

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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## **Quick and easy access to budget information:**

In preparation of the upcoming budget cycle, the Town has created a Budget Information web site in which visitors can view all budget-related documents in one place. The web page contains fiscal year 2009-2010 documents as well as annual budgets for the past two years, information on the capital improvement program and other financial information. The link to this web site is on the town's home page called "BUDGET INFORMATION."

**Mind the pennies and the dollars add up:** The Police Department has instituted a policy of rotating its two Community Relations officers back into patrol on Wednesdays which are early dismissal days at the public schools. This measure has saved the department \$4000 in overtime assignments since September 2008. Beginning February 1, Training Division officers will also rotate into patrol when there are no in-service classes.

**On-line land record system becomes operational:** A representative from COTT Systems will be at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide training and assistance to customers/residents who will be using the Town's new on-line land record system. Some of the features of this new system include:

- A fully integrated land records management system dedicated to cashiering, indexing, imaging, archiving and retrieving of documents.
- Seamless processing of electronic documents in the same familiar fashion as traditional over-the-counter documents.
- Up-to-the-minute retrieval of documents via the Town's intranet.
- Within the next 90 days, the system will be available via the internet which will expand the Town Clerk's office hours to 24/7/365

by allowing customers to search records anytime, anywhere.

**Town Clerk's Office opens Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> :** Due to the Feb. 12 and 16<sup>th</sup> holiday closings of Town Hall, the Town Clerk's Office will be open on Friday, February 13th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for the convenience of the public. The office is typically closed on Fridays.

**U.S. Census gets ready for the 2010 count:** The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) is recruiting for temporary part-time census jobs for the 2010 Census. Testing for these jobs will take place at the Noah Webster Library on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on February 9, 23, and March 2, 16, 23, 30. Testing will also take place at the Faxon Branch Library on Thursday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m. Call 860-768-9111 to register. Census jobs are good for retirees, college students, or anyone who wants to earn extra money.

**Surplus items auctioned off:** The Town is now auctioning surplus equipment with Public Surplus, an online auction site. Any person may bid on these items. [Here is the link to our current items.](#) New equipment is added to the web site as it becomes available.

**Watch WHC-TV shows on line:** Viewers of West Hartford Community Television, which telecasts on Comcast Cable channels 5, 95 and 96, may now watch local programming: on-line at [www.whctv.org](http://www.whctv.org)! To view the live web stream on your computer, simply go to the website and click on the PLAY button at the top left corner. In addition to live shows, viewers may also choose from a list of past meetings and shows and watch the video on demand. The upgrade in technology was made possible through donations from private citizens.

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