Wallingford Health Department



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The Health Department has the responsibility of overall protection of the public health of all residents. The CT General Statutes, Title 19, Chapter 368a Section 19a-2a provide the scope and authority for the enforcement of both public health statutes and the regulations of the CT Public Health Code (CT PHC). Departmental data is reported quarterly to the Board of Health and minutes for public access is posted on the Town website, as required. Required services are detailed in CGS§ 19a-207 and reflect the "10 Essential Public Health Services", with strong emphasis on community education and active engagement in policy development.

Our department has skilled professional staff who collectively strive to provide all of the 10 Essential Public Health Services to Wallingford residents. The public health staff provide required components including educational outreach, monitoring of communicable disease, statistical reporting, and community health improvement. Our "Healthy Wallingford" community initiative is based on the State Health Improvement Plan. The Wallingford Health Improvement Plan (WHIP) includes an entitled "Eat-Play-Unplug" focus area which highlights our Choose Kindness campaign. This is a town-wide outreach campaign addressing life-stresses and focusing on reestablishing a sense of kindness and community spirit. This year at Celebrate Wallingford, the Health Department sponsored a pumpkin painting project while simultaneously providing educational material on various public health topics. An Eat-Play-Unplug 3-week informational course is being offered in the Spring 2020 Parks and Recreation booklet addressing each area healthy eating, physical activity and stress reduction methods. The CT DPH emphasizes a collaborative approach to achieve a healthy community and the established Wallingford Health Improvement Plan, administered by the Wallingford Community Health Alliance is a prime example of this effort.

The Wallingford Health Department has a foundation of core environmental health components which impact all residents in one or more aspects (Food Safety and Food Establishment Inspections, Subsurface Sewage Inspections, Private Drinking Water Wells, Public Health Nuisance Complaints, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, sanitary aspects of Nail Salons, Beauty/Barber Salons and Tattoo Establishments; Public Swimming Pool Inspections and Daycare Center Inspections). The nature of nuisance complaint code violations and the process to achieve compliance continues to grow more complex. The Director of Health has ministerial responsibility to investigate and enforce all such violations. We routinely work with the State's Attorney Office, Housing Prosecutor, and are actively engaged in dialogue focused on an integrated response to issues that overlap the spectrum of public health and into areas of social services, rental housing, fire marshal, emergency services and population health with the intent to prevent the escalation of violations and reduce the need for criminal prosecution. Code enforcement is a valuable component for maintaining a healthy community and provides a mechanism to distribute educational resources to our residents.

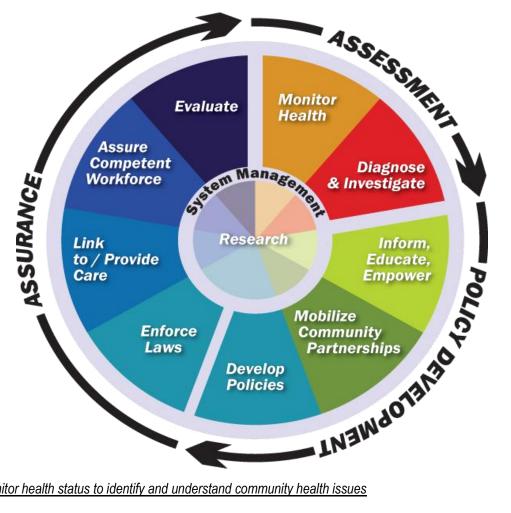
The Health Department has additional responsibilities in Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) that include community sheltering during storm-related events; citizen volunteer management, and working with our traditional first responders and Emergency Management/Civil Preparedness. Wallingford Health Department is responsible for mass distribution of medical countermeasures (MCM) in a public health event. The goal of the mass distribution of medical countermeasures is a rapid delivery of antibiotics/antiviral in response to a specific biological threat. In pursuit of those objectives, the Health Department with the aid and extensive planning with other town partners, conducted a pandemic influenza tabletop exercise June 19, 2019. This exercise further strengthened the planning team response and coordination to a real world event. Stephen Civitelli was designated by the Town Emergency Manager to serve a Deputy Emergency Manager for the municipality. This further solidifies the public health response to the community for both Essential Safety Function 6 which is Mass Sheltering/Care and Essential Safety Function 8 Medical Counter Measures/PHEP (ESF6 & ESF8).

The following are the CGS stipulated "10 Essential Public Health Services" and examples of the associated services we provide:





Putting the 10 Essential Services in Daily Context



Monitor health status to identify and understand community health issues 1.

Example: Conduct regular review of Wallingford health data through use of the CT DPH electronic disease system known as MAVEN; conduct outreach and education to medical providers and residents concerning communicable disease, chronic disease, vaccine preventable disease; currently engaged with community partners for the continued review and updating of Wallingford Health Improvement Plan based on both the State and National outline. Healthy People 2020. DataHaven statistical information utilized to devise community based public health interventions as part of our town's health improvement plan.

Identify (diagnose) and investigate health problems and health hazards 2.

Example: Public health nuisance complaint investigation program (detailed in the Environmental Services section): 234 complaints investigated in CY 2019 (5% increase over CY 2018) as per CT PHC definition of "nuisance complaint" including corrective and the issuance of Legal Order to Comply, enforcement through arrest process and Housing Court or contract abatement action and priority lien assessed.



- Utilize the CT DPH laboratory services for analysis of environmental samples (lead, soil, water) and CT Agricultural Experiment Station for insect/pest/plant samples (ticks, bedbugs, spiders, and poison oak/ivy/sumac) and educate/assist the resident based on results. Mosquito trapping station in town was monitored and provided updates to town leadership/residents regarding EEE and WNV.
- Local Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) such as coordinating with the Town Emergency Management for Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) based on the FEMA guidelines and Emergency Support Functions (ESF's); developing response plans (Ebola, H1N1, Anthrax, Pandemic Influenza, Emerging Infectious Diseases)
- Lead Medical Countermeasures (MCM). Director of Wallingford Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) 154 citizen volunteers along with continued recruitment and outreach of non-medical and medical citizen volunteers).
- Maintain volunteer database and provide quarterly training; establish a Local Health Alert Network (Everbridge) to reach providers in time of emergency; participate in state, regional and local exercises and drills.
- Provide consult and support to BOE concerning communicable illness through attendance at parent's informational sessions and serving on committees (examples Pertussis, measles, emergency response planning, Tools-for-Schools and Indoor Air Quality, Food Allergy Committee, Health and Wellness Committee, and School Security Committee).

3. Inform, educate and empower people about health issues in order to make healthy choices

Example: Childhood Lead Poisoning Protection Education, 19 cases of childhood lead monitoring in 2019 resulting in in-home risk assessments and parental education; conducted community outreach on various health topics and provide printed material and consultation

- 8 CPR/AED certification courses offered resulting in obtaining the American Heart Association HeartSAFE Community designation; 54 local food service employees completed in-house Qualified Food Operator (QFO) certification presented in English and Spanish,
- The 4th edition of the Health Department's Healthy Dining Guide focusing on local food establishments will also be created and distributed in the 2020 calendar year.
- 4. Mobilize/Engage the community partnerships to identify and solve health problems

Examples: Active participant and leadership role with multiple community partners and stakeholders to assess needs and develop policy changes to improve overall health (Coalition for a Better Wallingford, Wallingford Committee on Aging, YMCA, Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW), Mayors Council on Substance Abuse and the Wallingford Community Health Alliance.

5. <u>Develop public health policies and plans that support community health efforts</u>

Examples: Review and recommend new or revisions as needed to ordinances (Food, Septic, and Nail Salons/Tattoo Establishments. Chapter 592 Salon Establishments will have to be modified to meet the new regulations passed in this past year's legislative session. A local ordinance raising the age to purchase tobacco and electronic smoking products from the current 18 years old to 21 years of age was implemented in April of 2019 (Local Ordinance # 626).

- Public Health Advocacy to state, town leadership, general public; member of CT Environmental Health Association (CEHA) and the President Elect of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH)
- Develop department strategic planning focused on quality assurance and programmatic review as a member of the Food Safety Advisory Group (FSAG).



6. Enforce public health laws and regulations that protect health and safety

Examples: Review total enforcement actions by function in attached Environmental Activities.

- Coordinate with Planning and Zoning, Building, Fire Marshal and Water/Sewer Division for review of proposed land use developments.
- Conducted a tabletop exercise on response to pandemic influenza on June 19, 2019 in coordination with the Wallingford Police Department, Wallingford Fire Department, Emergency Management, Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Board of Education.

7. Link people to needed health services

Examples: Promote community based health services on a departmental developed centralized document for underinsured/low income residents; provide nursing services at Senior Center.

 Participate and promote community events/services (Celebrate Wallingford, Library's Children's Health Fair, Sheehan HS Health Fair, YMCA Health Fair, Employee Health Fair, Community Day); Co-Chair of Wallingford Community Health Alliance.

8. Maintain a competent public health workforce

Examples: Ensure all professional staff maintains current certifications and required continuing education, training, and professional development; participate in DEMHS Region 2 exercises/drills. 1 staff member recently certified for Phase II Subsurface Sewage and 1 staff member certified by CT DPH as a Food Inspection Training Officer (FITO). Health Educator obtained a national certification as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) in addition to (QPR) Question, Persuade, and Refer Instructor

9. Evaluate effectiveness and quality of programs and interventions

Examples: Conduct monthly quality assurance inspections and standardization with staff (implemented 2014); review written reports for compliance with policy and enforcement of regulations; evaluate protocols integrated in grant funded programs/initiatives. Internal quality assurance program for environmental department functions promotes efficiency and thoroughness of work. Standard 4 of FDA Foodcode Program Standards is the foundation for this quality assurance program.

10. Research and apply new and innovative solutions to address public health problems

Examples: Support Public Health Research and development of evidence based best practices as site preceptor for undergraduate/graduate students; Report/Present on experiences and practices at professional forums/events such as DEMHS Region 2, LEOP and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Summit

- Conduct health education programs based on improved outcome (Childhood Lead Prevention and Risk Assessments, Parkinson's Support Group, Matter of Balance program).
- Work with the State's Attorney Office, Housing Prosecutor, for an integrated response to hoarding/public health nuisances.
- Data collection utilizing DataHaven services to create programming specific to the town of Wallingford's community health assessment.



The Health Department's overall goal is to continue to maintain the quality and efficient delivery of all the 10 Essential Services required as listed. More specifically, we will continue in our efforts to collaborate with community partners in the Wallingford Community Health Alliance, Eat-Play-Unplug initiative, and review the updated goals established by CDC and the CT State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The plan will be evidence-based, focused on improving the health outcome of residents. A community health assessment will be conducted by the department to evaluate these needs in this coming 2020 calendar year.

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Environmental Inspections	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Food (288 Establishments, 48 Temp Events)	1012	928	1041	796	925
Salon (95 establishments)	120	129	130	135	148
Day Care (29 establishments)	23	17	21	24	17
Pool (22 Public Pools)	44	45	36	30	44
Soil Testing	13	5	19	23	18
Septic	34	25	27	20	22
Well	3	10	11	14	22
B-100A	16	11	21	15	14
Total Inspections	1265	1170	1306	1057	1210
Nuisance Complaints	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Garbage/Bulky Waste	54	56	61	67	95
Food Service	47	31	27	32	25
Barbershop/Hair/Nail	2	6	4	3	6
Lead	19	19	1	5	42
Odor	15	8	6	9	2
Dog Feces	3	3	3	4	5
Bed Bugs/Mold	7	6	6	4	7
Sewage	11	8	7	3	6
Stagnant Water	6	6	3	6	3
Pool	1	3	2	2	3
Rodents	16	11	29	35	18
Other	49	42	39	28	25
Tick Submissions	27	24	16	18	16
Totals	257	223	204	216	253
Health Orders Issued	27	23	43	46	40

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Account	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Food	\$22,363.50	\$22,480	\$20,730	\$21,335	\$20,280
Salon	\$7,050	\$6,850	\$6,950	\$6,550	\$5,875
Perc Test	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$250
Septic	\$1,650	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,150	\$1,250
Well	\$150	\$475	\$600	\$650	\$675
Misc.	\$128	\$131.50	\$185	\$95.30	\$74
Total	\$31,441.50	\$31,036.50	\$29,915	\$29,930.30	\$28,404









2019's programming reflected the efforts of the Health Department to embody the focus areas of the Wallingford Health Improvement Plan (WHIP). The Community Health Alliance (formerly known as Healthy Wallingford 2020) continued to meet quarterly throughout the year and leaders collaborated on various different programming areas that would address community based issues. A community health assessment will be conducted in the 2020 calendar year to further update areas of focus for the Wallingford Community Health Alliance.





Focus Area #1 of the WHIP is Healthy Housing.

During 2019, there were 19 childhood lead cases actively monitored by the Sanitarian staff. Risk assessments were offered to these residents to aid in reducing the negative health impacts of elevated blood lead levels. Another area of focus in Healthy Housing is Fall Prevention. The Public Health Nurse and Health Educator provided a springtime session of "A Matter of Balance" at the Wallingford Senior Center. This was an 8 week course that changed the attitudes and behaviors surrounding falls. The course taught the attendees how to prevent falls, be assertive, and the best way to get up from the floor if they do suffer a fall. 12 individuals graduated from this informative course addressing Fall Prevention. The Health Educator and Public Health Nurse also certified another coach to teach this course in order to provide more training opportunities in the future. Lastly, another facet of Healthy Housing that Wallingford addressed in 2019 was the ensure safe homes for children with asthma. The Public Health Nurse participated in 11 asthma assessments this year which included asthma education, a medication assessment, an environmental assessment, and asthma assistive devices were provided free of charge to the family through a partnership with the State Department of Public Health.

Focus Area #2 of the WHIP is Behavioral Health.

This year, the Health Educator was certified as a QPR Instructor. QPR is a widely recognized suicide intervention technique that stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer. There were 2 sessions this year; one for community members in conjunction with a Narcan training, and one for the clergy of Yalesville United Church. The Wallingford Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) also provided 2 Mental Health First Aid courses, presented by The Connection, that educated residents upon the risks and treatments of mental health disorders. Lastly, we were able to offer 2 free Narcan/QPR trainings at 2 different locations this year in partnership with the Coalition for a Better Wallingford. Free Narcan kits were available at these trainings.

Focus Area #3 of the WHIP is Healthy Lifestyles and Active Living.

One of the highlights of 2019 was the first annual Community Day. The Community Health Alliance's goal was to spread the message of "Eat, Play, Unplug" and disseminate services and resources available to the community of Wallingford. This event took place on August 24, 2019 and 20 vendors were present. There were outdoor activities offered by Board of Education and Youth and Social Service staff. This event proved to be a huge success and really encompassed Focus Area 3 of Healthy Lifestyles and Active Living.

The Fit-to-go presentations from the Health Educator were conducted to two groups of fourth graders and highlighted the importance of portion control, which is applicable to healthy lifestyles. The Ulbrich Boys and Girls club also requested a similar program for their younger group. The Health Educator presented similar materials which included a hands-on demonstration, games, and nutrition related giveaways.

The Public Health nurse over the course of the 2019 calendar year administered hundreds of blood glucose and blood pressure screenings at the health fairs and assigned hours at the Senior Center. The residents who displayed high blood pressure or glucose levels were provided information and education materials on healthy lifestyle changes that will improve their levels.

Focus Area #4 of the WHIP is the Eat Play Unplug Initiative.

Expanding upon 2018's very successful "Kindness Rocks" initiative, the Department chose to utilize mini pumpkins and offer Celebrate Wallingford attendees to decorate the pumpkins. Decoration sets were also available to children who may not be able to use the paint pens available. The Health Department intent was to highlight the kindness providing the participants a festive opportunity to engage with community members and share an act of kindness together. This also provided an opportunity to for Health Department staff to promote services available to residents.





Event	Location	Date	Time	Participants	Note
Lead Risk Assessments	Residents Home		Appointment Required	19	1015 North Main St. Extension.
Asthma Assessments	Residents Home		Appointment Required	11	Ongoing
Early Childhood Education Fair	Wallingford Public Library	1/19/2019	9:30 AM – 12:30 AM	50+	Booth hosted by Public Health Nurse and Health Educator
Town Hall Employee Blood Pressure Check	Second floor of Town Hall	2/26/2019	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	8	Public Health Nurse, Health Educator and intern recorded blood pressures for employees
Health Update for Government TV	Government TV Studio: 6 Fairfield Blvd., Wallingford CT	3/4/2019	4:30 – 5:00 PM	50+	Interview of Health Educator about Health Department scope of services
YMCA Fit-to-go Presentation on Nutrition	Pond Hill Elementary School	3/11/2019	4:30 – 5:15 PM	10	Health Educator presented to YMCA after school program of 3 rd & 4 th graders
YMCA Fit-to-go Presentation on Nutrition	Mary G. Fritz Elementary School	3/12/2019	4:30 – 5:15 PM	12	Health Educator presented to YMCA after school program of 3 rd & 4 th graders
A Matter of Balance Coaches Training	143 Hope Hill Rd, Wallingford CT	3/18/2019, 3/20/2019	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	1	Public Health Nurse and Health Educator provided a Coaches training for program sustainability.
Portion Control Educational Presentation	Ulbrich Boys and Girls Club	4/1/2019, 4/5/2019	3:15 PM – 4:15 PM	20	Educational presentation given to 3 rd and 4 th graders at the Boys and Girls of Wallingford
A Matter of Balance Course Sessions	Creative Arts Room – Wallingford Senior Center	4/17, 4/24, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12	Class ran over the course of 8 weeks. 12 residents graduated by attending 5+ classes.
Town Hall Weight Loss Challenge	Room 315, Wallingford Town Hall	4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18	5:15 PM – 6:00 PM	6	This weight loss challenge was offered to Town employees. They received education, incentives, and were weighed in weekly.
Food Bank Health Fair	CT Food Bank: 2 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT	6/14/2019	12:00 – 2:00 PM	50+	Food Bank employee health fair. Health Educator presented info on sun safety
Healthy Kids Day	Doolittle Park	6/15/2019	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	50+	YMCA hosted event
CPR/AED for East Shore District Health Department	688 E Main St, Branford, CT 06405	6/27/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	6	Course was presented for Emergency Preparedness volunteers in Branford.
CPR/AED for Spanish Community of Wallingford EN ESPANOL	284 Washington Street, Wallingford CT	7/3/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	10	Course was presented for Spanish community of Wallingford members. Presented in Spanish by the Chief Sanitarian.



CPR/AED for Spanish Community of Wallingford EN ESPANOL	284 Washington Street, Wallingford CT	7/10/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	11	Course was presented for Spanish Community of Wallingford members. Presented in Spanish by The Chief Sanitarian.
First Annual Community Day	Community Lake @ Linear Trail	8/24/2019	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	200+ attendees	This event was a community effort to showcase all of the organizations in Wallingford and the resources/services that they offer.
Lunch and Learn at Senior Center	Wallingford Senior Center	8/30/2019	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	40	CT Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association hosted Dr. Dagostine to conduct a workshop with the Parkinsons support group.
QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) for Coalition	136 Center Street	9/19/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	13	This training was taught to a group of individuals at the Coalition for a Better Wallingford. Suicide intervention technique.
Ulbrich Boys and Girls Club Kids Day	Grand Street Park – Wallingford CT	9/21/2019	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	50+	Health Educator was present at this annual event and awarded giveaways to children who answered the nutrition questions correctly.
CPR/AED for the Town Hall Staff	Wallingford Town Hall – room 315	9/26/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7	CPR/AED Training in the Town Hall.
Celebrate Wallingford	Front of Town Hall: 45 South Main St, Wallingford, CT	10/6/2019, 10/7/2019	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	700 Pumpkins	"Choose Kindness" initiative came into fruition for this special event. Children decorated pumpkins with paint pens and decoration sets.
CPR/AED for Spanish Community of Wallingford	284 Washington Street, Wallingford CT, 06492	10/15/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	12	This training was presented in English by the Health Educator.
Town Hall Flu Clinic	Wallingford Town Hall – Room 315	10/17/2019	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	53	Annual opportunity for Town Hall employees to receive their influenza vaccinations.
Public Flu Clinic	Wallingford Public Library	10/26/2019	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	31	Annual opportunity for residents to receive their influenza vaccinations.
CPR/AED Training for MRC Members	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wallingford CT 06492	10/29/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7	CPR/AED Training for emergency Preparedness group.
Public Health Education Panelist at Southern Connecticut State	501 Crescent St. New Haven, CT 06515	11/12/2019	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	40+	Health educator spoke to SCSU students about job opportunities within local health.
CPR/AED for Spanish Community of Wallingford EN ESPANOL	284 Washington Street, Wallingford CT, 06492	11/12/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	10	Course was presented for Spanish Community of Wallingford members. Presented in Spanish by The Chief Sanitarian.
Diet talk to Senior Center	Wallingford Senior Center	11/22/2019	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	16	The Public Health Nurse hosted a discussion about the benefits of the Mediterranean diet.
QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Training	Yalesville United Church	12/10/2019	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	5	This training was taught to a group of individuals at the Coalition for a Better Wallingford. Suicide intervention technique.





Public Health Nurse Senior Center Service Office Statistics

Type of Service	Normal Limits	Abnormal Limits			
Blood Pressure	905	102			
Height/Weight	24	16			
Glucose Screening	25	6			
Medication Management	0				
Medical Questions	21'	1			
B12 Injections	26				
Telephone Consultation	61				
Total Services Provided	137	6			
Asse	essments:				
Neurological	10				
Pulmonary (COPD)	49				
Cardio (CHF)	60				
Endocrine	33				
Gastrointestinal	1				
Orthopedic	22				
Skin	69				
Vascular	3				
Other	23				
Total Assessments	260				
Counseling and Education:					
Specialized Diet	31				
Weight Loss	1				
Disease Management	88				
Fall Prevention	25				
Total Counsels and Ed	145				
Re	ferrals:				
MD	98				
Emergency Services	5				
Outpatient Clinic	3				
Senior Center Social Worker	1				
Mental Health Services	3				
Registered Dietician	1				
Total Referrals	11 <i>′</i>	1			

1386 Total Office Visits







The table below reflects the efforts of the Wallingford MRC Unit 2460 to enhance the community resiliency of residents through offering a wide variety of trainings. The Wallingford MRC was also present at many community events to promote their mission and gain more membership.

The trainings offered this year reflected an effort to keep the offerings relevant to today's everchanging world. We offered two Mental Health First Aid trainings, from the professionals at The Connection in Middletown. This course was intended to be eight hours, but it was condensed to a three-hour course so that it could be more digestible for volunteers. The course covered early detection and intervention by teaching participants about the signs and symptoms of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and addictions. The Health Educator was certified as a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) instructor this year and provided 2 courses to the Unit. QPR is a widely recognized suicide intervention technique and will continue to be offered to the community.

We also wanted to offer a training that would bolster the MRC volunteers' personal preparedness. We contracted T4 Survival to provide a Krav Maga Self Defense seminar for the volunteers. This two-hour training taught hands on self-defense methods to use for when someone may be attacking an individual. This was a unique training that other MRC units haven't offered to their volunteers.

This is the second year in a row that the Wallingford MRC Unit collaborated with the Wallingford Police Department to provide volunteer actors for their Active Shooter drills. This is a week-long drill with the goal of training all officers in the force to effectively respond to an Active Shooter situation. The drills are held at Sheehan High School and we had many MRC members volunteer their time to make this drill possible. The MRC volunteers enjoyed assisting this cause and look forward to this opportunity to collaborate with the Police Department every year.





Event	Location	Date	Time	Participa nts	Notes
Until Help Arrives	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wallingford CT	2/7/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	5 + 1 staff	Training was taught by Wallingford Emergency Manager.
Narcan & QPR Training	Wallingford Public Library	2/13/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	16 + 1 staff	Behavioral Health Network taught training and provided free Narcan units.
CPR & AED Certification	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wallingford CT	3/6/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	10 + 1 staff	Health Educator taught training for MRC members.
Until Help Arrives	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wallingford CT	3/28/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	5 + 1 staff	Training was taught by Wallingford Emergency Manager.
Narcan & QPR Training	Wallingford Public Library	3/30/2019	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	15 + 1 Staff	Behavioral Health Network taught training and provided free Narcan units.
Mental Health First Aid Training	Wallingford Public Library	4/17/2019	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	5 + 1 staff	A three-hour training taught by The Connection from Middletown.
CPR & AED Certification	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wallingford CT	5/7/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	5 + 1 staff	Health Educator taught training for MRC members.
Krav Maga Self Defense Seminar	Wallingford Parks and Rec	5/23/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 + 1 staff	T4 Survival was contracted to teach MRC members hands on defense techniques.
Mental Health First Aid Training	Wallingford Public Library	6/8/2019	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	5 + 1 staff	A three-hour training taught by The Connection from Middletown.
Active Shooter Drills – Wallingford PD	Mark T. Sheehan High School	6/17/2019 – 6/21/2019	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	10	MRC members assisted Wallingford PD by playing actors for annual active shooter drill.
CPR & AED Certification	Room 315 of the Wallingford Town Hall	9/26/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	5 + 1 staff	Health Educator presented ASHI materials.
CPR & AED Certification	Room 315 of the Wallingford Town Hall	10/29/2019	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	9 + 1 staff	Health Educator presented ASHI materials.
Total Volunteers/Residents Trained: 97					97

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Government TV Interview	6 Fairfield Blvd, Wallingford CT	3/4/2019	4:30 PM	Health Educator was interviewed for local program and encouraged residents to join the Unit.
Rotary Club – MRC Recruitment Discussion	60 N. Main Street, Wallingford CT	7/31/2019	12:00 PM	Health Director and MRC Coordinator facilitated a recruitment discussion about MRC to rotary club members.
Community Day	Community Lake	8/24/2019	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	The first annual event of the Community Health Alliance. 2 volunteers were present for recruitment purposes.
Celebrate Wallingford	Booth in front of Wallingford Town Hall	10/6/2018 – 10/7/2018	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Civic booth at a large local event, promoted MRC.
Public Flu Clinic	Wallingford Public Library	10/13/2018	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	MRC nurses were present, administered flu shots.
SCSU Student Presentation	Southern CT State: 501 Crescent St., New Haven, CT	11/12/2018	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Health Educator spoke to students about the importance of protecting one's community through volunteering with MRC

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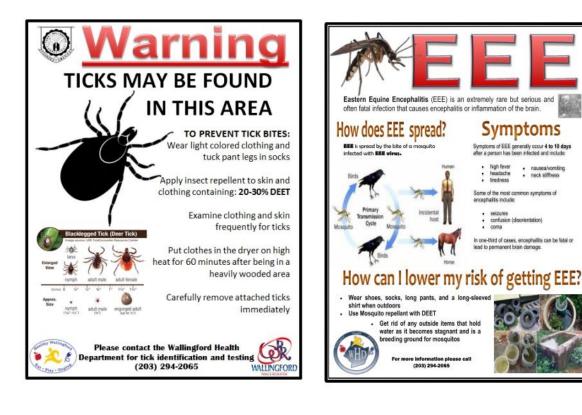




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Happy 2019 to everyone!	Ta	rainin	<u>)]</u> S:
	What:	When:	Where:
We're looking forward to another awesome	Until Help	6pm—8pm	MRC Building,
year full of trainings & keeping the community	Arrives	Feb. 7, 2019	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wifd
safe & healthy.	Narcan & QPR	6pm—8pm	Wallingford Public
Please note the Matter of Balance	Training	Feb. 13, 2019	Library—Collins Room
Coaches training that was emailed out in the	CPR & AED	6pm—8pm	MRC Building,
beginning of January! We are looking for more	Certification	Mar. 6, 2019	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wifd
people to sign-up, so please let us know if	Until Help	6pm—8pm	MRC Building,
you're interested.	Arrives	Mar. 28, 2019	143 Hope Hill Rd., Wifd
If you're looking to further your training	Narcan & OPR	10am—12pm	Wallingford Public
beyond the current in-person opportunities,	Training	Mar. 30, 2019	Library—Community
please visit: https://training.fema.gov/is/	Mental Health	6pm—9pm	Wallingford Public
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Independent Study section and select either:	Krav Maga Self Defense Seminar	6pm—8pm May 23, 2019	Wallingford Parks & Rec—
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email a copy of your certificate to the	First Aid	June 8, 2019	room
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Wallingford Health Improvement Plan

Our mission: Uniting community resources to enhance the health and well-being of all Wallingford residents. Community Health Alliance Wallingford Health Department Wallingford Youth and Social Services Wallingford Parks and Rec Wallingford For Parks and Rec Wallingford For Parks and Rec Wallingford Center Inc. Wallingford Folice Department Wallingford Folice Department Wallingford Family YMCA Ubrich Boys and Gris Club Spanish Community of Wallingford United Way of Wallingford Coalition for a Better Wallingford Masonicare Mary Mushinsky, State Representative Hartford Healthcare Gaylord Hospital 350-Jubilee Committee Mealthywallingford2020@gmail.com © @healthywallingford2020@gmail.com

Overview of the WHIP Focus Areas:

Healthy Housing (Health Department) 1. Asthma 2. Falls Prevention 3. Lead Poisoning Prevention

Behavioral Health 1. Suicide Prevention 2. Substance Abuse 3. Teen Dating Violence

3. Teen Dating Violence Healthy Lifestyles 1. Obesity

Obesity
 (Physical Activity & Nutrition)
 COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary
Disease)
 Substance Abuse

Eat, Play, Unplug 1. Quarterly message focused on community values.

Current focus: Choose Kindness! A subcommittee was formed to brainstorm ways in which we can encourage residents of Wallingford to practice kindness in every interaction that they have. We strive to make the community a happy and healthier place.

"Kindness Rocks" Project A Product of the Choose Kindness Committee:





WALLINGFORD HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Attention MRC Members: CPR/AED Certification Course

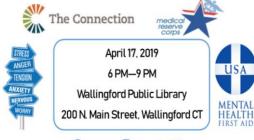


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Hosted by the Wallingford Health Department,

Medical Reserve Corps & presented by. The Connection



Course Description:

During this training, individuals will learn about mental illnesses and addictions including risk factors and warning skills, so they are able to recognize someone in distress and respond



Looking for volunteer coaches!



Chances are, you know someone who has fallen or who is afraid of falling. A Matter of Balance is a proven program designed to help people manage concerns about falls & increase physical activity. The Wallingford Health Department is looking for volunteer coaches to help us teach this program! Coaches help participants become more confident about managing falls, help to identify way to reduce falls, and lead exercises to help increase strength and balance.

Participants will learn to:	What do you need to be a coach?
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Organizations converge on park, lake for first annual Community Day event in Wallingford

For example, in 2018 the town's health de-

By Staven Scarpa Special to the Record-Journal

WALLINGFORD -- Residents enjoyed sun, free food, and a bit of knowledge at the Wallingford Community Health Alliance's first annual Community Day, held Saturday afternoon at Community Lake.

In addition to the kayak rides and entertainment, town social service agencies were on hand as part of Director of Health Stephen Civitell's efforts to bring the soon to be published Wallingford Health Iment Plan to life.

*All of the members of our plan are here today," Civitelli said.

The town health department, police, youth and social services department, and hous-ing authority attended, in addition to Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven Spanish Community of Wallingford, Mas ter's Manna, Quinnipiac River Linear Trail of Wallingford, and the Coalition for a Better Wallingford, among others.

"The idea is not to start something new but to bring to light something that already existed," Civitelli said.

The Wallingford Health Improvement Plan will be posted on the town's website next

Using data provided by the state Department of Public Health, the Community Health Alliance crafted a plan that hopes to tackle some of the community's more urgent needs

The plan focuses on asthma, fall preven-



Booths for the Spanish Community of Wallingford, left, and The Coalition for a Better Wallingford set up for Community Day at Community Lake in Wallingford on Saturday. Steven Scarpa, special to the Record-Journal

tion, and lead poisoning prevention. Im partment was concerned about the risks of rements to behavioral health, including stance abuse prevention and dealing vaping. With the Community Health Al-liance's help, the Town Council raised the with teen dating violence are on the group's legal vaping age to 21 this year. agenda. They also plan to encourage healthy lifestyles by battling obesity and

For 2019, vaping continues to be a priority, Civitelli said. However, suicide prevention is also in the forefront of the town's public chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. "The plan is based on what the needs of the health efforts.

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er Instruction. QPR stands for question, persuade, and refer and is a methodology designed to help people who are at risk of harming themselves.

"It's a great tactic to get everyone trained in telling you what to do if someone expresses suicidal ideation," Steele said.

Steele will offer what she's learned free of charge to any local civic orga-nization. The Coalition for a Better Wallingford, the town health department, and Choate Rosemary Hall have already taken up Steele's offer and she anticipates that there will be more in the future.

Ken Welch, president of The Coalition for a Better Wallingford, is pleased to see the interaction that the health improvement plan pre-sents. His organization plans to work on early childhood education and frug abuse in town, something he ees as an immediate crisis.

We are trying to get collaboration in own," Welch said.

the alliance's next meeting will be in anuary 2020. At that meeting the roup plans to re-evaluate their rogress and perhaps seek additional nember organizations. "We may

ry to target certain entities," Civitelli



People go for a kayak ride at Community Lake in Wallingford on Saturday. Residents enjoyed sun, free food, and a bit of knowledge at the Wallingford Community Health Alliance's first annual Community Day event.

Photos by Sleven Scarpa, special to the Record-Journal

Event will allow children to talk to Santa via ham radio



HALLDIGFORD -- Children of all ages will have the supportantly to talk to have: Subschey at the "Ra-din to North Poly -- Talk to have?" versi, scheehuled to be held at the Desser Usbredle Bathroom

The "Talk to having" event will be united by the Wallingford Assastan Railio Group and spreased by the Hallingford Holdth Department, tratile and Institut featuress and Masser's Minesta Roof painty. The Saturday event will can have H a.m. writh 3 p.m. Representations from Manny's Manage will be personed to collect one-periolable hod items have attended that when as designs.

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'R's more about getting a good service for children and hand do nations for Master's Manna," Garrthe said.

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will feature a "touch a truck" fire truck, a craft-making area, snacks and hot chocolate.

Each person participating will register and receive a ticket number. Children will have access to the radio room and see how it works. In the general reception area, snacks and activities will be provided while children wait for their number to be called. A radio trailer will be used to allow them to have a one-on-one conversation with Santa. Afterward, children will get a certificate saying that they spoke with Santa.

Wallingford Health Director Stephen Civitelli said guests will learn more about the emergency response team and other departments while engaging in the holiday activity.

"It gives us an opportunity to let people know what services we offer," Civitelli said.

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