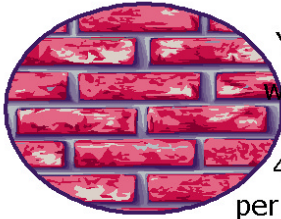




A meeting was held with Jim Nemec, Director of Parks and Mark Pronovost, City Engineer regarding the status of the park. The funding is in place, a contractor has been picked and the paperwork is being approved by the Corporation Counsel's office. In the meeting there was a list of 33 items that we thought needed to be addressed and it was gone over point by point and all items will be included in Phase II. The walking path will be widened and paved; the basketball court; spray pool; gazebo and entrance element will also be installed. We requested that trees be planted around the playscape in order to provide some shade because complaints have been raised that the equipment gets too hot to use during the middle of the day. A new park sign has been ordered along with litter signs. We have also purchased six dog waste stations that will be placed at each entrance and along the back side of the walking path to help remind those with pets to clean up after their pets. We were told that work on the park should start by September 11, 2008 and should be completed by the Spring of 2009. Let's keep our fingers crossed that next Spring we will be holding a "Grand Opening" ceremony.



The flower flag on the dam was planted once again and is in full bloom. Many comments have been made that it is the best flag to date. We spent roughly \$350 on flowers and it took the volunteers about four hours to plant the flowers and to put up the fencing to keep our geese friends from eating the flowers. We would like to thank Bill Burnes and Ned Mencio for taking on the task of watering the flowers this summer. We also have this spot as an Adopt-A-Spot with the city and members go down and remove the trash that people throw out of their car windows. We also maintain the sign at Wendell Cross Elementary School and our meeting sign at the bottom of the hill. Bob Perigard has taken on the task of cleaning around both areas and making sure the flowers have enough water and are weed free. We would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time to plant the flowers and maintain them. It is important that we preserve this city landmark which was featured in Ken Burn's documentary entitled the "War". It was the last scene in the documentary and many people have watched the documentary and it has brought back many memories to members of the "Greatest Generation".



You may still purchase a brick which will be placed in the walkway leading up to the flag pole in the park. The prices for the bricks are a 4x8 brick for \$50 and an 8x8 brick for \$100. A 4x8 brick may contain a 3 line maximum with 13 spaces/letters per line. A 8x8 brick may contain a 6 line maximum with 13 spaces/letters per line. Any symbol is considered one space (period, space, comma, dash) and all text is centered unless otherwise noted. If you need more information or would like to request a brick form please call Nancy Ptak at 754 9311 or Debbie Langdon at 756 0749. Please think about purchasing a brick in memory of a loved one or for your own family.



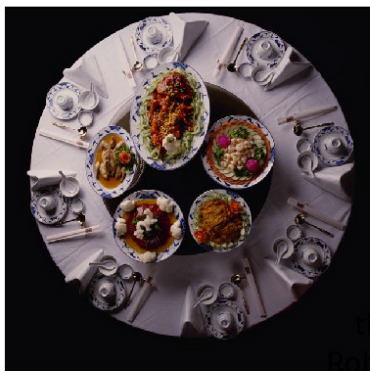
Our annual Christmas tree lighting with a visit from Santa Claus will be held on Sunday, December 7th starting at 5:30pm at the Christmas tree located at the East Mountain Golf Course. There will be cookies, treats and hot chocolate following the tree lighting while the children visit with Santa Claus at the 19th Hole Cafe. We also ask that everyone bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to the local area food banks.



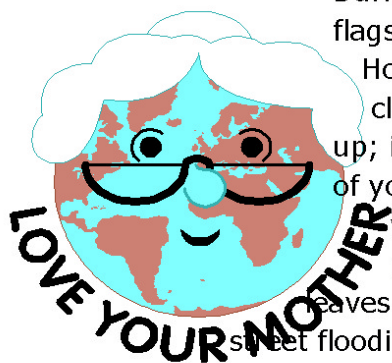
Please keep the following dates open for the 2008 - 2009 meeting season. All meetings start at 7:00pm in the Cedars Hall of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Refreshments are served at each meeting.

September 17th
October 15th
November 12th (Date change due to church function)
December 17th
January 21st
February 18th
March 16th
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for the meetings please feel free to give us a call. You can also get the dates from the sign located near the Valero station.



On June 18th, The East Mountain Neighborhood Association held its first recognition dinner. The purpose was two fold which was to award our yearly scholarship to a qualified high school Senior who lives in East Mountain and to honor some of the people who work tirelessly for the betterment of our neighborhood. The scholarship award winner this year is Hillary Siddons. The individuals who were recognized for their efforts for the neighborhood were Jean Guisto; Teri Billard; Larry Davino and Michael Ptak. The event was an overwhelming success with more than 170 attendees. Many thanks to those who worked unselfishly to make the event memorable and to all of those who came out and showed their support by attending. We look forward to making this an annual event to honor those members for their volunteerism and our scholarship award winner.



During our drive through the neighborhood inspecting the flags we noticed that our neighborhood is relatively clean. However we can still do more to keep our neighborhood cleaner. If you see litter in your front yard please pick it up; if you have weeds growing along the sidewalk in front of your house, please take the time to pull them out and your property will look better. If you have a catch basin near your house please keep it clean from litter and leaves so that the water may flow freely and not cause any street flooding. We should also remember that with the winter months fast approaching we need to keep fire hydrants in front of our houses or near them free of snow and ice. You may never know when it may be needed to save your house. We all need to do our little part to keep our yards clean and litter free. Please remember to make sure your house numbers are installed and that they are visible so that emergency personnel can find your house. Please keep in mind that if you advertise a tag sale with signs on telephone poles to remove them once the tag sale is over. If you do not, you may be subject to a \$219 fine for littering.



We would like to thank the city for the paving that was done in East Mountain this year. All of the "Rocks" on the East side of Route 69 were done and there is a noticeable difference. We will keep you informed of any additional streets that will be paved this year or when we find out about next years paving schedule.



Please note that according to the Association by-laws we will be selecting a new Vice-President and Treasurer this year. If you are interested in filling one of these positions please come to the September meeting and submit your name. A nominating committee will be formed at the September meeting and those who are interested in serving in either position will be contacted and interviewed by the committee. We are looking for new faces to serve in these positions.

The Association is looking for a volunteer to help in maintaining our web site; www.EastmountainCT.com. The web site helps us to keep all of our neighbors informed about what is going on. Minutes from the past meetings are posted and various news articles and notices need to be posted to the web site.

Anyone interested in helping out should have an understanding of web page layout and basic web page formatting. Our format is very simple but new ideas are always welcome. If you are interested in helping out please call Tony Loechner at 596 1664.

As you may know, a developer has proposed building 72 single family homes on the property located off Route 69 behind Bateswood Road and the Pond Place medical building. The Association has spoken in favor of this development because it is single family homes. We did, however, ask the Planning Commission that the original buffer zone which was proposed for the Pond Place development be re-established so that the residents who live on Bateswood Road will be able to keep the privacy that they have enjoyed over the many years.

We realize that we do not live in a perfect world and that someday that property will be developed as building property in Waterbury is getting scarce. We would like to make sure that if it is what goes in there will be line with the character of our existing neighborhood. That was the stance that we took with the Paulmar property on lower Route 69, if he came in and proposed building single family homes we would have supported him also. We hope the Planning Commision will listen to our proposal and act accordingly.

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YES, I want to help my neighborhood!
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**East Mountain Neighborhood Association
2008-2009 Membership Form**

Dues are \$10 for the period September 2008 - June 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(To receive meeting minutes)

Checks should be made payable to EMNA and mailed in the enclosed envelope to Jean Guisto; 31 Brackenridge Drive, Waterbury, CT 06706
Please include this form with your check.

We look forward to your support!

We would like to thank John Gonski and the staff at People's United bank located at 410 Reidville Drive for helping up save on copying costs for this newsletter.