

CITY OF HARTFORD

Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor



Quarterly Meeting with
City-Wide Neighborhood Leaders/Stakeholders
Friday, January 17, 2014



Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Anti-Blight Enforcement Process & Updates**
- **Programmatic Alignment**
- **The Quarter's Progressive Properties**
- **Quality of Life Matters Update**



Welcome

Thank you for your Commitment to Engage

Quarterly Stakeholder Meetings – Programmatic Updates

Monday, March 31, 2014 @ 5:30pm

Youth Program Room 3rd Floor | Hartford Public Library | 500 Main Street

June 2014

September 2014

LSNI Quarterly District Reports – Handouts & Download on the Webpage

www.Hartford.gov/ljni (Updates to the webpage coming soon)



Hartford's Anti-Blight Ordinance

City Ordinance: Property Can be deemed Blighted if at least 2 of the following conditions exist:

- (1) Exterior windows or doors are broken or missing or are not secured and painted
- (2) Exterior walls, roofs, stairs, porches, floors or chimneys are damaged, collapsing or deteriorating or permit the interior of the building to be open to the weather;
- (3) Foundation walls are damaged, collapsing, crumbling or contain open cracks or breaks;
- (4) Interior walls, stairs, porches, floors, ceilings, support pillars or beams are damaged, collapsing or deteriorating;
- (5) Exterior additions, including, but not limited to, canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts, are damaged, collapsing or deteriorating;
- (6) Fences are broken, deteriorating to the point of decay, are in otherwise dilapidated condition, or are damaged to the extent that they allow access to the property;
- (7) Other conditions exist that reflect a level of maintenance which is not in keeping with community standards, including, but not limited to, graffiti that is clearly visible from the street;
- (8) The premises are attracting illegal activity as evidenced by multiple felony or misdemeanor arrests on the premises; multiple felony or misdemeanor warrants issued or served to a person residing in the premises;
- (9) The property is a fire hazard;
- (10) The property is a factor creating a substantial and unreasonable interference with the reasonable and lawful use and enjoyment of other space within the building or premises or within the neighborhood as documented and reported to the Director of Licenses and Inspections by neighborhood complaints;
- (11) The property is a menace to the public health, safety, or welfare in its present condition because of rat infestation, overgrown vegetation, trash and garbage, abandoned cars, improper grading, or other factors;
- (12) Extended vacancy of a dwelling, multiple dwelling or mixed commercial use property.

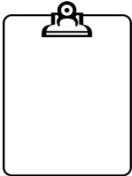
Overview of the Anti-Blight Ordinance Enforcement

(15-18 Month Process)



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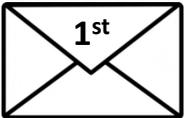
1.) Intake Complaint regarding a Property



2.) Blight Inspector conducts Survey



3.) Property Round Selection



4.) Preliminary Notice Letter Sent



Abated/ Compliance

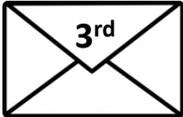


6.) Re-Inspection



5.) Inspection & Notice of Violation

Contact and Works with the City / Receives Funding for Improvements



7.) Notice of Citation

8.) Appeal Hearing or Did Not Appeal

Found Not Liable/
Abated

9.) Found Liable of Citations

Citations Paid but Risk Re-entry into the ABO Process due to Non-Compliance

10.) Default Judgment

11.) Foreclose & Redevelop or Sell the Property



Anti-Blight Enforcement Update

Fourth Quarter as of September 13, 2013 – December 13, 2013:
 Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report

	Central	North	South	West	Citywide
Properties Receiving Preliminary Notice Letters	18	24	7	15	64
Properties Receiving Notice of Violations	9	11	9	8	37
Properties Receiving Cited for Violations	8	10	13	7	38
Final Lien Inspection Properties	18	43	19	21	101
Obtained Properties by COH	0	0	0	0	0
Abated Properties	2	1	6	6	15

* Chart ONLY reflects the stats as of December 2013 LSNI Quarterly District Reports



Anti-Blight Enforcement Update

CITATION ACTION COMMITTEE PROPERTIES – INCEPTION (09/20/12) Thru PRESENT

Total Number of Properties Brought Forward for Committee Action: 104

Properties recommended for securing of judgment only with no further action: 3

Properties recommended for securing of judgment and the placement of a lien on the land records: 38

Properties recommended for securing of judgment, placement of a lien on the land records, and foreclosure: 43

Properties removed (abated) or tabled until further research: 11

Properties restarted due to outside foreclosure extinguishing our process: 7

Properties granted an appeal (late) due to improper notice by COH: 2

NOTE: TO DATE – 38 LIENS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON LAND RECORDS



Programmatic Alignment

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in Process

- Snow Removal on Vacant Private Properties – Transferring existing responsibility for ticketing from Police to HHS Nuisance Inspectors with training.

The SOP was developed and responsible parties were assigned. City Council approval is need to legally transfer authority in the ordinance.

- For Maintenance of City Owned Properties – for sale/ non-public use properties.

Completed this quarter.

- For the Hartford Restoration Project (HRP) – procedure of roles and responsibilities.

In progress

The seal of the City of Hartford, Connecticut, is a circular emblem. It features an eagle with wings spread, perched atop a shield. The shield contains a figure holding a staff. Below the shield is a banner with the Latin motto "NUBILA PHOEBUS". The outer ring of the seal contains the text "SEAL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD" at the top and "CONNECTICUT" at the bottom, separated by two stars.

**City of Hartford's
Progressive Properties**



TAX DEED SALE COLLABORATION

**PROPERTIES THE COH TOOK TITLE TO AFTER TDS #3 HELD ON 6/27/13
BY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITATION ACTION COMMITTEE**



49-51 Acton

07/01/2013 11:40



62 Chadwick

07/01/2013



270 Albany

06/25/2013 13:33



292 Albany

06/25/2013 13:33



85-103 Hawthorne

07/01/2013 12:08

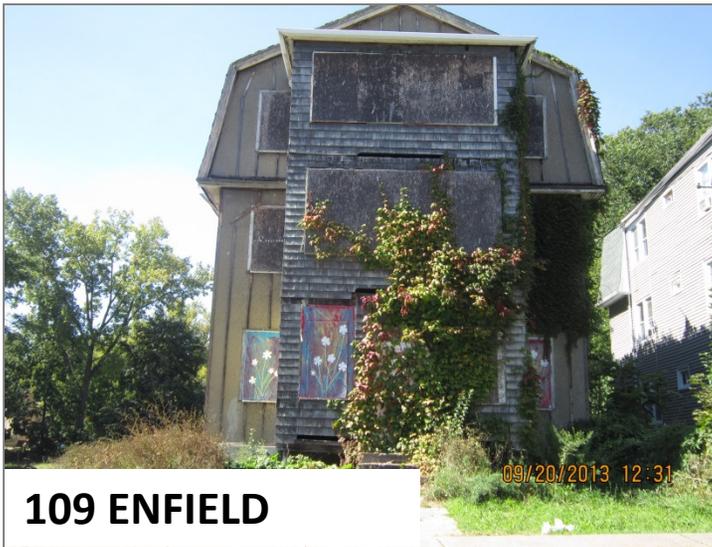


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08/12/2013 12:57



DEMO PROPERTIES UPDATES





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280 Enfield Street
Demolition is on going to be
completed in the next two weeks.



Central District: Abated Property

63 Wadsworth Street – Frog Hollow



Before



After



North District: Abated Property

77 Barbour Street – Northeast



Before

After



South District: Abated Property

1180 Broad Street – Barry Square



Before



After



West District: Abated Property

118 Madison Avenue – Parkville



Before



After



Quality of Life Matters Update

LSNI Crew | December 13, 2013

Private Property Nuisance Abatements	North	Central	West	South	Citywide
From 8/10/12 to Present	115	28	32	48	223
This Quarter Only (9/13/13 to 12/13/13)	41	8	9	11	69

City of Hartford Property Clean-Up	North	Central	West	South	Citywide
This Quarter Only (9/13/13 to 12/13/13)	157	81	15	15	268

Updates for this Quarter:

- Cost Saving of LSNI Crew cleaning City Properties this quarter: **\$59,733.26**



Quality of Life Matters Update

Big Belly Solar Trash Compactors

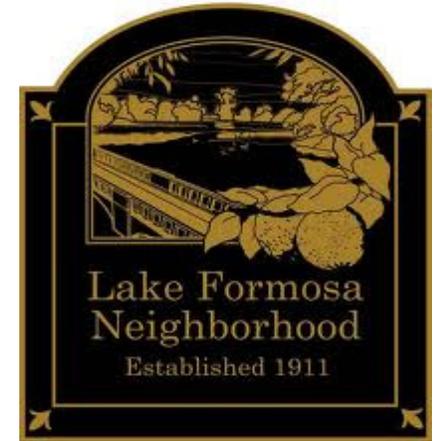
- 2nd Year purchasing and installing additional Big Bellies, 32 Compactors installed in November 2013
- 107 Big Bellies currently in the City (31 in the Parks and 76 on the Streets)
- Locations are on Commercial Corridor only, **no residential streets!**



Quality of Life Matters Update

Replacing Neighborhood Signage

- Project is for replacement for an existing signage only
- The NRZ chooses one design for their signage!
- Sign material: PVC or Aluminum with vinyl graphic or painted
- Neighborhood Sign Template Handout are required
- **FINAL DEADLINE: Template Handouts due by Monday, February 24, 2014. LSNI will be placing orders by the end of February!**





Quality of Life Matters Update



Hartford Restoration Project (HRP I) & (HRP II)

HRP I - Assistance to help [Hartford Owner-Occupants](#) who have proven financial hardship during their Blight Appeal Hearing to abate outstanding ABO Violations.

HRP II - Assistance to help [Hartford Owner-Occupants](#) who have exterior blight conditions before they enter the ABO process (inspections, citation, hearing etc.)

- Property is located in the City of Hartford, Connecticut;
- Property must be **owner-occupied**; and
- Property is a single, two, or three family units.
- Commercial properties including mixed-use are **NOT eligible**.
- Applicants must be current on all City of Hartford obligations (i.e. taxes).
- Property use must be in accordance with the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- This is a **one-time secured** loan.
- The loan is deferred with a zero (0) percent interest rate and require no monthly payments.
- Full forgiveness after five (5) years with no penalty for pre-payment in full.
- The loan requires no repayment **unless** the property is sold and/or is non-owner occupied within five (5) years.
- The borrower must sign a Loan Agreement with the City of Hartford, which overviews the terms and conditions of the contract, which includes bi-annually monitoring up to 5 years for visual confirmation that property is in "blight free" condition.



Quality of Life Matters Update

194 South Whitney Street: West District



Before



After



LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

#CleanHartford

Make it Happen.



LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

LSNI has collaborated with Keep America Beautiful (KAB) to provide Waste in Place curriculum kits and professional development training for a city wide pilot program. Alfred E. Burr elementary school was the first school to participate, other schools within the City have been trained since the Fall of 2013. The goal of the pilot program is to incorporate litter prevention & solid waste management curriculum into Hartford Public Schools.

Curriculum for Teaching Litter Prevention and Solid Waste Management

The Waste In Place curriculum, created by [Keep America Beautiful](#), addresses the problem of waste and its disposal alternatives, and emphasizes responsible solid waste handling practices through hands-on activities for K-8th grade. This unique curriculum aims to encourage informed decisions by our future community leaders.

Curriculum Goals

- Increase awareness and knowledge of solid waste problems
- Use hands-on activities to teach students how to properly dispose of and handle solid waste
- Promote social responsibility
- Use a behaviorally-based, systematic approach to changing attitudes and practices related to proper waste handling

Background

Waste In Place uses an approach developed through three years of research and is consistent with recommendations from the National Board of Education, the National Science Teachers Association, the National Science Foundation, Science for All Americans, and Project 2061. Some of these recommendations include utility, social responsibility, intrinsic value of knowledge, philosophical value, and childhood enrichment.





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

Anti – Litter Educational Initiative at Alfred E. Burr Elementary School

- Burr elementary was the ***first school*** in the district to participate in Keep America Beautiful's (KAB) – Waste in place curriculum training. Teachers were provided curriculum kits by LSNI and will be piloting these lessons in their classrooms.
- Burr elementary school organized and promoted a **Litter-Free Halloween**. As part of this effort, students patrolled the school grounds for litter for the entire month of October.
- LSNI provided **45 white T-shirts** for students and **two jars of assorted candles** for litter and recycling school competition. In addition LSNI Contributed **1000 Litter Free Halloween bags** for all students.
- On October 31, 2013 Burr School had a **Anti-Litter & Recycling Competition Kickoff Celebration**.



LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

**LSNI Contributed Blank T-Shirts
&
Students Created Their Own Customized Message
“Lend a Hand to Clean the Land”**





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

“STUDENTS LEND A HAND TO CLEAN THE LAND”

Students taking an active role by organizing litter patrol teams. Here we have students patrolling school grounds for litter. Students cleaned the school for the entire month of October.





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

"STUDENTS LEND A HAND TO CLEAN THE LAND" ALFRED E. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANTI-LITTER PATROL TEAM





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

Students learn the importance of proper waste management through recycling. Below we have a collection of recycled items by students.





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

**5th Grade Recycling Competition Winners
Congratulations to Mrs. Signori's Class**





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

Alfred E. Burr Elementary School Halloween Anti-Litter & Recycling Competition Kick Off Event October 31, 2013





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

Alfred E. Burr Elementary School Principal Fabienne Pierre - Maxell Showcases LSNI Candy Prize for Litter & Recycling Competition





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

Burr Elementary Students Learning to Put Litter in its Proper Place





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

The Livable & Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative, Burr Elementary School Staff, Students and Parents Working Together to Create Anti-Litter Partnership





LSNI Anti-Litter Educational Initiative

The Livable & Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative (LSNI)
Provided Keep It Clean Halloween Bags for All Alfred E. Burr
Elementary Students





Quality of Life Matters Update

LSNI & REBUILDING TOGETHER HARTFORD COLLABORATION

REHABILITATION DATE – SATURDAY 11/09/13

NEXT REHABILITATION DATE – SATURDAY 06/14/14

NEED SUGGESTIONS: Veterans in your neighborhoods who need help with exterior cleanup/blight and skilled volunteers.

PLEASE SEND INFO TO STEVE FRANK @
FRANS001@HARTFORD.GOV OR 860 757-9228



Quality of Life Matters Update

1156 Broad Street: Central District



Before



(Progress) After



Quality of Life Matters Update

7 Oakland Terrace: North District



Before



(Progress) After



Quality of Life Matters Update

74 Stone Street: South District



Before



(Progress) After



Quality of Life Matters Update

323 Cornwall Street: West District



Before



(Progress) After



Quality of Life Matters Update

Community Problems: Let Us Know!

- Telephone: **Call 311**
- Track your Request: <http://www.hartford.gov/311>
- Wireless Devices: **See, Click, Fix**

Visit our webpage at www.Hartford.gov/lsni

Questions or Comments

Thank You for Your Support!





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