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## President's Message:



Spring is almost here after a long and hard winter.

We are having our annual Awards Banquet at Chuck's Steakhouse on April 13. Thanks to Dan Minnick and Pam Pearl for organizing this. We hope to have a great turnout.

As usual volunteers are needed for all our events, including handling class, health clinic and the August show. Our September show has been put on hold this year as Ox Ridge is not holding their show this year and it didn't make sense to have our show on Friday, no show on Saturday and the Sunday show at a different location. We will be able to resume the September show in 2012 per AKC Event Planning.

If you have any desire to volunteer at our events, please don't hesitate to contact any committee chair or me by email ([helene@banstockbullmastiffs.com](mailto:helene@banstockbullmastiffs.com)) or call me at 203.426.8194. Suggestions are always welcome.

*Helene*



### Membership Chairman Report from Diane Taylor

Please welcome the following  
new members:

**Susan Begasse**  
Bethlehem, CT

**Sharon Lyons**  
Pleasant Valley, NY

**Adam & Lynn Meyers**  
(family), daughters: **Alyssa,**  
**Danielle, Rachel, Lindsay,**  
**Katelyn**  
Southbury, CT

*Applying members must have participated in at least four Newtown Kennel Club activities, such as attending general meetings, working at matches, handling classes, shows, etc.*

## Newtown Kennel Club 2011 Calendar of Events

- April 13      General meeting  
and Awards Banquet  
Chuck's Steakhouse  
Danbury
  
- July 20      General meeting  
Repro vet speaker
  
- July 24      Health Clinic  
Bethel Village Square  
Animal Hospital
  
- August 17    General meeting  
Pre-show dinner
  
- August 27    NKC show  
W Springfield, MA
  
- October 8    Match (Jan Angrave,  
match chair)  
Extension Center  
Bethel, CT  
CGC sponsored by Ox  
Ridge KC
  
- November 16    General Meeting  
Nomination from floor
  
- December 21    General meeting and  
Holiday dinner

*Board meetings are held on the first  
Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at  
the Edmond Town Hall, Mary Hawley Room.*



**General Meeting &  
Awards Banquet**

**April 13**

**6:30 cocktails  
7:00 dinner**



**Chuck's Steakhouse**

**20 Segar Street  
Danbury**

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*To confirm attendance*



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**Frostbite occurs in humans but is rare in animals. That's because the human body diverts blood from hands and feet to protect its inner organs, according to Rosen's Emergency Medicine. Decreased blood flow means those tissues freeze easily.**





Health Clinic Special Report  
Microchip  
CERF  
Cardiac  
Thyroid  
Heartworm Testing

Mark Your Calendars  
July 24  
Bethel Village Square  
Animal Hospital

Contact Fran Paulin at  
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or Jan Purdy at  
[redgsmd@snet.net](mailto:redgsmd@snet.net) for  
more info or to volunteer.



### Breed Handling:

Classes resumed January 4 at  
Edmond Town Hall, Route 25,  
Newtown on Tuesdays at 7:15pm  
and 8:00pm

*Rabies certificate required  
No dogs under 16 weeks allowed!!*

### Volunteers Needed!!!

*Please remember one of the  
benefits of NKC membership is  
handling class ... please volunteer  
to teach a class. Jan will have  
a sign up sheet at the classes.  
or please contact Jan Purdy at  
[redgsmd@snet.net](mailto:redgsmd@snet.net) to schedule a  
date to instruct the class.*

**Non-Member's Fee: Now \$6.00**



Obedience Classes are  
also available.  
Please contact: Debbie  
Heckman at 740.7679  
for more info. There  
is a minimal charge for  
Newtown KC members  
for the classes.



## **From the Newtown Bee**

### **Two Police Resign Posts Amid Criminal Probe**

**2/10/2011**

Police this week disclosed the letters of resignation through which two town police officers, who are under investigation for possible criminal wrongdoing, have resigned their posts.

The Police Commission on February 2 accepted the resignations of Sergeant Domenic Costello, 33, and Patrol Officer Andrew Stinson, 34.

The criminal probe into the two men's activities is being conducted by Danbury police on behalf of Newtown police.

That probe comes in connection with a "significant" but unspecified amount of money that was discovered to be missing from the Newtown Police Union's financial accounts. Stinson and Costello formerly served as the police union's president and treasurer, respectively.

In his January 25 letter of resignation, Stinson expresses "great sadness and regret" at his resigning his post effective February 2.

Stinson expresses sadness that his law enforcement work has come to an end, adding that he wishes there was some way he could remain a police officer, but realizes that it is not possible.

In his succinct January 18 resignation letter, Costello states that his resignation is effective on January 21.

In their letters, neither man states why he is resigning.

Both men had been on paid administrative leave from the police department since mid-October.

Police Chief Michael Kehoe said that neither man had reached the stage of pension vesting, so they will not receive pensions from the town. They will, however, receive the funds that they have contributed toward their pensions, the police chief said.

Both Stinson and Costello have had prominent roles at the police department. Stinson joined the police department in July 2001. As the police department's dog handler, he often demonstrated German shepherd Baro's skills to various community groups. The policeman received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Connecticut State University in 1998.

Costello became a town police officer in October 2003. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in May 2009. A former school resource officer, Costello conducted the police department's Citizen Police Academy program. He holds a law degree.

Both men have obtained legal representation.

## **Two former Newtown officers charged with stealing union money**

### **Libor Janyand John Pirro, Staff Writer**

**Updated 11:11 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

DANBURY -- Two former Newtown police officers turned themselves in at Danbury police headquarters Wednesday for allegedly embezzling more than \$180,000 from their police union funds over the past three years, a department spokesperson said.

Andrew Stinson, 34, the former union president, and [Domenic Costello](#), 32, the treasurer, were the subjects of a criminal investigation the [Newtown Police Department](#) launched last year, officials said.

The investigation was subsequently handed over to Danbury detectives.

"I think it's a sad chapter in our agency," said Newtown Police Chief [Mike Kehoe](#). "We still have many, many great officers, and I think they are all saddened by this event."

Stinson and Costello were each charged with first-degree conspiracy to commit larceny and third-degree larceny, according to a statement Kehoe released.

Costello, a former sergeant and seven-year veteran of the force, was also charged with two counts of first-degree larceny and first-degree accessory to larceny.

Stinson, a nine-year veteran who served as the department's canine officer, also faces three counts of first-degree larceny and second-degree larceny for his alleged role in skimming money from the union treasury, officials said. Kehoe said he couldn't provide any details about how the money was allegedly taken.

"I got enough information (from Danbury police) to write a news release. That was our arrangement," he said.

Danbury Police Chief [Alan Baker](#) declined to comment, other than to say the matter had been turned over to the state's attorney's office.

The investigation was launched Oct. 15, when an initial audit of the union's records revealed what officials called "financial irregularities."

Stinson and Costello, who were both placed on paid administrative leave while the investigation unfolded, resigned earlier this year. Both men were both released on promises to appear March 25 at state [Superior Court](#) in Danbury, police said.

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## THE DOG SHOW WORLD

- If you love to talk about dogs, you're a know-it-all.
- If you don't talk about dogs, you know nothing.
- If you stop to chat at a show, you're a show-off.
- If you don't, success has gone to your head.
- If your dogs are at all the shows, you're not letting others in on the wins.
- If you're absent, you're afraid of the competition.
- If your dog wins, you know the judges.
- If you don't win, it's obvious your dog isn't quality.
- If you win and thank the judge, you're playing politics.
- If you win and don't thank the judge, you're rude.
- If you lose and congratulate the winner, you're a hypocrite.
- If you lose and don't say anything, you're a poor sport.
- If you've been breeding less than 20 years you're a newcomer.
- If you've been breeding for more than 20 years, you should get out of the way of the up-and-comers.
- If you use your own stud, you're kennel blind.
- If you go outside for stud services, you don't think much of your own breeding.
- If you sell most of your puppies, you're trying to flood the market.
- If you keep most of your puppies, they're not good enough to sell.
- If you keep your health testing up to date, you're admitting your lines are full of problems.
- If you don't check for every condition known to veterinary science, you're irresponsible and have no integrity.
- If you choose to mentor or offer 'free' advice, you're arrogant.
- And finally, if you keep your opinions and knowledge to yourself, you haven't learned anything.







Looking for volunteers and their respective breeds for an event at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk on June 4.

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## BooZoo's First Canine Carnival Weekend

BooZoo's First Canine Carnival Weekend, created by Stepping Stones Museum for Children, will bring together children and families, dog lovers and owners, for two days indoors and out at the museum celebrating man's best friend. BooZoo is the museum's canine mascot.

The Carnival, which will occur from 10 am to 5 pm on June 4 and 5, will feature an extensive array of entertainment, educational and participatory events. The Carnival will take place rain or shine in the museum and under a large tent.

Saturday, June 4, is reserved for dog lovers (no pets permitted) and will feature "The American Kennel Club Meet the Breeds" dog show with numerous experts demonstrating such activities as training, grooming, showing, performing, and dressing.

Sunday, June 5, is "Dog Parade" day for children and families to bring their dogs for an under-the-tent dog walk and judging, with prizes for the best walk, costume, trick and size. After the walk, children and families can pose with their dogs for caricaturists and photographers, see special demonstrations for health care, grooming and unusual dog tricks. Healthy snacks and plenty of water will be available. The North Shore Animal League will have its vehicle on site to provide adoption opportunities.

The museum's Celebration Courtyard will be the site of demonstrations and learning activities, and will also feature activities ranging from face-painting to dog art. A large 8,000 square-foot tent will be installed on the museum's grounds to host the "Meet the Breeds" and "Dog Parade" events on Saturday and Sunday. The tent and surrounding area will feature a wide array of vendors displaying the gamut of dog services and products for information and purchase related to veterinary care, grooming, nutrition, attire, pharmaceuticals, dental health, boarding, day care, even luxury goods!

Throughout the weekend, the museum's two learning Labs will be the sites for a range of entertaining and informative arts and crafts programming. The Multimedia Gallery will feature a variety of films about dogs.

Proceeds from BooZoo's First Canine Carnival Weekend—special admission, vendor fees and sponsorships—will support Stepping Stones early childhood learning through exhibits, educational programs and community outreach.