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Whimsical Connecticut Town Provides Accurate Information for Voters Unlike Half of Our State's Real Municipalities

Nutmegton, CT – The whimsical town of Nutmegton, CT has updated its website in readiness for the November 8, 2016 election. Connecticut Citizen Election Audit volunteers provided the town with a simple, free website to show what is possible, without straining town budgets. The resulting website offers voters more comprehensive and accurate information than half the towns in Connecticut have provided for the last two November elections.

Unless great strides are made by Connecticut municipalities and registrars of voters, citizens turning to their local website are likely to be disappointed, because last year the Citizen Audit found:

- ▼ 42% don't even provide the date of the election.
- ▼ 67% don't answer "What is on the ballot?"
- ▼ 44% don't answer "Where do I vote?"
- ▼ 72% don't provide voter registration deadlines.
- ▼ 51% don't provide a link to to Online Registration and 28% don't provide a link to Online Registration or a Mail-In Registration Form.
- ▼ 85% don't provide voter ID information needed to vote.
- ▼ In 2015, 5 gave wrong election dates and 2 gave incorrect registration information.

Citizen Audit and Nutmegton spokesperson Luther Weeks said, "The towns are not legally obligated to provide voters with complete voting information. Yet voters should expect paid and sworn officials to provide clear, comprehensive, and accurate basic election information on municipal websites."

While the Secretary of the State's website provides comprehensive and accurate information, national studies show that voters first turn to their local websites.

The Nutmegton website can be viewed at: http://www.nutmegtonct.wordpress.com.

The non-partisan Connecticut Citizen Election Audit volunteer observers have audited elections and provided independent post-election audit reports since the adoption of optical scanners statewide in 2007. Our web studies and reports are available online at: http://www.CTElectionAudit.org.

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