

**EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**2010 – 2011**

**website:** [www.eastmountainct.com](http://www.eastmountainct.com)

Dear Friend & Neighbors:

We are entering our 10<sup>th</sup> year since the Association was re-organized. In this time many things have been accomplished to make our neighborhood a place we all can be proud of. We have seen the complete renovation of our neighborhood park; defeated the proposed 92 unit condominium development on Hamilton Avenue; gave rebirth to a long time neighborhood tradition since the mid 1940's by bringing back the flag and letters on the reservoir dam; given out 8 grants to outstanding neighborhood high school seniors; have close to 160 flags flying on our lighted telephone poles and the list goes on.

We are not a political organization and do not publicly support any party or elected official. This Association is here to do the projects in our neighborhood to help improve our quality of life and to give our neighborhood a well respected voice within the city. We realize that times are tough with the economy and many families are struggling. However, we do ask that you take the time and fill out the enclosed membership form and send in your membership dues. With your support, we will be able to continue with the projects that make our neighborhood stand out within the city.

Sincerely,

Michael Ptak  
President

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

(Please Print)

*2010-2011 Dues are \$10 per Household September to June*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Checks Payable: East Mountain Neighborhood Association (EMNA)  
c/o Jean Guisto, Treasurer  
31 Brackenridge Drive  
Waterbury, CT 06706

**Thank you for your dues and continued support and hope to see you  
at one of our monthly meetings!**

**Park Update:** The electricity to the Memorial Circle and the gazebo has been installed and the light for the flagpole has been connected. The flag will be flying day and night weather permitting. The bleachers have been installed, work is progressing on the additional walking path benches and trash cans and also the playground area for the smaller children. The work should be completed within the next two weeks. The park is being enjoyed by many residents and we are happy to say that it has been kept relatively clean, and so far, has survived no acts of real vandalism.

Even though the flag at the park is lit 24/7, volunteers are still needed on a weekly basis in case the flag needs to be lowered to half staff, or if there is a pending storm and the flag should need to be removed. Anyone interested in taking a week please call Mike Ptak at 203 754-9311.

**Movie Night:** With the help of the Arts and Tourism Commission of Waterbury, the Association sponsored one of the city's first outdoor movie nights on August 13<sup>th</sup> with the presentation of the animated Walt Disney feature "UP" at the East Mountain Park. Frankie's Hot Dog's was there selling refreshments and moviegoers brought their own favorite snacks. Chairs, blankets and even couch cushions were spread out on the back baseball field as 150 neighbors settled in to enjoy a clear, cool, starry night and a great movie. With the approval of the Association and the Arts and Tourism Commission of Waterbury, we hope to hold more family movie nights next year as this one turned out to be a huge success.

**East Mountain Grant:** This year's grant of \$750 was awarded to Michael DaSilva who lives with his family on Bateswood Road. Michael graduated from Kennedy High School and will be attending Boston College. Michael along with his brother started a foundation to help residents in New Orleans recover from the Katrina hurricane. We wish Michael well in his studies and future and are glad we could help him in a small way towards achieving his goals.

**Street Paving:** The residents of Rockledge Drive would like to thank the city for paving their streets. Hopefully the water problem on Rockledge of ice build up in the winter has been fixed and we will continue to monitor the ice situation on Hamilton Avenue and bring it to the city's attention.

**Flags:** So far this year we have replaced close to 33 flags which you see flying from the telephone poles here in our neighborhood. As you know, the wind up here on the mountain can have an effect on the flags. Many were torn, faded and needed to be replaced. Any flags which are removed are folded, stored and then given to the members of the VFW on Baldwin Street for the proper retirement. If you see a flag in need of replacement please feel free to give us a call so that it can be taken care of promptly.

**Last Chance for 2010 Bricks:** Final orders for engraved bricks to be installed in the Memorial Circle at East Mountain Park will be accepted until September 30<sup>th</sup>. All orders received by September 30<sup>th</sup> will be installed in November. Orders will continue to be taken year round but any orders received after September 30<sup>th</sup> will not be installed until late spring of 2011.

This is a nice way to remember a loved one or simply recognize your family as a resident of East Mountain and a supporter of the East Mountain Neighborhood Association. Bricks may be purchased by anyone, from anywhere, so pass the information along to friends and relatives. Proceeds from brick sales help support our \$750.00 grant to an East Mountain graduating resident high school senior, purchase plants and flowers for the park, as well as replacement flags for our neighborhood streets.

Please visit our website and click on the bricks for an order form and more information, or contact Nancy Ptak at 203 754-9311 or any of the officers of the Association.

**East Mountain Veterans:** We are looking for any East Mountain residents who are presently serving in the military or who have served in the past two years so that we can acknowledge their service in our Neighborhood Association scrapbook. Please contact Jan or Bob Perigard at 203 753-2575 with their information.

**Spirit of Waterbury:** The Spirit of Waterbury Fall Festival on the Waterbury Green will be held on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone is interested in marching in the parade to represent our neighborhood, please call Mike Ptak at 203 754-9311. With the approval of the Association members, we will again have a booth on the green and be passing out free apples to those attending the event. Many residents who stopped by our booth last year enjoyed the fresh apples that were handed out and looking at our albums of the history of our Association.

**2010 Christmas Tree Lighting:** This years' Christmas tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas tree in front of the East Mountain Golf Course club house starting with the arrival of Santa Claus at 5:30pm. Santa will again read and pass out popcorn balls and candy canes to the children and be available for pictures. Hot chocolate, coffee and other refreshments will also be served in the club house after the Christmas tree is lit. Please come out and enjoy the evening.

These are just a few of the updates for this year. Please remember that this is all supported by your membership dues. If you have a concern on your street or see something in the park or neighborhood that needs to be addressed, please, go to the website and e-mail any of the officers with your concerns and we will try and get the situation corrected. Thank you again for your support.

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