

East Mountain News

East Mountain Neighborhood Assn. Waterbury, CT

Check our website: www.EastmountainCT.com

EMNA meets 3rd Wednesday of each

month except July and August at

Our Lady of Lebanon Church 7:00 PM

September 2015

East Mountain Neighborhood Association

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2015-2016 Meeting Dates & Proposed Speakers

Sept. 16 Tom Brunnock-Judge of Probate
*Oct14 Open
Nov. 18 Mayor Neil O'Leary
Dec. 6 Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 16 Christmas Social – Pot Luck
Jan. 20 State Rep. Selim Noujaim
Feb. 17 Open
Mar. 16 Open
Apr. 20 Open
May 18 Open
June 15 End of Year Picnic
* Date Change

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Emergency:

Fire-Police-Medical 911
Building Dept. 203-574-6832
Education Dept. 203-574-8000
Citizen Service Center 203-597-3444
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
St. Sen. Joan Hartley 1-860-240-0006
St. Sen. Joe Markley 1-860-240-0381

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It's hard to believe that the E.M.N.A. has been functioning for 14 years. I have had the honor and privilege to serve as your President for the past 3 ½ years. This, however, will be my last newsletter as your President. In June of 2016 my second term will expire and I am a strong believer in term limits. That is not to say I would not return as an officer at a later time, but I feel it is time for a new perspective and fresh ideas. I will continue to remain active and will gladly assist the new President as much as I can.

I begin this final year with much enthusiasm and look forward to serving E.M.N.A. in all of its endeavors. I will continue to represent all of you honestly and fairly and maintain our excellent standing throughout Waterbury. We can all be proud of our neighborhood and on more than a few occasions it was told to me that we had the best place to live in Waterbury. We're not without some small problems, but if there was a perfect place to reside, everyone would be there. We can only try to keep our little area safe, clean, friendly, and look out for our neighbors.

I am fortunate to have the help of so many of you. I have tried to involve as many of you as I could with our projects, and when I asked, you stepped forward, and for that I am grateful.

This past year at our meetings we heard from Mayor Neil O'Leary, State Rep. Selim Noujaim, Public Works Supt. David Simpson, Police Detective Peter Morgan and Capt. Edward Apicella. These guests were well received and answered our many questions.

Each month our Community Relations Officer Matt Lemos gives us a report of any crime in the area and answers any concerns we may have. We are also fortunate to have East Mt. resident Alderwoman Stephanie Cummings as a member. Ms. Cummings keeps us informed of the City's agenda as discussed at Aldermanic meetings.

June saw newly elected Treasurer, Colin Coburn, take over the Association's finances. We thank Colin for stepping up and accepting this very important assignment. Our outgoing Treasurer, Evelyn Carrah, served in that office for 4 ½ years. Even though I may have given her a hard time from the floor (before I became President) and continued pretty much throughout her term in office, she performed her duties meticulously and with great professionalism. I was always greatly impressed with her monthly reports. We all owe her a "thank you for a job well done."

Thanks also goes out to Noella Mott for assuming the Secretary's position these past six months, as well as continuing this job through June, 2016.

I can only ask that you join the Neighborhood Association and have a say in how we can improve our quality of life in East Mountain. There is strength in numbers and together we can accomplish great things.

Your Neighbor,

Bob Perigard, President

MEMBERSHIP

Please join us at our monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. 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.

A LETTER FROM OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

East Mountain Neighborhood Association
ATTENTION: Robert Perigard
22 Rockledge Drive
Waterbury, CT 06706

June 25, 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the East Mountain Neighborhood Association:

We would like to thank you for being a vital part of our annual Taste of Lebanon festival. Your participation has enabled us to continue to recognize and commemorate the rich traditions of the Maronites in the Waterbury area.

This festival is the single largest fundraising event for this parish. Without your help and support we would not have had such a successful fundraiser for this Church. We cannot continue our tradition of success without your support.

Your banner looked lovely at this year's festival. Unfortunately, there is no suitable way to thank you. Thus, I have placed a notice in our weekly bulletin asking the parishioners to support your business. Please know that you will be added to the list of intentions at the Liturgy.

Again, thank you for your support. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Peace be with you,

Rev. alexander a. joseph
Pastoral Administrator

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

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

It has been more than a year since East Mountain Neighborhood Watch was formed. Through the last year the watch has proved to be an effective method to prevent crime and to help decrease crime within the neighborhood. Since its inception the watch, not only has gotten important information out to its neighbors, but has added additional Neighborhood Watch Signs throughout the neighborhood. The additional signs hung through the neighborhood and the decals residents placed in their windows advertise that East Mountain residents are committed to crime prevention, reports suspicious activity and would-be crimes to the Police Department.

I encourage anyone receiving this newsletter, who is not currently part of the Neighborhood Watch or email list, to contact their Block Watch Captain and join. The East Mountain Neighborhood Watch and the Police Department have formed an effective partnership and I have been in regular contact with many more East Mountain residents because of that partnership. Anyone wishing to obtain “Neighborhood Watch” window decals can contact: Watch Commander Bob McGovern (203)755-2847 or Association President Bob Perigard (203)753-2575. These decals are complements of your neighborhood association.

Through 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 had all 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 vehicles’ 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 taking 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 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

ANYONE INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING CITIZENS PATROL, PLEASE CONTACT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMANDER BOB McGOVERN AT 203-755-2847

HARRY NORTHROP MEMORIAL GRANT

Congratulations to Caitlin Silva who was the recipient of this year’s Harry Northrop Memorial Grant. More information about Caitlin can be found on our website. Plans are being made to have the Harry Northrop Grant application forms available on our website. We hope to have it available in January of 2016 for next year’s award applicants.

BOOK DRIVE

The Waterbury Reads Gently Used Children’s Book drive seeks to put books into the hands of Waterbury’s children. The book drive was founded when East Mountain resident Alderwoman Stephanie Cummings connected with Assistant Attorney General William Bumpus over a campaign trail discussion on the importance of education and reading. Shortly thereafter, Alderwoman Cummings set forth to mirror the New Haven book drive in Waterbury.

In the first year of creating the book drive Alderwoman Cummings collected over 20,000 books for the Children of Waterbury! Through a dynamic partnership with Tina Agati of Literacy Volunteers and the City of Waterbury the books are delivered to children across the City. The books are stored in a facility on Church Street in downtown before they are delivered to children. A main goal of the book drive is to reach children in targeted communities who may not have access to age appropriate reading material at home. To facilitate this, the team visits locations where the children are already likely to be with their parents, including Stay Well Health Center, PAL, the Waterbury Green, and Mardi Gross in Library Park – among many other locations and events. The book drive made an appearance at the East Mountain/ East End Community Club movie nights in August.

The book drive is always looking for new donations of gently used or new books for children 18 and younger. To donate please contact Stephanie Cummings at 203-574-5233 or alderwomancummings@waterburyct.org to schedule a pick-up.

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

East Mountain Neighborhood Association is in its second year of a Neighborhood Watch Program to enlist citizen participation and involvement to help prevent petty crime in our area. East Mountain has been divided into seven sections with each section having its own captain (see list below). If you see or hear of anything suspicious you should always call the police first. If the police confirm that a crime has been committed then you would notify your section captain and then the section captain would notify the watch commander who would inform all our neighbors via email. This is a program which is set up to be proactive, not reactive. The concerned citizen is a criminal’s worst enemy. If you would like to know more about our Neighborhood Watch Program you are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Hope to see you there.

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH SECTIONS

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

Community Relations Officer:

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Section 7 Kathy Maheu – kathymaheu@gmail.com

If you would like to receive E.M.N.A. information about any criminal activity in the neighborhood as reported by our section captains, go to: 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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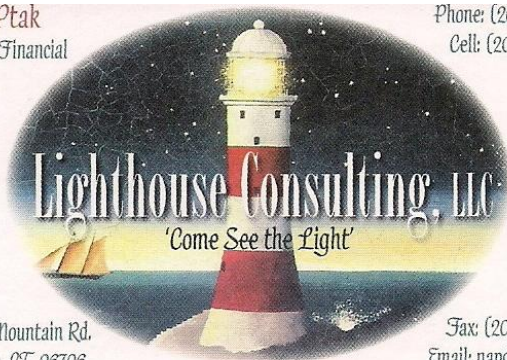


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