

matter. In others, it's a zoning anti-bligh rule violation. But either way, the issue is considered something detrimental to property values.

"It's a quality-of-life issue," Wethersfield Town Manager Jeff Bridges said of the ordinance, which was passed unanimously in December 2010 by town council after much public conversation. It took effect in

about the ordinance on a police social media website this week. Many said they became aware of the ordinance just this past weekend, when police handed out more than 100 warnings to people about parking cars on grass.

It was a courtesy reminder by officers that the town doesn't allow parking on grass rule and will enforce that. Violations carry a

not many have been issued since the ordinance took effect. In January 2011, police issued a notice that as of Feb. 1, "grassed lawn areas may not be utilized for motor vehicle parking."

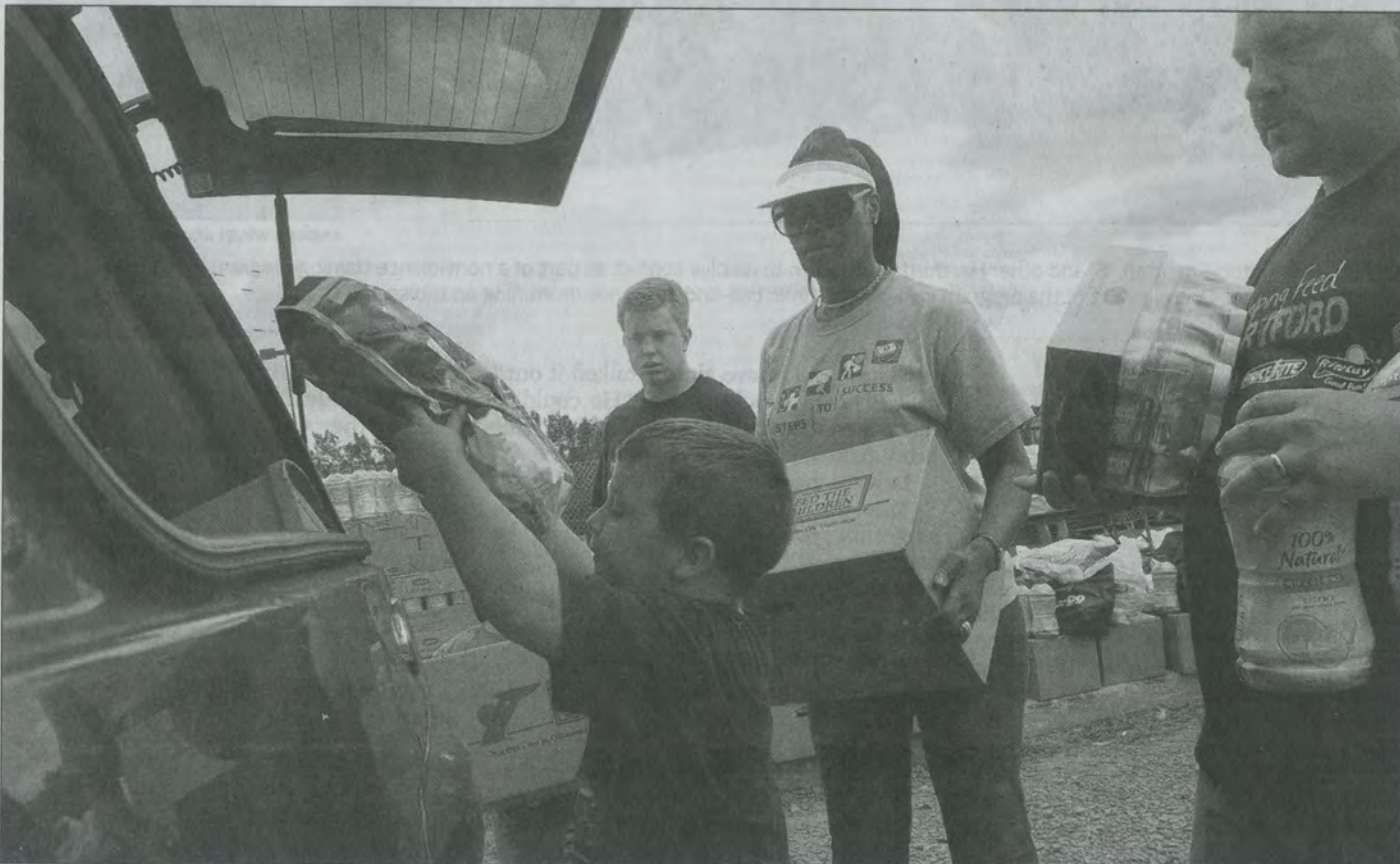
The same rule is enforced in neighboring towns, including Glastonbury and West Hartford. In Danbury, parking violations in front yards are handled by the city's Office of Neighborhood Assistance, which in 2010

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# HELPING HANDS FOR HUNGER

**NICK** Blanchette, 7, of Thompson, left, places food in the back of a car at the Comcast Theater in Hartford as part of a food distribution program that helped a reported 800 families from the area Wednesday. Feed The Children and PepsiCo joined forces with volunteers from Price Rite and the Community Renewal Team to load two tractor-trailers with essentials to help families.



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