

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for September 16, 2026

Attendees: 39

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Derek Giusto. He then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and prayer. A 25th Anniversary Newsletter from our President is enclosed.

The secretary's report is on line . The treasurer's report was given.

Mike DiGiovancarlo:

- Red light and speed cameras will be installed soon – one to be installed at corner of East Mt. Rd. and Rt.69
- The Nest project on Rt. 69 has been shot down by the city. It is now in court.
- Blasting for 84 Vista is being done by TriState Blasting. Since one house has been damaged, the system will change. Any issues, call Mike at 203-509-409-4049.

Community police officer Kegan Gobinda:

- No significant changes in our area – robberies, break ins, blight, etc
- Major issue with dumping in a few areas in East Mt. The blight team is responding several times a week to pick up trash
- Big concern over ATVs on our roads. Please report any concerns. If police are in area, they will respond.
- All calls reported to the police department are addressed.
- Also, police presence is a huge factor – just seeing them will make any suspicious person leave the area.

There is strength in numbers – any concern, please report to Officer Keegan at 203-819-1929 or the Community Office at 203-574-6962. You can also report anything you see that does not look right to IReportWaterbury. The more people that report, the better the response.

Enclosed is a letter that Derek sent to the city regarding the noise concerns at Hamilton Park. An application to put a social club on Gasparri Lane. Thankfully the city did not approve the application.

The Neighbor Council dinner will be Thursday, October 15th. East Mt. will also be receiving a new sign from the Council.

Much concern over overgrown shrubs in the park and on different street. The city will be taking care of the park issues this week.

The position for Vice President of our association is open and needs to be filled. If anyone is interested, please contact Derek.

A motion to put a brick in the park (around the flag pole) to honor the 911 victims was proposed .We have available bricks but need someone to engrave them.

Would like to boost the community involvement by engaging youth, young adults, and teenagers. Any thoughts would be appreciated.

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at the Lutheran Church across the street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

August 2026

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Special 25th Anniversary Edition Newsletter

A Message From Our New President

Hello Friends,

My name is Derek M. Giusto, and I am honored to serve as the new president of the East Mountain Neighborhood Association.

As a lifelong resident of the East End, my roots run deep here. I graduated from Chase School and Crosby High School, worked for 45 years as a retired Teamster trucker, and currently work part-time at the Palace Theater in Waterbury. I have lived right here in East Mountain for the last 23 years.

I am proud and humbled to step into this role on this—the 25th anniversary of our association. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the previous presidents, officers, and members who gave their time to make this neighborhood arguably the best in the city—a truly great place to live and raise a family.

What Makes East Mountain Special?

We as a group make great things happen by caring for our neighbors and giving back. Look at what we accomplish together:

- **College Scholarships:** Supporting our local youth with an annual college scholarship.
- **Park & Reservoir Care:** Watching over and maintaining the park we all enjoy, as well as holding our annual Earth Day cleanup to clear trash and debris.
- **Patriotism & Community Pride:** Lining East Mountain streets with American flags and maintaining the painted brick American flag near the reservoir. We are a diverse group coming from all over—including many former New Yorkers and families from around the world—united in community pride.
- **Local Gems:** Enjoying our neighborhood golf course and our newly restored community restaurant.

All of these achievements happen only when we come together and give just a little of our time—whether that's helping set up chairs, picking up trash, or hanging flags.

Fighting for Our Neighborhood

Not everything is easy, but we tackle challenges together as a united front:

- **I-84 Vista Project:** Dealing with ongoing blasting has been tough, but thanks to State Rep. Mike DiGiovancarlo, we receive direct updates—including 30-minute advance text

warnings prior to blasts.

- **Proposed Nest Development:** On the Prospect line (right in my backyard), we fought a good fight together. We expect a final decision soon, and State Rep. DiGiovancarlo has been with us every single step of the way.

President's Challenge & Call to Action

The most important thing you can do for your neighborhood is spend 90 minutes a month at our meetings. Make your voice heard, or simply sit, listen, and learn about local projects you might not know about. Our state representative, alderman, and community police officer regularly attend to keep us informed, alongside special guests ranging from city managers to the Mayor. Membership is just \$20 per year for your whole family.

My Challenge to You:

- **To Non-Members:** Commit to showing up for just one meeting this year.
- **To Current Members:** Recruit one new neighbor or family to join.

Bring the Youth: Bring your children or grandchildren. We need younger generations involved to teach them the value of giving back and caring for community. I will also be visiting local schools personally to speak and recruit new young leaders!

Looking Ahead

I want to initiate neighborhood cleanups every few months—organized for us, by us. Following our cleanups, we'll wrap up with casual coffee in the park or a full neighborhood picnic to catch up and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you for your trust, your time, and your commitment to East Mountain. Let's make this 25th year our best one yet!

Warm regards,

Derek M. Giusto

President, East Mountain Neighborhood Association

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East Mountain Neighborhood Association, Waterbury, CT 06706

Date: September 16, 2026

To Whom It May Concern / City Officials,

My name is Derek M. Giusto. I am the president of the East Mountain Neighborhood Association. I am writing this letter in support not only for our fellow neighborhood group, but also regarding issues that affect our neighborhood.

I live a mile away on the Prospect Line, and there were nights that we had to close our windows at 1:00 AM in the morning because of the loud music. Many neighbors because of this called the police and called me. The speakers on the cars are four or five feet tall and maybe six feet across. They play with complete disregard for anyone but themselves.

To all, something like this anywhere in the city is a detriment to our quality of life. Furthermore, this is the same group currently using the park that is looking to move over to Gasparri Lane.

And as bad as it is up in East Mountain, it's way worse right here in the East End.

We ask you to deny this for the peace-loving people of Waterbury.

Sincerely,

Derek M. Giusto

President, East Mountain Neighborhood Association

City Contacts

Blight Task Force - Call 311 or visit the iReport WTBY Website or App



Bureau of Refuse and Recycling:
203-574-6857

Mark Lane Transfer Facility:
203-756-7365

WPD Community Relation
Division: 203-574-6962

A Message from

Mayor Paul K. Pernerewski, Jr.:

"Thank you for choosing to be part of Waterbury. Our city grows stronger when residents love where they live. Let's work together to build a better future."



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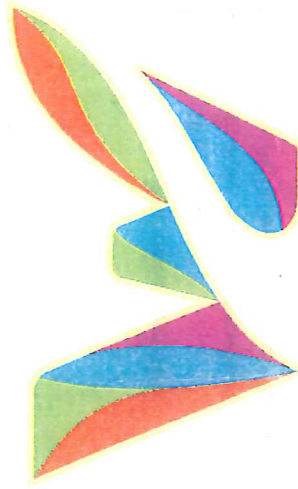


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A quick guide to living in the Brass City

Garbage & Recycling

Trash Pickup

- Weekly curbside collection for homes with six or fewer units
- Use city-issued bins only
- Place bins at the curb the night before your scheduled day
- Need a bin? Call 203-756-7365 (cost is \$55)

Recycling

- Use green bins for cans, bottles, cardboard, and paper
- Recycling Guide: www.waterburyct.org/services/public-works/solid-waste
- Request a recycling packet and fridge magnet by calling 203-574-6857

Bulky Waste

- Schedule pickup of large items (limit five per request) by calling 203-574-6857
- Or drop off items at the Mark Lane Transfer Facility at 220 Mark Lane. Call 203-756-7365
- Illegal dumping is subject to fines up to \$500

Hazardous Waste

- Participate in seasonal drop-off events for household hazardous items
- Visit nvcogct.gov for dates and information

Property Maintenance

- Property owners and tenants are responsible for maintaining clean and safe conditions
- The City will issue a notice if a property is considered blighted
- You must resolve issues within five days of receiving notice
- Fines of up to \$250 per day may apply if the problem continues

Call 311 to contact the Blight Task Force with questions or concerns

What day is my trash picked up?



Regulations

Parking in the Front Yard

- Parking in front yards is generally not allowed in residential areas
- A variance may be needed if you wish to pave or create new parking
- Contact the Zoning Department before making changes

Keeping Poultry

- Residential properties must be at least one acre to keep poultry
- Roosters are not permitted
- Coops must be 50 feet from any property line
- A zoning permit is required

Outdoor Storage

- Keep items in garages, sheds, or out of public view
- Storing commercial materials in residential areas is not allowed
- Maintaining a clean yard supports a welcoming neighborhood

Litter & Beautification Commission



Get Involved