

A brief history of the City of Ansonia

The City of Ansonia, located in New Haven County on the Naugatuck River, is in the lower Naugatuck Valley region. Its development as a village center started in the 1600s, and is the birthplace of American Revolutionary War colonel and diplomat David Humphreys. It was not until 1864 that Ansonia was incorporated as a town, and in 1893 re-incorporated as a city. Coining the nickname “Copper City,” Ansonia produced copper, brass, rubber and plastics among other manufacturing industries. It was the home of the well-known Ansonia Clock Company.

Ansonia’s industry has reduced significantly over recent decades, causing economic regression. Over the past decade, Ansonia has sought to expand and overcome these financial struggles by revitalizing Main Street. Part of the revitalization included the opening of major businesses such as Target and Big Y. Real-estate development in the “hilltop” area, as well as building a new public high school has also attributed to the recovery of Ansonia. The City of Ansonia has an approximate population of 19,000 residents within an area under six square miles.

City Government

The positions of Mayor and representatives on the Board of Aldermen are elected positions in the City of Ansonia. The Mayor is elected by popular vote of residents of the City. The members of the Board of Aldermen are elected by the district that they represent. Each district of the seven districts elects two (2) Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen and Mayor is the legislative body of the City of Ansonia, Connecticut. This Board consists of a Mayor and fourteen Aldermen. As the governing body, the Board of Aldermen (BOA) and Mayor set law and policies for the City. David S. Cassetti was officially sworn-in as the 29th Mayor of Ansonia on December 2, 2013.