22%	39.76%	6.02%
Solicitors	66.27%	26.51%	7.23%
Panhandling	78.31%	16.87%	4.82%

It should be noted that 91.56% of the people are concerned/very concerned about distracted driving, followed by 76.22% concerned/very concerned about theft from vehicle. They are the least concerned about panhandling and solicitors.



Citizen Survey

How would you rate the quality of service provided by the FPD, in the following areas:

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement	Not Observed
Crime Control & Investigation	30.49%	52.44%	3.66%	13.41%
Traffic control & Enforcement	26.58%	45.57%	27.85%	0%
School Resource Officers	32.10%	44.44%	4.94%	18.52%
Juvenile Outreach Programs	17.28%	43.21%	6.17%	33.33%
Elderly Outreach Programs	12.35%	44.44%	6.17%	37.04%
Crime Prevention Programs	13.41%	52.44%	8.54%	25.61%
Community Policing Programs	20.99%	45.68%	9.88%	23.46%
Park Patrol	23.46%	46.91%	8.64%	20.99%
Community Patrol	26.25%	50%	16.25%	7.50%
Community Notifications	23.46%	53.09%	16.05%	7.41%

It should be noted that 82.93% surveyed believed that crime control and prevention exceeds/meets expectations. Traffic control and enforcement is the area needing the most improvement.

Traffic Concerns

As depicted above, traffic is still the hot-button issue among Farmington's citizens. To that end, the Traffic Review Board (TRB) meets monthly to discuss issues and determine and implement solutions. During the year, the TRB reviewed and closed out twenty-five issues/complaints by re-focusing on selective traffic enforcement, having trees removed for better site line, contacting State DOT for issues pertaining to them, among many other solutions.

Another critical item that was addressed was installing, "Bikes May Use Full Lane" among certain areas. State law requires that cyclists ride as close to the right side of the roadway as is safe, as judged by the bicyclist. However, there are obvious conditions, some of which are listed in the statute, where it is safest for cyclist to use the full lane. The circumstances identified in the law include where it is reasonably necessary to avoid conditions such as parked vehicles, surface hazards and lanes that are too narrow for a bicycle and a motor vehicle to travel safely side by side within such lanes. The obvious goal is a mutual respect between motorists and cyclists so that everyone can get to where they are going safely.



Awards Ceremony

On June 5, 2019, the Farmington Police Department held its annual awards ceremony to recognize employees and citizens for exceptional work or service above and beyond the call of duty. Among the awards presented were 5 Distinguished Service Medals. This medal is presented to a sworn officer who, in the performance of duty and at personal danger, apprehends a dangerous felon and/or has been confronted by a situation in which a weapon was pulled on him/her and he/she were personally threatened. Thankfully, each incident was resolved without injuries to officers or citizens. We also proudly presented a Life Saving Award and over 25 Chief's Letter of Commendation for outstanding police work.



Officers Vitkus and Jones and Sergeant Corcoran receive Chief's Letters of Commendation, from Chief Melanson, at the 2019 Annual Awards Ceremony.



Officers Martin and Catania receive Chief's Letters of Commendation, from Chief Melanson, at the 2019 Annual Awards Ceremony.



Accreditation

Farmington PD continues to remain up-to-date regarding CALEA standards and accreditation. From July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019, (40) forty General Orders were updated, to remain current. We also transitioned to the 4-year accreditation cycle and successfully completed the Year 1 file review, during which over 70 files were reviewed by a CALEA Compliance Service Member and found to be in compliance. Among the feedback was, .."I found your accreditation files well organized, complete, and easy to navigate."

Community Service

Farmington Police Department continues to be committed to serving our community and maintaining a strong, visible presence in the school system as well as the town in its entirety. On several occasions, residents were met with a smile from our officers while they served patrons at Starbucks during our Coffee with a Cop Event. Citizens were also greeted by the new Farmington Police Mascot, who was present at events such as Touch a Truck, the annual Toy Drive and safety talks given to the Girl and Boy Scouts. You may have also noticed the Farmington Canteen around town, sponsored in part by ProHealth Physicians and Farmington Community Chest. The Canteen Trailer is made available to assist during emergency situations, by providing food and drink to first responders and those affected during emergencies and disasters.



Sergeant Vincent and the Farmington Police Department's Mascot attend a Touch-a-Truck and public safety event at the Goddard School.



Officer Martin serves as an interim barista at Starbucks, during a Coffee with a Cop community event.



Out and about in the Farmington Community.

"The Farmington Libraries' new strategic framework, a tool to guide us going forward, will be focused on community goals and values, and the importance of using human-centered design to develop programs and resources that help meet those goals."

Message from the Director

In the past year, over 225,000 people walked through the doors of the Farmington Libraries, surpassing the total number of visitors each year for the last five years! People came for the nearly 1,300 children and adult programs we offered, including the concerts on the lawn at the Barney and hands-on classes in the Maker Space; to apply for passports or have important documents notarized; to check out books and other media; to use our computers to apply for jobs or print out a boarding pass when their home printer died; and to gather with friends and colleagues in one of our meeting rooms to study or start businesses of their own.

While each individual's reason for coming to the Libraries is unique, the common thread throughout is the promise of opportunity that the Libraries provide. Opportunities for people to connect with friends, family and fellow Farmington community members they may otherwise never meet. Opportunities for people to learn new skills and be exposed to new ideas. Opportunities for children to engage in activities that promote early literacy skills development, and to develop a lifelong love of reading and public libraries.

We may not know what the future holds, but as Farmington evolves, the Libraries promise to evolve with you. We are dedicated to ensuring that our lines of communication with the community are open, that our spaces can flex to meet your needs, and that our team of professionals is adaptable, so that whatever the coming year or years may bring, we will be able to deftly navigate those changes and support the growth of this vibrant community. This coming year we are recommitting ourselves to our mission of partnering with the community through the expansion of current partnerships and outreach programs, and through the development of our new strategic framework.

The Farmington Libraries' new strategic framework, a tool to guide us going forward, will be focused on community goals and values, and the importance of using human-centered design to develop programs and resources that help meet those goals.

Through community conversations, individual surveys, and outreach to local organizations and businesses, we hope to learn what drives this community and use that information to better serve Farmington well into the future.

Just as we could not have had such a wonderful past year without the tremendous support of the community, and hard work of the Library staff, Board of Trustees and volunteers, we cannot succeed without you going forward. Together, we can accomplish great things for Farmington. We hope to see you at the Libraries this year!

Sincerely,

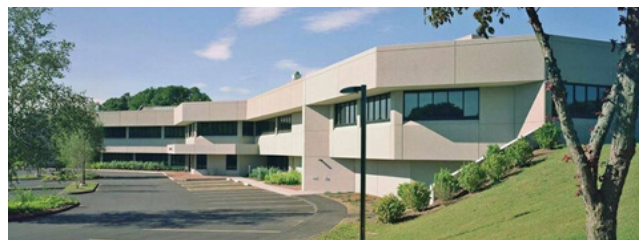
Laura A. Horn
Executive Director

Information and Teen Services

Sarah Mias, Director of Information & Teen Services

While it is not easy to convince people to slow down, or to step away from their busy schedules, the libraries strive to provide patrons with the tools, resources, and opportunities they need in accessible ways that work for each individual and their lifestyle. From online learning databases available from home or on the go, e-books and e-audiobooks available with just a few clicks, to beautiful evening concerts on the Barney lawn, one-on-one technology trainings, and a variety of library programs offered during various times throughout the week, there is an experience for everyone at the Farmington Libraries.

Many of our successes over the past year showcase that anyone can experience something new or something familiar with the Farmington Libraries, whether they are physically in the library, on the go using a smart device, or in the comfort of their own home.



Information Services Highlights:

- Hosted our 6th annual Maker Fair with over 750 attendees, providing high-tech and low-tech hands-on activities for all ages.
- Introduced a new online resource, Creativebug, to nurture the creative side of our patrons using step-by-step video tutorials for DIY and artistic projects including knitting, painting, crafting, and more – all accessible from home or on the go.
- Spent more than 150 hours training 70 individuals on Maker Space and Studio equipment.
- Supported over 250 individual Maker Space and Studio equipment uses, during which patrons spent over 500 hours creating original content.
- Held over 100 Maker Space and Studio programs with a total of 550 participants.
- Participated in the statewide Connecticut Indie Author Contest, providing local authors an outlet to digitally submit original works.
- Introduced the “Sit-N-Knit” Maker series, providing local knitters a time and place to gather, share new ideas, and help each other with individual projects. Also participated in World Knit in Public Day.
- Obtained a total of 2,688 individual library items from nearby libraries for Farmington residents through our interlibrary loan program.
- Introduced two new library-run evening book clubs – YA (Young Adult) Lit Lovers Book Group and Farmington Reads Book Group – to provide book lovers a place to gather and discuss engaging and diverse titles.



Farmington Room Highlights:

- Continued the very popular Community Scanning Days Series to promote the digital preservation of family memories and histories.
- Inventoried all historical maps and created both a digital and print guide for Farmington Room visitors to easily locate content.
- Organized archival materials to ensure that all related items are housed together, enabling researchers to more efficiently locate materials.
- Began the process of adding all items in the archive to the Libraries' digital catalog, allowing patrons to easily and independently search for items of interest.

Teen Services

Life can be demanding as a teen - balancing the day with sports, school, volunteering, after school clubs, and home life. Throughout the year, it is our mission to provide these teens with a space where they can unwind and decompress, yet also expand their curiosity and encourage a sense of play within their busy lives. Our diverse and creative teen programming, combined with entertaining and educational resources and materials, help to provide Farmington teens with their own sense of community, while also giving them a safe space to take a step back from their busy schedules, and to take time to try something new and to re-connect with others.



Teen Services Highlights:

- Teen summer reading participation continued to increase with 348 individual participants. This summer 2,455 books were read, and 5,626 prizes were awarded!
- Offered 180 teen programs this year with over 1,440 teens attending. Of these programs, 42 were offered during the summer, with a total of 358 teen attendees!
- Partnered with the Avon Free Public Library, the Simsbury Public Library, and the West Hartford Public Library in hosting an inter-town Rick Riordan Trivia Tournament for teens. A total of 80 teens participated in the all-day tournament, with over 300 spectators joining in on the fun!
- Introduced the Teen Tech Mentors program, where a dedicated group of teen volunteers meets monthly with seniors seeking help with their phones, computers, and more. Teen Tech Mentors continues to see a number of returning patrons, and has noticed tremendous improvement in patrons' confidence with using new technology easily and independently search for items of interest.

Children's Services

Ericka Bajrami, Director of Children's Services

The Farmington Libraries Kids' Place is a vibrant hub of family activity, a place where lifelong library users are born. Through an outstanding collection of both print and non-print materials; a space that invites exploration and discovery; programming aimed at every stage of a child's development; and friendly, knowledgeable staff, the children's department is truly a center of learning and community life, supporting not just its young patrons but parents, caregivers, and educators as well. In order to meet the ever-changing needs of our patrons, we are continually growing our programs and services. On April 1, I joined the children's department as the new Director of Children's Services. I am very excited to develop relationships with our patrons and continue to grow our programs, services, and partnerships to best serve the wants and needs of our community.



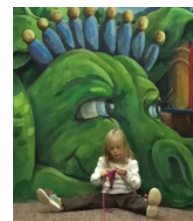
Children's Services Highlights:

- The well-used children's collection continues to grow; in addition to the new print and electronic titles ordered throughout the year, the department has also expanded the circulating toy collection to feature educational toys and games that allow children to learn through play, a fundamental practice of developing early literacy skills. The kits can be checked out for three-week loans, giving families opportunities to vary their children's toys to keep up with their ever-changing interests and abilities. Plans are underway to soon launch a new series of early learning story kits to expand this popular collection.
- Two new AWE AfterschoolEdge™ educational computer stations were added to the department. These computers are designed for elementary students ages 6-12 and include over 70 built-in educational multi-curricular titles, ideal for enrichment, intervention, homework help, and skill reinforcement. Other additions to our space included new chairs, tables, carpeting, and even new fish in our fish tank!



Children's Services Highlights:

- Over 600 programs were offered to children this past year, with over 16,000 in attendance. While favorites such as Pint-Sized Picassos, Read to a Dog, Chess, Tots & Tunes (with an annual attendance of 5766!), and the full schedule of early literacy storytimes continued to be in high demand, patrons were also drawn to the unique programs our library offers, such as our Polish storytime, annual Maypole Dance, Chinese New Year celebration, and the library-wide Maker Fair, which saw record attendance this year. The library also offered programs in collaboration with community partners, such as the New Britain Museum of American Art, Winding Trails, Circle of Security, and Bristol Hospital, connecting participants to the greater community.
- Children's programming reaches its zenith during the summer months with the annual Summer Reading Program. Performers who came to entertain families included KC Sisters, Animal Embassy, Bari Koral, World Class Frisbee Show, Farmer Minor & Daisy, Valentine the Clown, ChildLight Yoga, Mike Markowitz and his Family Sing-Along Picnic, and Marisa Murray's Zumba. Over 900 children participated in the Summer Reading Program by logging in over 1 million minutes of reading.
- Unveiled a new Winter Reading program, a complement to our successful summer reading program. This BINGO-style log encouraged children to read a wide variety of materials and learn about the areas of our collection that they might not have been familiar with.



Lending Services & Collection Management

Karen Cerasoli, Manager of Lending Services

Our Lending Services staff are the first to offer you a friendly greeting when you enter the Library and we are the last to wish you a "Good Day" as you leave. We accept returned items, answer questions and direct you to where you need to go. It is our primary goal to make you feel welcomed and listened to as you come and go from the Farmington Libraries.

Lending & Collection Management Highlights:

- Welcomed 225,467 visitors (including 1 llama), checked out 306,811 items, and issued 1,450 new library cards.
- Enthusiastically collaborated with other departments on programs and services such as passports, assisting with Children's and Adult reference questions, and even hosting a Knitting program.
- Assisted with this year's Maker Fair by greeting attendees, escorting families to different areas of the event, and helping at activity stations. Lending played an integral part in keeping things running smoothly for the 750+ attendees that day!
- Streamlined the cataloging process for new and incoming materials in order to get them on the shelves and into customer's hands faster, and to free up staff to spend more time helping the public.
- Partnered with West Woods School's Summer Learning Academy to bring in students on a field trip to the Main Library, where they signed up for library cards and checked out three books of their choosing.

Barney Library

Caroline Ford, Assistant Director

The small but mighty Barney Library continues to be an important part of the Farmington community, providing programs and collections tailored to the needs and interests of the surrounding community, while complementing the offerings of the Main Library. A gathering place for children and adults, the Barney Library has a professional and friendly staff that is always available to help with computers, give book recommendations, and make meaningful connections with all who visit.



Adult Services Highlights:

- Reorganized the lobby to display an easy-to-browse collection of new and popular items.
- Continued the tradition of Outreach Service for our homebound and nursing home patrons, with a staff member delivering items monthly.
- Offered a diverse slate of adult programs, including lectures, book groups, and hands-on craft programs.
- Served as a popular summer destination for our evening concerts on the lawn. Held our largest concert ever in August with over 200 attendees to see The Kerry Boys perform on the Barney Library lawn.



Children's Services Highlights:

- Offering developmentally appropriate opportunities for children to learn through play and technology is central to developing early literacy skills and preparing children to be successful when they enter school. To that end, we added a light table with magnetic geometric tiles to introduce children to basic geometric concepts and allow them the opportunity to get hands-on and build their own creations.
- Added two new AWE Early Literacy Stations to the children's room at the Barney Library. The Early Literacy Station™ (ELS) is designed specifically for our youngest patrons, ages 2-8, and features over 4,000 localized learning activities. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science & nature, social studies & geography, reading, art & music, writing & computer skills, and reference.
- Continued to offer an array of children's programs that encourage and support a love of reading, moving, music, and creativity. Special programs included our yearly Cupcake Wars, Summer Bubble Day and the Connecticut Story Telling Tellebration event.



Community Engagement

Leah Farrell, Manager of Marketing & Community Engagement

The Farmington Libraries strive to provide the best selection of informative, engaging, and entertaining programs for adults in Farmington and surrounding communities. The newly-formed Adult Programming Team meets quarterly to brainstorm, plan, and coordinate a diverse slate of programs to appeal to a wide audience of lifelong learners. We have also begun taking full advantage of the beautiful and historic Barney Library by holding more lectures and concerts there throughout the year.

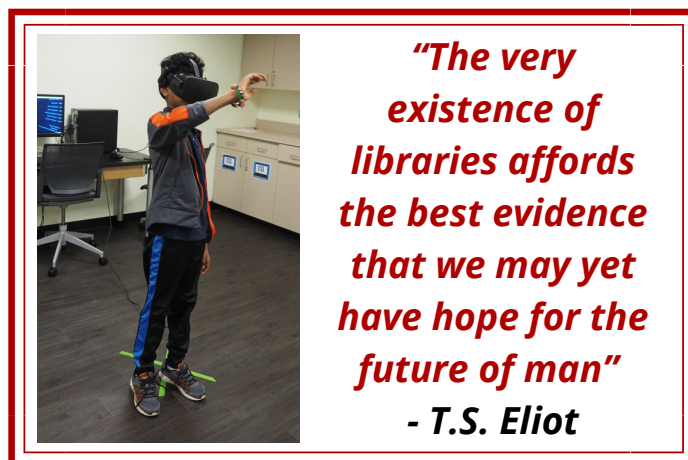


Adult Programming Highlights:

- Held 244 Adult Programs with 3,797 attendees.
- Held 14 Garmany Music Series Concerts with 1,023 attendees.
- Successfully implemented and publicized new Event Calendar, which in addition to providing a more appealing, user-friendly events calendar, also streamlined the room booking process and made it possible to reserve Maker Space equipment online.
- Partnered with Anthology of Farmington to host an information session on Alzheimer's and dementia that brought in 50 attendees and led to the creation of a monthly support group that meets at the Main Library.
- Partnered with local artists, crafters, and artisans to create the Artisans Corner at the Maker Fair.

Publicity Highlights:

- Created a schedule for publicizing initiatives, events, and services. This enables us to plan ahead and limit oversaturation, which in turn allows the information we share to have a greater and more memorable impact.
- Worked with the Executive Director to create a "Farmington Libraries at a Glance" fact sheet to give potential partners a general overview of the organization and what we do.



"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man"
- T.S. Eliot

"Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats - The Farmington Valley Health District is the local health department for the Town of Farmington."



It is always an interesting and exciting time to be in public health and this past year was no different as we tracked

emerging public health threats, launched new communication channels, continued to strengthen our community partnerships and launched a five-year strategic plan to better meet our statutory mandates using national accreditation as our benchmark.

In 2014, the CT General Assembly updated the statutory mandates of local health departments. Aligned with national standards, the "Ten Essential Services of Public Health" define the core functions that all local health departments must provide to protect the health of the communities they serve. The health district is working hard to build its capacity to meet these requirements. As part of this work, FVHD has convened a community health advisory group to develop a community health assessment that will help us better understand the critical public health issues facing our communities, the populations at greatest risk and the strategies and resources available to improve health. The District also continues to ensure that food establishments and salons are regularly inspected, public bathing areas are routinely tested, and septic systems are installed to protect our natural resources.

Unfortunately, our District has not been immune to the opioid epidemic and we routinely track data on opioid related deaths and overdoses to better understand the magnitude of the problem. The District worked collaboratively with our social service and police departments to promote drug takeback programs, provide educational outreach, increase access to Narcan and encourage medical providers to participate in the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

The proliferation of vaping among youth is presenting a new challenge for public health as both the short- and long-term health consequences of vaping continue to emerge. The District joined with other public health agencies to advocate for and see passage of Tobacco21—a law that will reduce access to tobacco and vaping products by increasing the age of purchase. We were also recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials as a model practice for our school based youth programming building the resilient attributes of youth.

This year we were excited to launch both a regular television series called "Health Matters" and a monthly newsletter focused on providing our community with the most up-to-date information on timely public health topics. These also provide an opportunity to highlight many of our community partners and the work we are doing jointly to improve the health of our community.

Enforcing CT General Statutes, the Public Health Code and FVHD regulations are an important part of our work to ensure that the public's health is protected when eating out, swimming in a public pool, going to a salon or drinking water from a private well. The following provides a summary of permits issued and the inspections and site visits conducted during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Permits Issued:	
Food Service Establishments	161
Temporary Food Service	135
Salons	47
New Septic	2
Septic Repair	15
Pools	32

Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:	
New Septic	2
Septic Repair	7
Public Bathing	35
Food Service Establishments	248
Complaints (All)	25
Salons	50
Day Care	5



Services for the Elderly

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"Services for the Elderly of Farmington, Inc. is a nonprofit agency whose mission is: To assist older citizens with maintaining their desired home lifestyle relative to meals, transportation, socialization, home medical equipment and maintenance."

Services for the Elderly staff consists of a full-time Executive Director, a part-time Director Assistant, working 14 hours a week, a Bookkeeper/Program Assistant, working 10 hours a week, and a Transportation Coordinator, working six hours a week. There are over 150 volunteers that assist with our various programs. Services for the Elderly is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, from all areas of town. Our programs are financially supported primarily through United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, the Town of Farmington, service groups, churches, businesses, fundraising events and individuals.

Several fundraisers were planned throughout the year, including the Subaru "Share The Love" Event, beginning in November, our annual appeal in December, "March for Meals" in March, and "Birdies for Charity," through the Travelers Championship in June. Each of these fundraisers help support our various programs aimed at assisting the aging in our community.

**Services for the
Elderly of Farmington is located at:**
**321 New Britain Ave.,
Unionville, Ct. 06085**
860. 673. 1441
services@farmingtonseniors.org
www.farmingtonseniors.org

The following services were provided in the fiscal year 2018-2019:

Meals On Wheels Program:

11,656 meals were delivered Monday through Friday by our committed volunteers who also deliver a birthday bag on their special day. Each client receives a hot meal and a cold bag meal each day of their delivery.

Congregate Meal Program:

1,767 hot meals were served by volunteers in the Community/Senior center on Monday and Fridays throughout the year.

Medical Transportation Program:

1,024 rides were given to clients to and from medical and dental appointments in the 2018-2019 year.



Friendly Shopping Program:

399 grocery shopping trips were made by volunteers that have been matched with clients to obtain the necessary staples for their kitchens.

Friendly Visiting Programs:

Seniors went on 15 various fieldtrips that were coordinated and privately funded through the "It's Good To Get Out" program. This program allows women over 65 who live alone and are not able to drive to experience many adventures and create friendships. The "Forget-Me-Not" program delivered 640 special gifts to 80 seniors, nine times throughout the year. These gifts included Thanksgiving baskets delivered to homebound seniors made with donations from Highland Park Market and area Farmington health agencies and local stores.



The **Farmington Garden Club** donated holiday greens and spring flowers to our homebound clients. We were also very fortunate to have the **Farmington Community Chest** provide funding for these special packages to remind seniors that they are thought of throughout the year.

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Job Bank Program:

144 people requested the job bank list this past year.

Tax Assistance Program:

322 people were assisted with their tax forms by A.A.R.P. trained volunteers.

Senior Sense Newsletter:

Services for the Elderly of Farmington's Senior Sense newsletters were circulated to 7,700 Farmington and Unionville residents, in December 2018.

Medical Equipment Program:

875 individuals in the Farmington Valley Greater Hartford area borrowed over 1,141 pieces of necessary medical equipment. Over 700 items were also donated to Orphan Grain Train, a nonprofit agency that delivers items to underprivileged countries. The Farmington Community Chest generously provided funding which allowed Services for the Elderly to purchase new transport wheelchairs to help meet the needs of our local community.



2018-19 Highlights

- Beginning in November 2018, our organization participated in the Subaru "Share The Love" Event with the assistance of Mitchell Subaru, who has been another great community partner.
- During the month of March, the Town of Farmington Schools and local businesses participated in our "March For Meals" fundraiser, which helps to subsidize the cost of meals to our Meals On Wheels clients.
- During our "Community Champions Week" of the "March For Meals" campaign, Nancy Nickerson, Chair of the Town Council, and Kathy Blonski, Town Manager, delivered meals to our Meals On Wheels clients.
- Services for the Elderly, also, participated in the Travelers Championship "Birdies for Charity" in June 2018.
- The Town of Farmington provided financial assistance over the year to our Meals On Wheels and Congregate Meal programs. This assistance allowed for residents, regardless of their financial status, to obtain essential nutrition to maintain good health as our they remain at home.
- In May 2019, The Atria of Farmington hosted our annual Volunteer Luncheon. We are grateful to Ann Zac and her staff for the delicious meal and gracious hosting.
- In June 2019, Services for the Elderly of Farmington hosted a retirement gathering for Nancy Walker, Executive Director 1991-2019. Nancy's caring and compassion was known by all. We are grateful for her years of service and wish her well on her retirement.

Services for the Elderly of Farmington is committed to assisting the aging in our community. We will continue to provide supportive services to those looking to remain at home.

"Maybe this one moment, with this one person, is the very reason we're here on Earth at this time."
- Jean Watson

Nicole Bardeck, R.N., B.S.N.
Executive Director

"The Farmington Land Trust's mission is to protect open space, in perpetuity, through acquisition, stewardship, education and advocacy. The Land Trust has pursued this goal since its founding in 1971 as a private, non-profit organization, qualifying under section 501(c)(3) of federal tax code."

Support for the Land Trust comes from town residents dedicated to the preservation of open space. Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the Land Trust now protects over 300 acres of fields, forests, wetlands, scenic vistas, historic sites and wildlife habitat from development. These 66 parcels will remain as open space forever, enriching the quality of life for Farmington residents for generations to come. We appreciate the foresight of the donors of these properties and the continued commitment of our contributors to the future of Farmington.

The Land trust is governed by a board of fifteen directors, elected by its membership at the Annual Meeting in April. Over 330 Land Trust member households and business offer invaluable financial and volunteer support for maintaining and preserving the properties under the Land Trust's protection and for acquiring additional open space.

Officers for 2018-2019:

Richard Kramer, President;
Evan Cowles and Cate Grady-Benson, Vice-Presidents;
Doug Pelham, Treasurer;
Jon Estrellado, Assistant Treasurer; and
Diane Tucker, Secretary.

Directors: Jim Calciano, Peter Dorpalen, Bob Hannon, Nina Hayes, Francie Brown Holmes, Steve Nelson, Sallie Norris, Steve Silk and Jennifer Villa.

In August, Liz Dolphin joined our staff as the fifth executive director of the FLT, replacing Bruce Edgren who resigned in June. The Land Trust office is located in the Canal House at 128 Garden Street, Farmington.

Farmington Land Trust board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 5:00 pm, in the FLT office, except for the month of April, when our Annual Member Meeting is held. **Contact information:**

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The Land Trust's 2019 Party in the Pasture fundraiser was held on September 19th, at The Wilcox-Bushley Homestead, at 119 Coppermine Road. One hundred and fifty celebrants gathered for wine, music and a fresh harvest dinner to celebrate the lives of Mary Bushley and Ruth Bushley Childs and kick off fundraising for the Homestead's restoration. The following Saturday, a community-wide event Celebrated the Great Outdoors at the Homestead.

During 2018-19, the Land Trust continued collaborating with the CCSU Biology Department for various projects and research on our properties. The trail at the Mountain Spring Nature Trail was improved with the construction of several Bog Bridges.

The Land Trust continued to present numerous educational and outdoor events each month on one or more of its properties, including: Snow Moon Snowshoe Outing, Birding at the Cowles Parcel, Outdoor Yoga on Main, Hikes to Will Warren's Den and Hospital Rock, as well as presentations on Bobcats, Ticks and Bees.

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

Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association

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"The Farmington Valley VNA, Inc. has closed another fiscal year of providing the residents of Farmington with health care services and programs, aimed at wellness and prevention."



**Farmington
Valley**
Visiting Nurse
Association

the Town funds has shown strong participation and attendance that supports moving forward for the future.

Home Care and Hospice service visits continue to show high utilization, with over 2600 skilled nursing and rehabilitation visits made this year. This represents an 8% gain in utilization of services over the prior year. No-cost health assessments continue to be available and approximately 97 residents received vaccinations free of charge. Farmington Valley continues to be the only VNA in the state that receives such financial support from the community, and due to this, our ability to provide care on a strictly preventive nature is unique. These services continue to lead to fewer doctors' visits, lower re-hospitalization rates and overall containment of medical expenses. This agency continues to partner with the University of Connecticut to provide clinical visit experience for the medical students, as well as hosting nursing students in several settings. Working collaboratively with the healthcare settings in the Farmington community is vital to developing future healthcare staff that will care for the residents when in need.

The Community Programs continue to show increased participation in health care services. Over 415 residents participated in the 15 Flu Shot Clinics that were scheduled, which was a 16% increase from the prior year.

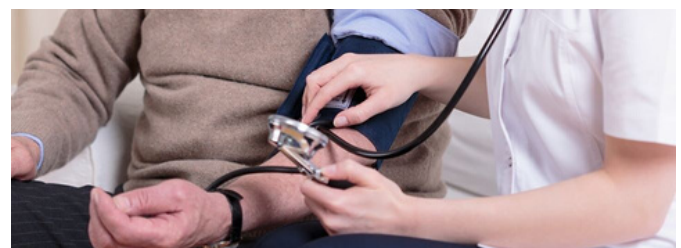
Participation in routine blood pressure and blood glucose testing has increased from the prior year; these health assessments provide vital data that enable our nurses to do proper health education, giving residents the ability to correct problems before they become full-blown illnesses. The most robust growth in utilization over this last year was the number of educational offerings that were provided to Farmington Residents. 40 health-related topics were presented to a record 223 participants. The strength of these health care initiatives is testimony to the commitment that Farmington residents have in becoming strong health advocates for themselves and their families.

Our Hospice program continues to be a primary choice for your residents and we continue to have supportive relationships with the senior living communities, able to provide educational offerings on a routine basis. The public health nursing program that



Joint networking efforts continue between the Farmington Valley VNA and the Directors of Social Services and Senior services. The VNA remains available to service those residents in the Middlewoods housing community, as well as in New Horizons. There continues to be a strong relationship as well at Westerleigh Congregate Housing, with monthly educational series being well attended. The partnership between the Farmington Valley VNA and John Dempsey Hospital has grown, leading to a 50% rise in admissions to our services. Our team of clinical staff are present daily so that the transition from an acute-care setting back home can be smooth and without delays in care. It has been a very successful year as the Farmington Valley was able to grant 24-hour turnaround time from discharge to home care. Benchmarks like this are difficult to achieve, but they result in better care to patients and the hospital relies on our VNA to be there. The VNA is also looking forward to a new partnership with Anthology Senior Living, opening a 120-unit location in Farmington this coming year. We are excited to be a part of a new area of living for seniors within the town and are working together with the leadership to create positive prevention and home care for those that will be in need.

The Farmington Valley VNA remains committed to offering these services and assures that it will do so by keeping with the trends and changes of the health care environment of today as well as being proactive with change for the future.



Farmington Community Chest

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"The Farmington Community Chest (FCC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1931 to help individuals and organizations. FCC's current focus is to improve the health, well-being, and community life of all residents of Farmington, through funding various organizations and initiatives."



In this past fiscal year, FCC raised over \$150,000 from individuals, businesses, our annual fundraising event and our yearly contribution, from our major contributor, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.



These funds then went directly to support nonprofit organizations that are in line with our current funding priorities of basic human needs, educational programming and community enhancements.

Over the last year, the impact of our dollars directly benefited our community. In fact, the Farmington Fuel Bank provided fuel assistance to 35 households, summer camp scholarships were awarded to 53 school-age children, and direct aid was provided to qualifying families in our neighborhoods. Of special note this year, New Horizons received \$15,000 for a new medical transportation services vehicle. Additionally, we provided our annual award of \$9,000 to the food pantry, for food acquisition. Farmington Fire Department was awarded a grant of \$13,300 for the purchase of four thermal imaging cameras. And finally, First Church of Christ received \$4,000 for two automated defibrillators and two power-assisted doors.

In addition to funding critical organizations, we host an annual community service day, Farmington Cares Day, to provide household assistance to elderly and disabled families in our neighborhoods. This one event allowed us to roll up our sleeves and work together to make a direct impact.



For 88 years the Farmington Community Chest has supported and strengthened our community. We are proud of our positive impact on the quality of life for all residents, and look forward to growing with our community as we continue to seek opportunities to financially support our community's evolving needs.

In November, the Farmington Community Chest will start its annual donation drive and hold our annual Wine Tasting event. Letters will be mailed requesting donations so that we can continue in our tradition of supporting our local nonprofits in providing quality services and programs that directly impact basic human needs, educational programming and community enhancement.

Please consider donating. Donations can be made on our website: www.farmingtoncommunitychest.com, as well as through AmazonSmile while doing your online shopping this holiday season. Farmington Community Chest is also an option during the United Way Campaign and through employer matching gift programs.

This is another wonderful way to show your support for Farmington Community Chest and the many organizations that receive support through FCC.

Please join us in strengthening our community!

Tunxis Senior Citizens Association

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

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

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

Despite the fact that the TSCA had accomplished its goal of creating a senior center, it did not disband. Instead it continues to offer opportunities for seniors to make new friends, based on a mutual interest in top notch entertainment. There is live musical entertainment on the 2nd Monday of the month, fun bingo games on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month, and friendly bridge competitions offered every Friday. There are also community volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Our 50th Anniversary Party, held on June 10, 2019, was well attended by members and guests. We were honored with a citation presented by Michael Dimecco, our state representative.

Congratulations were also offered by Carolyn McCallum, former president of Farmington Valley Woman's Club; Nancy Parent, Director of Social Services; Kathy Blonski, Town Manager; and Amy Palumbo, President of the Community Chest. There were tables full of memorabilia depicting some of our activities over these 50 years.

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

"To unite senior citizens based on their common interests."

