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## HACD Approve New Parking Rules

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury approved new parking rules for HACD during their March meeting. The new regulations were prompted by the abuse of parking by nonresidents who occupy sorely needed parking spots.

Parking will be restricted to residents who have been issued parking permits for individual sites. These permits will be good only at the site issued. In most cases, each housing unit will be allowed two permits. Some sites with adequate space may issue additional permits as the availability allows. Other sites might only issue one permit per unit because of the limited parking.

All nonresidents will be required to park in a designated visitor's parking area.

HACD will be contracting with a licensed towing service to remove all vehicles that do not display the permits. The vehicle's owner will be responsible to pay the towing fee in order to get the towed vehicle back.

Unregistered or disabled vehicles parked at any housing site may also be towed.

The new rules also prohibit parking on lawns, sidewalks or anywhere other than designated parking areas.

Repairing vehicles on HACD property is also prohibited.

Temporary permits will be available from the property coordinator in instances where the registered vehicle is not available and the resident is using a rented or loaned vehicle. Such instances would include when a vehicle is being repaired for an extended time.

HACD will work with the Danbury Police Department, city Fire Marshal's Office and Fire Department to enforce Handicapped Parking and Fire Zone rules.

HACD staff had considered putting fines in place for violations, but decided to have faith that residents will cooperate with the new regulations on their own.

## Stand Together, Make A Difference – Take The Pledge

In anticipation of spring proms and end-of-school-year party season, a group of concerned citizens, professionals and community agencies is asking parents and other adults to take a pledge.

Stand Together, Make A Difference is the Local Prevention Council for Danbury.

They ask that adults pledge to encourage youth to be substance-free by:

- Hosting alcohol-free, tobacco-free and other drug-free parties;
- To not allow their children or their

friends to possess or consume alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in their homes or on their property;

- And to discourage their children from attending unsupervised parties.

STMAD also reminds parents that Connecticut laws state that they cannot give alcohol to their children's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstances, even with that child's parent's permission.

For more information go to [www.standtogetherct.org](http://www.standtogetherct.org).



## Let's Talk Saturdays With The Mayor

Mayor Mark Boughton announced his 2013 schedule for Saturday's with the Mayor.

Remaining dates are:

May 18

June 15

July & August-Summer break

September 21

October 19

November 16

December & January, winter break

Saturdays with the Mayor takes place in the Mayor's Office from 10 am until noon and provide an opportunity for open discussions regarding issues of our community.

## The FBI's Child ID App — Putting Safety In Your Hands

A child goes missing every 40 seconds in America. Many never return.

You are shopping at the Fair Mall with your children when one of them suddenly disappears. A quick search of the nearby area is unsuccessful. What do you do.

First, you notify the Danbury Police Department and Fair Mall security. Now you go to a free tool from the FBI that can help.

A few years ago the FBI launched its **Child ID App**, the first mobile application created by the federal law enforcement agency. It provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your children—literally right at hand when needed.

The application became available for iPhones in 2011 and for Android phones, last year.

This application allows you to quickly show police or security personnel a current picture and physical description of your child—identifiers such a height, weight, eye and hair color, to



responders.

Using a special tab on the app, you can also quickly and easily e-mail information to authorities with just a few clicks.

The app also includes tips on keeping children safe as well as specific guidance on what to do in those first few critical hours after a child goes missing.

Officer Jay Mortara, Danbury

Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, says the app is a great tool. "I like the way a parent or caregiver is able to update a child's information at any time." He adds, "I also like that parents or caregivers can furnish law enforcement with all of this information through an email with the swipe of one button."

He recommends that the information in the app be password protected should the phone be lost or stolen.

## Clean Danbury Day April 20th

The annual Clean City Danbury Day will take place this year on Saturday, April 20th, from 8 a.m. until noon.

The city will accept bulk garbage at five locations. Participants must be Danbury residents or property owners and must show proof of such.

No commercial vehicles are allowed. This means no

vehicle with any business name on it, no vehicles with commercial plates, and no vehicle that can clearly be used for hauling will be allowed to dump its contents.

Construction debris, grass and yard debris or hazardous wastes will not be accepted. Electronics are not permitted (these are accepted for free year-round at the Recycle Center on White St.)

No box trucks will be al-

### Dumpster Locations:

Dumpster (drop-off) locations will be:

**City Hall**, 155 Deer Hill Ave.

**Rogers Park** by tennis courts

**Mill Ridge Intermediate School**, 1 School Ridge Rd.

**Public Works Building**, 53 Newtown Rd.

**P.A.L. Building**, 35 Hayestown Rd.

## Danbury Residents Receive Prescription Discount Card

Danbury residents recently became eligible to obtain savings on prescriptions that are not covered under their current insurance plans, Mayor Mark Boughton announced earlier this year.

The Prescription Drug Discount Cards were mailed to most Danbury households in January. The cards are part of an initiative offered by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), a statewide association of cities and towns in Connecticut and are being distributed in partnership with Mayor Boughton.

"It can be extremely difficult to cover the cost of prescrip-

tions when insurance is not available," Mayor Boughton said. He added "For this reason, I have taken the initiative to arrange for each Danbury resident to receive a City of Danbury Prescription Discount Card to help with their medication cost."

The card features

- Anyone can participate
- All medications are covered—including pet prescriptions fillable at a pharmacy.
- There is no cost to participate, either to the city or resident

- Cost savings can average 45%.
- Over 63,000 participating pharmacies including CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Stop & Shop, Big Y and many independent pharmacies.
- Discounts are offered on other medical services such as vision, hearing and Lasik service.

Cards are available at Danbury City Hall and at many pharmacies. Questions, call CityLine 311 at 203 744-4311.

## Northeast Utilities (CL&P) Crews Assist Glen

For decades the overgrowth of shrubs and trees adjacent to the Glen Apartments has been the cause of concern to residents and housing officials alike. Things have changed.

Residents of the Glen have been plagued by power outages on a routine basis over the past few years. Twice in the past two years they have been evacuated because of extended periods of loss of electricity.

For over a year housing officials have been working with the assistance of Danbury's Emergency Operations Director

Paul Estefan to solve the problem.

Because CL&P power lines border the Glen Apartments on two sides, the housing authority could not just go in and take down or trim the trees. Power lines ran through them.

This all changed on February 1st when CL&P sent contracted tree crews to the site.

Crews started on the north side of the complex on what old-time Danbury residents recalled as the "trampoline center." Back in the 50's or early 60's pits were built at the site and trampolines stretched across the openings so they were at ground level. For a fee, you could spend a time on the trampoline. The site was not that finically successful and was abandoned.

Crews also trimmed along the power line on the east side of the property, Overgrowth was so thick at some points along this border you could not see the base of the utility poles.

Because crews could not get bucket trucks into the area on the east side of the property, tree workers had to do it the old fashioned way—climb the trees. Because of the risk to the climbers presented by the charged lines, power had to be cut for about four hours to allow the project to progress.

Along with the crews from Northeast Utilities, Danbury's tree and park departments workers were called upon to clean out debris which migrated into the drainage ditch which runs through the property.

Crews worked at the site for more than a week, including one Saturday.

The result will not only give Glen residents more protection from power outages but also an increase in air circulation to those units on the effected borders.

The efforts will also provide Glen residents with additional use of the areas around their units.

**"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."**

**~ Hal Borland**

## HACD Staff Special Events

The following staff are celebrating birthdays during April, May and June.

- Jackie Elam
- Estella Francis
- Lawrence Marisco
- Elizabeth Meurer
- Shirley Rodriguez
- Dubra Vidmar
- Mike Ruscoe \*

\* omitted from last edition



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**CL&P contracted tree crews removed large trees and undergrowth that Glen Apartments residents had expressed concern about. Tree limbs from above and smaller branches from below were hitting the power lines. The work will provide better air circulation in the summer months as an added benefit. (Story page 3)**

## Spring's Arrival Brings Reminders

Spring arrived at 7:02 a.m. March 20th and was ushered in by a late Winter snow/ice/rain storm.

Also ushered in was the need to remove all the yard debris covered over by winter's snow.

Housing Authority lease provisions require residents in moderate rental, and some other sites, to maintain their property. This means renters must clean up branches, leaves and other yard debris left over from last Fall and Winter. Soon they will be required to mow their lawns.

Residents who have swings and other playground equipment must provide a resilient surface beneath the equipment. Residents must also seek approval for all such equipment from their property coordinator.

HACD's Pet Policy requires that pets not be allowed outside a unit unless under the control of a resident. They may not be chained or otherwise unattended.

Roaming dogs are not allowed and offending owners face a \$50 fine from the housing authority and possible arrest by city animal control officers.

Residents are responsible for any damage caused by their pets.

No pet can exceed 30 pounds in weight. Vicious pets are prohibited.

Tenants should consult their lease for all rules concerning their rights and responsibilities.

