

East Mountain News
East Mountain Neighborhood Assn.
Waterbury, CT

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The East Mountain Neighborhood Association (EMNA) is in its 23rd year. The purpose of the EMNA is to unite neighbors in a friendly social environment. Everyone who lives in East Mountain is welcome into our membership.

The neighborhood association purchased 40 flags this year at a cost of \$640. Each flag lasts for about 2 – 3 years. We are in need of purchasing some additional flag poles. Each pole has an anti-wrap ring and costs \$10.

The neighborhood association awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a high school senior who lives in East Mountain. Arianna P. was awarded this year's scholarship. Arianna graduated from Waterbury Career Academy and is pursuing a career in nursing at Naugatuck Valley Community College.

We are fortunate to live on the outskirts of a large city yet be able to get to a grocery store, home improvement store, pharmacy or theater within 5 minutes. We have easy access to Route 8 and I-84. We have train service to New York City.

We are excited to see the renovation to the clubhouse at the golf course coming about. The city expects to have the clubhouse operational by September. There will be a restaurant open to the public.

There is a new sidewalk and fence that go from the clubhouse down to East Mountain Park. We are in contact with the park department to keep our park fully operational and beautiful. At the time of this writing a contractor is working at the park to restore the drinking water fountains and irrigation system and make them operational.

Mayor Pernerewski spoke at our March meeting. He said the city is in good shape financially. Our city will be celebrating its 350th Anniversary the weekend of September 27 – 28. There will be a community celebration on the green on Friday, September 27 from 4:00pm to 8:30pm. The city is looking to get everyone involved to ensure its success. They are looking for neighborhood organizations to get involved including floats and anything that celebrates the fabric of our city lives. The Gathering will take place the following day, Saturday, September 28th downtown at Library Park. This ethnic festival celebrates the city's rich cultural heritage. According to Zillow our city ranked in the top 10 nationally for home value appreciation over the last year, with homes jumping 17.4 percent in 2023.

Please try to attend one of our meetings.

Meeting attendance hovers around 25 neighbors.

There is a core group of individuals who attend most of our meetings. We would like to get more neighbors involved. We could use more help on our flag team. We try to get the flags up before Memorial Day and taken down after Veteran's Day. We have two social meetings per year; one in December prior to the holiday season and one in June prior to our summer break.

Our community officer, alderman and state representative, Mike D. is invited to our meetings. He briefs us on events happening in our neighborhood and the city/state. We have the opportunity to discuss any issue or concern we may have. We try to have an outside speaker attend every other month to speak for twenty minutes. Our next meeting is set for September 18 at 7PM at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 8 East Mountain Rd. We look forward to seeing you. Our meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 are September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 11.

There is a community development corporation looking into developing some land on the outer tip of our neighborhood along Route 69 past Bateswood Road near the Prospect Town Line. They are interested in attending one of our meetings to present their ideas and solicit our thoughts and concerns. They are scheduled to speak at our October meeting. If you are not already attending

our meetings please try to commit to one of them. We need your support.

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