

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON



ANNUAL REPORT  
2017-2018

## Cover Picture

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

**La Amistad** ~~ The cover picture depicts the ship, *La Amistad* © 1839.

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## The Ship

*La Amistad* was a 19th-century two-masted schooner of about 120 feet (37 m). By 1839 the schooner was owned by a Spaniard captain, Don Ramon Ferrer.[2] Strictly speaking, *La Amistad* was not a slave ship as it was not designed to transport large cargoes of slaves, nor did it engage in the Middle Passage of Africans to the Americas. The ship engaged in the shorter, coastwise trade around Cuba and in the Caribbean. The primary cargo carried by *La Amistad* was sugar-industry products. It carried a limited number of passengers and, on occasion, slaves being transported for delivery or sale.

~ Narrative courtesy of Wikipedia

## The Mende

"In early 1839, Portuguese slave hunters abducted a large group of African people in Sierra Leone and transported them aboard the slave ship *Tecora* to Havana, Cuba, for auction to the highest bidder. Two Spaniards, Don Pedro Montez and Don Jose Ruiz, purchased 53 of the captives (members of the Mende people) in Havana and loaded them aboard the schooner *Amistad* for a trip to a nearby plantation. Just three days into the journey, however, the would-be slaves revolted, when 25-year-old Sengbe Pieh (known as Cinqué) escaped from his shackles and set about releasing the other captives.

The Mende killed members of the ship's crew, including the captain, and ordered Montez and Ruiz to sail for Africa. The ship sailed east during the day, using the sun's position to determine its direction, but at night, the slave traders quietly redirected their course away from Africa. This process continued for over two months until, on August 24, 1839, the *Amistad* reached Long Island, New York. There the federal brig *Washington* seized the ship and its cargo.

American authorities charged the Mende with murder, imprisoned them in New Haven, Connecticut, and towed the *Amistad* to New London.



Cinqué, Chief of the Amistad Captives, engraved by John Sartain after a work by Nathaniel Jocelyn, 1840, engraving, museum purchase, 1931.13.0, the Connecticut Historical Society

## Local Courts and International Relations

Upon learning of the capture of the *Amistad*, Spain's foreign minister argued that the holding of the ship and its cargo constituted a violation of a 1795 treaty between the United States and Spain, and he demanded their return. Fear of inflaming relations with Spain induced President Martin Van Buren to acquiesce, but Secretary of State John Forsyth stepped in and explained that, by law, an executive, such as the president of the United States, did not have the power to interfere in judicial proceedings. The American court system needed to decide the fate of the Mende captives.

At a US Circuit Court trial in Hartford, a judge ruled in favor of dropping murder and conspiracy charges against the enslaved Mende, but felt that competing property claims filed by the Spanish, as well as the crew of



**Death of Capt. Ferrer, the Captain of the Amistad, July, 1839.**

Don Jose Ruiz and Don Pedro Montez, of the Island of Cuba, having purchased fifty-three slaves at Havana, recently imported from Africa, put them on board the Amistad, Capt. Ferrer, in order to transport them to Principe, another port on the Island of Cuba. After being out from Havana about four days, the African captives on board, in order to obtain their freedom, and return to Africa, armed themselves with cane knives, and rose upon the Captain and crew of the vessel. Capt. Ferrer and the cook of the vessel were killed; two of the crew escaped; Ruiz and Montez were made prisoners.

Death of Capt. Ferrer, the captain of the Amistad, July 1839, wood engraving; printer's ink on wove paper, 1998.152.180, the Connecticut Historical Society



the Washington, fell under the jurisdiction of the Federal District Court. A district court judge then ruled that, as former free men living in Africa, the Spanish had no right to enslave the Mende. He ordered the captives released and returned to Africa. Once again, however, considerations of international diplomacy complicated the case. Under pressure from the Spanish government, Van Buren's administration ordered an appeal to the US Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court began hearing the case in January of 1841. American abolitionists rallied to the defense of the Mende, raising money to hire future Connecticut governor Roger Sherman Baldwin and former US president John Quincy Adams to represent them in court. Arguing in favor of the basic rights of human beings, Adams and Baldwin convinced the court to set the Mende free. The decision came in March of 1841, and later that year, five American missionaries and the 35 remaining Mende (18 having died at different stages of their voyage or while in prison) sailed for Sierra Leone."

~ Narrative courtesy of ConnecticutHistory.org

"From March through November 1841, Farmington, Connecticut was home to the African Mendi captives who had rebelled and overtaken the slave-ship, La Amistad. The 53 captives, mostly Mendi from what is now Sierra Leone, had been captured and shipped to Cuba. In 1839, they were sold to work plantations on the other side of Cuba. They were shipped aboard La Amistad. While at sea, they rebelled and the 44 survivors sailed the ship to Long Island, New York. They were taken into custody aboard the USS Washington under the command of Lt. Gedney. They were jailed in New Haven, Connecticut and taken to trials in Hartford, Connecticut and Washington, DC. The trials lasted 18 months. In February 1841 their case was argued by former President John Quincy Adams before the Supreme Court. On March 9, 1841 the decision came down, declaring the Africans to be free people with permission to return to their homeland. Nine days later, they arrived in Farmington, Connecticut, where abolitionists provided housing, schooling, and the fundraising necessary for the Mendis passage back to their homeland"

~ Narrative courtesy of Connecticut Historical Society and Connecticut History Illustrated



Tombstone of "Foone", one of the Amistad captives, Farmington, 1960-1969, photograph, The Newman S. Hungerford Museum Fund, 2001.61.3, the Connecticut Historical Society

FOONE was one of 53 Mendi 'captives' on the ship 'Amistad'  
His limestone gravestone (see image left) reads:

FOONE

A native African was drowned while bathing in the Center Basin Aug. 1841. He was one of the Company of Slaves under Cinque on board the Schooner Amistad who asserted their rights and took possession of the Vessel after having put the Captain, Mate, and others to death, sparing their masters, Ruez & Montez.

~ www.findagrave.com





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**Town of Farmington  
Departments**

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



# TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR'S MESSAGE



5/16/18 The Town of Farmington and the State of Connecticut held ribbon cutting ceremony for for the Farmington Canal Heritage Greenway (FCHG) – a 2.4-mile paved, off-road multi-use trail along a former railroad bed that completes the FCHG in Farmington

The Town Council is pleased to provide you with the Annual Report for the Town of Farmington for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 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, the Town Council amended and adopted the Town of Farmington 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 operations to ensure that the needs of Farmington citizens are being heard and met. The Town Council is excited about the many positive changes that continue to take place in town.

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 approved by voters in 2016, the Highway & Grounds Department paved a total of 5.71 miles of road this year.

On May 16, 2018 we celebrated the completion of the last segment of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. This event is the capstone to a nearly 25 year effort by elected officials, volunteers, and Town Staff all working together toward the goal of bringing a system of multi-use trails to the Town of Farmington. A 4.7 million dollar grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation was secured to construct the last 2.3 miles of trail. This trail system is a valuable amenity to the region and it contributes greatly to the quality of life of our residents. The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail has set Farmington as example for which communities will measure their own trail systems, and its successful competition is a testament to the hard work of the Farmington Town Staff.

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

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



# TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE



The Town of Farmington 2017-2018 Annual Report will provide you with details of the accomplishments achieved by elected and appointed officials as well as Town of Farmington employees during the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

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 2018 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 net taxable grand list showed positive gains as overall it increased 59.4 million or 1.65% from the previous year.

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

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

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

- A 4.7 million dollar grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation was secured to construct the last 2.3 miles of trail. This trail system is a valuable amenity to the region and it contributes greatly to the quality of life of our residents. The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail has set Farmington as an example for which communities will measure their own trail systems, and its successful competition is a testament to the hard work of the Farmington Town Staff.
- 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: Pinnacle Road, Old Pinnacle Road, Pinnacle Ridge Road, Suncrest Lane, Oakland Avenue, Maple Avenue, Beech Street, Crescent Avenue, Bungalow Hill, Mountain Lane, Mountain Spring (Talcott to Old Mountain), Fieldstone Run, Hidden Oak, School Street-Unionville, Mill Street, Platner Street, Chaffee Lane, and Westview Terrace, Northeast Road, John Steele Road, Old Mountain Road (Ely to previous project limit west), Paperchase Drive, Walnut Farms Drive, and Kent Lane.
- The construction phase of the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) upgrade is in progress. The Water Pollution Control Plant staff continues to operate the plant during changing construction conditions, which has been challenging at times. The Town staff continues to work with our consultant and contractor to find cost saving measures while maintaining the quality and integrity of the original design.





# TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE--continued

The Town Council and the Land Acquisition Committee have had a very active year. This fiscal year brought the successful acquisition of 440 and 8658 Plainville Avenue. These contiguous properties total 13.0 acres and include the last undeveloped land of significant size in the densely developed Lake Garda neighborhood. The properties include a 2.8 acre meadow that provides a nice visual break from the development along Plainville Avenue, and 9.5 acres woods that preserves a large area of much needed green space for the Lake Garda residents. This acquisition brings the Town's total open space acquired since 1997 to nearly 1,000 acres.

In January 2018, the Town received its Open Space Grant award for 8885 South Ridge Road in the amount of \$578,500, or 55% of the acquisition cost of \$1,050,040, for 90.48 acres along the Metacomet Ridge in southeastern Farmington. This property is part of a linkage of more than 700 acres of contiguous woodland within the Town of Farmington and is home to nearly a mile of the National New England Scenic Trail. This grant award is the largest that the Town of Farmington has received from the State DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program for any single property in both dollar amount and percentage of the acquisition cost.

The Land Acquisition Committee has also successfully reevaluated and revised the Farmington Land Acquisition List and Map. The purpose of this project was to provide greater transparency of the properties being considered by the Town for acquisition as open space, recreation or municipal purposes, and to improve the organizational clarity of the list and map itself. The Land Acquisition Committee worked hard on this project and the fully up to date and revised Land Acquisition List and Map are both available on the Land Acquisition Committee's page of the Town of Farmington Web site.

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 consistently has one of the lowest mill rates. Farmington's mill rate is among the lowest 25% of all towns in Connecticut. Farmington was prominently featured in the April 30, 2018 edition of the Hartford Business Journal featuring the current economic growth spurt that is taking place in Town.

## **We welcomed several new businesses in Fiscal Year 2017-2018:**

1. Berkshire Bank
2. Butchers and Bakers
3. Unionville Family Restaurant
4. Carrier Academy of Learning
5. Jillybean's Farm Stand
6. Express your Smile
7. Kid's Foot Locker
8. Vineyard Vines
9. Fearless Fitness
10. Finishing Touches of Farmington Valley
11. Carol's Lunchbox
12. The Farmington Farm Truck
13. LDS Distribution Services
14. Downward Dog Yoga
15. Inner Glow Wellness
16. River Wellness Community
17. Fast Cuts Family Hair Salon
18. Advanced Physical Therapy
19. Farmington Polo Club
20. Sweet Equations
21. Prism Autism Education and Consultation



# TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE--continued

## Expansions of Existing Businesses included:

1. Valley Orthodontics
2. Ameriprise Financial Services
3. Servpro of Farmington Valley
4. QA + M Architects
5. Elvgren Dance Academy
6. Bows + Bandanas Pet Grooming Salon
7. Green Tail Market
8. Unionville Pro Health
9. M+J Bus Company
10. New England Airfoils
11. Vivid Hue
12. Connected Consulting Engineers
13. Liquor Square

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

Sincerely,

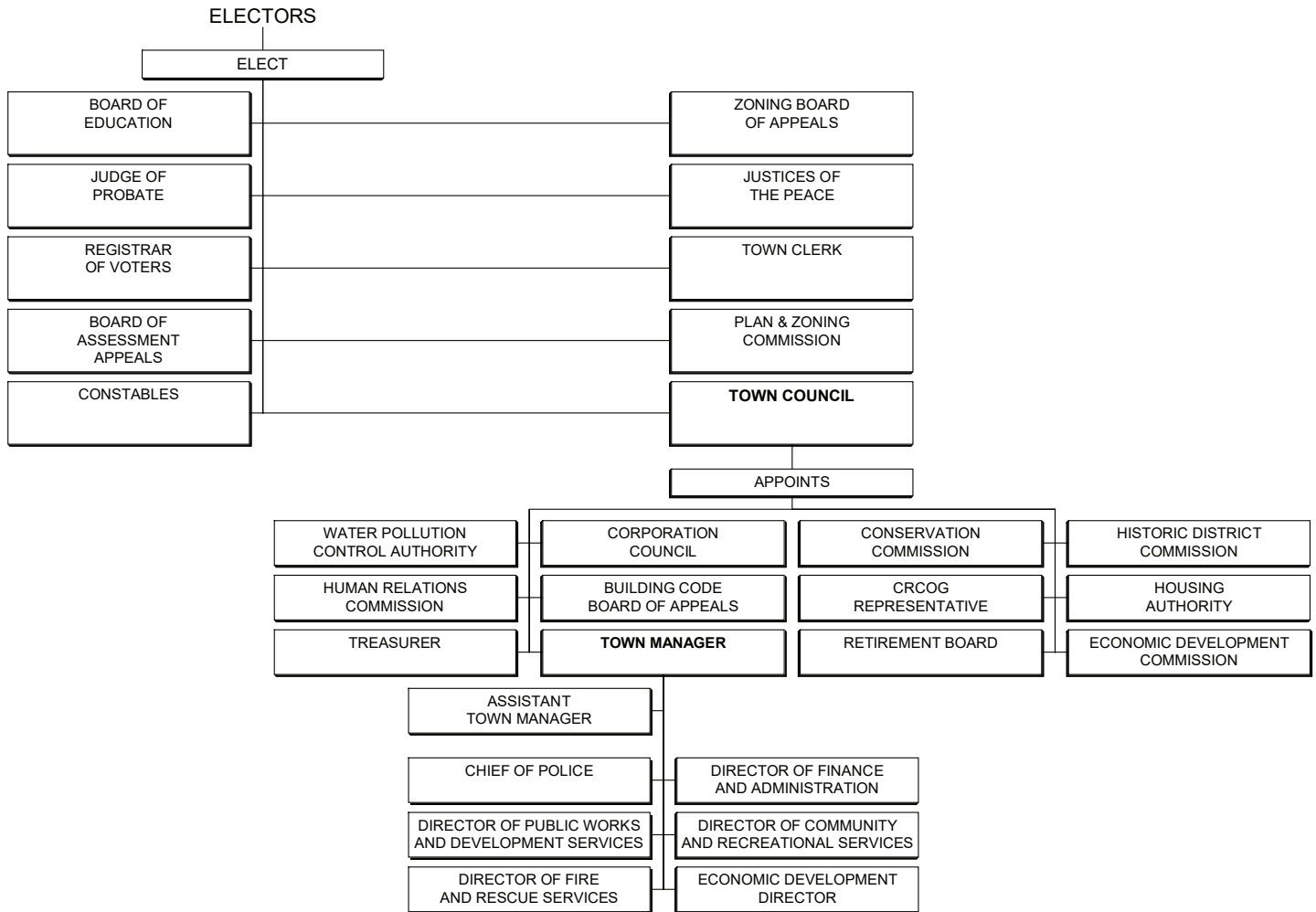
*Kathleen A. Eagen*

Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager





# ORGANIZATION CHART



# MUSEUMS

## The Day-Lewis Museum

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

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

## Lewis Walpole Library

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

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

Almost every aspect of the eighteenth century is covered by the library's holdings, including the most extensive collection of English 18<sup>th</sup>-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 18<sup>th</sup>-century history of diplomatic relations, particularly between Great Britain and Poland, Germany, and Russia.

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

## Hill-Stead Museum



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

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

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





### Stanley-Whitman House

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



Hours: Open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm. Tours of the 1720 historic house take place May through October Wednesday – Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm and November through April Saturday and Sunday from 12:00pm – 4:00pm  
Group tours and school programs are available by appointment.

The Stanley-Whitman House, at 37 High Street, was built by Deacon John Stanley in 1720, and opened as a museum in 1935. The House was named a National Historic Landmark in 1961 and remains one of the best-known examples of early New England framed architecture. Recently restored, the house embodies the styles of both the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>-century Farmington. Adults and children enjoy open-hearth cooking, candle-making, spinning, weaving, and other colonial activities during special events. The House offers a glimpse into colonial life, which can help to make the present and future more meaningful.

### Unionville Museum

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



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

### Old Stone Schoolhouse

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



### Farmington Historical Society Office

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



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

### Farmington Memorial Town Forest

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



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



# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## TOWN COUNCIL

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair  
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

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Barbara Brenneman  
Edward J. Leary

## 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  
Katy Perry  
Robert Phillips  
Christopher Forster, alternate  
Larry P. Levesque, alternate  
John Tucker, alternate



# STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

## U.S. SENATE

Richard Blumenthal  
Christopher Murphy

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Esty (5<sup>th</sup> District)

## STATE SENATOR

Beth Bye (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
Terry Gerratana (6<sup>th</sup> District)

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Derek Slap (19<sup>th</sup> District)  
Mike Demicco (21<sup>st</sup> District)





# TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## **BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

## **CONSERVATION and INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

John Hinze, Chair  
Paul Amato  
Robert Hannon  
Robert Isner  
Mark Simpson  
Ned Statchen  
Guy Wolf  
Vacant, alternate  
Inez St. James, alternate

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Augusto Russell, Chair  
Brian FX Connolly  
John Karwoski  
Carole King  
Daniel Kleinman  
Robert Reeve  
Bill Wadsworth

## **FARMINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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

## **UNIONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

Lisa Johnson, Chair  
John W. Brockelman  
Robert Hoffman  
Sheryl Horton  
Matthew Ross  
Christopher Forster  
alternate  
Howard Martin, alternate  
Ann Wuelfing, alternate

## **TOWN HISTORIAN**

Betty Coykendall

## **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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

## **HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

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

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Ruth Grobe, Chair  
Toni Berlandy  
Lisa Berzins  
Donna Mambrino  
Christine Mergenthaler  
Zalman Nakhimovsky  
Lisa Pawlik

## **LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

Patricia Boye-Williams Chair  
Paul Cianci  
Evan Cowles  
John Hinze  
Richard Kramer  
William Wadsworth  
Guy Wolf

## **RETIREMENT BOARD**

Bruce Charette, Chair  
Joshua Allen  
Robert Brochu  
Steven Cohen  
Kyle Cunningham  
Steve Egan  
Robert Ingvertsen  
Ken Miller  
Geoffrey Porter  
John Silver  
Joan Valenti

## **TOWN MANAGER**

Kathleen Eagen

## **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, Jr.  
Wilbur Charette  
Kevin Ray  
James Thompson



# TOWN MANAGER APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## **ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER**

Erica Robertson

## **BUILDING OFFICIAL**

Christopher Foryan

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Paul Melanson

## **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

Nancy Parent

## **DIRECTOR OF FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES**

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**

Christine Silansky

## **TOWN ASSESSOR**

Christine Barta

## **TOWN PLANNER**

William Warner

## **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT SUPERINTENDENT**

William Kaminski

## **OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

## **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH**

Jennifer Kertanis,  
Farmington Valley  
Health District

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Jay Johnston

## **FIRE CHIEFS**

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



# BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS

## **PRINCIPALS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Kathleen Greider

### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Kimberly Wynne

### **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES**

Dr. Laurie Singer

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

Vincent LaFontan

### **East Farms School**

Renee St. Hilaire

### **Farmington High School**

Dr. William Silva

### **Irving A. Robbins Middle School**

Ted Donahue

### **Noah Wallace School**

Carrie Huber

### **Union School**

Caitlin Eckler

### **West District School**

Kelly Sanders

### **West Woods Upper Elementary School**

Alicia Bowman



# DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

## EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

### 1. Population

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

### 2. Age Distribution by percent

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

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

### 3. Employment Data 2017

Employed	13,812
Unemployed	521
Unemployment rate	3.6%

### 4. Educational Attainment - 2012-2016

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

### 5. Median Household Income (2012-2016)      \$95,158

### 6. Education

Average class size	20.9
Percent graduates to college	92% for FY 17-18

## REAL ESTATE

### 1. Percent of Housing Owner Occupied (2015)    72.6%

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

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

### 3. Median Single Family Home Sales Price (2015)    \$329,900

### 4. Subsidized Housing (2017)                      864

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. Public Utilities

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

### 2. Transportation

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





# DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS--continued

## ECONOMY

### 1. Number of Major Business Establishments by Type 2017

NAICS Code	Industry	Units	Annual Average Employment	Total Annual Wages	Annual Average Wage
	<b>Total - All Industries</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>31,755</b>	<b>\$2,377,664,604</b>	<b>\$74,874.69</b>
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
	<b>Total Government</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,329</b>	<b>\$475,120,615</b>	<b>\$75,070.41</b>
	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) - 31,755

**4. Land Available for Commercial and Industrial Development** - 196 acres

#### 5. Assessment Information

Farmington Net Taxable Grand List (FY 17/18)  
\$3,595,959,571

Mill Rate (FY 17/18) 26.68

Last Year of Revaluation - 2017



# TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS



*Front Row (L to R):  
Bruce Charette  
Nancy Nickerson - Chair  
Kathleen Eagen - Town Manager  
Edward Giannaros*

*Back Row (L to R):  
Paula Ray - Town Clerk  
Patti Boye-Williams  
C.J. Thomas  
Beth Kintner  
Paul Cianci*

## TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

#### **JULY 2017**

- Authorized the Town Manager to purchase the town's streetlights from Eversource and execute the contracts with Tanko for the conversion of the streetlights to LED and for the maintenance of the streetlights with a cost not to exceed \$1.5 million.
- Extend the agreement between the Town of Farmington and Waste Material Trucking Company, Inc. for a one year period ending June 30, 2018.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of Farmington a conservation easement across Town property abutting Serra Drive
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute the required documentation for the Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant Program.
- Authorized the Town Manager to accept the \$10,000 grant award for the program "FUNCOPS" through the Office of Policy and Management under the Police and Youth Program.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

- Approved the Contract Between the Farmington Administrators' and Supervisors' Association (FASA) and the Board of Education 2018-2021.
- To recommend the construction of an approximately 2,500 square foot expansion to the existing boathouse at Tunxis Mead Park, to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes
- To approve a resolution concerning a lease purchase agreement for the acquisition and conversion of various streetlights throughout town.

#### **OCTOBER 2017**

- Accepted the donation of an artificial turf field system for Field #8 at Tunxis Mead Park from the Farmington Soccer Club to the Town of Farmington, valued at approximately \$730,000.00.
- Accepted a donation of \$15,000 from the John G. Martin Foundation for the purchase of fire gear for the Town of Farmington's career firefighters.
- Disbanded the Farmington High School Building Committee and thanked the Committee for their hard work.



# TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

## **NOVEMBER 2017**

- Accepted Wisteria Lane as a Town Road, from the intersection of Meadow Road, a distance of approximately 740 Feet, to its existing terminus.
- Accepted the donation of the proposed boathouse expansion from the Friends of Farmington Crew to the Town of Farmington, valued at approximately \$130,000.00.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign the revised Farmington Boathouse lease amendment with the Friends of Farmington Crew and Miss Porter's School, Incorporated, on behalf of the Town of Farmington.
- 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- Ratified the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Farmington and Local 3103, International Association of Firefighters for the Period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

## **DECEMBER 2017**

- Recommended the establishment of a conservation easement in favor of the Farmington Land Trust over 8885 South Ridge Road to the TPZ for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- Opted-out of the provisions of Public Act No. 17-155 An Act Concerning Temporary Health Care Structures.
- Approved a Two and a Half-Year Contract Between the Town of Farmington and the East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Inc., Farmington Volunteer Fire Department LLC, and Tunxis Hose Co. No. 1 Inc.

## **JANUARY 2018**

- Reviewed and approved the Capital Improvement Policy.
- Reviewed and approved the Debt Management Policy
- Reviewed and approved the Reserve Policy
- Reviewed and approved the Employee Health Self-Insurance Fund Reserve Policy.
- Appointed Funeral Directors as Sub-Registrars for the Town of Farmington until January 3, 2022.
- Took action on budget targets for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

## **FEBRUARY 2018**

- Took action on the 2018 Blighted Building List.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvements Program.

## **MARCH 2018**

- Held a public hearing on the Town Manager's 2018-2019 Recommended Operating Budget.
- Adopted a resolution which authorizes the Town Manager to sign a grant application for a Small Cities Community Development Grant and to execute an assistance agreement under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Appointed Blum Shapiro as the Town's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.
- Accepted the 2016-2017 Annual Report.
- Waived the bidding requirements so that the Police Department may contract with MILO Range Training Systems to acquire an Interactive Range Firearms Training Simulator at a cost of \$54,990.00.

## **APRIL 2018**

- Held a public hearing on the Town Council's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Held a public hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.





# TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS--continued

- Approved the Town Council's Recommended Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign a grant application for a Small Cities Community Development Grant and to execute an assistance agreement under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Award Bid # 271, "Wells Acres Sewer System Replacement" to Tabacco & Son Builders, Inc. of Bristol, CT at a contract cost of \$742,175.
- 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 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.
- Awarded a contract for the purchase of one Tiger mid-mount boom mower and tractor (roadside mower) to H.P. Fairfield LLC, DBA: W.H. Rose of Columbia CT at a purchase price of \$114,246.00.

## **MAY 2018**

- Set the Property Tax Rate and Solid Waste Special Service Charge for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.
- Awarded Bid # 269, Maintenance and Repair of Police Vehicles to Farmington Motor Sports of Farmington, CT and Edwards Motor Service of Unionville, CT in accordance with their bid proposals dated April 12, 2018.
- Awarded Bid # 273, Large Fire Apparatus Maintenance to First Line Emergency Services of Cromwell, CT in accordance with their bid submission dated April 13, 2018.
- Authorized the Town Manager to sign a lease rental agreement with LDI/Mohegan, LLC for the rental of 19 copiers to be used by various town departments.
- Extended the contract between the Town of Farmington and Waste Material Trucking Company of Farmington, CT to provide for the curbside collection of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and bulky waste for a three year period, beginning July 1, 2018 through to June 30, 2021 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract extension with WMTC.
- Established a Farmington High School Ad Hoc Community Survey Committee and a Farmington High School Ad Hoc Facility and Financial Committee.
- Took action on the Town of Farmington's Strategic Plan/Town Manager Goals.

## **JUNE 2018**

- Approved the Town Council meeting schedule for 2019 and set the date of the Annual Town Meeting.
- Transferred unobligated CIP balances for the purpose of closing out various inactive CIP accounts and reappropriating surplus funds to other projects that have budgetary shortfalls.
- Appointed members to the Farmington High School Ad Hoc Community Survey Committee.
- Appointed members to the Farmington High School Ad Hoc Facility and Financial Committee.



# ASSESSOR

The Assessor is required by Connecticut Law to list and value all real estate at 70% of value as of the last revaluation. This year Farmington is in the process of conducting the state-mandated revaluation of all real property. Assessments will be calculated based on market value as of October 1, 2018.

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

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

## GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2017

Real Estate comprises 85.7% of the total Grand List with Residential Properties at 70.3% and Commercial (including Industrial and Public Utility) at 29.7%. Personal Property equates to 14.3% of the total Grand List, as do Motor Vehicles.

The 2017 Grand List was finalized and signed on February 26, 2018. Real Estate comprises 87.3% of the total *taxable* Grand List with Residential Properties at 60.7% and Commercial (including Industrial and Public Utility) at 26.6%. Personal Property equates to approximately 6.3% of the total Grand List, and Motor Vehicles are at 6.4%.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT TAXABLE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2017			
	Gross Assessment	Exemptions	Net Assessment
<b>Real Estate</b>	\$3,195,559,630	\$1,760,250	\$3,193,799,380
<b>Personal Property</b>	\$299,114,000	\$70,332,401	\$228,781,599
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	\$233,832,975	\$1,037,490	\$232,795,485
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,728,506,605</b>	<b>\$73,130,141</b>	<b>\$3,655,376,464</b>

	2016 Net	2017 Net	Difference	Percent Change
<b>Real Estate</b>	\$3,140,510,560	\$3,193,799,380	\$53,288,820	1.6
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	233,478,558	\$228,781,599	\$(683,073)	-0.29
<b>Personal Property</b>	221,970,453	\$232,795,485	\$6,811,146	3
<b>Net Taxable Grand List After Exemptions</b>	\$3,595,959,571	\$3,655,376,464	\$59,416,893	1.65

The net taxable Grand List will generate approximately **\$1,585,250** in new revenue at the current mill rate of **26.68**.

### ASSESSMENT RECORDS AND GIS AVAILABLE ON TOWN WEBSITE

[www.farmington-ct.org](http://www.farmington-ct.org)

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



# ASSESSOR--continued

## NEW & CONTINUING DEVELOPMENTS 2017

2017 has been a very busy year for the Assessor's Office. A Revaluation Update has been completed in conjunction with Tyler Technologies/CLT. More than 3,000 properties were measured and listed. The use of a Drone assisted in reviewing properties difficult to access by a physical inspection. Photos were taken of all properties in town and are now available on each property card, along with a sketch of the building(s), details of the structure(s) and land information. Real Estate values were adjusted based on a market analysis to reflect current values in this time of change. We have seen shifts in value, both increasing and decreasing, throughout town, for the residential and the commercial/industrial markets. The medical field continues to grow, as evident in the expansion of the State of Connecticut UConn Medical Center and complex.

There has also been ongoing development in new and existing subdivisions. In addition, many building permits were issued for various residential improvements, such as room additions, garages, porches, decks, and in-ground pools, as well as activity in commercial construction reflected in both Personal Property and Real Estate.

We thank you for your cooperation in this project.

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

### TOP TEN TAXPAYERS 2016 GRAND LIST

NAME	GRAND LIST DESCRIPTION	GROSS ASSESSMENT	% OF GROSS GRAND LIST (ROUNDED)
1 WEST FARMS ASSOCIATES*	RETAIL - WEST FARMS MALL	\$175,459,920	4.8
2 DUNN-SAGER AFFILIATES (incl. subsidiary accounts)	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	\$59,686,210	1.6
3 UNITED TECHNOLOGIES	MANUFACTURING	\$45,746,190	1.3
4 C L & P	ELECTRIC	\$40,633,950	1.1
5 TRUMPF INC	MACHINE TOOL MFG	\$33,390,230	0.9
6 DELFINO, WILLIAM & THOMAS (including subsidiary accounts)	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	\$28,026,080	0.76
7 COLUMBIA PROP HTFD LLC	MARRIOTT HOTEL	\$27,782,800	0.76
8 FARMINGTON CT SENIOR PROP LLC	SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX	\$21,757,580	0.6
9 PRICE REIT INC	RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER	\$20,952,120	0.57
10 NIC 13 VILLAGE GATE (includes NH Village Gate LLC)	SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX	\$20,022,690	0.55

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

**COMMERCIAL BASE 32.4%**

**RESIDENTIAL BASE 67.6%**

\*Excludes MME; Includes Comm. Pers Prop; Percent of Net Taxable Grand List





# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department is comprised of seven divisions, Engineering, Building, Planning, Fire Marshal, Highway & Grounds, Water Pollution Control Facility and Westwoods Golf Course Maintenance. These divisions are responsible for the design, planning, inspection and maintenance of the Towns current and future infrastructure, including but not limited to roadways, storm drainage, sanitary sewer system, open space, public parks, golf course, residential, commercial and public buildings. The majority of the Capital Improvement Projects are overseen by the Department of Public Works. The Department maintains and updates its inventory of Town owned facilities, such as right of ways, sanitary sewers, storm drainage and open space parcels on a regular basis. The responsibility of this Department is to provide to the citizens, professional and courteous advice on issues ranging from home/property improvement questions, drainage concerns, sanitary sewer locations, tree locations, leaf collection and snow plowing. The Departments personnel strive to provide the highest level of service, consistently and effectively, to its citizens.

## BUILDING DIVISION

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

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

### PERMITS AND FEES 2017-2018

	<i>Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>
Building	703	\$ 722,295
Electrical	584	75,062
Plumbing/sprinklers	315	30,825
Heating/Air conditioning	353	58,995
Demolition	12	1,110
Certificates of Occupancy	364	5,460
Zoning	<u>117</u>	<u>7,020</u>
Totals	<u>1,967</u>	<u>\$ 915,147</u>

### COMPARISONS

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Estimated Costs</i>	<i>Permits</i>	<i>Fees</i>
2009-2010	\$36,266,293	2,109	\$522,870
2010-2011	\$38,364,687	1,964	\$543,060
2011-2012	\$41,510,176	2,514	\$587,038
2012-2013	\$72,802,158	2,593	\$1,026,202
2013-2014	\$88,139,275	2,385	\$1,241,208
2014-2015	\$61,395,104	2,028	\$856,042
2015-2016	\$24,853,668	2,072	\$498,736
2016-2017	\$38,553,018	1,872	\$689,600
2017-2018	\$60,330,563	1,967	\$915,147



# HIGHWAY AND GROUNDS DIVISION

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

**Road Overlay Program:** As part of the town's annual roadway overlay program, 5 miles of roadway were reconstructed. The following roads were paved in 2017/2018 paving season: School Street, Maple Street, Platner Street, Mill Street, Fieldstone Run, Hidden Oak Drive, Bungalow Hill, Beech Street, Crescent Avenue, Maple Avenue, Oakland Avenue, White Oak Road, Mountain Spring Road, Mountain Lane, Northeast Road, John Steele Road, portion of Old Mountain Road from Mountain Spring to just east of Ely Road.

**Trees:** Through the use of Town forces and outside contractors, approximately 150 dead or diseased trees were removed from Town-owned properties and right-of-ways.

**Leaf Collection:** Starting on October 30th, 5 Town crews collected approximately 10,890 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:** 17 storms amounting to 53.5 inches of snow/ice fell on Farmington. The Highway and Grounds Division of Public Works plowed 36,837 miles of roads and spread 1,873.25 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 2017- 2018):**

- Combined: Scrap Metal, Commingled Containers, Magazines, Newspapers & Corrugated Cardboard = 2,409.13 Tons
- Leaves = 2,784.20 Tons
- Brush and Wood Products = 551.06 Tons
- Mattresses and Boxsprings = 731



# ENGINEERING DIVISION

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

- **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail;** The Engineering Division performed construction inspection, and contract administration for the final 2.4 mile long segment of a new multi-use trail connecting the Town's existing trail system with the Town of Plainville. This project includes the truss bridge over Route 6 and is the last section of multiuse trail to be constructed in the Town of Farmington. This last section completes over 9 miles of multiuse trail which is open and available for use. This project was paid for by the State of CT and Federal Highway Administration. This project was substantially complete in December of 2017.
- **South Road Reconstruction Project;** Engineering Staff performed construction contract administration and engineering on this project which consisted of a full roadway reconstruction and drainage system replacement, from Two Mile Road to Orchard Road. This project was paid for through the LOTCIP program from the Capital Region Council of Governments. This project was substantially complete in September of 2017.
- **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.
- **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.

The Engineering Division also acted as the liaison to the State Department of Transportation 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.
- 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 will begin in the fall of 2018.
- Waterville Road (Route 10) milling and paving project. Between State Route 522 and the Avon town line. This project was completed in June /July of 2018.
- 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 DIVISION-- cont.

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 2,800 Call-Before-You-Dig requests and inspected 47 sanitary sewer connections and repairs. 119 Excavation Permits and 49 Traffic Obstruction permits were also issued by the Engineering Division. Additionally 23 new single-family plot plans, and 18 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, and 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, 2017 to May 29, 2018.

1. 343 new projects were reviewed for fire code compliance.
2. 12 fire incidents were investigated for cause and origin.
3. 2 investigations of hazardous materials were conducted.
4. 42 Fire protection systems tests were witnessed.
5. 664 code compliance and follow-up inspections were conducted.
6. There were 3 blasting permits — 6 blasts were witnessed
7. There were 2 fireworks displays.
8. 31 Complaints were investigated plus code question visits addressed.
9. Public education programs were presented for children in all nursery schools and elementary schools (grades K through 5). Approximately 2,100 people were taught fire safety programs using the Fire Prevention Safety Trailer. In addition, 2 Fire Safety presentations were given at Touchpoints of Farmington and Ultimate Nutrition at their request.
10. The Fire Marshal attended 8 three-hour seminars to satisfy continuing education credits and attended a 16 hour seminar for the Arson Association Investigators. He also delivered a 45 hour class on Community Risk Reduction Planning
11. 41 Burn permits were issued.
12. 22 Tent permits were ordered and inspected - 22 Fire Watches were ordered.

## CALLS BY SITUATION FOUND - FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

### Fires

Structure .....	21
Vehicle .....	5
Others.....	22
<b>Total Fires.....</b>	<b>48</b>

### Rescue/Emergency

Medical Treatment.....	2,745
False Alarms .....	250
Mutual Aid Given.....	89
Hazardous Condition Calls.....	165
All Other Calls .....	561

**TOTAL ALL CALLS .....3,858**

**TOTAL FIRE DOLLAR LOSS (Non vehicles) .....\$4,650**

### CASUALTY SUMMARY

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



# WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Total Flow in Gallons –1,223,500,000 Gallons

Average Daily Flow in Million Gallons – 3.35 Million Gallons per day

Yearly Average for Pollutant Removal Efficiency – 96.9%

## Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Construction Update

The Comprehensive Upgrade to the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility has been under construction for the past 26 months. At this time the project is approximately 75 percent complete and is on schedule to be completed by the fall of 2019. Currently, nearly all of the major site structures and buildings have been constructed. On March 26, 2018 a major portion of the new facility was put into service. This included the new Headworks, Grit Removal, Primary Settling Tanks, Aeration Tank 3, Final Settling Tank 3, and UV Disinfection. Work is continuing to rehabilitate the existing Aeration Tanks, Final Settling Tanks, Sludge Storage, Dewatering Building and the computerized control (SCADA) system. The upgraded facility will have more capacity, an improved effluent quality by removing nitrogen and phosphorus, and will treat our wastewater more reliably and efficiently. The 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:



- WPCF Upgrade Construction- Staff must continue to operate the plant during changing construction conditions, this will be challenging at times. Operators are adjusting to operating and maintaining new processes and equipment that have been placed in service. A significant amount of resources have also been required to decommission and clean abandoned processes and structures for turning over to the contractor.
- WPCF Upgrade Value Engineering- worked with Wright Pierce and CH Nickerson throughout all disciplines of the project to find cost saving measures while maintaining the quality and integrity of the original design. Total Value Engineering savings reached \$451,717.
- NPDES Permit Renewal- the discharge permit which the WPCF operates under has been renewed with minor changes effective January 1, 2018.
- Interim Phosphorus Removal Project – staff have been working to fine tune operations and monitor changes while new process tanks come online. Additional solids are produced that need to be handled for dewatering. This process will continue until the completion of the WPCF upgrade when permanent phosphorus removal processes come online.



# WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY--cont.

- Final Clarifiers- Emergency repair of East Final Clarifier completed.
- Effluent Polymer System- polymer feed system used to enhance settling conditions in the final clarifiers required a major repair and rebuild.
- Plant wide repairs and improvements – Replacement, repairs, and improvements to the physical equipment have been increasing due to equipment reaching the end of serviceable life and unavailable replacement parts. This has included major repairs to the sludge mixing pumps and the dewatering feed pumps.
- Improvements to WPCF Safety Program, expanded training and equipment.
- 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 Allstate Pump Station and the Avon Flow Meter have been upgraded to provide better communications to the SCADA system.
- 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.
- Allstate Pump Station- complete pump overhaul.
- Centerbrook Pump Station - complete pump overhaul.
- UCONN Pump Station- Aging pumps have been either replaced or completely rebuilt. Variable Frequency Drive for Pump 3 failed and was replaced.
- Westfarms Pump Station- Wet well completely emptied and cleaned. Spare pump motor purchased. New modern control system is being installed to replace outdated problematic system.
- Harlan Road Pump Station- Aging pumps at the station failed, creating an emergency in January 2018. New pumps have been purchased for the station.
- 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 right-of-ways.
- 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.





# PLANNING AND ZONING

## TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### **TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION**

The Town Plan and Zoning Commission is responsible for guiding the physical growth of the community with due regard to the public's health, safety and welfare. The principal means of exercising control over development is through the administration of the Subdivision and Zoning Regulations, which provide standards for land use and development consistent with the needs of the community. The Commission's recommendations for future land use throughout the Town are reflected in the 10 year Plan of Conservation and Development, adopted in December of 2017. The Commission held 19 regular meetings and conducted public hearings on 46 applications. Subdivision approvals created 7 residential lots. The Commission approved three zone changes.

### **CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

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

The Inland Wetlands Commission regulates, through a permit system, the use of land within areas designated as "wetlands" or "watercourses". Wetlands are defined by State Statute, as those soils that are poorly or very poorly drained and alluvial or floodplain in origin. Watercourses include all perennial or intermittent water bodies and waterways. The Commission also regulates activities within an upland review area, which is defined as any area within 150 feet of a wetlands or watercourse. Regulated activities include the removal or deposition of material, construction or placement of obstruction, alterations, including clear cutting, or pollution of wetlands or watercourses. Serving in the capacity of the Inland Wetlands Commission they reviewed and acted on 45 applications. The Town

Planner acting as the Wetlands Agent approved 8 applications for residential improvements within the designated upland review area.

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

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The Planning Department provides timely and accurate information concerning the development of the Town as well as technical assistance to the various land use boards, town departments, and officials. Applications submitted to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Farmington and Unionville Historic District Commissions totaled 135. The office completed work on a detailed 10 year update of the Plan of Conservation and Development as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-23. This update was subsequently unanimously approved by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

### **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS**

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

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Zoning Board of Appeals is primarily responsible for acting on requests for variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations where a strict interpretation of the regulations would result in unnecessary hardship for a property owner. The Board also hears and decides upon appeals on alleged errors in any order or decision of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 13 applications during the year.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

In 2017-2018 Farmington has maintained its strong commercial base, attracted new large development projects, and moved forward on some key development planning initiatives; allowing Farmington to consistently have one of the lowest mill rates in the Hartford region.

In 2017 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 2017 all pointing to our businesses' satisfaction with the Town of Farmington.

## **Farmington is the economic leader in the Harford Region**

- Of the 38 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
- The grand list grew by 1.65% for an increase of \$59,416,893. The net taxable grand list will generate approximately \$1, 614, 9511 in new revenue at the current 27.18 mill rate.
- Farmington's commercial base contributes 32.4% of the total taxes and the residential base is 67.6%. These ratios indicate a vibrant business community whose contribution to the tax base takes much burden away from the residential community.
- In 2017 unemployment in Farmington decreased from 3.6% to 3.1%
- Class A office vacancy rate is 14.3%, on par with the greater Hartford Region
- Industrial vacancy rate is 3.5% and is 37% lower than the greater Hartford Region.
- In 2017 \$635,727.10 was collected in Building permit fees, of which \$216,537.76 was commercial. This represents approximately \$15,593,569.92 of commercial investment.
- AAA Bond Rating was maintained.

## **Connect, Cultivate, and Collaborate**

- To further strengthen Farmington's economic ecosystem, the Economic Development Commission embarked on developing a communication strategy that would realize a more connected community of engaged residents and business owners. Explore Farmington is a lifestyle platform that was created to connect, cultivate and collaborate with the community; its primary goal is to advance business, public engagement and growth.
- The EDC contracted a local marketing firm, Journey Communications, to update our marketing materials and develop marketing strategies that would drive traffic to Explore Farmington and better define our brand.

## **Projects in Progress**

- In 2017 Metro Realty completed a 34,000 square foot medical office building on Birdseye Road, and has under construction a 50,000 medical center on Farmington Avenue and a 24,750 square foot ambulatory surgical center on 55 South Road.
- CA Senior Living was approved in 2017, and construction started in the spring of 2018, the 121,561 square foot facility will include 120 assisted living units with 40 of them specifically for Memory Care. Adjacent to this project, PKT Development received TPZ approval to build a 32 senior age restricted multifamily development.
- A 12 Unit Luxury Condominium Development is currently near completion on Route 4
- 5 Corner's Retail Development was approved in late 2017 and construction began 2018. It will house an 8,643 square foot retail building comprised of restaurant and retail use



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--continued

## Beautify Farmington

Continuing our efforts to create a sense of place; the Beautify Farmington Program was expanded. 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 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
- Farmington was prominently featured in the April 30, 2018 edition of the Hartford Business Journal featuring the current economic growth spurt that is taking place in town.
- 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 2017 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 made the list.

**EXPLORE**  
**FARMINGTON.COM**



Melissa Heard, Farmington Bank, Brian Connolly, EDC, John Patrick, Farmington Bank, Rose Ponte, Economic Development Director, and Joe DeLong, CCM Executive Director at the January 2018 Economic Development Business Breakfast



# FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Farmington Public Schools

### 2017 Board of Education

Chris Fagan, Chair  
 Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair/Secretary  
 William Baker  
 William Beckert  
 Mark Blore  
 Elizabeth Fitzsimmons  
 Mecheal Hamilton  
 Paula O'Brien  
 Ellen Siuta

### 2018 Board of Education

Chris Fagan, Chair  
 Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair/Secretary  
 William Beckert  
 Mark Blore  
 Kristi Brouker  
 Elizabeth Fitzsimmons  
 Mecheal Hamilton  
 Ellen Siuta  
 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 2017-2018

#### School

Farmington High School  
 Irving A. Robbins Middle School  
 West Woods Upper Elementary School  
 East Farms School  
 Noah Wallace School  
 Union School  
 West District School

#### Principal

Dr. William Silva  
 Theodore Donahue  
 Alicia Bowman  
 Renee St. Hilaire  
 Carrie Huber  
 Caitlin Eckler  
 Kelly Sanders





# Superintendent's Message

The 2018 Annual Report for the Farmington Public Schools reflects a focused commitment to excellence in education. We believe that all students are capable of acquiring the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed for productive, ethical and responsible citizenship in an evolving world community. We are an innovative learning organization that is deeply committed to continuous improvement. Thus, collaborative interactions among students, educators, parents and families emphasize the importance of clear expectations, rigorous standards-led curriculum, inspired instruction, personal effort and engaged relationships leading to high levels of achievement for all learners.

We are a mission-driven school district. The mission of the Farmington Public Schools is to enable all students to achieve academic and personal excellence, exhibit persistent effort and live as resourceful, inquiring and contributing global citizens. In turn, this report summarizes our student achievement results and outcomes, important partnerships and accomplishments from the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018

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

Adopted March 2015

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

For a more detailed report summarizing specific student indicators for each goal and for every grade for the 2017-2018 school year, please visit the Farmington Public Schools' website [www.fpsct.org](http://www.fpsct.org) and check the *District and School Reports* link.

## Investing in Our Students

### Farmington Board of Education Budget 2017-2018

Salaries	\$43,496,132
Benefits	9,395,092
Services	8,809,698
Supplies	1,857,639
Equipment	364,939
Dues & Fees	249,141
Total	\$64,172,641

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 155 out of 169 towns in school-based administration.

Farmington ranked 117 out of 169 in the amount spent per pupil on employee benefits.



# A Year of Achievements

Impressive rankings for Farmington High School (FHS)—U.S. News & World Report ranked FHS #20 on their list of Best High Schools in Connecticut—receiving a silver medal. Farmington High School was named a Project Lead the Way Distinguished school. In 2017-2018 Sophomores at FHS outperformed the national cohort of seniors on the College Work Readiness Assessment.

Sixty-two percent of FHS seniors were accepted at colleges ranked most, highly or very competitive. Ninety-four percent of the Class of 2018 continued to college or military service. FHS had three National Merit Program Finalists, three National Merit Semi-Finalists, seventeen National Merit Commended Students, and twelve AP Scholars in 2018. FHS had sixty-four AP Honors with Distinction, thirty-five AP Honors students and sixteen AP National Scholars.

Twenty-five FHS students participated in the New England Math Competitions throughout the year. Our students tied in second place with Simsbury for the county.

The Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (COLT) awarded Sixty Farmington Students excellent in Language during their annual festival.

Over One hundred FHS students participated in this year's Rebuild Hartford.

The E-Commerce Capstone students "Splitcup" won first place in the Entrepreneurship Challenge at the Skills 21 Expo Fest.

## 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



The FHS Economics Team placed first in The Stanford Pre-Collegiate Economics Competition for their case presentation and tied for first place in overall points. The team was the sole champion at The Harvard Pre-Collegiate Economics Challenge.

FHS Capstone students excelled at the Capstone Expo Fest where they presented their projects and were evaluated and scored by a panel of educator judges.



FHS placed 1st in Soils, 2nd in Oral Presentation and 3rd in Aquatics. Overall, the FHS team won third place in the CT Envirothon competition.

Four Noah Wallace students were selected to participate in the CMEA Elementary Honors Orchestra with students from around Connecticut.



Two IAR Science Bowl teams competed in the Connecticut Regional Middle School Science Bowl. IAR's first team was undefeated in 12 rounds of competition and earned the title of Regional Champion.



# Student Achievement—Standardized Testing

## Science Testing 2017-2018

A field test of the new NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards test) was administered during 2017-2018. Thus no results will be available this year.

### Smarter Balanced Assessment

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

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected Achievement Level

	Farmington	State
<b>Grade 4</b>		
ELA	78%	55%
Mathematics	78%	51%
<b>Grade 6</b>		
ELA	84%	54%
Mathematics	72%	44%
<b>Grade 8</b>		
ELA	82%	56%
Mathematics	70%	43%

### SAT

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

#### Percentage of Students Meeting or Exceeding the Expected Achievement Level

	Farmington	State
<b>Grade 11</b>		
ELA	88%	62%
Mathematics	71%	40%

*All achievement results can be found on the Board of Education’s website ([www.fpsct.org](http://www.fpsct.org)) under District and School Reports.*

Source: CT Department of Education, 2018





# Farmington Board of Education

## Board of Education Committees

### Personnel and Negotiations Committee

*Contract negotiations, collective bargaining.*

**2017**

**Mark Blore**, Chair  
Mecheal Hamilton and Liz Fitzsimmons

**2018**

**Mark Blore**, Chair  
Mecheal Hamilton and Andrea Sobinski

### Policy Committee

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

**William Baker**, Chair  
Mark Blore and William Beckert

**Christine Arnold**, Chair  
William Beckert and Mark Blore

### Curriculum Committee

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

**Christine Arnold**, Chair  
William Baker and Paula O'Brien

**Mecheal Hamilton**, Chair  
Christine Arnold and Liz Fitzsimmons

### Communications/Public Relations Committee

*Communications to the public, newsletters.*

**Mecheal Hamilton**, Chair  
Christine Arnold and Ellen Siuta

**Ellen Siuta**, Chair  
William Beckert and Kristi Brouker

## Liaisons to Organizations and Representatives to Administrative/Community Committees

**2017**

CREC—**Rep William Baker**  
Superintendent's Interscholastic  
Athletics Advisory Committee—**Rep Paula O'Brien**  
Farmington FOCUS—**Rep Mark Blore**  
Joint Council/BOE Green Initiatives  
Committee—**Rep Liz Fitzsimmons**  
Farmington Chamber of  
Commerce—**Rep Mecheal Hamilton**  
Farmington Public School  
Foundation—**Rep William Beckert**  
Health & Wellness Committee—**Rep Ellen Siuta**  
Cafeteria Ad Hoc Committee—**Rep Christine Arnold**  
FHS Building Committee—**Rep Mecheal Hamilton**

**2018**

CREC—**Rep Christopher Fagan**  
Superintendent's Interscholastic Athletics  
Advisory Committee—**Rep Kristi Brouker**  
Farmington FOCUS—**Rep Bill Beckert**  
Joint Council/BOE Green Initiatives  
Committee—**Rep Andrea Sobinski**  
Farmington Chamber of Commerce—  
**Rep Mecheal Hamilton**  
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# Farmington Board of Education

## Congratulations to our Administrators and Staff



FHS Principal, Dr. William Silva, was named the 2018 Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) High School Principal of the Year.

FHS Assistant Principal, Lisa Kapcinski, was recognized as Outstanding Administrator and Supporter of the Arts by the CT Arts Administrators Association.



Lesle Imse received the 2018 Choral Director of the Year from the Connecticut American Choral Director Association.

FHS Wrestling Coach, Eric Misko, earned his 400th career coaching victory—a milestone that only eight Connecticut wrestling coaches have earned.



## FOCUS...on Reducing Underage Drinking



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

## Summer Learning Academy

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

## Farmington Public School Foundation

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

**2017: FHS Smart Cart Technology Project:** Combining testing of physics theories with the latest technology.

**2017: IAR Zen Den Project:** Creating a dedicated space to support and promote independence.

**2017: EF STEAM Night:** Organize and host an annual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) night where students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities.



# 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 2018 and to our outstanding students from all of the Farmington Public Schools.

## Class of 2018

- **National Merit Scholarship Finalists**—*Edward Matava, Navreeta Singh and David Stephenson*
- **National Merit Commended Students**—*Sagnik Banerjee, Ishaan Bhatia, Elizabeth Cho, Julie Dong, Sung Taik Kwon, Anusha Nagella, Haley Prisloe, Rashmi Rajesh, Jasmine Shack, Dylan Suffredini, Amir Suhail, and Esther Ye*
- **Superintendent’s Award**—*Jocelyn Bohlman*
- **Board of Education Student Leadership Awards**—*Alexa Simpson and Chris DiLullo*
- **FHS Principal’s Award**—*Rashmi Rajesh*
- **FHS Scholar Artist**—*Lauriana Calabrese*
- **FHS Scholar-Musician**—*Rita Monahan*
- **FHS Scholar-Athletes**—*Katherine Gregory and Timothy Arena*
- **CIAC Award of Excellence**—*Zachary Conrad, John DiTommaso, Taylor Henning, and Alison Sheehy*
- **Outstanding Achievement in Math**—*Sushane Sharma*
- **Outstanding Students in Health/PE & Wellness**—*Alison Sheehy and James Siuta*
- **Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science**—*Tyler Parmalee*
- **Outstanding Student in Physics**—*David Stephenson*
- **Outstanding Student in Environmental Science**—*Jasmine Shack*
- **Outstanding Student in History**—*Julie Furmanek*
- **Outstanding Student in Social Studies**—*Dylan Suffredini*
- **Outstanding Student in French Award**—*Megan Caccamo*
- **Outstanding Student in Spanish Award**—*Christopher DiLullo*
- **DAR Good Citizenship Award**— *Christopher DiLullo*





# A Year of Achievements

## 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year Julie Sawyer



Farmington's Teacher of the Year, Julie Sawyer, was announced at the annual convocation meeting held on August 23, 2017. On being recognized as Farmington's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Sawyer stated, "It is an honor to be selected as Farmington's Teacher of the Year. I offer my sincerest gratitude to the former Teachers of the Year and the District Leadership Committee for this award. I can't express enough how grateful I am to all my colleagues and administrators who have supported me along the way in this wonderfully collaborative district. It is a privilege to work in such a professional environment with dedicated educators who offer their best to our students and their families every day."

Ms. Sawyer has taught in Farmington for ten years.

### ***Congratulations to Farmington High School's outstanding athletes:***

- **Boy's Ice Hockey won both the CCC Division Championship and the State Division II Championship.**
- **Girl's Basketball won the CCC Division Title for the sixth consecutive season and were awarded the 2018 Sportsmanship Award by the Central Connecticut Basketball Officials Board.**
- **Boy's Basketball won the inaugural Winter Charity Classic and raised funds for Operation Homefront.**
- **Boy's Tennis earned their second division title in the last three years.**
- **Boy's Softball was the CCC Division West Patriot Division Champs with an undefeated record.**

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

Scholar-Leaders  
Reid McMilland &  
Sydney DeBisschop

Superintendent's Award  
Reina Salama





# TOWN CLERK

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

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

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

During the past year the Town Clerk's office received 636 documents electronically for recording. The electronic recording process is more efficient than the manual recording process and saves the Town money in postage expenses by not having to return paper documents.

Five more years have been completed in the land record re-indexing project. Land records from 1961 to the present are now available on the internet.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, revenue totaling **\$2,490,723** was collected in the Town Clerk's Office and remitted as follows: **\$1,488,781** in conveyance taxes to the State of Connecticut and the following to the Town Treasurer for fees and local conveyance tax:

		<b>**VITAL STATISTICS</b>		
Municipal Conveyance Tax	\$471,069	Births	997	<i>** The numbers regarding vital statistics are approximate because further information is still being received from other Connecticut municipalities.</i>
Recording	\$386,240	Deaths	58	
Dog Licenses	\$13,449	Marriages	86	
Fish & Game Licenses	\$3,977			
Copies	\$106,582			
Marriage Licenses	\$6150			
Maps	\$440			
Miscellaneous	\$14,035			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,001,942</b>			

Dates of Interest 2019	
April 13	Fishing season opens
April 15	Annual Town Meeting
April 16	Absentee Ballots available at the Town Clerk's Office for the Budget Referendum
April 25	Budget Referendum
June 1	Register all dogs for the 2018-2019 year
June 30	Last day to register a dog without a penalty fee
Sept 30	Last day for Veterans to file discharge papers with Town Clerk to receive exemption for the next tax year
October 4	Regular Absentee Ballots become available for the Municipal Election
November 5	Municipal Election



# TAX COLLECTOR

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

The collection results for the 2017/2018 fiscal year are as follows:

	Collectible	Collected	Refunds	Outstanding
Current taxes	\$96,202,608	\$96,441,709	\$511,599	\$272,498
Back taxes	\$446,402	\$220,460	\$19,870	\$245,812
Current sewer usage	\$4,834,276	\$4,821,469	\$3,855	\$16,662
Current waste collection charges	\$1,670,668	\$1,659,576	\$1,058	\$12,150
Back sewer usage and waste collection	\$26,160	\$33,540	\$19,202	\$11,822
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,179,053</b>	<b>\$103,176,109</b>	<b>\$555,584</b>	<b>\$558,528</b>
Current interest and fees	-	\$133,298	\$36	-
Current sewer/waste interest and fees	-	\$36,575	\$0	-
Back tax interest and fees	-	\$61,619	\$3	-
Back special service interest and fees	-	\$13,803	\$0	-
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>\$103,420,922</b>	<b>\$555,623</b>	
Sewer Assessments	\$104,137	\$90,399	\$0	\$13,738
Interest on assessments	-	\$929	\$0	-
General fund collections	-	\$1,092,202	\$0	-
Advanced payments - taxes	-	\$42,337	\$0	-
Advanced payments - sewer/waste	-	\$4,795	\$0	-
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>		<b>\$104,651,584</b>		

- 99.71% of the outstanding taxes on the current grand list were collected.
- 99.56% 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 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional District. Farmington incorporates all of the 21<sup>st</sup> State Representative District and a segment of the 19<sup>th</sup> State Representative District. Portions of Farmington are included in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> State Senate Districts. Farmington has two local voting districts, 4 Polls and 7 precincts as follows:

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

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

1. Be a United States Citizen
2. Be a resident of Farmington
3. Be 17 years of age, becoming 18 by November 5, 2019
4. Be completely released of confinement and parole if a past felon.

The Voter turnout in recent voting opportunities was as follows:

	ELIGIBLE	VOTED	%
11-6-2018, State	19,323	12,835	66.4
11-8-2016 Presidential	18,959	14,943	78.8
11-8-2017 Town	18,901	6,445	34.1
11-3-2015 Town	17,007	5,103	30.0

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

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



# COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The Community and Recreational Services Department continues its mission to manage resources, provide wholesome programming and coordinate opportunities to achieve creative solutions for a healthy community. The department provides programming in three essential areas: supportive services, recreational activities and community engagement and is organized into seven divisions: Housing, Transportation, Recreation, Westwood Golf Course, Youth, Senior and Social Services. The department also provides staff leadership to Human Relations, Housing Authority, Juvenile Review Board, Fair Rent Commission, Local Interagency Service Team (L.I.S.T) and FOCUS, the Local Prevention Council for teenage substance abuse prevention. Additionally the department serves as a staff liaison for several community groups, including: 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 houses 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 3,649 hours, provided 6,609 individual rides and drove 29,959 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 1,132 households with 2,001 client units needing some type of assistance from a simple food pantry application to complex case management oversight.

Community Service Staff continues to provide support to the Farmington Food Pantry. The Pantry is run by a Board of Directors and the Town approves the clients to use the Food Pantry based on income guidelines. The clients make their shopping appointments through Social Services. Tuesday mornings a member of





## COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

our staff is available at the pantry to interact with clients, assist volunteers, and assist clients with their packages. Throughout the year, our staff has provided 192 hours of oversight and assistance.

This year was another banner year for giving. Our holiday program provided 532 baskets to families for both holidays and 183 children received gifts. 91 donors contributed food and/or gift baskets. The Police and Fire Department assisted in food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and collectively brought in 8,000 pounds. The FHS Cheerleaders and the Fire Cadets were instrumental in collection. The CERT team (Certified Emergency Response Team) delivered baskets to clients. The police department also assisted with a toy drive in a cooperative program with West Hartford. It was a true community effort.

Throughout the year, staff interviewed, approved and coordinated projects for community service days with various organizations, including: Farmington Community Chest, First Church in Farmington, United Way, various civic organizations and one extended family. Approximately 301 volunteers assisted for 67 projects throughout the fiscal year; they provide assistance with minor repairs, painting and yard work at various homes including doing some work at Maple Village and Westerleigh. Each year each 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 has reopened its doors with some innovative programming. Over the past year 94 youths attended with over 901 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, Youth Services was able to send 58 children to summer camps throughout the Farmington Valley. The total grant given was \$16,286; each recipient was assessed for assistance based on the families 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. From September until June the fitness/wellness center recorded 1,844 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.



# COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

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

We partner with AARP to host Driver Safety Classes, Car Fit, FRAUD Watch and AARP Income Tax preparation 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.



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

The Town's Community Services Department provides financial support under our relief fund for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meal recipients. This year the town provided: \$28,024 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 and the remainder paid for meals.

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

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

There were 4,101 receipts processed with a total of 5,216 enrollments for recreation programs for 2017 – 2018. Online registration, which began in 2006 at 6%, hit another all-time high in 2017 – 2018 at 71%. 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.





## COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES--continued

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.



# FARMINGTON FOOD PANTRY

Since 2006, the Farmington Food Pantry has been located in Amistad Hall at The First Church of Christ in Farmington, operating with a Board of Directors under the Outreach Committee of First Church. Following a mission to provide a "respectful, empowering environment, where supplemental food and personal care items are available to individuals who need assistance in Farmington", the pantry currently serves over 208 Farmington families – a number that continues to grow each year. The pantry operates on a "Clients Choice" program which allows clients to pick the items they like and need, rather than being given a pre-packaged bag of food. As a partner agency of Foodshare, the pantry can receive food and household necessities for a nominal amount. The pantry is funded solely through donations and staffed entirely by volunteers. All clients are pre-qualified by social workers from the Farmington Community & Recreational Service town department. Additionally, Farmington Community Services staff provides support during Tuesday shopping days, allowing for increased communication with clients.



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

The pantry continues to adapt to the changing needs of clients by establishing programs to fund the purchases of fresh fruits, produce, and other items most needed on the pantry shelves, and by continuing to fund a dairy program to provide milk and yogurt along with occasional cheese and butter. To help support these food purchases, the Farmington Community Chest generously granted money to the pantry in June 2018 to purchase a new refrigerator and freezer. The pantry was also grateful to receive over 1847 pounds of fresh produce from town-owned Sub Edge Farm during the 2017 growing season.



The pantry continues to serve a growing need. Following a record breaking 2016-2017 year, 2017-2018 set the bar even higher. In 2017-2018, the pantry distributed nearly 51 tons of food to needy residents during more than 2,164 client visits. This reflects a 6% increase in distributed food from last year and a 5% increase in client visits from last year. The all-volunteer staff logged in over 2,719 hours of service processing food drives, stocking shelves, and staffing shopping days - a 5% increase from last year. The pantry has a social media profile through Facebook and Twitter, and maintains an informational web site ([www.farmingtonfoodpantryct.com](http://www.farmingtonfoodpantryct.com)) which includes a secure online donation link to the pantry through PayPal.

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





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Farmington Fire Department, which includes the East Farmington, Oakland Gardens, Farmington, Tunxis Hose, and Southwest Fire Stations, provides Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services throughout the Town of Farmington. The Fire Department is a "combination department" which means that it is staffed by a combination of approximately 135 Volunteer Fire Fighters and 8 Career Fire Fighters. During Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Fire Department responded to 4,215 fire and medical emergencies.

The Fire Department is actively recruiting volunteers because they play such a vital role in the services that we provide. Anyone who lives or works in Farmington, is at least 18 years of age, has a high school diploma or GED, and a valid Connecticut Driver's License may apply to be a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Non-Farmington residents may apply if they live within 5 miles of the fire station 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 (CPR), and the Safe Working Practices associated with the Fire Service.

The Fire Department provides instruction on American Heart Association courses for 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,



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

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 also is available to instruct at businesses, schools and daycares in order to ensure this vital training is maintained within our community. Please contact us if you are interested.



**Fire Fighters training Fire Cadets**

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



# FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued

Fire Department.

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

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 about becoming a volunteer or to inquire about any of the services offered by the Town of Farmington Fire Department.

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



**TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
FIRE CADETS TRAINING**





# FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued



**EAST FARMS VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**





# FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued

## FARMINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT





# FIRE DEPARTMENT--continued



**TUNXIS HOSE VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Farmington Police Department Statistics

The department remains busy as officers responded to 23,357 Calls for Service in 2018 and made 579 Adult Arrests. Officers conducted 4,520 motor vehicle stops and issued 2,461 citations. There were a significant amount of motor vehicle accidents investigated totaling 1,227 for the year. 899 of those accidents resulted in property damage only. 200 accidents involved injuries to people and 12 accidents resulted in DUI arrests. There were also 116 evading accidents during the year. Officers made 99 DUI arrests and 80 drug related arrests in addition to issuing 82 drug offense citations. Officers responded to 131 Domestic Violence related incidents, all of which were followed up on by the Domestic Violence Team to ensure victim security and wellness.



## Med-Return Drug Collection Box

The Farmington Police Department continues to offer a safe, secure and environmentally responsible means for people to dispose of their unused prescription drugs. The collection box, located in the lobby of the police department, is emptied approximately every 2-3 weeks as needed. In 2018 officers retrieved 725.5 pounds of disposed prescription drugs and had them destroyed. This service allows people to safely and conveniently dispose of medications they no longer need or want.

## Accreditation

Every three years auditors from CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) review the police department's compliance with 482 professionally recognized law enforcement standards. The auditors then prepare a report to the Accreditation Commission who reviews the report and determines whether the department will be awarded reaccreditation. The Farmington Police Department's Accreditation audit was conducted in March 2018. A draft report was issued to the Chief and the results found that the agency was in compliance with all standards. The Farmington Police Department received reaccreditation in July, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the ninth reaccreditation for FPD since 1992. Some of the benefits to being accredited are: Controlling liability insurance costs; preparing stronger defenses against lawsuits and citizen complaints; providing an increase in community advocacy; increasing town government awareness as to how the police department is being managed; symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence within an agency; ensures policies and procedures are in place to guide employees and protect citizens; allows for an independent review of department operations to ensure best practices.

## Police/School Collaboration

The police department is proud of our strong relationship with the public school system. Three police officers are assigned full-time at the schools. These officers not only provide school safety and security through their continued presence, but they also closely collaborate with school administration on issues such as: school safety plans; presentations for staff and students on a variety of subjects; and strengthening relationships between school personnel, parents, students, and police officers. Police and school officials work together to address issues of concern that may impact student/staff safety or the school district as a whole. This cooperation allows for a thorough review of all situations, ensuring a holistic approach to addressing the safety of our students. Several officers participate in the Mentoring Program at Irving A. Robbins Middle School and Farmington High School. This program has proven to be a great success and is a rewarding experience for officers and the student participants.

## Community Emergency Response Team

One of the most significant and growing programs is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This 30-member, civilian, volunteer-based program, has evolved in membership and training over the past several years, and has been utilized on numerous occasions to support the police department during times of emergency or special events. Their primary responsibilities include assisting with road closures **during parades, storms and accidents. They are trained in traffic control, CPR and emergency**





# POLICE DEPARTMENT--continued

during parades, storms and accidents. They are trained in traffic control, CPR and emergency shelter management. The department purchased a canteen truck with donations received from ProHealth Physicians and The Farmington Community Chest. This truck is deployed in the region during significant events where emergency services personnel would require food and drink. The truck has been deployed several times and is a great resource for first responders in the region. The CERT team was utilized 14 times during the year. We utilized CERT members to assist in a grid pattern search of a vast area where a missing person was last seen. We also utilized CERT to search a large crime scene following a large fight where three people were stabbed. CERT Members also assisted in numerous department functions and events such as Dream Ride, Memorial Day Parades and the annual Fire Department Carnival in Unionville. This team has proven to be an invaluable resource for the department.

## Community Service Officer Program

The Community Service Officer (CSO) program was developed in response to increasing complaints of littering, trespassing, parking, and other nuisance and town code violations along the Farmington River and on town recreational properties. CSO's are part-time Town of Farmington employees. There are currently eight active CSO's. They wear readily recognizable uniforms and report directly to the police department shift supervisor. They primarily work during peak weekend hours on all town recreational properties. Their purpose is to augment police patrols, provide visibility, guidance, and enforcement of municipal code violations at Town of Farmington recreation areas. Feedback since inception has been exceedingly positive. CSO's continue to work weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day as well as throughout the year as needed.



# FARMINGTON LIBRARIES - SINCE 1901

**“The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors, that is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance.” ~ Libba Bray**

The work that libraries do today is vastly different than that of two decades ago and yet very similar in general appearance (i.e., filled with books, children, adults, senior citizens, and teens). Libraries are social spaces, the agora, where people from all walks of life can have fundamental how-to questions answered by the Information Services team, learn how to tie a Windsor knot, or meet a friend for a library book group discussion. This Annual Report is another attempt to communicate how The Farmington Libraries are changing in response to the social, intellectual and practical demands of today's world. I am enthusiastic about the future of the libraries and look forward to hearing from you as to how we may continue our quest for the best possible collections, services, and programming possible.

This fiscal year produced several opportunities to open new learning channels by further developing our existing facilities into new and productive three-dimensional enterprise spaces. These enhanced programming developments were the product of front-line based user input. These new programming outputs included virtual reality workshops, photo editing classes, building projects, sewing instruction, 3-D printing, podcasting, and video production. Due to their labor-intensive, customer-centric nature, these small project-based workshops and trainings must be measured qualitatively, as these specific activities produce more valuable user experiences for individuals and small groups.

It is essential to understand that the breadth of the programs stated above service every community segment including teens, adults, and children at both the Main and Barney libraries. And, although I have highlighted new learning channels above, the bedrock of our library platform remains solidly placed in the importance of reading and providing for the interest, informational needs, and enlightenment of our community by presenting differing points of view on current and historical issues. Naturally, we believe in the cultivation of strong reading habits in pre-K children and developing an early understanding of reading's importance. Our outstanding Children's Department focuses on kids gaining the comprehension skills needed to decode complex language concepts expressed in printed materials. This is further strengthened by a vigorous customer-focused materials acquisitions plan, which is deployed to develop and sustain lifelong learning patterns in our 18,000 users.

We officially closed out our Centennial year by offering opportunities for individuals, organizations, and schools to participate in our "Farmington Speaks" initiative, which gathered artifacts for inclusion in our Centennial time capsule. As we stand upon our many past successes, we can now also look ahead to all the possibilities awaiting us as we forge forward toward a new and better future. In that regard, we have begun planning and developing coding classes for children between the ages of 8-13 years, one of whom may become the Steve Jobs of their generation! We have also developed and operationalized our facilities plan by upgrading and improving our children's spaces and installing a new elevator at the Main Library. Along with these physical improvements, our programs for all ages are focused upon engagement and relevance. Maker programming continues to discover new and specific interest areas from our user populations, while general adult, teen, and children's programs continue to provide opportunities for growth and enrichment.

Generally, this year has produced remarkable results, and as we shift our gears into the next fiscal year, I am very optimistic that fiscal year 2018-2019 will be exceptionally productive and eventful.

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





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**LAURA A. HORN**

**Assistant Director/Head of Information Services**

Public libraries are at the center of every vibrant, diverse community. They are physical and digital places where connections are made between people, ideas, technology and even organizations. Libraries change with time, as do people and the communities in which they live. This means that the “how” of how we serve the community is fluid, but the “why” that fuels our mission never changes. We will always be looking for new ways to serve our community and maintain relevancy in an ever-changing society. However, at our most basic level, we are striving to provide access to information, ideas and experiences that will inspire, educate and entertain the community. This may take the form of one-on-one job search classes, or the opportunity to listen to live classical music at an afternoon concert. It may be teaching young children basic literacy skills through a children’s storytime, or helping a recent immigrant learn English through various print and digital resources. It may mean providing access to the latest state of the art technology or helping someone figure out their new cell phone. Whatever information it is that people need to grow and learn, to remain active participants in their lives and their community, the Farmington Libraries will strive to provide.

Through access to professional software and online trainings, in-person workshops and lectures, libraries support people, their needs and their dreams. Libraries are catalysts for growth and change, inspiring community members of all ages to engage with the people around them, and encouraging individuals to seek out their own paths in life.

Over the past year we worked diligently to facilitate connections between the people of Farmington and the ideas, technologies and information that surrounds us, below are just a few highlights.

## **Information Services & Farmington Room Highlights:**

- *Celebrated the grand opening of The Studio, an experiential and media production lab.*
- *Hosted our 5th annual Maker Fair with high-tech and low-tech hands-on activities for all ages.*
- *Introduced a new online language learning resource, Transparent Language, saving the Library money while increasing language learning opportunities for patrons.*
- *Launched new e-magazine platform, RB Digital Magazines, and new e-content platform Hoopla to diversify e-content offerings and increase accessibility.*
- *Developed new “Staff Picks” displays in the stacks and at the Information Services desk; created a monthly Fresh Reads newsletter; published videos highlighting staff recommendations; and launched two new staff-led book groups to connect more readers with a wider variety of literature.*
- *More than 250 people scheduled time on equipment in the Maker Space, totaling 616 hours spent creating original content.*
- *Added a CNC mill to the Maker Space, broadening the range of projects that patrons can now complete in the Library free of charge.*
- *Created a digital inventory of original artworks owned by the Libraries and shared online via BiblioBoard.*
- *To facilitate research in the Farmington Room, a color-coded map of the major collections and resources was developed.*
- *Held our first Community Scanning Days to promote the personal preservation of family memories and histories.*



## **Teen Services**

Farmington teens are some of the best and brightest in the state. With high achieving standardized test scores and a graduation rate of 95.8 percent, Farmington teens work hard for everything they achieve. Many play team sports, are members of multiple clubs, and try to volunteer or work part-time jobs when they have a spare minute. These same teens also need a safe place to go outside of school and sports. At the Farmington Libraries we strive to maintain a safe, comfortable environment for all teens, while helping them find balance in their busy lives through quiet time for homework and reading, mixed with entertaining



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and educational programs.

## **Teen Services Highlights:**

- *Teen summer reading participation was at an all-time high, with 334 registrants, reading 1,818 books and earning a total of 5,322 prizes!*
- *Summer program attendance increased approximately 123%, while the number of teen programs offered during the summer increased approximately 20%.*
- *Partnered with the community to introduce a new summer Dungeons and Dragons club for teens at the Library. FHS students planned and led each of four meetings and the fifth and final meeting of the year was led by the owner of the local game store, Arcana Hobbies and Games, who also donated a player's manual to the club.*



## **ANNA EISEN Children's Librarian**

Ensuring that children develop a love of books and learning is a priority for the Children's Department at the Farmington Libraries. Early literacy storytimes are our most popular programs for children and their families, while we continue to find new ways to support elementary school students' learning beyond the classroom. With evening and weekend programs, busy families have access to age-specific and mixed-ages programming. Parents express appreciation for the range of options, ensuring that their children have consistent access to literacy-based programming. Throughout the year, we work closely with the library media specialists at Farmington Public Schools to ensure that our Summer Reading Program supports our shared vision of year-round learning. We continue to update the collection to align with students' reading levels and interests, and the schools' curriculum goals.



## **Children's Services Highlights:**

- *Offered 644 programs at the Main Library, attended by 15,978 people. At the Barney Library, we offered 162 programs for 4,841 children and their caregivers. Additionally, we reached 1,390 children through 21 outreach sessions to schools, daycares, and community organizations in Farmington.*
- *Children's programs included early literacy storytimes for toddlers, music programs, baby sign language, hands-on STEM activities, and arts programs for school age children. We partnered with local agencies including the Farmington Police, the Department of Public Works, and Bristol Hospital.*
- *Tots & Tunes, our weekly music and movement program continues to draw a strong audience of families with young children. This year, we saw 5,509 children and their caregivers at Tots & Tunes, comprising 34% of our annual total program attendance.*
- *This year, 25 families visited the library for their Books for Babies bags and information about early literacy resources at the library.*
- *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten continues to be popular with the under-five crowd. Reading books together is one of the most important ways for families to ensure children are ready for success in school. This year, 37 new children registered for the program, and 14 children completed 1,000 book reading logs, celebrating their accomplishment at our annual party in August.*
- *Polish Language Storytime has a strong following among families in the area on Monday evenings. This culturally-relevant program brings new families into the library, facilitating connections between families and to the larger Farmington community.*
- *We partnered with Therapy Dogs International to bring local volunteers and their certified therapy dogs to the library. This program reached 87 people last year and was especially beneficial for new and struggling readers to develop confidence in reading aloud. Parents report that their children demonstrate*





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*more motivation to read and explore new books thanks to their encounters with the therapy dogs.*

- *Farmington High School's Robotics Team presented a robotics workshop for families in January and then continued the learning with Summer STEM – a series of workshops for elementary school students on topics such as aerodynamics, electricity, ecology, chemistry, and simple machines.*
- *In February, Take Your Child to the Library Day was a particularly successful Saturday program in which families participated in early literacy activities centered around Harold and the Purple Crayon and received a free book.*
- *We partnered with New Britain Museum of American Art and Talcott Mountain Science Center on the Inspiration to Innovation (i2i) STEAM Challenge. Part art show, part science project, children created mixed-media artwork inspired by ocean life and solutions for pollution. Their work was displayed at the NBMAA in March.*
- *Farmington Public Schools' Extended Care & Learning (EXCL) and Summer Learning Academy brought 230 elementary school students to the libraries to find books related to their personal and academic interests. Relevant summer reading books help create a sense of fun and challenge throughout the summer for students.*



## Supporting Student Success

With busy afterschool schedules, school age children often have limited time to attend library programs during the school year. We sought to create new programs with varied start times in order to reach this audience. Students particularly enjoyed knitting, chess, and STEM-based art programs.

87 people participated in our Reading to Dogs program this year. Therapy Dogs International introduced us to local volunteers and their dogs, including Eli, a yellow lab, and Murphy, a Westie. Both dogs now visit the libraries monthly to read one-on-one with children. This program is especially beneficial for new and struggling readers to develop confidence in reading aloud. Parents report that their children demonstrate more motivation to read and explore new books thanks for their encounters with the therapy dogs.

For the third year in a row, we partnered with New Britain Museum of American Art and Talcott Mountain Science Center. Children spent four weeks learning about nature, art, and science at the library. Part art show, part science project, the Inspiration to Innovation (i2i) STEAM Challenge was an exciting way to explore oceans and environmentalism while working on creative and critical thinking. Children created mixed-media artwork inspired by the question, "How do we clean up the ocean floor from pollution?" Their work was displayed at the NBMAA in March.

## School Collaborations

We collaborated with Farmington Public Schools during the school year and throughout the summer to extend students' learning beyond the classroom.



In partnership with Farmington High School students, we offered several opportunities for near-peer mentoring. The Robotics Team presented a robotics workshop in January and then continued the learning with Summer STEM – a series of workshops on topics such as aerodynamics, electricity, ecology, chemistry, and simple machines. Additionally, our summer Book Buddies program partnered teens with preschoolers for one-on-one reading and literacy activities.

We worked closely with the library media specialists at Farmington Public Schools to ensure that our Summer Reading Program supports our shared vision of learning



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throughout the calendar year. We continue to update the summer reading lists to align better with students' reading levels and interests, and the schools' curriculum goals. Farmington Public Schools' Extended Care & Learning (EXCL) and Summer Learning Academy brought elementary school students to the libraries to find books related to their personal and academic interests.

With engaging programs, relevant summer reading books, and the much-beloved prize wheel, we create a sense of fun and challenge throughout the summer for students.

## CAROLINE FORD

**Director, Lending, Collection Management, & Branch Services**

Even as the Farmington Libraries evolve to keep up with our rapidly changing world by incorporating more technology and innovation into our offerings, the acquisition and lending of materials remains our core service. Our friendly and diligent team members are the smiling faces and beating heart of the organization.



### Lending Services

The Lending team continues to strive to give the best customer service. Our priority is to actively listen with the intent to better understand each patron we interact with. Our staff is patient, friendly and informed about the events, services and offerings of our libraries.

Patrons start their visit to the library at the Lending Desk; we sell people their morning coffee and cookies from our café; we see the incredible artwork of children and adults after they leave our great arts and crafts programs; we check out hundreds of books a day, handle with patrons' fines and search for their lost items; we hear happy and sad stories from our regular patrons and welcome new families on a daily basis; we talk with patrons about the Thursday movies, the flowers in our gardens and the weather; sharing these moments with our patrons are often the highlight of our day. We hope our patrons have the same experience.

### Collection Management

Accessing materials and getting them into the hands of our patrons in a timely manner is the number one priority of Collection Management. To ensure we do this swiftly and effectively, this year we added two Lending team members to assist with processing adult and children's books. This past year, the Collection Management team processed over 16,000 items.

In the spirit of efficiency, staff members have been trained in collection maintenance. They repair books, make new spine labels, replace broken cases and clean DVDs, ensuring items get back on the shelf and into patron hands as fast as possible.

### Lending & Collection Highlights:

- Welcomed 1,600 new library card holders.
- Collected book donations for the Friends of the Farmington Library.
- Greeted over 220,000 visitors, an increase of 4% over last year.
- RFID check-in system greatly improved accuracy.
- Checked in and out over 500,000 items at the Main Library and 84,000 items at Barney.
- Began initiative to improve patron privacy and ensure security of patron information.
- Cross-trained staff to work in Children's Services and the Barney Library.





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## Barney Library

The Barney Library gives personalized customer service to all who visit this neighborhood hub. The staff excels at being friendly and attentive every day to regulars and newcomers alike, building strong relationships through high-quality service. Barney Library programs have increased in frequency and popularity over the years, now including an array of activities for children and adults.

### Barney Library Highlights:

- *Our popular children's programs include Musical Me, a high energy music program for children ages birth to 3; and Movers and Groovers, an early literacy story time that incorporates books, music, puppets and socialization for young children and their care givers.*
- *Special children's programs at the Barney included Tellabration with Connecticut Storytelling Center, longtime summer favorite Cupcake Wars, as well as seasonal hands-on art and STEM activities.*
- *Children's program attendance grew an incredible 70% this year!*
- *For adults, Barney hosts the book group Novel Ideas, monthly Adult Crafternoons and Jewelry classes, outdoor summer concerts, as well as a monthly movie program.*
- *Anglophiles had a wonderful time at A Jolly Good Afternoon Tea to Celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 92nd Birthday.*
- *This year art lovers had monthly exhibits to enjoy such as "Art in Farmington Village" (coordinated by the Farmington Historical Society) and The Farmington River quilt project.*
- *Barney staff continues to provide outreach by selecting titles and preparing deliveries of books to our homebound patrons.*
- *It's also an important community destination, serving as a meeting place for many groups including Scouts, study groups and a Short Story Group.*



We invite everyone to come relax in our beautiful reading room, work on a jigsaw puzzle and talk to our great staff.

## LEAH FARRELL Coordinator, Community Services and Media

Providing the community with ample opportunities to engage with art, culture, information, community, discussions, and entertainment has always been an important part of our mission. Over the years, adult programming at the Farmington Libraries has evolved into a full schedule of events including line dancing, in-depth community discussions, master classes with local artisans, business breakfasts, tea parties, and of course our slate of Maker programs. There is truly something to engage, inform, and entertain anyone who walks through our doors.



### Smaller Programs, Bigger Returns

As we increased our number and variety of programs, we became aware that patrons responded enthusiastically to small, intimate programs where they were able to interact more with the presenter, content, and one another. With the opening of the Maker Space and The Studio, more staff being involved in planning and running programs, and the desire to offer a wider variety of experiences to patrons, we are trending towards holding programs with smaller audiences. While we continue to offer larger programs such as lectures and concerts, we've also added intimate, coffee-house style concerts at the Barney Library, staff-led book groups, and intensive, hands-on programs and training in the Maker Space and The Studio. This allows us to offer our patrons, who undoubtedly have diverse interests and needs, a larger variety of programs to choose from.



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## **Adult Programming Highlights:**

- *Held 241 Adult Programs with 3,888 attendees. This was a 16% increase in the number of programs and a 20% increase in attendance.*
- *On Monday, August 21st, 2017 more than 800 residents gathered on the library lawn to watch the solar eclipse. With only 100 pairs of glasses on hand, local residents were more than happy to share their pair with others. Teens and children were also at the ready with their home-made viewers made out of old cereal boxes and cardboard supplies, while those looking to escape the heat were able to watch the NASA's live stream of the eclipse in our Community Room.*
- *Began hosting drop-in jewelry-making class monthly at the Barney Library and bi-monthly in the Maker Space. One attendee became so inspired by the classes that she began making jewelry on her own at home, and soon intends to begin selling it online!*
- *Held a traditional tea party to celebrate the 92nd birthday of Queen Elizabeth II at Barney Library.*
- *Hosted two successful talks with best-selling authors, one in partnership with the Farmington Garden Club, and another with local author Paul Kix.*
- *Held an all-ages gingerbread house decorating program where over 100 children, teens, and adults made a mess and some made architectural marvels! We plan to repeat the program again this December.*
- *To augment staff-led Maker programs, we began a Master Class series, where we hire local artists, artisans, and makers to teach a small group a specific craft or skill over the course of several weeks. So far these have included basketry, photography, and felting.*
- *Continued partnering with ForwardCT and other local activism groups as part of our Community Issues Series, which features expert panels and community discussions about pressing local and national issues.*
- *In honor of the late Richard P. Garmany, whose fund through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving sponsors our monthly concert series, we hosted the Musical Friends for a chamber music concert. The performance featured Nancy Curran on harpsichord and Carole Olefsky, a friend of Mr. Garmany. Mr. Garmany himself was a harpsichord player.*

## **Publicity Highlights:**

- *In late 2017, the Town of Farmington launched a community calendar called Explore Farmington. We are regular contributors to the calendar, and Rose Ponte, Director of Economic Development, regularly features our programs in her weekly email newsletter.*
- *Updated email templates through Constant Contact to have more attractive, engaging, and mobile-friendly communications. 53% of our publicity emails are viewed on mobile devices.*
- *Following the success of the weekly email for adult programs, this year we created a similar communication for children's programs. Our email open rate is higher than the industry average.*
- *To make it easier for all staff to be aware of events at the Main Library and inform patrons about them, we created a handout that highlights an upcoming program for children, teens, and adults happening that week. Each service desk and the Barney Library receive a copy for staff to refer to. They are updated weekly.*

## **Gallery Spaces**

This year, we made a concerted effort to keep art on our walls with monthly shows in the Hoppin Gallery at Barney Library and seasonal curated shows at Main Library. Artists have been delighted by the presentation and receptions. We make a small but regular profit from these shows.

**“When I got my library card, that’s when my life began.”**

**~ Rita Mae Brown**



# FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

## Preventing Disease, Promoting Health, Protecting Against Health Threats

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

Mental illness and substance abuse continue to be a growing concern in our communities. The Farmington Valley Health District tracks opioid related deaths, emergency room visits and hospitalizations to further illuminate the magnitude of this public health epidemic and identify prevention strategies in collaboration with our community partners. FVHD convened the Prevention Councils and Youth Services Bureaus in the ten towns served by the District and facilitated medical provider outreach and education on the statewide "Change the Script" campaign.

To promote mental wellness FVHD continues to work with Farmington Social Services and town veteran liaisons through Resilience Grows Here, an ongoing initiative focused on the mental health needs of veterans. A peer to peer support network including a training program and resource linkages is building a community that better supports those with mental illness and foster an environment that supports mental wellness. In addition, FVHD continues to provide "Question, Persuade, Refer" a suicide prevention training to interested public.

Falls are the leading cause of hospitalizations and reduced quality of life among the population 65 years of age and older. This same population is at increased risk of chronic illness. FVHD continues to provide evidence-based fall prevention and chronic disease management programming to at risk populations throughout the District. These programs have been shown to reduce falls in older adults, increase physical activity, improve social isolation and contribute to better quality of life among the aging population.

FVHD serves as subject matter experts for Farmington on myriad public health issues. The health department fields hundreds of questions on topics including immunizations, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, water quality, the flu, rabies, and food and product recalls. Factual information on many public health issues and topics through the FVHD website, [www.fvhd.org](http://www.fvhd.org) and Facebook page are regularly updated. In addition, FVHD launched an educational television show "Health Matters" to increase public awareness around important public health topics and disease prevention.

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

Permits Issued:		Inspections/Site Visits/Sampling:	
Food Service Establishments	161	New Septic	19
Temporary Food Service	131	Septic Repair	22
Salons	48	Public Bathing	8
New Septic	3	Food Service Establishments	305
Septic Repair	17	Complaints (ALL)	44
Well	16	Salons	44
		Day Care	7



# SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

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

Services for the Elderly of Farmington, Inc. is a nonprofit agency with its mission: On staff, there is a full time Executive Director. A bookkeeper who is also the Program Assistant works 10 hours a week and a transportation coordinator works 5 hours a week. 150 volunteers assist in the various programs of this organization. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from all areas of the town. Financial support is primarily provided by the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, the Town of Farmington, service groups, churches, businesses and fund raising events. This organization planned several fundraisers throughout the year, our annual appeal campaign, March for Meals, Birdies for Charities and this year a "Ladies of a Certain Age" luncheon was organized. Our agency is located at the Senior/Community Center at 321 New Britain Ave. Unionville, Connecticut. For more information visit our website [www.farmingtonseniors.org](http://www.farmingtonseniors.org).



The following services were provided during the fiscal year:

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** 9912 meals were delivered Mondays through Fridays, Birthday gift bags are delivered to each client on their special day.

**CONGREGATE MEALS:** 1566 hot lunches served at the Community/Senior Center

**TRANSPORTATION:** 910 rides to and from medical and dental appointments.



**FRIENDLY VISITING:** 45 seniors involved. Our "It's Good to Get Out" Group, consisting of 15 Farmington women, is coordinated and financed privately. They went on many fun excursions throughout the year. 14 homebound seniors have been matched with a volunteer who provides ongoing support and friendship. 75 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to the homebound in November, 2018. Highland Park Market donated the fruit. Town health agencies donated baked goods. The Farmington Garden Club donated the spring flowers and Christmas greens to 75 homebound seniors. The Farmington Community Chest funded our "forget me not program" which allowed us to purchase and deliver 525 goodie bags and plants to 75 appreciative seniors throughout the year.

**FRIENDLY SHOPPER:** 562 grocery shopping trips were made by volunteers. Seniors have been matched with volunteers who routinely shop for groceries for their client.

**JOB BANK:** 173 people requested the job bank list

**TAX ASSISTANCE:** 344 seniors were assisted with their tax forms by A.A.R.P. trained volunteers

**SENIOR SENSE:** 7700 issues of our newsletter were distributed to Farmington residents in November 2017

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM:** 1011 medical equipment items were loaned out to Farmington Valley residents. 620 items were donated to the nonprofit agency Orphan Grain Train who send these items to many underprivileged countries throughout the world.





# SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY--continued



Our 16th "MARCH FOR MEALS" campaign was very successful. Canisters were placed in all the elementary schools in town throughout the month of March. All of the proceeds help subsidize our Meals on Wheels program. The Chairwoman of the Town Council, Nancy Nickerson and Kathy Eagen, Town Manager took an active part in Community Champions Week and delivered meals on wheels to our happy clients. Our nonprofit agency participated in the Traveler's PGA Tournament fundraiser "BIRDIES FOR CHARITY".

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

FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB again hosted a Christmas party at the Farmington Gardens for 60 of our seniors.

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

An Annual Gathering recognizing our 150 volunteers was held at The ATRIA of Farmington on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 80 volunteers attended. This agency will continue to serve the growing needs of the elderly of this town.

*Nancy J. Walker*  
Executive Director



# FARMINGTON LAND TRUST

The Farmington Land Trust's mission is: to protect open space in perpetuity through acquisition, stewardship, education and advocacy. The Land Trust has pursued this 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 290 acres of fields, forests, wetlands, scenic vistas, historic sites and wildlife habitat from development. These 65 parcels will remain as open space forever, enriching the quality of life for Farmington residents for generations to come. We appreciate the foresight of the donors of these properties and the continued commitment of our contributors to the future of Farmington.

The Land trust is governed by a board of 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 2017-2018: Richard Kramer, president; Evan Cowles and Cate Grady-Benson, vice-presidents; Doug Pelham, treasurer; and Diane Tucker, secretary. Directors: Jim Calciano, Peter Dorpalen, Jon Estrellado, Bob Hannon, Nina Hayes, Francie Brown Holmes, Steve Nelson, Sallie Norris, Steve Silk, Linda Tomasso, and Jennifer Villa. Our executive director is Bruce Edgren. The Land Trust office is located in the Canal House at 128 Garden Street.

The Land Trust's 2018 Preserving our Legacy fundraiser was held in September at The Farmington Gardens. Two Hundred celebrants gathered for cocktails and dinner followed by a presentation of the award-winning videos from the Land Trust's Real to Real contest for videographers ages 12-18.

This year, we continued joint research projects on our properties with Professor Barbara Nicholson and her students from the CCSU Biology Department. They conducted an environmental analysis of the vernal pool at our Clatter Valley Road Easement and a water quality study at the pond on our West District Nature Preserve.

During 2017-18 the exterior renovation of the Carriage House on our Mountain Spring Nature Trial was completed with the generous support and assistance of Metro Realty.

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, Woodland Wildflowers at the Canal Aqueduct, Birding at the Cowles Parcel, Outdoor Yoga on Main, and our annual Hike to Will Warren's Den.

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 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.

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# FARMINGTON VALLEY (VNA) VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The Farmington Valley VNA, In. has successfully completed another year of providing the residents of Farmington with health care services and programs, aimed at wellness and prevention. 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 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 2400 skilled nursing and rehabilitation visits made this year. Health Supervision evaluations and assessments rose by 35%, and 11 residents received vaccinations free of charge. Being able to provide some of the services free of cost to residents enables the VNA to assist in containing healthcare expenditures. We are the only VNA in the state that receives such financial support from the community, and due to this, our ability to provide care on a



strictly preventive nature is unique. This clearly translates to fewer doctors' visits, lower hospitalization rates and overall containment of medical expenses. One of the newest initiatives that the VNA was able to complete this year was assisting in an educational and clinical experience for UCONN Nursing Students. In addition to providing clinical visit experience for the medical students, we were also able to host nursing students in several settings. Working collaboratively with the health-care 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. Approximately 350 residents participated in the 13 Flu Shot Clinics that were scheduled. As has been stated in the past, the residents of Farmington understand the value of having the direct nursing care and supervision during this procedure, as opposed to stopping in one of the public clinics, where no clinical oversight is given once a medication is administered. Participation in routine blood pressure screenings has increased from the prior year, and this monitoring allows patients a visit with a healthcare provider that often extends to include answers and education about their medications and the health issues that people are attempting to manage independently. It has also come to our attention by request of the residents that we add Blood Glucose monitoring at these clinics, and for the upcoming year, this will be a new initiative of healthcare screening. Our skilled nurses spend one on one time with each resident, always evaluating how it is that we can be of service. The strength of these health care initiatives is testimony to the commitment that Farmington residents have in becoming strong health advocates for themselves and their families.

Joint networking efforts continue between the Farmington Valley VNA and the Directors of Social Services and Senior services. The VNA remains available to service those residents in the Middlewoods housing community. There continues to be a strong relationship as well at Westerleigh Congregate Housing, with monthly educational series being well attended. In multiple sites, the VNA provided 26 educational presentations, and participation at each was very good. Residents truly like to be informed when new information is available about their health. It continues to be an honor to serve the Town of Farmington with a well-rounded set of Home care, Hospice and Community Programs. The Farmington Valley VNA remains committed to offering these services and assures that it will do so by keeping with the trends and changes of the health care environment of today





# FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST

The Farmington Community Chest (FCC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1931 for the purpose of funding local organizations whose focus is to improve the health, wellbeing, and community life of all residents of Farmington.

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 32 households, summer camp scholarships were awarded to 63 school age children and direct aid was provided to qualifying families in our neighborhoods. Of special note this year, New Horizons received funding for an air conditioner replacement, a wheel chair lift replacement, and dollars to start an Art Therapy Program. Additionally, we provided our annual award to the food pantry for food acquisition however additional funds were allocated to the pantry to replace a 12-year-old refrigerator and freezer. Farmington Soccer Club was awarded a grant of \$25,000 toward the installation of an artificial turf soccer field at Tunxis Meade and \$25,000 was also given to the Westwoods Elementary school to help fund a playscape.

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, with the help of Farmington Bank, allowed us to roll up our sleeves and work together to make a direct impact. We are always recruiting volunteers for this day in May. Throughout the years FCC has provided hands on household assistance at 50 or more homes in our town during these community service days.



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For 87 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 at [www.farmingtoncommunitychest.com](http://www.farmingtoncommunitychest.com), as well as through AmazonSmile while doing your online shopping. 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!

Farmington Community Chest  
Mission



# TUNXIS SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

The first meeting was held on March 10, 1969 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.

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"*



Pattie Williams enjoying her sundae at our ice cream social.



Officers and Directors – Patty Costello, Peg Preato, Marcie Shepard, Pattie Williams, Patty LeBouthillier, Jo Ann Riley, Leslie Ward and Betty Kopiec



Some of our 50 plus life members. To become a life member you need to belong to TSCA for 20 years and be over 80 years old. Congratulations to these members!

