



What Do I know?

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This premier newsletter is an attempt to establish clear parameters, and ultimately many facts, around the scope of services provided by the Division of [Health](#) and [Veterans Services](#). [The Danvers Homepage](#), which held its kickoff in April 2017, dares visitors to “Ask Us Anything” and my gut is telling me that I need to prepare a response to residents intending to ask us anything by the means of a search engine.

So, let's start with a few notes on what I know about teams. Scholars have studied teams and synergy (the whole is greater than the sum of its parts) and I know that outcomes improve with the employment of a well-functioning team of dedicated employees. I also know that Danvers is fortunate to have a well-functioning team of dedicated employees. Finally, I will share everything I know about our intentions, our skill sets, and our contact information. It is our intention to build your trust through a worthy website for you to “Ask Us Anything”!

Mark Carleo is our environmental public health inspector. He is a [Registered Sanitarian](#) with a BS and is a full-time employee right here in Town Hall but spends much of his time in the field. His broad scope of work is defined under [Massachusetts General Law](#). You may count on a report specific to some of those tasks in the future but for now, it is

most important to know that he is a critical team member authorized to act on behalf of the [Danvers Board of Health](#). Assisting Mark with his many inspections, complaint investigations, and permitting functions is our part-time sanitarian, Melanie Dineen.

Judith Ryan is our public health nurse. She is a



Registered Nurse with an advanced nursing education, having earned her BSN, and is a full-time employee working directly out of the [Danvers Senior & Social Center](#).

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Prevent. Promote. Protect. Judith spends part of her day performing routine duties with the [Supportive Day Care Program](#). She is also directly responsible for managing [reportable diseases](#), representing the Danvers Board of Health in prevention and public health preparedness programs, and performing other associated duties required of her throughout the day. Examples of these programs and duties will be shared from this site soon with a recap of the 2016/2017 influenza season immediately forthcoming. I promise.

Jean Marcotti is our animal care specialist and [inspector of animals](#). She has received specialized training and has an AS degree specific to animal care. Jean works on a part-time basis mostly from her home and in the field but she receives calls 24/7 from this office or directly from the [Danvers Police Department](#). Jean also manages [Strays-in-Need](#) and plays a role in the management of our Canada Geese population, our doggie day care facilities and our barns too. But primarily, Jean is involved to some extent with any trouble caused by the 1,521 dogs licensed in Town as of today. As is the case with the other elements of our Public Health programs, you may count on more specific details in future newsletters.

Lisa Westrate is our social outreach worker with specialization in veterans' services, especially those benefits described in [Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws](#). Lisa is a full-time employee also working directly out of the Danvers Senior & Social Center. Lisa holds a BA degree and is a [SHINE Counselor](#). She is extremely well-versed in outreach programs to veterans but routinely assists in the management of services offered to seniors as well. She has been instrumental in the development of our veterans' affairs services to the point where Leanne Puleo had to be recruited and employed on a part-time basis to assist her.

I know that every team member described above has a sincere cause to help our community and a belief that they can make a positive difference in the lives of our residents, especially our resident veterans.

I know that this team is provided with training opportunities and other tools necessary to do the job.

I know that President Woodrow Wilson is credited with the quote, "We should not only use the brains we have, but all that we can borrow." And, I know we will dedicate our collective brains to help you navigate the Danvers Website – a website that dares you to "Ask Us Anything".

Now comes the most important question: Do you want to know more?

Visit us and Ask Us Anything.

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