

# East Mountain News

East Mountain Neighborhood Assn. Waterbury, CT

Check our website: [www.EastmountainCT.com](http://www.EastmountainCT.com)

EMNA meets 3rd Wednesday of each month except July and August at Our Lady of Lebanon Church 7:00 PM

**September 2016**

## East Mountain Neighborhood Association

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### 2016-2017 Meeting Dates

Sept. 21  
Oct. 19  
Nov. 16  
Dec. 4 Tree Lighting  
Dec. 21 Christmas Social/Pot Luck  
Jan. 18  
Feb. 15  
Mar. 15  
Apr. 19  
May 17  
June 21 End of the Year Social

### Meeting Cancellations

**The E.M.N.A. will follow the Waterbury School notices for that meeting day. If you have any questions, contact any E.M.N.A. officer.**

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

#### Emergency:

Fire-Police-Medical 911  
Education Dept. 203-574-8000  
Library 203-574-8200  
Mayor's Office 203-574-6712  
Police Community Relations 203-574-6962  
Public Works 203-574-6851  
Parks Dept 203-574-6793  
Refuse Dept 203-574-6857  
Water Dept 203-574-8251  
DMV 1-800-842-8222  
Do Not Call List 1-888-382-1222  
St. Rep. Selim Noujaim 203-591-9190  
Hartford Office 1-800-842-1423  
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Alderman Stephanie Cummings 203-695-2038

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the new season ahead of us! It is my pleasure to be taking on the position of President for the East Mountain Neighborhood Association (EMNA). I would like to sincerely thank Bob Perigard, our past president, for his dedication and commitment to our community over the past five years. His direction and enthusiasm, along with many volunteers, has made a positive impact on our neighborhood.

I have lived in East Mountain for 34 years and have been a member of EMNA since its resurrection in 2001. We have accomplished quite a bit over the past 15 years, which has led to East Mountain Park's renovation, a successful Block Watch Program, an educational grant for our high school students, defeating a condo development proposal and instituting the flag program for the beautification of our neighborhood. Without the EMNA, none of these initiatives would have been possible.

I am reaching out to you, in hopes that you will join us as an EMNA member, or continue to support our Association with a \$15 annual membership. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the hall at Lady of Lebanon Church at 7pm. Our meetings focus on keeping our neighborhood safe and maintaining our quality of life.

As many of you are aware, there is a new commercial building proposal for a site behind Split Rock Drive, which is a serious threat to our neighborhood. I hope that you will attend our first meeting on Wednesday, September 21st to increase your knowledge about the issue, meet your neighbors, and help strengthen our community. There is strength in numbers and together we can accomplish great things!

Your Neighbor,

Mike Stere, President

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Please join us at our monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Our annual membership fee is \$15.00 per household. Let your voice be heard with your thoughts and ideas. Renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Help keep East Mountain the best place to live in Waterbury.

## **EAST MOUNTAIN PARK MEMORIAL CIRCLE**

The Memorial Circle surrounding our flagpole in the park is made up of engraved bricks. These bricks memorialize and honor a loved one who has passed away or keep a family name forever in our minds. Being a public park this invitation is open to everyone. Please consider purchasing a brick. All funds raised help to maintain the Memorial Circle as well as the letters and flag on the dam. Brick forms may be found on our website: [www.EastmountainCT.com](http://www.EastmountainCT.com)

## **HARRY NORTHROP MEMORIAL GRANT**

Congratulations to Drew DaSilva who is the 2016 recipient of this year's Harry Northrop Memorial Grant. Check out more information about Drew on our website!

## **BOOK DRIVE**

The Waterbury Reads Gently Used Children's Book drive has continued to expand through 2015-2016. Since its inception in July 2014, the book drive has collected over 32,000 books for Waterbury children! The books are donated by individuals and through organized drives at Waterbury region companies such as Timex and O&G.

Waterbury Reads is also proud to announce our expansion through the acquisition of a 16 foot trailer that will become our Free Rolling Book Store! The Free Rolling Book Store will allow for more books to be given to Waterbury children. This expansion could not have happened without the remarkable generosity of MacDermid Performance Solution.

The book drive provides books to Waterbury children and targeted communities with the mission of increasing literacy proficiency and children. Children who do not have access to books in their households often recognize 30 million words less than children who have ready access to books at home. Donating new or gently used children's books is an easy way to greatly improve a child's life and chances of success as they grow.

The book drive looks for books that are appropriate for children 18 and younger. Some of the more popular titles are Dr. Seuss, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Harry Potter, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Madeline, etc. The book drive does not accept text books or periodicals.

To donate please contact Stephanie Cummings at 203-574-5233 or [alderwomancummings@waterburyct.org](mailto:alderwomancummings@waterburyct.org) to schedule a pick-up.

## **Recycling & Money in Waterbury: Burn It or Earn it**

-CJ May, Recycling Coordinator

As Waterbury's new recycling coordinator I am delighted to share some important information about recycling in the Brass City. I will also share some changes being made to the program, and the power each citizen has to make a big difference in the City's financial and environmental footprint.

The most basic point to make is that Waterbury gets paid for, and saves for, every ton of mixed cans, bottles, paper and cardboard it recycles. Although we only receive \$4.25 per ton recycled, we save \$62.35 additionally by avoiding the disposal of this same material as trash in the incinerator in Bristol. Total for earnings plus savings recycled: \$66.60 per ton. Every time you recycle, you save tax payer dollars. We literally have a choice with our money: we can burn it or earn it.

Another more challenging truth is that Waterbury's recycling rate is very low. Perhaps 10% of our overall discarded material gets recycled and saves money. Given that the national average recycling rate is roughly 35%, the Brass City has tremendous room for improvement. Although this means we have a long way to go it also means we can all contribute to saving our City substantial money as we recycle more.

To ensure we recycle as much as possible, Public Works is working hard on several innovative programs. As an environmental magician, I use magic performances and presentations to educate the public by visiting schools, festivals, block parties, neighborhood associations and other gatherings. Please contact me if you would like me to perform or present for you organization. By educating the public, and delivering more orange recycling bins, we are getting more residents to make the "magic" of recycling happen. We also provide updates on programs via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling](http://www.facebook.com/waterburyrecycling)) and Twitter (@BrassCityRecycl).

The biggest change in the works is the switch from our small orange curbside bins to large curbside recycling carts, likely in 2017. These new carts will be the same size as the current blue trash carts. This change will allow households to more easily recycle larger items, such as cardboard boxes. It will also make it easier for large households to recycle larger volumes. Plans proceed in step with Closed Loop Fund, a non-profit partner which will provide a zero interest loan for the purchase of 32,000 carts and several recycling trucks. Savings from the increased recycling will go to the zero interest loan until it is paid off, avoiding the need for tax payer dollars. After that, Waterbury will enjoy the financial, as well as environmental benefits, of recycling every can, bottle, piece of paper and cardboard box.

CJ May can be reached at 203-574-6851 x 7637 and [cmay@waterburyct.org](mailto:cmay@waterburyct.org)

## **“TARGET HARDENING” – A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER MATT LEMOS**

East Mountain Neighbors,

I have had the distinct pleasure to serve in the East Mountain neighborhood for the past 3 years. In the years I have seen how committed neighbors are to each other for the betterment of the neighborhood. There has been a noticeable increase in the involvement at the neighborhood association meetings and working with the police department in a collaborative effort in crime prevention and strengthening an already strong, positive relationship. We hope to continue on that progress throughout the next year and beyond.

I have had the privilege of working at the Waterbury Police Department for the last 10 years and have had the opportunity to attend many additional training courses. Some of the training opportunities that the Police Department has provided to me, were two series of Crime Prevention Courses that were instructed by the U.S. Justice Department.

In these two courses I learned several different crime prevention methods but they all had the same principle, "target hardening." Target Hardening is making yourself or your property a harder target for a would be criminal looking for a crime of opportunity. Here are some reminders that can help target harden East Mountain.

### **To Target Harden Vehicles;**

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle: you would be surprised how often this happens, but individuals leave valuables in plain sight all the time. If you leave items in your car and they're visible, the chances your vehicle will get broken into greatly increase.
- Place items out of sight BEFORE reaching your destination: Someone may be watching when you put your valuables under a seat or in the trunk. Valuable items that thieves target are GPS Units, MP3 Players, laptops, tablets, cellphones, credit cards, money/change, packages, etc...
- Lock ALL of your vehicle's doors. This is even true if you plan on being gone for "just a second." Lock vehicle doors wherever it is parked, driveway, road or shopping center.
- Don't leave a trace: Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables "out of sight" in your vehicle.
- Don't leave spare keys within the vehicle.
- Alarms or anti-theft devices work: Thieves are usually looking for the "easiest" target. If your car has an alarm, don't make this common mistake: just because you have an alarm doesn't mean thieves won't break in if you have valuables in plain sight.

Almost all auto break-ins have something in common: there was something left in the car worth stealing. Most larcenies from vehicles are "crimes of opportunity" that could possibly be prevented by taken some preventative steps to make your vehicle a harder target.

### **How to Better Protect Your Home;**

- Make sure all of your exterior doors have good locks. (At least deadbolts with a minimum of one inch throw) • Always lock all doors when you leave, no matter for how long.
- Outside doors and their frames should be solid.
- Secure glass sliders with a bar and locks.
- Make sure that your windows have good locks and that you are using the locks.
- Trim bushes or trees that can conceal doors or windows. (These should be clearly visible at all times) • Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, do not hide under a door mat or in a flower pot.
- Keep a record of your property, such as serial numbers or distinctive features.
- Consider installing a home alarm system and placing alarm signs on your property.
- If you park your vehicle outside, never leave a garage door opener within that vehicle.
- Adequate exterior lighting is recommended, especially motion activated lights around entry ways to the home.

To report suspicious activity or to report a crime please call 203-574-6910 or 911 for emergencies. I can be reached at 203-574-6962 or [mlemos@wtbypd.org](mailto:mlemos@wtbypd.org) regarding any quality of life issues within the neighborhood. The purpose of providing these “target hardening” principles is to keep community members vigilant in crime prevention and keep these principles in the forefront of their minds to keep our neighborhoods safe and protected.

-Community Relations Officer, Matt Lemos

### EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

For the past three years I have served as the commander for the neighborhood watch program. The neighborhood watch program was formed by suggestions of police department community relations division. Our neighborhood consists of seven zones. Each zone has a block captain. The goal is to keep vigilant and when something arises in our neighborhood to disperse the information to all of our neighbors as quickly as possible via our email network. We have direct access to our community relations officer to help us with any serious problems. Some of us have attended the citizens service patrol course sponsored by the police department.

We serve as the eyes and ears of the police department. Anyone can become involved. There is comfort in knowing you are not alone when confronted with issues affecting your safety in our neighborhood. We have neighborhood watch signs at the entrances to our neighborhood. We also have neighborhood watch stickers to place in the windows of our homes. The long term goal of the neighborhood watch program is to keep the neighborhood safe and a nice place to live for years to come. We are very fortunate to have started our neighborhood watch program and have it take root while we are still a relatively safe neighborhood and we can thrive in a proactive environment.

-Bob McGovern

### EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH SECTIONS

Bateswood Road	Section 2		
Bracewood Road	Section 2	Mountain View Drive	Section 6a
Brackenridge Drive	Section 6a	Oakridge Road	Section 5
Butternut Ridge Road	Section 4	Peach Orchard Road (#16-#210)	Section 5
Calabro Avenue	Section 3	Peach Orchard Road (#223 –# 358)	Section 6a
Christian Hill Road	Section 7	Peach Orchard Road (#374-#452)	Section 7
Cottage Grove Lane	Section 4	Perazzini Rd (private)	Section 1
Dana Drive	Section 3	Pineridge Road	Section 5
Debisschop Lane (private)	Section 3	Piping Rock Drive	Section 1
Deering Lane	Section 7	Prattfield Drive	Section 4
East Mountain Road (#8-#247)	Section 5	Prospect Road (#456)	Section 1
East Mountain Road (#271-#472)	Section 6b	Prospect Road (#581-#783)	Section 2
Eastside Blvd	Section 7	Prospect Road (#100-#405)	Section 3
Farrell Road	Section 3	Purdy Road	Section 4
Fleetwood Drive	Section 5	Quarry Hill Road	Section 7
Fortuna Street	Section 3	Rockledge Drive	Section 4
Garassino Place (private)	Section 3	Roseanne Drive	Section 6b
Garwood Lane	Section 4	Saddle Rock Road	Section 1
Gateswood Circle	Section 3	Shadybrook Lane	Section 4
Gayfield Drive	Section 4	Skyline Drive	Section 6b
Glenrock Road	Section 2	Split Rock Drive	Section 1
Hamilton Avenue (#1503-#1587)	Section 2	Sprucedale Drive	Section 6a
Hamilton Avenue (#1062-#1442)	Section 3	Tanglewood Road	Section 6b
Harwood Road	Section 2	Terry Road	Section 2
High Rock Lane	Section 1	Westport Drive	Section 6b
		Woodedge Street	Section 3

**Community Relations Officer:**

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**Neighborhood Watch Commander:**

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**Neighborhood Watch Captains:**

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*Section 4* Bob McGovern – rjmcgovern@snet.net

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If you would like to receive E.M.N.A. information about any activity in the neighborhood as reported by our section captains , go to: [east.mountain.neighborhood.assn@gmail.com](mailto:east.mountain.neighborhood.assn@gmail.com) and include “new address” in the subject line. This will put you on our email list and keep you up to date.

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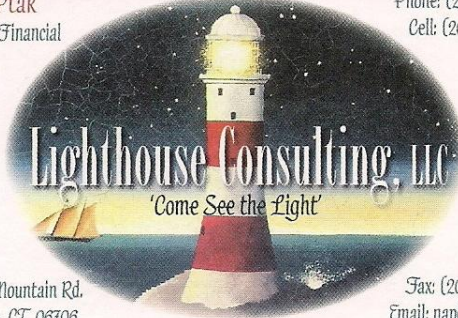
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