

East Mountain News

East Mountain Neighborhood Assn. Waterbury, CT

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

September 2014

East Mountain Neighborhood Association

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2014-2015 Meeting Dates & Proposed Speakers

Sept. 17 Mayor Neil O'Leary
*Oct. 22 Open
Nov. 19 Bill DeMaida
History of U.S. Flags Part II
Dec. 17 Christmas Social – Pot Luck
Jan. 21 David Simpson
Supt of Public Works
Feb. 18 Open
Mar. 18 State Rep. Selim Noujaim
Apr. 15 Open
May 20 Open
June 17 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

THOUGHTS FROM A NEIGHBOR

This newsletter provides a forum for neighborhood ideas, interests and events. It promotes a sense of community among those of us living in East Mountain. Why is neighborhood life important? Because our neighborhood is our home. We have a stake in what goes on here. We share many of the same interests and values. If we can support and help one another that can make a difference. In a small way, it can make life better for us.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the May 2014 meeting the E.M.N.A. re-elected Stacey Kearney as Secretary and myself as President to another 2 year term. I thank everyone for the vote of confidence shown to us as we head into our 14th year as E.M.N.A.. I look forward to working with Stacey, Treasurer Evelyn Carrah, and Vice President Dave Muccino.

We have had a somewhat active past year with our plaque dedication of the old East Mountain School in November 2013, and Santa visiting us to light our Christmas Tree for the holiday season. In the spring we had our annual neighborhood clean-up with special attention to the Wendell Cross School side of Hamilton Avenue. In June we presented our 12th annual Harry Northrop Memorial Grant to a deserving high school graduate residing in East Mountain. We concluded the year with a visit from the Big Green Pizza Truck, which was a huge success.

Let's not forget our two free "Movies in the Park" last summer. These events were sponsored by the "Waterbury Arts & Tourism Commission" and hosted by the East End Community Club and E.M.N.A.

We were fortunate to have a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings. These guests shared their knowledge, were very informative and answered our many questions.

I thank each and every one of you who helped in all our endeavors. We continue to be noticed by other neighborhood groups and are recognized by our city officials for the care and pride we take in East Mountain.

Please register with E.M.N.A. with your dues and join us at our monthly meetings. Every voice is heard and I know we can accomplish great things together.

"To be successful you should surround yourself with good people". East Mountain has many good people.

**Your Neighbor,
Bob Perigard, President**

EAST MOUNTAIN SCHOOL PROJECT

In early August, 2013, our Association embarked on a special project – to place a marker at the site of the old East Mountain School located on Prospect Road across from East Mountain Rd. The school provided an elementary education for the East Mountain community from September 1894 to April 1954, when it was replaced by Wendell Cross School.

The EMNA agreed to make this effort in response to a request by a resident of our neighborhood, Violet Codianni (Nosenzo), who graduated from that school as valedictorian with the Class of 1939. Violet's point was that the old schoolhouse building, now the home of a business concern, is an important part of our neighborhood heritage and should be marked appropriately as such. Her point was well taken by the EMNA and two volunteers, Ned Mencio and Larry Davino, stepped forward to see if it was possible to satisfy Violet's request.

We first had to determine the process by which historical sites are selected and marked. With guidance from local historian Phil Benevento and our mayoral staff contact Joe Geary, we learned that placing a marker through the State or Federal government was not feasible. However, the process for doing it on a local level in a reasonable time frame, without red tape, was a possibility as long as permission is secured from the site property owner. One of the many kindnesses extended to us in this project was getting that permission from the current property owner, Lori Turmel. Maybe it helped a bit that Lori's mother, Eleanor, graduated from the old school, but through Lori's cooperation that roadblock was removed and we were on the way to realizing Violet's dream.

We formed a small committee to design the marker, which turned out to be a 12x16 inch outdoor weather-resistant plaque. Once suitable wording was agreed upon, we obtained a cost estimate of \$300 from neighborhood resident and business owner Dave Watterworth. At the September EMNA meeting we gave another status report and requested funding for the plaque. A motion was made and passed, paving the way for project completion. Dave took our design, enhanced it and constructed an appropriate plaque for us. In another well-appreciated gesture, Dave reduced the cost to \$200 and when paid, made a \$50 donation to the EMNA!

At our October EMNA meeting a date and time, November 7th at noon, was selected for the plaque unveiling. Ned arranged publicity for the event with Mike Patrick of the Waterbury Republican, and Mike did an excellent job covering the event with stories before and after the unveiling.

On November 7th Violet's dream came to pass at the unveiling ceremony at the old schoolhouse. In front of 40-50 attendees, many of whom were graduates of the old school, and after a brief presentation by EMNA President Bob Perigard, Violet and another graduate, Betty Richards, Class of 1934, unveiled the marker to a wonderful round of applause. Another favor extended to the EMNA was the donation of a tent and chairs by Jeff Lagasse, owner of the Rent-a-Tent company. This was important because there was a brief shower during the ceremony which didn't dampen us or our spirits due to Jeff's generosity.

Afterwards, Lori graciously hosted a lunch inside her place of business. The attendees enjoyed her hospitality and reminisced until around 1:30 PM when an old unseen school bell rang and our "class" was dismissed for the day. The plaque is on the outside of the old schoolhouse for all to see, just as Violet requested, thanks to the cooperation and generosity of many people, including those mentioned and our EMNA members who supported the project from beginning to end.

EAST MOUNTAIN 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 midst. Being a public park this invitation is open to everyone. Please consider purchasing a brick. All funds raised are used to help maintain the park.

For more information and a copy of the brick form please visit our website or contact Mrs. Nancy Ptak at 203-754-9311.

NEW PASTOR

The E.M.N.A. welcomes Rev. Alex Joseph as the new Pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. The Association is very grateful to the church members for their hospitality in sharing their church hall for our monthly meetings.

THANKS VERY “MULCH”

Our thanks to Candace Mott and Scott Durette of Rockledge Drive for their generous contribution of mulch to our park. The mulch was used around the gazebo and by the entrance to the basketball court and truly enhances the beauty of our park and is another example of the generosity of our neighbors.

MESSAGE FROM EAST MT. COMMUNITY OFFICER MATT LEMOS

East Mountain Residents:

Over the past year East Mountain has taken many steps in crime prevention such as implementing the East Mountain Neighborhood Watch or the crime prevention programs that the community has scheduled to teach its residents about how they can prevent crimes. In this writing I am going to focus on “target hardening.” Target Hardening is making yourself or your property a harder target for a criminal looking for a crime of opportunity. By practicing these simple steps you can create a smaller, tougher target to increase your chances of not falling victim to one of these types of crimes.

TIPS TO HELP PREVENT AUTO BREAK-INS

All auto break-ins usually have one thing in common: there’s something left in the car worth stealing. Most larcenies from cars are “crimes of opportunity” that could be prevented by taking some preventative steps. The Waterbury Police Dept. recommends the following:

...Don’t leave valuables in your vehicle: You’d be surprised how often this happens, but individuals leave valuable items in plain sight all the time. If you leave items in your vehicle and they’re visible, the chances your vehicle will get broken into increase greatly.

...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 and the moment you’re gone, a thief could break into your car. Place those items in a safe place before you get to your destination. Valuable items that thieves target are GPS units, MP3 players, credit cards, money, packages, etc. If you can’t take the items with you, secure them in a safe place in your vehicle, like a locked glove compartment or your trunk.

...Avoid leaving packages or shopping bags out in the open: Lock them in your trunk if you have to leave them unattended. Never open a trunk, fill it full of valuables, close it, and then just walk away.

...Lock ALL of your vehicle’s doors. This is true even if you plan on only being gone for “just a second”. It only takes seconds to steal items from your car. It is not uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked cars looking for unlocked doors. Also, make sure car windows aren’t left open.

...Park in busy, well lit areas: Pick a parking spot where there is a lot of activity. Auto thieves prefer isolated areas.

...Don’t leave a trace. Don’t leave any sign that there might be valuables “out of sight” in your vehicle. For example: the suction cup on your dashboard might tell thieves that you have a GPS system in your vehicle. Very few auto break-ins are “random”. Thieves usually see something out in the open or hints of possible hidden valuables.

...Alarms or anti-theft devices work: Thieves are usually looking for the “easiest” target. If your car has an alarm, it could act as a deterrent. But don’t make this common mistake: Just because you have an alarm doesn’t mean thieves won’t break in IF you have valuable items in plain sight.

...Don’t leave spare keys in your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys elsewhere, possibly your wallet or purse.

...GPS – Take the whole unit out of your vehicle including the mounting bracket. Wipe the windshield so that the suction marks left from the system are wiped away.

If your vehicle is stolen or property is taken from the vehicle there are a number of things you can and should do:

...Call police immediately. Provide a complete description of the items taken. Also provide license plate number, make and model of vehicle, year and color, plus VIN number and insurance company.

...Don’t leave your driver’s license or title in the vehicle.

...Keep a record of the VIN number, license plate number, and insurance information in your wallet or purse.

PROTECTING YOUR HOME

- ...Make sure all of your exterior doors have good locks. (AT LEAST DEAD BOLTS WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE INCH THROW).
- ...Always lock your house/apartment when you leave. (EVEN IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES!)
- ...Make sure outside doors and their frames are solid.
- ...Secure sliding glass doors with a bar and locks.
- ...Make sure that your windows have good locks and that you are using the locks.
- ...Always trim any bushes or trees that conceal doors and windows. (THESE AREAS SHOULD BE CLEARLY VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES).
- ...Don't hide any keys to your home under a door mat or in a flower pot. Keys should be left with a trusted neighbor or nearby relative.
- ...Keep a record of your property. (ENSURE TO RECORD ANY SERIAL NUMBERS OR DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF YOUR PROPERTY. PICTURES ARE ALWAYS GOOD).
- ...Consider installing an alarm system and placing alarm signs around premises.
- ...If you park your vehicle outside, never leave your garage door opener inside the vehicle.
- ...Adequate exterior lighting is recommended, especially motion activated lights around entry ways to the home.
- ...Please contact your Community Relations Officer for a "home security assessment" or to discuss any concerns regarding protecting your home.

TOP 3 STREET SMART TIPS

- Stay alert and tuned into your surroundings at all times. Know the neighborhoods that you live in, go to school, and work.
- Stand tall and walk confidently. Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or situation and leave as soon possible.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- ...Choose busy streets and well lighted areas.
- ...Don't walk or jog alone. Take a friend or neighbor along if possible.
- ...Carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on it. Carry a wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket. Try to carry a minimal amount of cash at all times. Use of a debit/credit card is preferred.
- ...Have your car or house key in your hand before you reach your door.
- ...If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Quickly yell for help!
- ...Be alert in the neighborhood. Call the police or tell an adult about anything you see that seems suspicious.

To report suspicious activity or report a crime please call 203-574-6910/911 for emergencies and to contact myself at 203-574-6962 or mlemos@wtbypd.org regarding any "quality of life" issues in the neighborhood. The purpose of providing these target hardening principles is to keep the community members vigilant in crime prevention and keep these principles in the forefront of their minds to keep the East Mountain Neighborhood safe and protected.

Officer Matt Lemos

**THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT STREET CRIMES IS TO BE ALERT AND USE COMMON SENSE
REMEMBER....."IF YOU SEE SOMETHINGSAY SOMETHING"**

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Dear Neighbors: E.M.N.A. has started 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 via email (if possible) and then the section captain would notify the other section captains to inform neighbors in their section. This is a program that 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.

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall. If anyone in the Section 2 area would like to serve as Section Captain, please contact EMNA Vice President, Dave Muccino at 203-757-5277.

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	Woodedge Street	Section 3
Gayfield Drive	Section 4		
Glenrock Road	Section 2	Section Captains:	
Hamilton Avenue (#1503-#1587)	Section 2	Section 1 Mike Stere – mpstere@snet.com	
Hamilton Avenue (#1062-#1442)	Section 3	Section 2	
Harwood Road	Section 2	Section 3 Leslie Wolfgang – lesliewolfgang@yahoo.com	
High Rock Lane	Section 1	Section 4 Bob McGovern – rjmcgovern@snet.com	
Mountain View Drive	Section 6a	Section 5 Mark Tierney – Tierneymark@att.net	
Oakridge Road	Section 5	Section 6A Stacey Kearney – staceykearney@snet.com	
Peach Orchard Road (#16-#210)	Section 5	Section 6B Colin Coburn – colin125@gmail.com	
Peach Orchard Road (#223 –# 358)	Section 6a	Section 7 Kathy Maheu – kathymaheu@gmail.com	
Peach Orchard Road (#374-#452)	Section 7		
Perazzini Rd (private)	Section 1		

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.

HARRY NORTHROP MEMORIAL GRANT

Congratulations to Rafael Hamawi, who was this year’s recipient of the Harry Northrop Memorial Grant. More information can be found on our website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

At the Association’s June meeting the E.M.N.A. was pleased to present a Community Service Award to East Mountain resident David Watterworth of Dave R. Watterworth & Son Signs. Dave’s time, expertise and generosity throughout the years is greatly appreciated and this award is well overdue.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to receive E.M.N.A. information and meeting reminders, 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 on what's happening.

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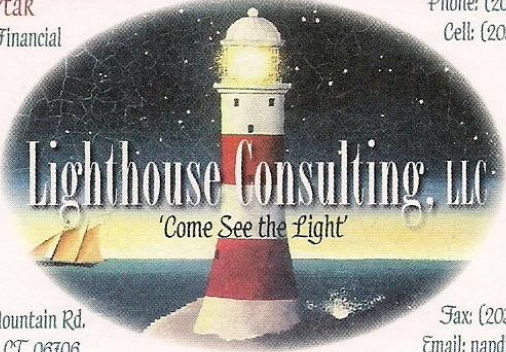
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