

**EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**2011 – 2012**

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

Dear Friend & Neighbors:

We are entering our 11<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 9 grants to outstanding neighborhood high school seniors; have 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)

*2011-2012 Dues are \$10 per Household - September to June*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make Check Payable: East Mountain Neighborhood Association (EMNA)  
c/o Evelyn Carrah, Treasurer  
67 Brackenridge Drive  
Waterbury, CT 06706

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

**2011 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 is available for pictures. Hot chocolate, coffee and other refreshments will also be served in the clubhouse after the Christmas tree is lit. Please come out and enjoy the evening.

**Flower Flag at the Dam:** You will be seeing a new addition to the neighborhood starting in late September. This year we had a problem with the flowers on the dam in the flower flag. The weeds grew better than the flowers did. So we have decided to replace the flag made out of flowers with one made out of painted pavers. I know some of you will say it is not the same but those who came and planted are not getting any younger and at the end of the day many were sore from all of their hard work and safety of those that did work on the bank has become an issue. Over the summer volunteers have painted an estimated 406 pavers in red, white and blue. Recently we received a stencil from Watterworth Signs and traced out the stars and hand painted all 50 of them. We are looking to take out the old frame and start work on getting the new one in on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and hopefully if everything goes right finish it all on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please check out our web site at [www.eastmountainct.com](http://www.eastmountainct.com) for additional information if you would like to help out.

**Meeting Dates for the 2011 – 2012 Year are as Follows:**

September 21 <sup>st</sup>	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	June 20 <sup>th</sup>
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	

All meetings are held in the Cedars Hall of Our Lady of Lebanon Church located on East Mountain Road starting at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month except for July and August. Refreshments are served. Meeting dates may be changed due to a conflict with church events, if so, the new date will be posted on the sign at the bottom of the hill and on our web site.

**Purchase a Brick:** Attached is an order form for you to order a brick to be installed in the Memorial Circle at the base of the flagpole in the park. All proceeds go to the Association and are used in neighborhood projects. We are behind in installing some of the bricks ordered because the individual who does the engraving has had serious health issues this year. Rest assured that if you purchased a brick it will be installed as soon as possible and we thank you for your patience.

**Neighborhood Litter:** Please take the time to pick up any litter that may have blown into your yard or is caught in the catch basin near your house. With winter coming sooner than we would like, remember to clear the snow from the fire hydrant near your house, you never know when you may have to use it and when a house is burning every second counts.

**Flags:** You will have noticed that all of the flags were taken down early this year due to Hurricane Irene. Some of the earlier weather reports indicated that the track of the storm would be coming right up the Naugatuck Valley and high winds and heavy rain was predicted. We decided that the prudent thing to do would be to take the flags down early to save them from getting damaged by the heavy winds. As we all know now the storm for us up here on the mountain was not as bad as predicted. We decided to take them down and not put them back up only to have to take them down again come November 15<sup>th</sup>. As it was we replaced close to twenty-five flags from our stock of flags and at this time we only have one replacement flag left. We will be ordering another twenty-five flags this year in December before the annual increase at our provider goes into affect. Rest assured that all of the brackets, poles and flags are made here in the United States.

**East Mountain Park:** The park is looking good. We have had to remove some case of graffiti but luckily we have not had to deal with much of it at all as some other parks do. One of the biggest things we have had to do is to remove some dead geese that have been found on the walking path. We believe that when they go to take off they do not realize that the fence is there and end up flying into it and harming themselves. The irrigation system has not worked all year and remains an issue. Park officials have told us that there is a problem with the control panel and that they are waiting on the replacement parts to come in. Luckily with all of the rain we have had the grass did not burn out. We would like to thank those that take the time during their morning walks to clean up the litter that has been left there. Most of the park is clean but one of the problem areas is around the basketball courts because of left empty water bottles. Again kudos to those that litter pick every morning. By doing so our park always looks clean.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Movie Night:** We had our second outdoor movie night and we had one small hitch were the movie stopped in the middle but we had another movie available and we showed that. Attendance was down some because of our canceling the first date and rain date because of the chance of rain that never happened. We would like to do another night and make it a movie that adults can enjoy and will pick one of the old classics that can be seen on AMC or TCM. So stay tuned.

These are just a few of the updates for this year. Please remember that your membership dues support all this. 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. The Association is here to make the quality of life on the mountain better and to do that we need your support and input to accomplish our mission. Thank you again for your support and please stop by one of our meetings and check us out.