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There's a lot to do in Windsor

Health Insurance

Charlie Wall & Mike Pepe – Health Department Sanitarians

The Town of Windsor's two Sanitarians, Charlie Wall and Mike Pepe, are responsible for inspecting the town's 143 food service establishments and more 100 temporary ones. Given the fact that between them, they have worked for the town for 42.5 years, let's just say that they really know what what's cooking in Windsor.

Charlie and Mike's work doesn't end with food service inspections. They are also very actively involved in housing code enforcement, septic systems, wells, drinking water protection and emergency planning for the town. They are in a very real way, Windsor's health insurance.

Charlie has worked for the town 38.5 years – since Milo Peck was Mayor and has been through it all: the tornado of '79, hurricane Gloria, numerous floods, H1N1, and an Amtrak train years ago that spit out sparks and set numerous fires all along the tracks through town.

"Health Director Charles Petrillo and I loaded an old converted army truck we had with water and drove it down the middle of the railroad track dousing the fires on both sides," Charlie said.

As you might expect, not everything these two do turns out quite that heroically. Mike remembers a mess he made of one restaurant kitchen inspection. "I was going to take the temperature of a giant pot of meat sauce and as I walked over to it, I slipped and ended up knocking the pot over and spilling it everywhere," he remembers.

Charlie counters with, "I was on an inspection and looking for a leak in the roof from inside the attic. I had to hop from one beam to the next and I missed and my feet and legs broke through the ceiling below. That was bad enough but the room my feet were dangling into was a bathroom and there was an elderly lady in there, shall we say, using the facilities."

Stop and say hello to these two Windsor employees when you see them around town. Their institutional knowledge of the health of our community will amaze you.

To learn more about the entire scope of services provided by Windsor's Health Department, visit townofwindsorct.com.

