

Town of Redding  
Annual Report  
2012 - 2013

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C O N N E C T I C U T



The Lonetown Farm Museum, a Redding landmark, is the headquarters of the Redding Historical Society. The farmhouse was built between 1792 and 1796 for its first occupants Daniel and Esther Read Bartlett, and it was last occupied as a working farm by the Burritt family. Restored in the 1970s, this federal style house with a traditional center chimney plan retains much of its original interior. In April 1993, the house was placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The Lonetown Farm Museum is open to Redding residents, members and the public throughout the year for various public events, lectures and fundraisers and by appointment. It is also available to the public for special occasions.

The mission of the Historical Society is to educate, to preserve and to promote Redding’s rich historic heritage. The society preserves distinct treasures for our community: the Lonetown Farm House Museum, the Umpawaug Schoolhouse and the Zalmon Read Barn. These treasures provide the venues for the events and programs we sponsor throughout the year. The Historical Society Annual Meeting is in September, a holiday open house at the museum is held in December, and a tea party fundraiser is held in May. The Umpawaug Schoolhouse annual open house is in November and is open from time-to-time upon request. Visitors are welcome at these events, and new members are always welcomed.

Community support is vital to fund preservation projects. The society welcomes to membership all residents of the Town of Redding Fairfield County and all individual interested in the history of Redding. For information and membership contact the society at 203-938-9095, e-mail: rhistoricalso@optimum.net, or write to P.O. Box 1023, Redding, CT 06875

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This annual report is a review of the Town of Redding’s financial operations and fiscal health. In addition to the auditor information, each board, commission and department submits a report summarizing activities and events for the fiscal year. A new entry this year is a report from the CERT team which was actively involved in the storms of 2012. The Parade Path on the Town Green has contributed to Redding’s beautiful landscape and we have included information about the volunteer group that maintains the area.

A list of all elected and appointed officials and employees as of December 30, 2013 is in the back of the book. In addition phone numbers, email and internet information is included. We hope you will find this information useful.

The report was coordinated and planned by Mary Maday. All the information in this Town Report was provided by the Town’s departments, employees, boards and commissions.

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*Don Takacs, Natalie Ketchum, Julia Pemberton*

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen ushered in the new fiscal year in July of 2012 with the start of construction on the high Poverty Hollow Bridge. At a Town Meeting in June, voters approved \$301,000 for its rehabilitation, and the contractor was given ninety days to complete the project in order to minimize the detour disruption to motorists in the area. The work was finished on time and came in \$47,297 under budget. The Planning Commission then re-named the bridge the “Aspetuck Chasm Bridge,” which is how the headmaster of the Sanford School used to refer to it when taking students to witness “Redding’s great natural treasure”. The new wooden structure augments the natural beauty of the river and waterfall, which was our intent in its design, and it will now safely carry motorists well into the future.

In August, Redding was selected by the CT Agricultural Station to participate in a CDC integrated tick management study to reduce the risk of Lyme disease. A grant of \$300,000 over a three year period will fund the study of the effectiveness of various tick control measures in four Redding neighborhoods. Our Public Health Director continues to state that Lyme Disease is the number one public health threat in Redding, and so we are pleased that we were chosen to be part of this important scientific study. Redding has been given an opportunity to contribute in a positive way to a solution in the elimination of Lyme Disease.

In the fall, selectman Don Takacs, who was chair of the Athletic Fields Committee, recommended the dissolution of the committee, because it had achieved its mission when it produced a plan to install an artificial turf field and improve existing fields at the Community Center. Because the required funding for the project was rejected by voters last year, private funds will be necessary to implement the plan. Since the focus is now on funding, the Board of Selectmen referred the athletic fields issue to the Board of Finance to be under their direction. Many volunteers worked long and hard to get the plan to this point, and the Board of Selectmen is very grateful for their dedication and effort.

In the spring, twenty citizens petitioned the town to form a police commission to manage the police department, and the matter was sent to a Town Meeting, as required by state statute. Because this would change the governance structure of the town, the Board of Selectmen on its own initiative sent the matter to a machine vote after holding the Town Meeting for discussion of the matter. On June 3, 1196 residents voted, 71% of whom rejected the creation of a police commission.

In other matters, the town prevailed in a Supreme Court decision on a tax appeal by Redding Life Care LLC, we initiated a Road Management and Resurfacing Plan with our Highway Superintendent, and we received a Siting Council Telecommunications Coverage Assessment, indicating areas in town lacking cellular service. We began planning for public education events in 2014 on Redding’s history in recognition of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Read’s transaction for the land in 1714, and our operating budget for FY 2013-14, which contained a modest 1.3% increase, was passed by voters.

The current Board of Selectmen will not manage that budget throughout the full year, as Don Takacs is retiring in November after ten years on the board, and Natalie Ketcham is retiring after eighteen years on the board, fourteen as First Selectman. We have all appreciated the opportunity to work together to serve the best interest of Redding residents and maintain our wonderfully unique quality of life.

Natalie Ketcham, First Selectman  
Julia Pemberton, Selectman  
Don Takacs, Selectman

## BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance is pleased to present to the residents of the Town of Redding this report of the operation of the Town’s government during the fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. The major portion of this report reflects the financial activities of the various governmental boards and commissions during the fiscal year. It details the financial position of the Town as of June 30, 2013, as audited by the Town’s independent auditor, Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C. The audit report contains an unqualified opinion on our audited financial statements. A complete set of the audited financial statements is on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

I am pleased to report that the Town of Redding is in excellent financial position. We finished the year ended June 30, 2013 with an unassigned fund balance in excess of \$6.55 million, which is approximately 13.8% of the current year budget. In addition, we had approximately \$1.02 million in our Capital and Non-recurring Fund available for funding long-term projects, subject to approval by Town Vote.

Historically, the Town of Redding has managed its long-term capital needs with long-term financing in order to keep the annual Mill Rate impact to a minimum. The level of debt that the Town holds is very modest as compared to other surrounding towns, as further evidenced by the amount of annual debt service costs being paid by taxpayers. At June

30, 2013, the Town's debt outstanding totaled \$16.7 million. In addition, the Town is also liable for Redding's share of the Region 9 school board debt totaling \$9.4 million. The Town continues to invest in our infrastructure and during this past year completed the final phase of a three-year \$3.5 million road reconstruction project. The funding has been approved at a Town Meeting and expenditures have been funded by debt obligations. Infrastructure projects provide a long-term benefit to the residents of Redding and therefore, funding such items over a longer period better matches the costs with the benefits derived. Also, the Town has \$4.3 million of Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") outstanding at June 30, 2013, which currently carries an interest rate of 0.21%. BAN's are short term obligations that are either paid off or converted into a long-term bond when such conversion is feasible.

In addition to debt funding, the Town has been utilizing leasing as an alternative method of funding which better matches the period of benefit for those costs that would not qualify for long-term bonding. The Town has taken advantage of the low interest rates being offered by leasing programs. Such leasing purchases are being expensed in the annual operating budget which reduces the need for long-term borrowings.

The Town enjoys a AAA Bond Rating obtained in 2010 and reaffirmed again in 2012. The Board of Finance considers maintaining an outstanding Bond Rating a top priority, in order to be well positioned to obtain a Bond should the need arise. Accordingly, the Board of Finance continues to make

improvements in policies and procedures, as well as maintain an adequate unassigned fund balance, a key measure used by the rating agencies.

During the year, Redding has provided funds necessary for the WPCC (Water Pollution Control Commission) to meet its current operating obligations. The WPCC continues to struggle with operating cash needs as the progress of the Georgetown Land Development project continues to be uncertain. As a result of the continued uncertainty of the WPCC, subsequent to fiscal year end, the Board of Finance has established a subcommittee to look at future funding alternatives.

As we look forward to the future, the Town has greater flexibility today to handle unexpected or unforeseen needs that may arise, without placing a significant burden on the individual taxpayers. The Board of Finance continues to look for improvements in our budgeting process and delivery of town services. As the economy continues to improve, we are seeing increases in other fees associated with new development which may have a positive impact on setting future Mill rates.

The solid, positive financial operations of our Town is owing to elected officials, dedicated members of the boards and commissions, and the employees of the Town who have contributed their efforts to the operation of the Town of Redding and to its financial well being. The Board of Finance would like to take this opportunity to extend its thanks and appreciation for these efforts.

William E. Alvarez, Jr., Chairman, Board of Finance

## TREASURER

As the treasurer of the Town of Redding, it is my job to oversee the cash and investable balances for the town. As we have all seen in our personal investments, rates are not what they once were. The town has not been able to garner the investment yields of the past. Interest rates hover below one percent, and a 6 month CD is not earning more than about 40 basis points a year in interest. A one year CD is slightly higher at about 56 basis points. The town has begun investing in electronic CDs, which are purchased on an online platform. They are always under \$250,000 and therefore are covered under FDIC insurance. This strategy helps the town to increase interest income with only a small risk.

At year end, the town had about \$4.3 million dollars outstanding in short term debt. This debt costs the town about 21 basis points a year. It is set to be renewed in December with an addition for new projects approved by the taxpayers. As the treasurer, it will be my job to work with our financial advisor and with bond counsel to put this short term borrowing out to bid in a telephone sale.

In addition, I am working with the Tax Collector and Finance Director to assess our banking relationship to be sure that the town is getting the best deal possible for these vital services. The treasurer's office is a small department, but a vital one for the town.

Margaret L. O'Donnell, Treasurer

## TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk is the official "Keeper of the Records" for the Town of Redding. This includes all land records, vital statistics, election results and campaign finance filings, agendas and minutes for all boards and commissions, town meeting minutes, trade name certificates, dog and



*The events of December 14 in Sandy Hook impacted our entire community.*

sportsmen licenses and many other records of the history of the town and its government.

It is the responsibility of the town clerk staff to post agendas, minutes and news and announcements to the town website and make any changes to department home pages as well as update the list of elected and appointed members of all town departments, boards and commissions.

We are always striving to keep the public informed, and have made some changes to our website which we think will be very beneficial to the public. Residents can sign up on the website to receive email notices of news and announcements and special town meetings. There is also a flashing banner on the home page of the town website which is used for emergency news regarding power outages and closed roads, as well as notices of special town meetings and elections. There are also two calendars on the website, one for the posting of board, commission and school meetings; the other for the posting of town-wide activities such as school plays, library activities, concerts on the green, etc.

My staff and I are always ready and willing to assist the residents with their questions and concerns and are open to suggestions to better improve the services of this office.

Below is a listing of the various records of my office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013:

LAND RECORDS . . . . .	2,973
BIRTHS . . . . .	42
MARRIAGES . . . . .	34
DEATHS . . . . .	84
MAPS & SURVEYS . . . . .	10
TRADE NAME CERTIFICATES . . . . .	39
SPORTSMEN LICENSES . . . . .	205
AQUARION FISHING PERMITS . . . . .	65

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Town Clerk, and I hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

Michele R. Grande, CCTC-CMC, Town Clerk

### TAX COLLECTOR

Throughout the year we focus on keeping our taxpayers informed and maintaining an open line of communication. We critique systems and procedures presently in place to be certain taxpayers receive the most efficient and accurate service. We pride ourselves on our conduct, performance and ethics. While holding a public office you are public property, therefore must aspire to higher standards of honesty, integrity and public trust.

Through involvement with the Connecticut State Tax Collector's Association and the Northeast Regional Tax Collector's and Treasurer's Association, we learn of every collection system available and its capabilities. Because of this we are able to make wise economic decisions to benefit the taxpayers and our work structure. This year I was honored to become the President of the Northeast Regional Tax Collector's Association and will hold the position for two years.

This office is responsible for the collection of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and supplemental motor vehicle taxes. We handle the complete process of water usage charges for the Water Pollution Control



*The Simpaug Bridge reconstruction was completed in January.*

Commission. In addition, we are the receivers and depositors of all money collected from the Landfill, Park and Recreation, Building Department, Town Clerk's Office as well as all other Town Department fees and charges. We accounted for approximately \$3,837,554 from all departments other than the tax office.

The Tax Collector's Office processed payments for 16,182 tax accounts. Seven hundred sixty-one accounts required adjustments to be made through Certificates of Change from the Assessor's Office. We processed tax bills for 10,380 motor vehicles registered in Redding. We received twenty-three checks with insufficient funds but were able to recover all funds. One hundred thirty-five refunds were made for various reasons, primarily for vehicles sold during the tax period.

Our collection enforcement practices continually become stronger. We carefully consider options of tax sales, foreclosures or legal actions necessary to insure everyone pays their equitable share. We place legal notices as required by State Statute to keep taxpayers informed of payments due. It is never our intent to cause hardship for taxpayers and we make every effort to resolve tax problems amicably and fairly.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Town of Redding. I am now concluding thirty-four years of tax collecting and look forward to continuing. Meredith Petrone is the Assistant Tax Collector and has been with me since 2006. Theresa LePoutre is shared between the Tax Office and the WPCC, and Katherine Stauffer, a senior at Joel Barlow, has been interning with us for two years on a part-time, as needed, basis. They are all a pleasure to work with and I thank each of them for their professionalism, positive attitudes and commitment to our Town and our Department.

Patricia J. Moisia, CCMC, Tax Collector

## ASSESSOR

As a result of the 2012 revaluation, Redding experienced a significant decrease to the Net Taxable Grand List, a decrease similar to that of many area towns that revalued in 2012.

This decrease was primarily due to the reduction in home values since the 2007 revaluation. The total Net Taxable Grand List decreased 18.46 percent from \$1,995,568,915 to \$1,627,088,324 for the 2011 to 2012 Grand List years.

Real Estate dropped 20% from \$1,833,807,098 to \$1,467,057,238. Personal Property decreased 0.24% from \$71,662,130 to \$71,489,631 and Motor Vehicle dropped from \$ 90,099,687 to \$88,541,455 a 1.73% decrease.

The revaluation project started in January of 2012 was completed in December of 2012 after new assessment notices had been sent out in November of 2012.

If residents have questions about the revaluation I encourage people to come in and speak to me or call the office.

Assessor, John E. Ford, IV, CCMail

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals held thirty-nine hearings during the month of March 2013; one of which withdrew their appeal. The total number of appeals represents a 39% increase over the previous assessment year. The increase was mainly due to the implementation of the town-wide revaluation where all real estate was revalued to reflect market conditions as of October 1, 2012. The previous revaluation implemented by the Town of Redding was effective for the 2007 Grand List.

However, no one appeared on the scheduled day of September 22, 2012 to appeal motor vehicle assessments. The Board is required by law to convene twice a year; once during the month of March for appeals on real property or personal property business assets; and also during the month of September to hear appeals and deliberate on motor vehicles accounts.

This past year we noticed several appeals were made in regards to a penalty that had been applied to either a commercial real estate account, or personal property account. Although the Board of Assessment Appeals typically has broad powers to change the assessment on a property as allowed by State Statute it does not have the authority to waive any penalty imposed by the Tax Assessor.

Such an example would be if an owner of commercial

real estate failed to file an income and expense statement to the Assessor by the State-mandated deadline. Another would be if a business owner failed to file an annual personal property declaration form by November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is important for people to understand this rule since on occasion a taxpayer has unsuccessfully appealed to the Board in the past.

Also last year we welcomed new member Liz Leonard (D) to the Board and gave thanks to departed members Mary Lou Bourque (D) and Matthew Lecher (R) for their past contributions and valued service.

For more information on the Board of Assessment Appeals please go to the Town of Redding website link: [www.townofreddingct.org/Public\\_Documents/ReddingCT\\_Assessor/board](http://www.townofreddingct.org/Public_Documents/ReddingCT_Assessor/board)

This website provides access to recorded agendas and minutes, as well as, future application forms and deadlines.

Greg Stackpole, Board of Assessment Appeals Chairman

## REGISTRARS

The Registrars of Voters have been busy this year, especially in anticipation of the municipal election in November when the voters will decide on a new First Selectman, after Natalie Ketcham's uncontested 14 years in office.

As of October 24, 2013 our registered voter numbers totals 6,997. There are 2068 registered Democrats, 2,178 registered Republicans, 2,690 unaffiliated registered, and 61 who are members of other parties (Independent, Green Party, etc.)

The Registrars are primarily responsible for running the elections in Redding. In addition to that, the Registrars and Deputy Registrars register new voters, the Registrars maintain the files, hold an annual Canvass in the spring, keep up with ROVAC and Secretary of the State issues, attend the annual convention.

For the first time, per our Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, we are instituting EDR (Election Day Registration) for the November 5, 2013 election. In an effort to make voting even more accessible to Connecticut citizens, the registrars will be in their offices throughout the state of Connecticut on Election Day and available to register voters on the spot. They will then be issued an EDR ballot.



*The first traffic signals for Redding were installed in Georgetown*

Whether it is for a national Presidential election or a local town referendum, approximately 275 hours are required to staff the polls and Registrar Office from start to finish. In addition to the Registrars, the polls are staffed by Deputy Registrars Liz Leonard (Democrat) and Lauren Cunningham (Republican) and Assistant Registrar Katharine Dusenbury (Democrat) along with one of our staff Moderators: Bill Pardee (Republican), Leon Karvelis (Democrat), Sue Henderson (Republican), Jan Dorenbosch (Democrat), Peggy Palmer (Republican), and Liz Massa (Democrat).

We are extremely fortunate to have a staff of dedicated official poll workers who arrive at the polls at 5:30 am. Most stay through until the polls close at 8:00 pm, although we do arrange for half day shifts. The polls are always open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. The polling place for both Districts 135 and 2 is at the Redding Community Center.

The Registrars of Voters office is located in the Town Hall at 100 Hill Road, with office hours of Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. If you would like to register to vote outside of office hours you can register in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Registrars of Voters: Margi Esten, Democrat and Liz Furrer, Republican

### BOARD OF ETHICS

The Board of Ethics has the role of investigating allegations of unethical conduct, corrupting influence for illegal activities levied against any municipal employee or officer. The Board acts as an investigator and does not initiate such complaints. The Board consists of five members and one alternate member. Our members this year are Walter King, Chairman, Linda Koch, Secretary. Susan Green, Elaine Weyden, Elaine Mintz and Hank Bielawa.

Our charter calls for us to have three regular meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the months of March, September and December, at 5 PM in Town Hall. The procedure for filing a complaint is set forth on the Town website. During the year, we held our three meetings and did receive any such complaints.

Walter C. King II, Chairman

*Earth Day on the Town Green*



### HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Human Services provides a wide range of services to the community. Services include: supplement insurance, referrals for substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and its prevention, homebound visits to seniors and disabled residents, Holiday baskets, Medicare and Medicaid assistance, housing assistance.

A food pantry, stocked with food, cleaning and personal supplies, is available for those in need. The pantry is stocked by food drives and donations from residents. We are grateful for those who contribute to the food drives and to those who drop off donations.

My office assists residents with energy assistance applications. To apply you must meet income guidelines set by the state of Connecticut. The town has a fuel program, "Redding Shares the Warmth," which is funded by private donations, this program also has income guidelines.

My office maintains an Emergency Contact List for senior residents who live alone and may need help during a storm or power outage a safety check is done to make sure the resident is safe and if they are in need of anything.

A van provides transportation for seniors or disabled residents to the towns of Bethel, Danbury, Ridgefield and Redding. A new mini-bus will replace the existing van in 2014. The new mini-bus will accommodate more passengers, and have better wheel chair access. This new mini-van is a donation from a very generous Redding senior who passed away.

Residents seeking information may call my office at 203-938-3580. I want to acknowledge the residents of Redding, the schools, churches, and synagogue, scout troops, and all who contribute to the food pantry, fuel assistance fund and the holiday gift programs.

Gail Schiron, Director of Human Services



## HERITAGE CENTER

The Heritage Center, located in the Redding Community Center, provides a place for adults to come together in a friendly environment where they may participate in a range of cultural and social activities.

Programs are open to all adults and offer activities such as exercise programs, book club, bridge, Mah Jongg, jewelry making, quilting, genealogy research, Spanish classes and current events discussions.

With the power outages caused by several autumn storms, the Heritage Center was active in supporting the citizens of Redding as a “warming” center, facility with power/internet access and by serving hot meals during the power outages. The CERT Team distributed water and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat). Every room of the center was occupied during this time, with residents socializing, working on laptops, playing games, and simply being with others in the same situation. Many new and renewed friendships were made during this time. We were happy to accommodate these needs.

A variety of new programs were started throughout the year and these been well attended. A walkers group, a grandparents support group, a genealogy study group, and a seniors’ gardening program are a few examples. In general, participation in the Heritage Center activities is growing as we steadily reaching out to a wider base of Reddingites. Ideas and suggestions for programs or classes are always welcome.

The Computer Room at the Heritage Center, now known as the Redding Technology Learning Center, offers basic computer courses and is also available for independent use. In addition, sessions are planned for the use of cell phones, social networking sites, and photography.

A monthly bulletin of activities is available at the Center and Town Hall, and is also on the Town’s website. Residents are welcome to visit Heritage Center to learn more about the great things happening there.

Marie Sibilio, Ruth Moran, Helen Baumbach,  
Heritage Center staff



## COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging is the voice for Redding’s citizens over the age of 60. We oversee the programs at The Heritage Center and we ensure the voice of our over-60 population is heard at town meetings.

A number of special programs were held over the past year – the one on weather was well attended. “Keeping Your Money Safe” was an outstanding educational panel of experts organized by the Ridgefield Visiting Nurses Association with help from Commission members. Featured were Don McGran, Jr., Security Advisor at Fairfield County Bank; Judge Joe Egan, Probate Judge for our District, and Officer Chris McManus, Redding Police Department. The topics of bank fraud, check washing, deeding away your home, local mail, phone & computer scams were discussed. If you missed this critical information, a video of the presentation can be viewed online at [www.redding79.org](http://www.redding79.org)

Feedback was gathered from those already attending programs to assist us in planning future ones. Watch our bulletin boards for up-to-date information in the Heritage Center lobby.

Thanks to the Redding Garden Club, the Episcopal Church and Hill Farm who provided fresh produce from their gardens for our residents. The Garden Club has also planted and maintained a small garden at The Heritage Center. The Mothers and Daughters National Charity League are always so gracious in hosting our holiday celebrations. These special luncheons would not occur without their generosity.

Our Heritage Center luncheons are now followed by a movie once a month which is an entertaining way to enhance socialization for everyone. Our van continues to transport Redding residents to medical appointments and for other tasks but do make an appointment to get on the busy van schedule.

During Super Storm Sandy, our Director of Human Services, Gail Schiron, kept in contact or visited with those seniors on our emergency list to make sure they were safe ensuring that they had food and water. All were resilient and comfortable.

The Commission on Aging is the voice for those over 60 in Redding. Please join with us. Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.; we appreciate your input and participation. Check the town website for more details.

Rosalind Kopfstein, Commission on Aging Chairman

## PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT & COMMISSION

This year the Redding Park and Recreation Department and Commission have been busy with more programs and services that are both popular and economically feasible. Providing our residents both a variety of quality programs and making those available at affordable prices will continue to be our primary focus. The Park and Recreation Department continues to oversee the maintenance of our Town's athletic fields, tennis courts and Topstone Park. Additionally the Department strives to keep fresh and fun the many special events for all segments of our Redding community.

The Park and Recreation Department develops and supervises the annual outdoor Summer Concert On The Green series, the Community Center - Lyrics Coffeehouse indoor performances, the RCC "drop-in" Open Gym times, numerous different Summer Camp programs, some very innovative afterschool classes, trips and family and community events, as well as two sports leagues - Adult Softball and the Youth In-house Basketball League. Most recently the basketball program continues to expand the popular boys High School League. Park and Recreation also offers programs geared toward the needs of Redding's families with working parents - especially our Extended Day and Extended Day Senior Programs, our summer camps, and also our school vacation camps.

This year Park and Recreation again saw great success with the increased popularity of Topstone Park as a quality recreational spot. The Park gates now remain open almost year-round during daylight hours for use of the network of hiking trails. We began the summer season early by opening Topstone Beach on Memorial Day weekend and on weekday afternoons for patrons who enjoy Topstone as a popular swimming location. The beach saw a more open vista with moving of the changing lockers. We continue to offer swim lessons, family and community activities, hiking, boating, basketball and overnight camping. Plus our lifeguard staff continued to grow and offer their fun new activities offered to Park patrons throughout the summer.

All year long other eclectic events and activities are held at Topstone Park, including flashlight hikes, campfire "sing alongs," nature events, contests, and talks on many topics. These things are additional to the regular summer, lifeguard-managed crafts, games and contests. We held our fourth annual trail run in April and another fishing tournament on the banks of the whole Topstone Lake. Redding and area families have also continued to enjoy the refurbished Topstone Playscape for youngsters to visit year-round!

Online Registration for programs has also become a popular method to sign-up for Department trips and camps using credit card payments - all which helps P&R patrons use convenient one-stop-shopping to sign-up the whole family at our website. Redding Park and Recreation may be found online at the Town website by clicking the "Park and Recreation" button on the left. Program information,



registration information, & sign-up for weekly email blasts is listed there.

Park and Recreation plays a major role in our Town as we face the needs for athletic facilities and activities - so we are always looking to expand and improve our programs; and we welcome community input. So please don't hesitate to attend the Park and Recreation Commission meetings usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the RCC offices at 7:30 p.m.

Paul Degener, Park and Recreation Commission Chairman

Rob Blick, Park and Recreation Department Director



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department of Redding enforces the State of Connecticut Building Code which is the government's official statement on building safety. The truth is, building permits are very beneficial to you and your community. By working with a code official, you will benefit from their knowledge of building codes to ensure your construction project is built right, will be safe and will last.

What is a building permit?

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications.

When do you need a permit?

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call your local building department. Discuss your plans with the code official before beginning construction to determine whether you need a permit. Even if a permit is not needed, the code official will answer construction questions and may provide valuable advice.

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with adopted codes, the value of your investment could be reduced.

. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or make costly repairs.

A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met, as demonstrated by a code official's carefully maintained records, has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit.

Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners.

The simple permit process:

- Talk to your local code official: Your code official wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. You will be asked basic questions, and, if necessary, referred to other departments for their approval.
- Submit an application: At this stage you will document the "who, what, when, where and how" of the job, along with any sketches or plans of the proposed work.

- Review process: In a brief amount of time, the code official will review your plans and determine if your project is in compliance with code requirements.
- Receive permit: Now that you have been approved for a permit, you have legal permission to start construction. A fee, based on the size of the job, is collected.
- Job-site visits: On-site inspections will be required to make certain the work conforms to the permit, local codes and plans.
- Final approval: The code official will provide documentation when construction is complete.

The estimated cost of construction for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 was \$10,095,400 compared with \$8,273,691 the previous year. There were 2,917 inspections performed. Fees collected for the year totaled \$149,929 and 396 Certificates of Occupancy were issued.

### Permits Issued 2012-2013

Dwellings . . . . .	2
Additions . . . . .	14
Alterations . . . . .	82
Other Structures (Sheds, Barns, Garages, Etc.) . . . . .	29
Electrical . . . . .	264
Plumbing . . . . .	73
HVAC . . . . .	75
Fire Protection (Alarm) . . . . .	4
LPG . . . . .	137
Fuel Tanks . . . . .	13
Fireplaces . . . . .	2
Generators . . . . .	98
Decks . . . . .	13
Swimming Pools . . . . .	9
Fence . . . . .	1
Demolition - Partial . . . . .	2
Demolition - Total Removal . . . . .	5
Tents . . . . .	9
Foundation . . . . .	7
Repairs . . . . .	21
<b>Total Permits Issued . . . . .</b>	<b>860</b>

It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores and other buildings safe for public use.

Office hours are 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday, with the office closed from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Permits are issued between the hours of 7:30 am and 11:00 am by the Building Officials, with onsite inspections between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Shaun Donnelly, Building Official

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The 2008 Town Plan of Conservation and Development and the supplemental Open Space Plan submitted by the Conservation Commission are the most recent documents that guide the decision-

making of the Planning Commission. Together, these plans form a guide for the town in terms of development and conservation for the following ten years. To this end, the Plan addresses issues such as securing dedicated open space; enacting land use policies and standards to protect public water supply watersheds and sensitive lands; a policy that limits road widening; advancing efforts to protect historic buildings and sites, and planning for the revitalization of central Georgetown.

The 2008 Plan contains chapters that cover a wide range of topics relevant to town planning. Improvements included more numerous maps and illustrations to enhance the text and the Plan is an outstanding resource for anyone interested in town history, facts and statistics. The Plan and maps are currently available for download in PDF format on the town's Web site at [http://www.townofreddingct.org/Public\\_Documents/ReddingCT\\_Planning/townplan](http://www.townofreddingct.org/Public_Documents/ReddingCT_Planning/townplan)

The review and regulation of subdivision applications continues to be an important responsibility of the Planning Commission. Proposals range from simple building restriction line modifications to very complex applications where considerations such as flood plains, primary and secondary aquifer recharge areas, wetlands and watercourses, soil types, sewage disposal systems, erosion, excessive slopes and emergency vehicle access all have to be reviewed and reconciled prior to approval.

Another important service the Planning Commission provides the community is the approval or denial of scenic road applications and the protection of scenic roads. Sixteen roads which are still in active use have been officially designated and protected as Town 'Scenic Roads' under the Scenic Roads Ordinance (adopted in 1986). These roads have all been identified with unique street signs and are monitored regularly by the Commissioners for any changes that may alter their historic character. The most recent addition to the network of over eighteen miles of Redding's Scenic Roads was the .4 mile Station Road, approved by the Redding Planning Commission on March 10, 2009.

If you happen to be a resident of one of Redding's Scenic Roads you are a steward of the character of the roadway and that no alterations can be made to a scenic road without an application to the Planning Commission. In many cases, the town of Redding's right of way extends from the road edge to the center line of any existing stone wall along a scenic road and residents are not permitted to make improvements or modifications within this right-of-way. The town makes every effort to preserve this right of way in its natural state and not to disturb stone walls, road width, existing natural ground cover, vegetation, shrubs and mature trees during road maintenance. We ask that residents be aware of and respectful of the town's right of way when maintaining or repairing road frontage along the scenic road.

If you have any questions regarding a Redding Scenic Road, please contact the Planning Commission.

Jerry Sarnelli, Planning Commission

## ZONING & WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The breakdown of office activity for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is as follows:

- Zoning Permits . . . . . 305
- Certificates of Zoning Compliance. . . . . 127

In addition to serving the Redding Zoning Commission as the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) and the Zoning Office Administrator,



*Memorial Day Parade, in the rain!*

the ZEO also serves the Town of Redding in the following areas: Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO) for the Redding Conservation Commission, the Scenic Roads Administrator for the Redding Planning Commission, the Municipal Stormwater Report Coordinator, the Floodplain Administrator and the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator.

Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer

## ZONING COMMISSION

During the fiscal year 2012-2013 the Redding Zoning Commission continued to see limited activity that required Commission review. Only 10 regular meetings of the Commission were held due to lack of agenda items requiring the Commissions attention. We did however act upon several items of interest to the general public.

The Redding Zoning regulations were changed to allow directional signs to the various business districts in town.

The renovation project for the Barlow fields was approved, allowing for the turf field to be replaced by a synthetic field. As part of this application, lighting was added to the parking lot and the parking lot will be expanded and paved. The bleachers were expanded, and the concession stand was expanded.

The Commission approved of the Town adding a demolition ordinance that would provide for a Historic Review Committee to determine whether structures scheduled for demolition were of Historic significance. Structures so designated would require 180 day notification of demolition. This Town ordinance will replace and supersede the 90 day waiting period currently in the Zoning Regulations.

A draft of an Incentive Housing Development plan was approved. This plan designates several areas in town that would be appropriate for Affordable Housing.

A farmers' market was approved in the West Redding business center that will operate on Friday afternoons from April to October. A new restaurant was approved for 19 Main Street in Georgetown.

Gerald. L. Casiello, Zoning Commission Chairman

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Redding Zoning Board of Appeals hears from landowners and others who seek exceptions from Redding's zoning regulations. Empowered by state statute, the ZBA primarily: (i) hears and decides appeals "where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement or decision made by an official charged with enforcing the zoning regulations" (usually the Zoning Enforcement Officer); and (ii) considers requests from landowners to vary the application of zoning regulations where a non-financial hardship or exceptional difficulty in adhering to town zoning regulations is demonstrated.

In considering variances, the Board endeavors to find an alternative way to satisfy the request of the property owner that does not require a variance, or a plan that has minimal impact on the land and adjacent property. When a variance is granted, it remains with the property forever and is placed on file with that property address.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the third Tuesday of each month, as needed, in the Town Hall meeting room and members of the public are encouraged to attend. During the past fiscal year, the ZBA met six times. At those meetings, 14 variances were requested and one appeal was considered. Of the variances, 12 were approved and 2 were denied. A large number of the variances requested involved the placement of generators. The lone appeal was denied and the ZBA's decision is now being reviewed by the Connecticut superior court per the request of the property owner.

Michael P. Thompson, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

When a health department is doing its job well you don't know that it's there. A majority of a health departments' work is based on prevention, so no news is good news. However, no news also means that many people don't have a clear idea what a health department does.

Due to the rural character of Redding the Redding Health Department mostly oversees the environmental health component of public health. We conduct inspections of restaurants, septic systems, daycare centers, public pools, drinking



*Tree lighting and songs were a highlight of the holiday season*

water wells, and we respond to housing/tenant/landlord complaints. The Department inspects food vendors at special events such as Georgetown Day, local fund raisers, the farmers market, and craft fairs. We also provide educational materials and advisement on tick-borne diseases, drinking water quality, water treatment, radon, and vermin control.

This year the Redding Health Department helped coordinate with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, a CDC funded study on integrated tick control methods. The purpose of the study is to determine which tick control methods or combination thereof work best. The tick control methods being tested are mice bait boxes, tick sprays (both chemical and natural), barberry bush removal, and deer reduction. The three year study is taking place in four chosen Redding neighborhoods. On the subject of ticks residents can submit ticks for testing in a zip-lock bag to the health department in town hall at no cost. The Health Department has hand-out information on how to manicure properties to help lessen the number of ticks.

We would like to express our gratitude to Jean Winters our Office Manager, and Director of Health Dr. Leibowitz for their support in helping to provide an effective public health program in Redding.

Doug Hartline, RS. Health Officer

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Redding Conservation Commission was established in 1964 “for the development and conservation of natural resources in Redding.” In 1973, pursuant to a mandate from the State legislature, the Commission promulgated its first Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, requiring that certain activities in and around wetlands and watercourses receive a permit from the Commission prior to the initiation of those activities.

To that end, the Commission received 19 new applications for wetlands activities this year, and three applications pending from last year were acted upon. Of these, 22 were approved with conditions. Three Notices of Violation were issued, two were resolved, and one is still pending. The Commission also updated its regulations to conform to the new statutory requirements.

Removal of invasive species continued at several town-owned open space tracts. The Commission thanks all volunteers who participated and is especially grateful to all the trail tenders who maintain Redding’s extensive system of hiking trails. The Commission instituted improvement projects at the Gilbert Miller Park in Georgetown with invasives and tree removal.

The protection of the Town’s forest diversity continued with the seventh year of a program to allow bow hunting of deer on certain town-owned lands encompassing about 1100 acres. While that effort has resulted in a reduction in a given year, the DEEP still estimates that there are over 65 deer per square mile in Redding. Therefore, the Commission urges private landowners to allow deer hunting on their properties in order to reach our goal of forest sustainability and diversity.

Tina Miller was appointed to the Commission to fill the position long held by Victor Demasi.

David Pattee, Conservation Commission Chairman

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

The Redding Water Pollution Control Commission (“WPCC” or the “Commission”) is responsible for ensuring that sewage from the Georgetown Sewer District in the Town of Redding is properly processed before discharging into the Norwalk River in accordance with the Town’s Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Permit. This task has become increasingly demanding as effluent standards become stricter and more complex, and as Georgetown grows.

The WPCC/Georgetown Sewer District is an entity of the Town of Redding and serves residents/users within the District. Operating costs of the WPCC are funded by fees charged to users based on gallons discharged into the sewer system and are billed quarterly.

The Georgetown Land Development Company and its related entities (“GLDC”) completed the construction of a new “Phase III” treatment plant (the “Plant”) in November 2007. The new Plant increased the Town’s permitted discharge capacity from 75,000 to 245,000 gallons per day, and was designed and constructed to process the projected flows from the existing users and the proposed residential and commercial development on the old Gilbert & Bennett wire mill site abutting Route 107 (the “Project”). WPCC has operated the “new” Plant for over five years.

The WPCC’s 2006 agreement with GLDC required that the Plant



*Halloween trick or treating was replaced with Trunk or Treat in the Community Center parking lot.*

expansion be paid for by GLDC and not by the current district users or Town residents. This agreement also calls for GLDC to cover certain warranty expenses and the operational cost increases over the base year of 2006. Although there was road intersection work done in Georgetown in 2012 that work was funded by State Grants and the Project has not resumed or been sold. Thus the required reimbursement of operational and warranty expenses from GLDC/GSTD has also not resumed and continues to accrue.

Since the GLDC project has not moved forward, the WPCC reduced staffing, and our operator, Veolia Water North America, cut chemical usage and combined operations. The WPCC reinforced the Town’s lien position should litigation ensue by converting some of the monies due from GLDC into statutory sewer assessments.

Thus the WPCC has continued to borrow funds in the 2013 year from the Town of Redding, through the Board of Finance, to cover the shortfall in the WPCC budget. In 2013 the WPCC also had to request funding from the Board of Finance to replace the Plant’s membranes which are the final filter device prior to the discharge of treated sewage effluent into the Norwalk River. The WPCC also borrowed from the Board of Finance to cover the cost of sewage hauling when the existing membrane capacity diminished prior to membrane replacement. These loans will be paid off when a new owner takes possession of the GLDC/GSTD property and reimburses the WPCC for the obligated cumulative operational cost increases. The WPCC hopes that a sale of the project may be completed this upcoming year.

In 2010 Meadow Ridge, the district’s largest customer completed the final phase of its approved facility build out. This expansion has increased sewage flows due to increased occupancy, and Meadow

Ridge is nearing its stipulated discharge flow. The Phase III Plant was designed to receive and treat this increased flow.

In addition, the Commission continues to pursue its goal of reducing rates for all users. In Fiscal Year 2010, the Commission terminated the assessment charge deriving from the original construction of the existing sewer collection system, and thereafter paid off WPCC's share of the loan from the State for that construction.

Our plant operator, Veolia, has also instituted several cost saving measures created by the current "low flow" conditions at the now much larger Plant. The Commission will continue to effect rates reductions should new flows, income and economies of scale generated from Meadow Ridge and/or new development present the opportunity to do so.

The Commission meets at Town Hall (occasionally at the Plant), the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Richard Regan, Water Pollution Control  
Commission Chairman

## TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.*

The Recycling/Transfer Station is located at 84 Hopewell Woods Rd. off Route 58. The center is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7:30am-3:00pm and is closed Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday and legal holidays.

**WE ARE NOW SINGLE STREAM!**

The current recyclables that can be dropped off free of charge are:

- Food and beverage glass (rinsed clean)
- Food and beverage metal cans (rinsed clean)
- Food and beverage hard plastic containers 1-7 (rinsed clean)
- Paper milk & juice containers (rinsed clean)
- Newspapers, Loose. You no longer have to tie!
- Cardboard (flattened) Chip board (i.e. cereal boxes) Brown paper bags
- Magazines, junk mail, office paper
- Telephone books

**THE ABOVE ITEMS CAN NOW BE MIXED!  
WE ARE SINGLE STREAM!**

To see a video of a single stream recycling plant, go to [HRRR.org](http://HRRR.org) and click on the link "What happens to our recycling?"

We also recycle for free:

- \*\*\*Latex & Oil base paint & stain\*\*\*  
(see [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org) (CT tab) for a complete list)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Rechargeable batteries
- Waste oil & auto antifreeze
- Charity drop boxes for eyeglasses and clothing
- All Residential Electronics i.e. computers, TVs, stereos, cd & dvd players etc...

Chargeable items include but are not limited to; garbage, minor demolition, metal, bulky waste (sofas, mattress's) appliances, tires and car batteries. A fee schedule is available at the recycling center or on the Town of Redding webpage, Transfer & Recycling tab.

The "free table" (where usable items can be left, normal fee schedule applies, and items can be taken for free) is a popular spot to find toys, books, furniture etc...

Come and browse!

Permits: A total of 1,149 permits were sold in 2012-13. Permits may be purchased at the recycling center Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat. 7:30am to 3pm. Residential permits are valid from July 1 to June 30 and are \$25.00; senior permits are \$10.00. Additional vehicles are \$10.00 reg. & \$5.00 senior. Each vehicle must display a valid permit to use the facility.

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day is held twice a year, in the spring @ Newtown Public Works Garage and in the fall at the Danbury Public Works Garage. This is free to Redding residents (no permit required) and will be announced in the Redding Pilot, and the Town of Redding webpage.

Shred Day is another popular event held twice a year in the spring and fall. It is held @ the Redding Recycling Center. This is Free to Redding Residents (no permit required) and will be announced in the Redding Pilot, channel 79 and on the Town of Redding webpage.

Home garbage pick-up is by private service haulers. A list of registered haulers is available at the Recycling Center, or on the Town of Redding webpage, Transfer & Recycling tab.

If you have any questions regarding recycling or garbage disposal please call us @ 203-938-3026 or go online to [www.townofreddingct.org](http://www.townofreddingct.org), Transfer & Recycling tab. For regional recycling news and kids games and activities on recycling go to [www.hrra.org](http://www.hrra.org) for the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority.

Larry Kulowiec, Manager, Recycling/Transfer Station

## REDDING TRAIN STATION COMMUTER PARKING

The West Redding Railroad Station is owned by the State of Connecticut and maintained by the Town of Redding thru the collection of parking permits and fees. The operation is self-sustaining.

The station is open 24 hours a day, is well lit and regularly patrolled by the police department. There are permit parking spaces and daily parking spaces.

116 annual permits were sold in 2012-2013. Annual Permits (as available) are \$250.00 per year and daily parking is "ticketed" at \$5.00 per day (signs at the lot will guide you to the daily parking spaces).

Permits can be purchased at the Redding Police Department Communication Center, 96 Hill Road, Monday thru Friday from 7 am to 2 pm. Renewal notices are sent out in November. Please call or email for annual permit availability, 203-938-3400 or parkingauthority@reddingpolice-ct.us

Larry Kulowiec, West Redding Railroad Station Parking Authority

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department employees 12 full time and 1 permanent part time (Administrative assistant) employees including 1 Superintendent, 2 Foreman/Operator/Driver, 1 Head Mechanic/Driver, 2 Operator/Driver and 6 Driver/Laborers.

This past year was another busy year for the Highway Department with extreme weather again being a factor. In July we had a storm that knocked down several trees and caused power outages throughout town. In late October we were hit with Hurricane Sandy causing widespread damage and requiring us to ask for Mutual Aid from the City of Danbury to help with the clean-up. While the clean-up effort was still ongoing we had to switch gears and deal with an early snow storm that set the stage for a busy winter including a blizzard which began Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> and lasted until Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Luckily we did not get hit as hard as some other parts of the state. Snow accumulated to a total of approximately 22 inches and we were able to get the roads cleared for schools to have a delayed opening on Monday February 11.

Roadway reconstruction continued when weather permitted. Roadway upgrades included Sullivan Drive, Brookside, Old Mailcoach, Ledgeway, Sunset Hill, Glen Hill, Newtown Turnpike, Wagon Wheel and Limekiln Road.

We also saw the opening of the new Simpaug Turnpike Bridge and a bridge replacement on Poverty Hollow Road.

The Highway Department's mechanics were busy splitting their time between working on the roads during storms and maintaining not only the Highway Departments fleet but also all town owned vehicles. They also have been given the task of replacing signs around town when needed.

General maintenance continued all year long. This work included addressing citizen requests, pothole patching, tree trimming, roadway sweeping, roadside mowing, grading gravel roads, cleaning catch basins and all other highway related issues that may arise both during normal work hours and off hours whenever necessary.

A number of Highway Department employees are attending Roadmasters training provided by the UConn T2 center. This training provides the employees with information about current products and methods used in the public works industry and helps us better serve residents.

Jeff Hanson, Highway Superintendent

## REDDING POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Redding Police Department is located at 96 Hill Road and is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. **All Emergencies: Dial 9-1-1 Routine Calls: 938-3400**

The Chief of Police is the department head for the police department. The police chief has overall responsibility for the uniform, communications, and animal control divisions of the department. The Chief of Police



School Resource Officers

Douglas S. Fuchs and the Executive Officer Lieutenant Mark O'Donnell

The police department authorized strength is sixteen officers: 1 Chief of Police, 1 Lieutenant (Executive Officer), 4 Sergeants, 11 Police Officers, and 2 School Resource Officers/Youth Officers. The Police Department additionally has a full-time animal control officer.

Communication Center: All 9-1-1 calls are routed thru the Redding Police Department.

The police department employs 1 Communications Supervisor, 4 full-time and 2 part-time dispatchers. The police department is staffed by a dispatcher 24 hours per day. The police department dispatchers are state certified and are responsible for dispatching all police, EMS, and fire calls within the town of Redding and the Georgetown Fire District. Police dispatchers are trained in: 911 Call-taking, Emergency Medical Dispatching, NCIC/COLLECT, and The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Dispatch Protocols. The Communication Supervisor also handles the Department's Records Management.

### Traffic Safety Programs

Speeding Complaint Forms: Any resident who feels that there is a particular speeding problem that the police are not aware may come into police headquarters and complete a speeding complaint. These forms are also available on-line at [www.reddingpolice-ct.us](http://www.reddingpolice-ct.us).

Speed Monitoring Awareness Trailer & Signs: This trailer and three portable signs are utilized to educate drivers as to their speed in areas in which either the police or residents feel that there is a need. In addition, a permanent Speed Awareness sign has been placed in front of the Redding Elementary School and one will be placed on Route 53 near John Read Middle School.

**School Zone Warning:** The area on Route 58 near Barlow Drive has been designated as a School Zone with a reduced speed limit. When the light is flashing, the normal speed limit is replaced with the posted school zone speed limit. Route 53, in the area of the Middle School, has also been so designated and signs will be erected there as well.

**School Resource Officers:** As a result, in part, of the tragic events in our neighboring community we now have officers assigned at the Elementary and Middle Schools. These police officers, Officer Chris Vadas and Sergeant Anthony Signore are both certified as SROs (School Resource Officers) by the National Association of School Resource Officers. Officer Vadas is assigned to the Middle School and Sergeant Signore is assigned to the Elementary School.

We all take our responsibility to safeguard all of our children while at school (without dramatically changing the culture of the environment) very seriously. To that end we have:

- provided training to our SROs and police officers;
- trained and collaborated with our school administrators;
- upgraded communications equipment;
- added video surveillance equipment;
- are in the process of providing additional training to the school staff and faculty

Computer Aided Dispatch: Police Activity - July 1, 2012 – July 1, 2013

(Below is a listing of a portion of the police related activity)

<b>Motor Vehicle Activity</b> . . . . .	2012-2013
Motor Vehicle Stops . . . . .	3,076
DWI Arrests/Liquor Law Violations . . . . .	21
Motor Vehicle Crashes (total). . . . .	254
Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes . . . . .	2
<b>Criminal Activity</b>	
Burglary . . . . .	10
Assault/Disturbances/Suspicious Incidents. . . . .	449
Larceny . . . . .	67
Family Violence/Disputes . . . . .	79
Criminal Mischief/Arson. . . . .	41
Narcotics/Liquor Law Violations. . . . .	18
<b>Service Related Calls</b>	
Alarms . . . . .	530
911 Hang-Ups . . . . .	137
Emergency Medical Calls / Assist FD . . . . .	227
<b>Total Police Activity</b> (including above). . . . .	<b>116,565</b>

Douglas S. Fuchs, Police Chief



CERT Training

## CERT

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Redding CERT is a community based program that's been in existence since 2006. It's made up of citizens who are trained to help their neighbors and community during times of need. CERT training is designed to help prepare you and your family for emergencies, and it teaches how to assist your neighbors in a disaster situation. Should local resources be overwhelmed or delayed, CERT support enables first responders (fire, EMS, and police personnel) to address the most critical issues at hand.

Surely nobody will forget Super Storm Sandy that hit the area last October. In the recovery stage Redding CERT distributed commodities and manned an information desk to keep residents updated with the most current information. CERT distributed 1412 "meals ready to eat" (MRE's) & 3311 bottles of water. Shower facilities and jug water were available at Joel Barlow. For sheltering Redding now participates in a regional approach. Residents can shelter either at the Ridgefield or Bethel Red Cross run shelters. Redding would open its own shelter at Joel Barlow High School if the regional shelters were full. These past storms are a reminder that all families need to have emergency supplies, water, and enough non-perishable food to be self sufficient for at least a week. While experiencing prolonged power outages it is always more comfortable to be able to stay in your own home. Being well supplied makes that feasible.

CERT is a great opportunity to help and support your town in times of need. Training sessions are ongoing, and new members are always welcome. For more information and to sign up, call Doug Hartline at 203-938-2559 at the Redding Health Department.

Doug Hartline and Doug Fuchs, Co-Directors for Emergency Management

## EDUCATION

The Town of Redding is served by Redding Elementary School, John Read Middle School, and Joel Barlow High School. The Redding Board of Education is responsible for the elementary and middle schools; the Region 9 Board of Education is responsible for the high school. The three autonomous boards of education of Easton, Redding, and Region 9 (ER9 School Districts) share a superintendent, an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and a director of finance and operations.

Bernard A. Josefsberg, Ed.D. is the superintendent of the three school districts; Stephanie Pierson Ugol is the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Margaret Sullivan is the director of finance and operations.

### **Region 9, Joel Barlow High School**

Joel Barlow High School is under the administration of Regional Board of Education No. 9; the school is located at 100 Black Rock Turnpike (Route 58) in Redding. As of October 1, 2012, 1012 students were enrolled in grades nine through twelve.

Joel Barlow High School has received many state and national awards for exemplary curriculum and instruction and for overall excellence in education. It has been identified twice by the United States Department of Education as a School of Excellence. Joel Barlow High School was among 388 high schools in the U.S. and Canada honored by the College Board for improving student access to advanced placement courses while maintaining high scores on the national advanced placement tests.

Barlow was one of only five schools in the United States to receive the Blue Apple award for excellence in its Health, Wellness, and Physical Fitness curricula. The Connecticut School Counselor Association selected the Easton-Redding-Joel Barlow High School Developmental Guidance Curriculum to receive its Outstanding Guidance and Counseling Program Award. Over the years, the school has won many awards in the CABE Award of Excellence for Educational Communications including for our student/parent/guardian handbook and course selection guide.

*Newsweek* has listed Joel Barlow as one of only twelve Connecticut high schools on their list of the top 500 U.S. high schools. The schools were rated on graduation rate, number of AP tests taken per graduate, average advanced placement scores, average SAT/ACT scores, number of advanced placement courses offered, and the rate of students going to college.

The high school has ranked consistently among the top schools in the state for student performance in all four areas of the mandated Connecticut Academic Performance Test. Student performance on the SAT, SAT II, and Advanced Placement Examinations have been noteworthy. Seniors who took the SAT I achieved a mean score of 574 out of a possible score of 800 in writing, 562 in mathematics, and 559 in reading. Three students were semi-finalists and thirteen students were commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program. A total of 212 students took 368 Advanced Placement Examinations in 22 Advanced Placement Subjects.

Of the 97 high school faculty members, 4 have doctorates, 43 have sixth-year certificates or equivalent, 39 have master's degrees, and 11 have bachelor's degrees. The school's picturesque campus of 113 acres accommodates 31 varsity, 11 junior varsity, and six freshmen sport teams. The school's unique Student Activity Program sponsors 58 extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

The taxpayers of Easton and Redding approved a 2012-2013 budget of \$22,023,444 for Joel Barlow High School/Regional School District No. 9. The Redding share of the budget is \$11,908,076 or 54.07%, and Easton's share is \$10,115,368 or 45.93%.

For more information about Joel Barlow High School, please visit the ER9 central-office Web site at [www.er9.org](http://www.er9.org) and the high school's Web site at [www.joelbarlowps.org](http://www.joelbarlowps.org).

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The Town of Redding is served by Redding Elementary School, John Read Middle School, and Joel Barlow High School. The Redding Board of Education is responsible for the elementary and middle schools; the Region 9 Board of Education is responsible for the high school. The three autonomous boards of education of Easton, Redding, and Region 9 (ER9 School Districts) share a superintendent, an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and a director of finance and operations. Bernard A. Josefsberg, Ed.D. is the superintendent of the three school districts; Stephanie Pierson Ugol is the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Margaret Sullivan is the director of finance and operations.

As of October 1, 2012, 578 students were enrolled in Redding Elementary School; the number of students in John Read Middle School was 553.

The Redding Schools employ a total of 208 staff members. Redding Elementary School has 60 certified staff members, 47 support staff and 6 custodians. John Read Middle School has 60 certified staff members, 30 support staff and 5 custodians. Two support staff members and one custodian split time between Redding Elementary and John Read Middle School.

The 2012-2013 operating budget was \$21,635,551.

Redding's educational aspirations come alive in Redding Elementary and John Read Middle School. In both settings, talented and caring educators nurture the academic and social promise of students as they grow as learners. Throughout the primary and middle school years, students develop foundational understanding across content areas through personalized approaches to instruction. Each student is provided opportunities to develop talents and pursue personal interests in school communities that provide enriched learning experiences. The curriculum is comprehensive and balanced, including core competencies of standards coupled with critical thought and innovation. The curriculum is a dynamic document that is revised to include changing standards and exemplary instructional practices and resources. The Redding Public Schools implemented a Science Technology Instructional Coach position in 2012-2013. This teacher provides leadership and coaching to kindergarten through eighth grade teachers in the area of science and technology.

The Redding Public Schools have ranked consistently among several top schools in the state for student performance on the Connecticut Mastery Test.

Math achievement at the elementary level ranks in the top three among other high-performing districts in Fairfield County. Grade 7 and 8 are currently ranked number one within other high-performing districts in Fairfield County. Reading achievement has shown great improvement in recent years and student performance on district-based measures and the CMT reflects these gains. As the state begins to implement the Common Core State Standards, we will also begin the transition to a new standardized state assessment through the Smarter Balanced testing consortium, beginning with the field test participation in 2014, and full implementation in 2015. Measures of student performance will include increased opportunities to demonstrate perseverance and critical thinking across content disciplines.

Our public schools aim to provide a dynamic and student-centered learning experience for all students, marked with each individual's personal signature. Toward that end, partnerships between home and school as well as between our schools and the Redding community are critical. Woven together, these partnerships create an educational fabric of particular distinction.

For more information about Redding Public Schools, please visit the ER9 central-office Web site at [www.er9.org](http://www.er9.org), the Redding Elementary School Web site at [www.er9.org/res](http://www.er9.org/res), and the John Read Middle School

## TOWN MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting, October 17, 2012: It was unanimously voted to approve the expenditure for additional capital spending for the school project in an amount not to exceed \$68,150, but equal to the amount of spending which was in excess of the authorized sum of \$3,210,000; and to approve the expenditure of \$96,963 from Capital and Non-Recurring Expenses for the following Public Safety mandates and requirements: AFIS Fingerprint System \$22,000, Police Department Video System \$23,000, and 25 Narrow Band digital radios \$51,963.

Special Town Meeting, February 13, 2013: It was voted to not accept Costa Lane as a Town Road.

The town meeting voted to approve school security appropriations of \$27,685.39 for police overtime incurred from 12/14/12-1/20/13; \$101,904.32 for estimated police overtime in the schools from 1/22/13-6/21/13; \$58,030 for salary and benefits for two new police officers from 3/1/13-6/30/13, all from Unassigned Fund Balance; and \$135,000 from Capital and Non-Recurring Expenses for school building security upgrades to RES and JRMS.

The town meeting further approved school capital expenditures in the amount of \$34,485 from Unassigned Fund Balance for RES outdoor lighting upgrade. In addition, a total of \$534,000 was approved, using short-term borrowing pending long-term financing for playground improvements (\$45,000) and bathroom

upgrade (\$165,000) at RES and roof repairs (\$45,000), woodshop renovation (\$60,000), locker replacement phase 1 (\$84,000) and bathroom upgrade (\$135,000) at JRMS.

Annual Town Budget Meeting, April 25, 2013: The Town meeting unanimously voted to set the date for the town annual budget referendum for Tuesday May 7, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Redding Community Center.

Special Town Meeting, May 20, 2013: Discussion only was held with regard to a proposed Police Commission Ordinance. The item was previously removed from the call of the meeting by the Board of Selectmen and scheduled for a machine vote to be held on June 3, 2013.



## REDDING PARADE PATH

The Parade Path is a public garden, established in 2003, for people to gather in shared appreciation of plants and local history. It is situated on the Redding Town Green next to Town Hall on Route 107. The Parade Path is open year round, daily, dawn to dusk, and admission is free.

The Parade Path is a botanical and historical treasure which covers 400 years of native and introduced plants, from present day cultivars, to heirloom, medicinal, and magical plants. The Parade Path was designed as a historical timeline of domestic garden plants first introduced to cultivation in North America between the 1600s and the present.

Plants are botanically labeled and arranged in chronological order along a meandering gravel path, then continue along the southern edge of the Green. There is something to enjoy and discover all year round.

This is a great place to stroll, walk your dog, or just sit on one of the many rustic stone benches in quiet contemplation. Commemorative plaques celebrating members of the community have been placed on trees, benches, birdbaths, and picnic rocks.

The Parade Path was designed by Georgina Scholl and created by volunteers with donor funding and the intent is to maintain it in that same spirit: T-shirts and sweatshirts with The Parade Path logo, botanical note cards, picture postcards and copies of the Garden Conservancy Open Days Directory are available for sale in Redding Town Hall, Selectman's Office and at the Mark Twain Library. All proceeds support The Parade Path.



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## MARK TWAIN LIBRARY

*“The library should not be only a place for books, but also a community center, a place for social gatherings, where one could meet and entertain friends.”*

*Samuel L. Clemens (Twain) on the mission of the library.*

Samuel Clemens may have been at the end of his storied career when he lived in Redding, but his long lasting legacy – the Mark Twain Library – is a lively place where stories are still heard every day. That library has continued in his name for 105 years, keeping true to his vision, while incorporating the new technologies that are now hallmarks of library service in today’s world. The use of the library has evolved into Twain’s vision of a lively place for residents to come together to learn, borrow materials and be with their neighbors. How right Mark Twain was when he decided Redding needed a library!

The library has been a part of Bibliomation, the state’s largest library consortium since 2007 and continues to benefit from this relationship. Circulation for our fiscal year 2012-2013 reached a high of 128,807 items. Our circulation per resident is among the highest for our small town peer group in Connecticut.

This year, almost 4,000 of Redding’s children attended 265 varied programs. They learned early reading skills at story times and took part in an extensive summer reading program geared to children of all ages.

We continued to offer lively programs for adults and older children as well. Authors, thought leaders, artists and musicians all had a venue at the library. The library also reached out through Facebook, through an extensive email alert program and an enhanced website. We added the popular Freegal database of music and a language learning interactive web based product.

The success of the Mark Twain Library depends on the support of the local community. No doubt, Samuel Clemens would be gratified to see the generous support his library still receives.

The library budget comes from various sources. The town of Redding grant constituted 65% for the fiscal year, with the remainder coming from local and national grants as well as from strenuous fundraising efforts. Hundreds of Redding residents gave thousands of volunteer hours and freely of their talents. They were led by dedicated committee heads: Madeline Leslie, Annual Appeal; Angela Matsuoka, Art Show; Sandi O’Reilly, Frog Frolic; Jeanne Wendschuh, Midge Loery, Ginny Beasley, Kathleen Joyce-Kirk, Tricia Callaghan, Book Fair.

The library is open 7 days a week for most of the year, with a staff of 7.1 FTE. It offers a wide variety of services including programs for all ages, downloadable audio and e-books, multiple copies of bestsellers, reference information for adults and children, Internet access, Wi-Fi access, interlibrary loan service, access to research databases, book discussions, and free museum passes. Services for the visually impaired are available.

Mark Twain Library Staff: Beth Steinhardt Dominianni (Director), Mary Hoskinson-Dean and Allison Murphy (Youth Services), Jean Taylor (Reference Librarians), Kay Reinehr (Business Manager), Donna Bielaczyc (Development Assistant), Linda Brandler (IT specialist), Janet Ivaldi (Adult Services), Maureen Jones (ILL Assistant), Ken Rietschel, Lisa Bridwell, and Mary Beth Goodwin (Circulation/Technical Assistants) and Kathryn Zimmerman (Sunday Librarian)

Beth Steinhardt Dominianni, Library Director

Mark Twain Library, Rte 53/Diamond Hill Road.  
Phone 203-938-2545 • [www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://www.marktwainlibrary.org)

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Thurs 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sun 12:00 to 5:00 pm  
Closed Sundays during the summer months



## 2012 STORMS

Storms Sandy & Alfred impacted the lives of Redding residents.

With power outages, Redding offered the Town Hall and Community Center for work, play, socialization, food and water supply.



Tree and power workers from as far away as Montreal were in town to restore power and open roads.



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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Finance  
Town of Redding, Connecticut

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Redding, Connecticut, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Redding, Connecticut's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or errors.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Redding, Connecticut, as of June 30, 2013 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

#### Required Supplemental Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 9 and the budgetary comparison information on pages 40 through 45 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures accepted by the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Redding, Connecticut's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statement and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 12, 2013 on our consideration of the Town of Redding, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Redding, Connecticut's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.*

## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,421,985	\$ 95,799	\$ 13,517,784
Receivables, net	2,764,792	2,976	2,767,768
Internal balances	415,000	(415,000)	-
Other	187,481		187,481
Bond issuance costs	82,258		82,258
Total current assets	<u>16,871,516</u>	<u>(316,225)</u>	<u>16,555,291</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Assets not being depreciated	21,228,068	15,342	21,243,410
Assets being depreciated, net	36,038,704	8,356,458	44,395,162
Total capital assets	<u>57,266,772</u>	<u>8,371,800</u>	<u>65,638,572</u>
Total assets	<u>74,138,288</u>	<u>8,055,575</u>	<u>82,193,863</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,232,135	134,591	2,366,726
Due to other governments	2,228		2,228
Due to Regional School District No. 9	631,810		631,810
Bond anticipation notes	4,281,000		4,281,000
Unearned revenue	1,000,482		1,000,482
Total current liabilities	<u>8,147,655</u>	<u>134,591</u>	<u>8,282,246</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent liabilities due within one year	1,888,584		1,888,584
Due in more than one year	18,378,828		18,378,828
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>20,267,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,267,412</u>
Total liabilities	<u>28,415,067</u>	<u>134,591</u>	<u>28,549,658</u>
Net Position:			
Net investments in capital assets	34,773,827	8,371,800	43,145,627
Unrestricted	10,949,394	(450,816)	10,498,578
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 45,723,221</u>	<u>\$ 7,920,984</u>	<u>\$ 53,644,205</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road Reconstruction Fund</u>	<u>Reserve Fund for CNRE</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:					
Property taxes	\$ 45,701,489	\$	\$	\$	\$ 45,701,489
Intergovernmental	3,546,997		56,901	1,994,875	5,598,773
Investment income	21,046		1,861	850	23,757
Charges for services	1,259,125			105,983	1,365,108
Other				47,276	47,276
Total revenues	<u>50,528,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,762</u>	<u>2,148,984</u>	<u>52,736,403</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	2,786,146			29,574	2,815,720
Public safety	2,241,116			36,253	2,277,369
Highway and streets	1,342,431			28,161	1,370,592
Transfer station and recycling	309,323				309,323
Health and welfare	107,161			19,627	126,788
Library	423,000				423,000
Parks and recreation	930,014			18,435	948,449
Employee benefits	2,557,585				2,557,585
Education	35,982,664		160,882	295,916	36,439,462
Capital outlay	1,757	1,565,569	562,634	1,465,048	3,595,008
Debt service	2,265,134				2,265,134
Total expenditures	<u>48,946,331</u>	<u>1,565,569</u>	<u>723,516</u>	<u>1,893,014</u>	<u>53,128,430</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>1,582,326</u>	<u>(1,565,569)</u>	<u>(664,754)</u>	<u>255,970</u>	<u>(392,027)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Payment to bond escrow agent	(2,780,959)				(2,780,959)
Proceeds from sale of refunding bonds	2,680,000				2,680,000
Premium on sale of refunding bonds	167,385				167,385
Proceeds from capital leases			410,948		410,948
Sale of capital assets	23,084				23,084
Transfers in			104,856		104,856
Transfers out	(104,856)				(104,856)
Total other financing sources	<u>(15,346)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>515,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500,458</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,566,980	(1,565,569)	(148,950)	255,970	108,431
Fund Balances, as Restated - Beginning of Year	<u>5,373,699</u>	<u>(330,398)</u>	<u>1,170,531</u>	<u>(39,295)</u>	<u>6,174,537</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 6,940,679</u>	<u>\$ (1,895,967)</u>	<u>\$ 1,021,581</u>	<u>\$ 216,675</u>	<u>\$ 6,282,968</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund

Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities:

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit II) are different because of the following:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit IV) \$ 108,431

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period:

Capital outlay	1,344,440
Depreciation expense	<u>(957,818)</u>
Total	<u>386,622</u>

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins and donations) is to increase net position. In the statement of activities, only the loss on the sale of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the capital assets sold (69,984)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds, and revenues recognized in the funds are not reported in the statement of activities

Increase in property tax and sewer assessment receivable - accrual basis change	(143,637)
Increase in property tax and sewer assessment interest and lien revenue	<u>51,767</u>
Total	<u>(91,870)</u>

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. The details of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items are as follows:

Principal repayments:	
Proceeds from sale of refunding bonds	(2,680,000)
Payment to bond escrow agent	2,780,959
Premium on bond refunding	(167,385)
Bond issuance costs	66,426
Bond principal repayments	1,500,000
Proceeds from capital leases	(410,948)
Capital lease payments	285,492
Notes payable	<u>48,104</u>
Total	<u>1,422,648</u>

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Net OPEB expense	(314,722)
Landfill post closure care	3,500
Compensated absences	(23,471)
Accrued interest payable	(5,862)
Amortization of issuance costs	<u>(1,980)</u>
Total	<u>(342,535)</u>

Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge costs of medical insurance benefits to individual departments. The net expense of the activities of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities. 64,933

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit II) \$ 1,478,245

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Property Taxes:				
Property taxes, current and prior	\$ 44,308,686	\$ 44,308,686	\$ 45,171,346	\$ 862,660
Interest and lien fees	147,454	147,454	530,143	382,689
Total property taxes	<u>44,456,140</u>	<u>44,456,140</u>	<u>45,701,489</u>	<u>1,245,349</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Educational assistance grants:				
ECS grant	515,800	515,800	501,480	(14,320)
Adult education	459	459	441	(18)
Regional School District No. 9	171,933	171,933	183,295	11,362
Total educational assistance	<u>688,192</u>	<u>688,192</u>	<u>685,216</u>	<u>(2,976)</u>
Town assistance grants:				
In lieu of taxes - State property	183,933	183,933	182,825	(1,108)
In lieu of taxes - business inventory			59,471	59,471
Tax relief circuit breaker	21,650	21,650	21,740	90
Disability exemption			247	247
Veterans' exemption			1,039	1,039
Municipal video competition	12,819	12,819	36,646	23,827
Telephone access line grant	12,605	12,605	26,728	14,123
Mashantucket Pequot Grant	9,678	9,678	9,728	50
Unclassified Revenue			84,320	84,320
Total Town assistance grants	<u>240,685</u>	<u>240,685</u>	<u>422,744</u>	<u>182,059</u>
Total intergovernmental	<u>928,877</u>	<u>928,877</u>	<u>1,107,960</u>	<u>179,083</u>
Investment Income	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>21,046</u>	<u>(5,954)</u>

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## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Charges for Services:				
Town clerk	\$ 227,500	\$ 227,500	\$ 306,953	\$ 79,453
Assessor	1,200	1,200	1,091	(109)
Conservation	5,000	5,000	10,630	5,630
Heritage Center	12,000	12,000	8,011	(3,989)
Planning Commission	1,200	1,200	14,992	13,792
Zoning Commission	24,500	24,500	30,537	6,037
Zoning Board of Appeals	700	700	1,500	800
Building inspection	150,000	150,000	151,850	1,850
Transfer station	175,000	175,000	163,207	(11,793)
Sanitarian	8,000	8,000	11,225	3,225
Parks and recreation	699,975	699,975	532,590	(167,385)
Fiber optics	17,193	17,193	13,865	(3,328)
Rental of Town property	7,605	7,605	7,606	1
Miscellaneous			6,159	6,159
Total charges for services	<u>1,329,873</u>	<u>1,329,873</u>	<u>1,259,125</u>	<u>(69,657)</u>
Sale of capital assets			<u>23,084</u>	<u>23,084</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 46,741,890</u>	<u>\$ 46,741,890</u>	48,112,704	<u>\$ 1,370,814</u>

Budgetary revenues are different than GAAP revenues because:

State of Connecticut on-behalf payments to the Connecticut State

Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted

2,206,516

Special education excess cost grant is recorded gross for GAAP

232,521

Proceeds from sale of refunding bonds

2,680,000

Premium on refunding of bonds

167,385Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources as Reported on the  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -  
Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV\$ 53,399,126

## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Transfers and Additional Appropriations</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
General Government:					
Town meetings	\$ 1,500	\$	\$ 1,500	\$ 986	\$ 514
Board of selectmen	156,699	3,787	160,486	160,921	(435)
Probate court	3,400		3,400	1,914	1,486
Registrar's office	38,215	390	38,605	42,918	(4,313)
Controller's office	229,390	14,793	244,183	240,021	4,162
Independent audit	42,187		42,187	43,100	(913)
Assessor's office	151,678	2,709	154,387	141,103	13,284
Assessor's other	88,000		88,000	61,919	26,081
Board of assessment appeals	800		800	769	31
Tax collector	145,675	3,491	149,166	145,665	3,501
Town treasurer	22,826	312	23,138	21,075	2,063
Computer capability	45,000		45,000	40,540	4,460
Management services	28,453		28,453	26,518	1,935
Special legal	200,000		200,000	163,642	36,358
Town clerk	131,351	3,419	134,770	136,336	(1,566)
Annual town report	6,000		6,000	6,000	-
Board of ethics	425		425		425
Conservation	43,181	658	43,839	38,214	5,625
Heritage Center	156,188	3,399	159,587	147,957	11,630
Heritage center senior bus	36,771	791	37,562	26,138	11,424
Town planning commission	30,830		30,830	39,784	(8,954)
HVCEO	11,092		11,092	11,092	-
Zoning commission	74,179	1,748	75,927	66,355	9,572
Zoning board of appeals	1,700		1,700	1,656	44
Council of small towns	825		825	825	-
Land use services	96,915	2,484	99,399	113,906	(14,507)
Office of tree warden	500		500	230	270
Town office building	58,236	446	58,682	56,843	1,839
Old town house	5,500		5,500	3,843	1,657
Town office building annex	3,000		3,000	2,823	177
Community center	198,140	2,960	201,100	189,173	11,927
Police headquarters/communication center	27,000		27,000	35,280	(8,280)
Administrative services	741,000		741,000	732,715	8,285
Memorial Day observance	350		350	100	250
Cemeteries	8,000		8,000	8,160	(160)
Insurance	127,500		127,500	124,647	2,853
Miscellaneous				1,757	(1,757)
Agencies serving residents	5,000		5,000	1,478	3,522
Provision for contingencies	125,000	(111,000)	14,000		14,000
Total general government	<u>3,042,506</u>	<u>(69,613)</u>	<u>2,972,893</u>	<u>2,836,403</u>	<u>136,490</u>

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## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Transfers and Additional Appropriations	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Public Safety:					
Police Department - salaries and related expenses	\$ 1,275,988	\$ 166,203	\$ 1,442,191	\$ 1,412,893	\$ 29,298
Police Department - contractual services and expenses	127,850	3,667	131,517	163,044	(31,527)
Police Department - maintenance of vehicles	23,000		23,000	25,623	(2,623)
Volunteer fire companies	107,000		107,000	86,227	20,773
Building inspections	184,603	4,202	188,805	187,900	905
Communications Center	313,685	2,955	316,640	309,944	6,696
Dog licenses	58,452		58,452	52,895	5,557
Total public safety	<u>2,090,578</u>	<u>177,027</u>	<u>2,267,605</u>	<u>2,238,526</u>	<u>29,079</u>
Highway and Streets:					
Wages - regular, overtime and seasonal	833,300	22,936	856,236	760,098	96,138
General maintenance and repair	273,900		273,900	240,123	33,777
Snow removal and ice control	174,000		174,000	220,170	(46,170)
Equipment maintenance and repair	92,500		92,500	91,167	1,333
Town garage buildings	12,000		12,000	35,923	(23,923)
Total highway and streets	<u>1,385,700</u>	<u>22,936</u>	<u>1,408,636</u>	<u>1,347,481</u>	<u>61,155</u>
Transfer Station and Recycling:					
Salaries	169,289	3,469	172,758	184,791	(12,033)
General maintenance	142,950		142,950	158,807	(15,857)
Equipment maintenance	7,000		7,000	8,592	(1,592)
Total transfer station and recycling	<u>319,239</u>	<u>3,469</u>	<u>322,708</u>	<u>352,190</u>	<u>(29,482)</u>
Health and Social Services:					
Sanitarian inspection	88,344	1,223	89,567	85,158	4,409
Social services	21,000		21,000	22,003	(1,003)
Total health and social services	<u>109,344</u>	<u>1,223</u>	<u>110,567</u>	<u>107,161</u>	<u>3,406</u>
Mark Twain Library:					
Operations	423,000	-	423,000	423,000	-
Parks and Recreation:					
Field maintenance	96,480		96,480	69,536	26,944
Administration	196,905	3,664	200,569	210,373	(9,804)
Summer camp	221,156		221,156	202,090	19,066
Recreation programs	179,700		179,700	174,384	5,316
Topstone park	103,703		103,703	95,543	8,160
Tennis courts	10,385		10,385	8,561	1,824
Extended day service	158,016	1,969	159,985	175,497	(15,512)
Total parks and recreation	<u>966,345</u>	<u>5,633</u>	<u>971,978</u>	<u>935,984</u>	<u>35,994</u>

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## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Transfers and Additional Appropriations	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,524,900	\$ 47,844	\$ 2,572,744	\$ 2,557,585	\$ 15,159
Capital Outlay:					
Selectmen's general maintenance	7,000		7,000	7,037	(37)
Debt Service:					
Debt retirement	1,548,105		1,548,105	1,548,105	-
Interest payments	676,692	(900)	675,792	650,603	25,189
Total debt service	2,224,797	(900)	2,223,897	2,198,708	25,189
Total town expenditures	13,093,409	187,619	13,281,028	13,004,075	276,953
Education:					
Redding Board of Education:					
General instruction	10,972,019	107,894	11,079,913	11,059,977	19,936
Kindergarten	14,000	(2,000)	12,000	11,686	314
Humanities	78,113	(5,744)	72,369	52,879	19,490
Integrated language arts	52,410	(3,289)	49,121	38,999	10,122
Curriculum	11,403	167	11,570	24,741	(13,171)
Industrial technology	10,511		10,511	10,506	5
Science/math technology	39,085	(4,302)	34,783	30,658	4,125
Physical education/health	14,492		14,492	15,010	(518)
Student activity co-curricular	87,485	(4,090)	83,395	69,759	13,636
Special services	31,210	5,483	36,693	40,628	(3,935)
Special education	4,387,911	(12,837)	4,375,074	4,334,515	40,559
Guidance	3,060		3,060	2,117	943
Health services	215,740	(5,383)	210,357	191,949	18,408
Psychological services	17,950	(1,000)	16,950	12,640	4,310
Speech services	10,400		10,400	1,923	8,477
Educational media services	55,567	(7,025)	48,542	37,038	11,504
Technology plan	427,769	(6,000)	421,769	453,611	(31,842)
Board of Education	115,900	(8,338)	107,562	106,631	931
Central administration	537,370		537,370	537,370	-
Magnet school	77,604		77,604	60,374	17,230
School administration	1,275,016	(20,137)	1,254,879	1,246,761	8,118
Operation/maintenance physical plant	2,201,239	(33,398)	2,167,841	2,238,728	(70,887)
Student transportation	995,297		995,297	1,054,430	(59,133)
Food service	4,000		4,000	2,621	1,379
Total Redding Board of Education	21,635,551	-	21,635,551	21,635,551	-
Regional School District No. 9	11,908,076	-	11,908,076	11,908,076	-
Total Education	33,543,627	-	33,543,627	33,543,627	-
Total Expenditures	46,637,036	187,619	46,824,655	46,547,702	276,953

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## TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT

## GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Transfers and Additional Appropriations</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Other Financing Uses:					
Transfers out:					
Reserve Fund for CNRE	\$ 104,856	\$ _____	\$ 104,856	\$ 104,856	\$ _____
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 46,741,892</u>	<u>\$ 187,619</u>	<u>\$ 46,929,511</u>	46,652,558	<u>276,953</u>
Budgetary expenditures are different than GAAP expenditures because:					
State of Connecticut on-behalf payments to the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System for Town teachers are not budgeted				2,206,516	
Special education excess cost grant is recorded gross for GAAP				232,521	
Payment to bond escrow agent				2,780,959	
Bond issuance costs				66,426	
Prior year encumbrances are reported in current year for financial reporting purposes				73,685	
Encumbrances for purchases and commitments ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year received for financial reporting purposes.				<u>(180,519)</u>	
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds - Exhibit IV				<u>\$ 51,832,146</u>	

**TOWN OF REDDING, CONNECTICUT  
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2012	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers to		Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Taxes	Interest and Liens Fees	Total	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2013
			Additions	Deductions	Suspense	Bounced Checks					
2011	\$	\$ 44,659,180	\$ 451,591	\$ 153,296	\$	\$ 114,831	\$ 45,072,306	\$ 44,324,390	\$ 124,028	\$ 44,448,418	\$ 747,916
2010	924,675		20,464	48,859		28,130	924,410	417,531	101,497	519,028	506,879
2009	681,093		15,328	26,438	21,997	7,700	655,686	287,932	139,291	427,223	367,754
2008	319,524		6,917	6,915			319,526	24,015	7,881	31,896	295,511
2007	317,588						317,588	178,476	151,661	330,137	139,112
2006	9,600						9,600				9,600
2005	15,177						15,177				15,177
2004	5,272						5,272				5,272
2003	193						193				193
2002											
2001	306						306				306
2000	2,852						2,852				2,852
1999	557						557				557
1998	1,151						1,151				1,151
1997	6,222						6,222				6,222
1996	187						187				187
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,284,397</b>	<b>\$ 44,659,180</b>	<b>\$ 494,300</b>	<b>\$ 235,508</b>	<b>\$ 21,997</b>	<b>\$ 150,661</b>	<b>\$ 47,331,033</b>	<b>\$ 45,232,344</b>	<b>\$ 524,358</b>	<b>\$ 45,756,702</b>	<b>\$ 2,098,689</b>
					Suspense collections			10,065	6,427	16,492	
					Total			\$ 45,242,409	\$ 530,785	45,773,194	
					Refunds adjustment				(89,552)		
					Property taxes receivable considered available (60-day collections):						
					After June 30, 2012 (collections July and August 2012)				(77,229)		
					After June 30, 2013 (collections July and August 2013)					95,076	
					Total Property Tax Revenue					\$ 45,701,489	

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OVER FIVE YEARS**  
(FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30)

Ending June 30,	Actual				Estimated
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Population	9144	9100	9158	9170	9165
# of Registered Voters, Nov. 1 Prior Year	6841	6802	7057	6999	7000
Grand List, Oct. 1, Prior Year	1,993,334,753	1,990,241,898	1,995,568,915	1,627,088,324	1,628,091,094
Tax Rate, Mills	21.8	22.22	22.79	23.28	28.95
Property Tax Levied	41,399,123	42,303,785	43,457,281	44,659,180	45,362,768
Property Tax Collections (Current Year)	41,453,864	43,297,765	43,547,989	44,324,390	44,909,140
Property Tax Unpaid (Current Year)	615,000	1,186,691	924,675	747,916	453,628
Percent of Levy Collected	100.4%	102.3%	100.2%	99.3%	99%
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property Taxes	41,485,361	43,156,324	43,358,984	45,171,346	44,661,113
Interest and Lien Fees	129,755	141,441	189,005	530,143	153,400
State Grants for Education	697,384	685,459	711,234	685,216	854,567
Other State Grants	253,509	457,134	346,237	422,744	413,999
Town Revenue	1,389,242	1,876,501	1,340,966	1,303,255	1,454,705
Appropriated from Estimated Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$43,955,251</b>	<b>\$44,645,896</b>	<b>\$45,946,426</b>	<b>\$48,112,704</b>	<b>47,537,784</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Government	\$2,136,134	2,266,507	2,399,132	2,836,403	2,927,256
Public Safety	1,981,429	2,069,763	2,061,545	2,185,631	2,237,979
Highway	1,579,419	1,509,661	1,526,766	1,347,481	1,443,714
Sanitary Landfill Operation & Recycling	313,413	321,376	330,170	352,190	333,782
Conservation of Health	82,465	90,144	84,187	85,158	94,710
Social Services	20,370	23,037	16,608	22,003	21,009
Libraries	378,000	395,000	402,250	423,000	433,000
Park and Recreation	881,317	941,822	924,460	935,984	974,168
Employee Benefits	2,054,303	2,365,880	2,418,832	2,557,585	2,779,370
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Capital & nonrecurring Expenditures, Current Budget	1,497	6,434	6,964	7,037	7,000
Reserve Fund for Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditures	0	226,416	0	104,856	104,856
Dog License Fund Subsidy	46,300	54,381	52,135	52,895	60,163
Retirement of Bonds & Notes	1,372,612	1,242,695	1,547,153	1,548,105	1,449,076
Interest on Bonds & Notes	581,300	641,104	717,676	650,603	601,703
Redding Board of Education	19,800,980	20,423,811	21,353,543	21,635,551	21,745,551
Regional School District #9	11,023,120	11,094,467	11,251,450	11,908,076	12,324,443
Transfer to Fund Balance	607,856	547,856	547,856	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES and TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$42,860,515</b>	<b>\$44,220,354</b>	<b>45,640,727</b>	<b>46,652,558</b>	<b>47,537,784</b>

# ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

as of December 30, 2013

## FIRST SELECTMAN

Julia C. Pemberton(D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

## SELECTMEN

Leon J. Karvelis, Jr. (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17 /15

Michael P. Thompson (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

## TOWN CLERK

Michele R. Grande (D) . . . . . 01/06/14 - 01/04/16

## TREASURER

Margaret L. O'Donnell (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

## TAX COLLECTOR

Patricia J. Moio (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

## BOARD OF FINANCE

William E. Alvarez, Jr. (R) Ch. . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/21/17

Susan Clark (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/19/19

Francis E. DeSalvo (R) . . . . . 11/17/09 - 11/17/15

Joseph P. Dolan (D) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/21/17

Ward J. Mazzucco (R) . . . . . 11/17/09 - 11/17/15

Kimberly A. Yonkers (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/19/19

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jess W. Gaspar (R) Ch. . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Kimberly Ajavananda (R) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

Allyson Florkowski (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Melinda Irwin (D) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

Edward Miller (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Sara E. Sobel (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

## REGIONAL DISTRICT #9 BOARD OF EDUCATION

J. Christopher Hocker (R) Ch. . . . . 12/01/11 - 12/01/15

Mark D. Lewis (D) . . . . . 12/01/13 - 12/01/17

Walter King (R) . . . . . 12/01/13 - 12/01/17

Mike D'Agostino (D) . . . . . 12/16/13 - 12/01/15

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Greg E. Stackpole (R) Ch. . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Elizabeth S. Leonard (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Frederick (Rick) V. Miller (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Diane F. Taylor (R) Ch. . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

Gerald Sarnelli (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Toby S. Welles (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Thomas R. Flagg (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Nancy King (D) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

## ZONING COMMISSION

Gerald L. Casiello (R) Ch. . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

Benjamin L. Gordon (D) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

Michael O. Hoffman (R) . . . . . 05/23/12 - 11/17/15

Theodore S. Ogonek (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Joseph C. Ventricelli, Jr.(D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Robert Bruce Given (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

Colleen A. Litof (R) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

Henry J. Polio (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Paul R. Scholl (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Elizabeth F. Williams (D) . . . . . 11/22/11 - 11/17/15

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

Trevor Ernst Furrer (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Scott Smith (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/21/17

Vacancy

## CONSTABLES

Peter H. Bielawa (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

Annet Bonfanti (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

William R. Cook (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

Charles P. Mullaney (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

Jane M. Ross (D) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

Gerald Sarnelli (R) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

Lief R. Smith (G) . . . . . 11/19/13 - 11/17/15

## JUDGE OF PROBATE

Joseph A. Egan, Jr. (R) . . . . . 01/05/11 - 01/07/15

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Margaret B. Esten (D) . . . . . 01/09/13 - 01/07/15

Elizabeth A. Furrer (R) . . . . . 01/09/13 - 01/07/15

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(term runs from 1/07/13 - 1/02/17)

Henry W. Bielawa (R)

Richard J. Keim (U)

Henry J. Polio (R)

Nina L. Stietzel (D)

Peter A. Bonfanti (D)

Mary Dale Lancaster (U)

Richard W. Reynolds (D)

Thomas M. Sullivan (R)

Dorothee H. Funk (R)

Patricia J. Moio (R)

Leif Ramstad Smith (G)

Rory J. Thompson (U)

Joanne K. Galli (U)

Bridgette F. Murphy (U)

Stacey Illyn Spilka (D)

Colleen T. Joyce (U)

Tami G. O'Connor (R)

# APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS ALTERNATES

Elizabeth A. Furrer (R), two vacancies

## BOARD OF ETHICS

Hank Bielawa (R)Ch., Susan V. Green (D), Linda J. Koch (R),  
Elaine Mintz (D), one vacancy

Alternate: one vacancy

## COMMISSION ON AGING

Rosalind Kopfstein, Ch., Janet A. Cianci, Samuel E. M. Crocker,  
Janet P. Metzger, Lea Mintz, Henry J. Polio, Hilda Rhodes,  
Elizabeth Wagner, Jean L. Whitham.

Alternates: Louise Ann Lang, two vacancies

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David R. Pattee Ch.; Joseph W. Beres III, Stuart H. Green,  
William Hill, Tina Miller, Wallace G. Perlman,  
Jeremiah K. Ross

## DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Lauren J. Cunningham (R), Elizabeth S. Leonard (D),  
Katharine Dusenbury (D), Assistant

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Paul H. Degener, Ch.; Vanessa Alward, John Board,  
Paula D. Darlington, Jan H. Dorenbosch, Caroline Hunter,  
Meredith McClung, Gary H. Miyashiro, Scott R. Palmer

## PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATES

Anda Cumings (R), Regina O'Brien (D)

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

Richard Regan, Ch.: Amy L. Atamian, Daniel Todd Eubanks,  
Thomas R. Flag, James A. Miller, David R. Pattee,  
Daniel Duval Robinson

## ZONING COMMISSION ALTERNATES

Amy L. Atamian (D), Matthew Lecher (R), Gary Miyashiro (R)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Co-Directors: Douglas Fuchs & Doug Hartline,  
Stephen Schnell, Deputy

## TREE WARDEN

James McNamara

## DEPUTY TREE WARDEN

Sean McNamara

## OPEN SPACE MANAGER

John McLeran

## DEER WARDENS

Chris Silburn, Mike Conroy

## DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Lawrence D. Leibowitz, M.D.

## HOUSATONIC MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Gail Schiron

## TOWN HISTORIANS

Kathleen Von Jena & Charlie Couch

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# TOWN EMPLOYEES

as of December 30, 2013

## TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Exec. Asst. to First Selectman . . . . . Anita Arnold  
Finance Director . . . . . Stephen Gniadek  
Accountant . . . . . Lori McHale  
Accounting Clerk . . . . . Krista Gramer  
Assessor . . . . . John E. Ford, IV  
Assessor's Clerk . . . . . Anna Plevka  
Asst. to Assessor, P/T . . . . . Beverlee Brooks  
Deputy Town Clerk . . . . . Kerry Miserendino  
Assistant Town Clerk P/T . . . . . Susan Henderson  
Assistant Town Clerk, P/T . . . . . Lauren Cunningham  
Assistant Tax Collector . . . . . Meredith Petrone  
Assistant for Tax Collector & WPCC . . . . . Terry LePoutre  
Health Officer . . . . . Doug Hartline  
Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer . . . . . Aimee Pardee  
Clerical Assistant, Health & Zoning, P/T . . . . . Jean Winters

## POST OFFICE ANNEX BUILDING

Building Official . . . . . Shaun Donnelly  
Asst. Building Official . . . . . Mark Lubus  
Admin. Asst./Secy, Building Department . . . . . Linda Kansao

## OLD TOWN HOUSE BUILDING

Land Use Coordinator . . . . . Jo-an Brooks  
Admin. Asst., Land Use Office . . . . . Carol Keil

## REDDING COMMUNITY CENTER

### Senior Center and Park & Recreation Dept.

Human Services Director . . . . . Gail Schiron  
Senior Center Coordinator . . . . . Marie Sibilio  
Asst. for Senior Center, P/T . . . . . Ruth Moran  
Assistant/ Secretary, P/T . . . . . Helen Baumbach  
Senior Center Van Driver . . . . . Michael Licarie  
Director, Park and Recreation . . . . . Robert Blick  
Director of Recreational Programs . . . . . Laura Anderson  
Admin. Asst. Park & Recreation . . . . . Debbie Clark  
Program Coordinator . . . . . Sarah Ewud-Kilburn  
Director, Extended Day Programs . . . . . Mary Jo Dix

## TOWN BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Facilities Coordinator . . . . . William Roman  
Custodian . . . . . Benjamin Vega  
Custodian, P/T . . . . . Jonathan Castro  
Custodian, P/T . . . . . Gary Furtak  
Custodian, P/T . . . . . Vina Nguyen

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent . . . . . Jeffrey Hanson  
Administrative Assistant . . . . . Linda Fitch  
Driver, Operator . . . . . Dave Evanuska  
Senior Driver/Operator . . . . . David Fitch  
Driver/Laborer . . . . . Gary Frullo  
Driver, Operator/Laborer . . . . . Robert Paradise  
Mechanic/Driver . . . . . Charles Quinn  
Foreman, Driver/Operator . . . . . Edwin J. Read

Driver/Laborer . . . . . George Rudinas  
Driver/Laborer . . . . . T. J. Sweeney  
Driver/Laborer . . . . . Darren Southard  
Operator, Driver/Laborer . . . . . Richard Schneeberger  
Driver, Laborer/Mechanic . . . . . William Whitman

## POLICE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNICATION CENTER

Chief . . . . . Douglas Fuchs  
Lieutenant . . . . . Mark O'Donnell  
Sergeant . . . . . Marc Deluca  
Sergeant . . . . . Christopher McManus  
Sergeant . . . . . Pete Quinn  
Sergeant & Youth Officer . . . . . Anthony Signore  
Sergeant . . . . . Tim Succi  
Officer . . . . . Ryan Alcott  
Officer . . . . . Scott Brennan  
Officer . . . . . Christiana Dias  
Officer . . . . . Jason Heibeck  
Officer . . . . . Brandon Kaufman  
Officer . . . . . Michael Livingston  
Officer . . . . . Colin O'Connor  
Officer . . . . . Kimberly Peterson  
Officer . . . . . Brittany Salafia  
Officer & School Resource Officer . . . . . Chris Vadas  
Animal Control Officer . . . . . Mike DeLuca  
Communications Supervisor . . . . . Stephen Schnell  
Dispatcher . . . . . Matt Eckert  
Dispatcher . . . . . Justin Lurix  
Dispatcher . . . . . Stephen Peterson  
Dispatcher . . . . . Michael Bowers

## TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER

Transfer Station/Recycling Coordinator . . . . . Larry Kulowiec  
Asst. Recycling Coordinator . . . . . William Gorman  
Yard Supervisor/Primary Driver . . . . . Michael Vibbert

## REDDING SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools . . . . . Bernard Josefsberg  
Director of Finance & Operations . . . . . Margaret M. Sullivan  
Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum & Instruction . . . . . Stephanie Pierson Ugol  
JRMS Principal . . . . . Diane Martin  
JRMS Assistant Principal . . . . . Darlene Wallin  
RES Principal . . . . . Carrie Wessman Huber  
RES Assistant Principal . . . . . Tracy Edwards  
Director of Special Services . . . . . Brian Farrell  
JBHS Asst. Superintendent  
& Head of School . . . . . Thomas H. McMorran  
JBHS Asst. Principal . . . . . Gina Pin  
JBHS Asst. Principal . . . . . Mary Ann Sheehy  
JBHS Admin. for Health, PE & Athletics . . . . . Michael Santangeli  
JBHS Director for Special Education . . . . . Patti Roszko  
JBHS Dean of Students &  
Director of Student Activities . . . . . Dan Geraghty

# DIRECTORY

## FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

### Police Department

96 Hill Road, Redding, CT 06896  
 Police (routine) . . . . .203-938-3400  
 Animal Control Officer . . . . .203-938-2525

Redding Fire #1 Fire (routine) . . . . .203-938-2520  
 W. Redding Fire (routine) . . . . .203-938-2518  
 Georgetown Fire (routine) . . . . .203-544-8800

### Schools

**Redding Elementary School**  
 33 Lonetown Road (Rte.107) . . . . .203-938-2519  
**John Read Middle School**  
 486 Redding Road(Rte. 53) . . . . .203-938-2533  
**Joel Barlow High School**  
 100 Black Rock Tpke (Rte. 58) . . . . .203-938-2508  
**Superintendent, Central Office**  
 654 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT 06612 . . . . .203-261-2513

### State Officials

Governor Dannel P. Malloy . . . . .860-566-4840  
 St. Sen. District #26 Toni Boucher . . . . .800-842-1421  
 St. Rep. District #2, Dan Carter . . . . .800-842-1423  
 St. Rep. District #135, John Shaban . . . . .800-842-1423

### U. S. Officials

Congressman 4<sup>th</sup> District Jim Himes . . . . .203-225-5541  
 Senator Christopher Murphy . . . . .202-224-4041  
 Senator Richard Blumenthal . . . . .202-224-2823

### TOWN OFFICES

#### Town Hall, 100 Hill Road, Redding, CT 06896

Department	Office Hours	Telephone
Assessor	Mon-Wed 8:30am-5:30pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed	203-938-2626
Controller	Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed	203-938-8481
Health	Mon-Thurs. 8:00am-3:00pm or by appointment	203-938-2559
Registrars of Voters	Mon & Thurs. 9:00am-12:00pm	203-938-5012
Selectmen's Office	Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed	203-938-2002
Tax Collector	Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed	203-938-2706
Town Clerk	Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed	203-938-2377
Treasurer	Contact as needed	203-938-7444
Zoning	Mon-Thurs 8:00am-3:00pm or by appointment	203-938-8517

#### TOWN HALL ANNEX, 10 Lonetown Road, Redding, CT 06896

Building Mon-Thurs.7:00 am-5:30 pm,(closed 12 -1 pm) Fri-closed. Permits issued: 7:30am-11:00am 203-938-2558

#### OLD TOWN HOUSE, 23 Cross Highway, Redding, CT 06896

Land Use Office Mon-Thurs 8:30am-12:30pm 203-938-2185  
 Planning Commission & Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission

#### COMMUNITY CENTER, 37 Lonetown Road, Redding, CT 06896

Human Services Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed 203-938-3580  
 Heritage Center Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed 203-938-9725  
 Park & Recreation Mon-Wed 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Thurs 8:30am-6:00pm, Fri-closed 203-938-2551

#### HIGHWAY GARAGE, 28 Great Oak Lane, Redding, CT 06896

Highway Department Mon-Fri, 6:30 am-5:00 pm 203-938-2801

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT, 96 Hill Road, Redding, CT 06896

Police Department 24 hours 203-938-3400  
 Animal Control 24 hours (on call) 203-938-3400  
 Deer Warden 24 hours (on call) 203-938-2644  
 West Redding Train Parking Permits Monday-Friday, 7am-2 pm 203-938-3400  
 Communication Center Email: parking authority@reddingpolice-ct.us

#### RECYCLING CENTER, 84 Hopewell Woods Road, Redding, CT 06896

Transfer & Recycling Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat. 7:30am-3:00pm 203-938-3026  
 Closed Tues/Thur/Sun.

Reflections Contest submissions from John Read Middle School



*First Bloom*, Ekatyta Taylor Yeremeeva



*Sky on Fire*, Anjali Duenwald



*Buzzer Basket*, John Bunce



*Yellow Flame*, Sophia Lake



*First Snow*, Elizabeth Hayman



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*Butterfly*, Casey Daignault, 6<sup>th</sup> grade