



# Knollcrest News

**Knollcrest  
Family Community**

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## Greetings!

**Other Points of  
Interest:**

It's Spring! We made it through yet another Connecticut winter. Thankfully, this time there were no major storms to contend with after the October Nor'easter.

We are all anxious to see if the winter cold and deep drawdown of the Lake has killed the milfoil that was such a scourge last summer.

At long last the sand is gone from the roads, the flowers are blooming and we are welcoming back Knollcrest's "snow birds." Let the season begin!

**This newsletter is written and published by a committee of concerned residents.**

**If you missed an issue, they are available at [KnollcrestNews.org](http://KnollcrestNews.org)**



## New Arrivals

**Beach rules:**

**The Knollcrest beach is for residents only.**

**All guests must be accompanied by a resident.**

**All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**

**The beach closes at 9pm.**

**No dogs are allowed at the beach at any time.**

At this time we would like to welcome two new families to Knollcrest. Welcome to Susan Burke of Eastview Road as well as Gary Brown and Julie Murphy, also of Eastview.

We wish you a wonderful and happy first summer at the Lake!



## Sad Farewells

Sadly, we lost two long-time residents this winter. Stan Frank of East View road passed away in November. He and his wife, whose passing preceded Stan's by a couple of years, were residents for over 10 years.

Knollcrest also mourns the loss of John Gilbert of Windmill Road. John passed away in February. He was an original resident to Knollcrest, building his own home which he and his family would live in for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Genevieve Gilbert. John, we will miss waving hello to you as you performed your daily constitutional on Knollcrest Road.



## Resident Spotlight

Walter Eppler, of Southview Rd. has lived in Knollcrest for over 40 years. Walter has done many things for Knollcrest and is the embodiment of a community service volunteer.

Walter has served Knollcrest in many capacities through out his years here. In the 1980s he was President of the Knollcrest Real Estate Corporation. Walter built and installed the Knollcrest notice board at the windmill, and recently repaired it as well. He, alone, replaced all the lettering on each of the street signs in the community and installed traffic signage and the new "bump" signs. He helped to petition and re-install the No Parking sign at the bottom of Millway after Board members received many complaints of cars parked there. Walter also hand drew the Knollcrest resident map that was distributed with the Knollcrest directory last year.

As a current board member, Walter has taken on the task as "keeper of the windmill." If you visit the second floor meeting room, you will see all the photos and hand-drawn maps that Walter has placed around the room to mark the windmill's history. This year he is working to stop the water leaks that have been occurring inside the windmill since the 2011 and 2012 tropical storms.

As a gesture of his love of and commitment to the Knollcrest community, he donated the beautiful arborvitae trees by the Knollcrest entrance sign, which have grown artfully around the well pumps. Last fall, he donated and planted over 40 tulips that are now becoming a beautiful sign of welcome to the community. As an experienced gardener, he is also in the process of redesigning the rest of the plantings at the front entrance to the community. Sincere thank you, Walter, for all that you have done and continue to do!



## Board of Directors Meeting

The latest news from the Board of Directors is the resignation of Beach director Rosemary Scott. Rosemary resigned from the Board on March 21<sup>st</sup>, citing lack of communication from the Officers of the Board to its Directors. Her resignation letter is on file with the Board Secretary and is available as part of the public record. At the ensuing April Board meeting, President Mark Cronk stated that he decided not to fill the vacancy.

A survey was sent to all Knollcrest residents in March. The Board wanted to gauge resident concern. They also wanted to see where the residents stand on the importance of where their tax dollars should be spent, as well as how capital expenses should be funded. Over half of the residents responded. Results showed the issue of most importance was the water system. A full breakdown and summary of the survey will be available at the May Budget meeting.

The Knollcrest Budget meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at 11 AM. The meeting will be held at the Squantz Fire House second floor meeting room. According to the letter sent to the residents, the budget will remain flat.

President Mark Cronk appointed Vice President Charlie Franklin head of the Nominating Committee for this year's election process. If you would like to be considered for a position on the Board for the 2013-2014 budget year, please contact Charlie at Knollcrest @yahoo.com

Board of Director meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the meeting room of the windmill.



## Picnic Anyone?

Is anyone interested in running the annual Knollcrest picnic this year? The Knollcrest News is volunteering their help in getting the word out to the residents via flyers etc. We will also support the picnic planning and preparation in any way we can. We just need a leader!! If you are interested, please email the Knollcrest News at [info@knollcrestnews.org](mailto:info@knollcrestnews.org) and we will help get the ball rolling!



## **A New Service to the Community**

Lifelong resident Lee Scott of Eastview Road has created a special website for tracking the weather in Knollcrest.

Knollcrest residents can check the weather while on vacation or our part time residents can check in during the winter to see the current weather conditions.

For more information please see the information he has provided at the back of the newsletter.



## **Common Sense and Community Courtesy**

Many complaints are received each year regarding motorists driving carelessly, rolling through the STOP signs and speeding on our roads. There are many children in our community. Often during the warm weather they are on bikes or scooters. Please drive carefully when in the community. If you see someone driving too fast, please signal to them to slow down on our roads and obey the STOP signs. This consideration should extend to golf cart use as well. Please drive and operate all vehicles responsibly in the community and urge your younger family members to do the same.

Now that the days are getting longer and more people are venturing outside, we need to be aware of those around us. One of the most common complaints from residents in the community regards dog droppings and loose dogs. If you walk your dog, please keep the community clean and pick up after it. If you own a dog, please keep it from roaming off-leash in the community. That is not only a Knollcrest Tax District regulation, but a Town of New Fairfield regulation as well.



## Basketball Update

They did it! Kudos to resident Spencer Johnson and Board member Betsy Delaney. Thanks to their efforts, the basketball committee raised enough money to buy a new backboard and hoop for the Knollcrest basketball court.

The Knollcrest Board placed an order for the new hoop in March. It will soon be installed with the help of resident volunteers. If all goes well, the older kids should be making lay-ups and the little ones will be playing H-O-R-S-E by the start of the summer!



## Did You Know...

Did you ever wonder why there's never a "for sale" sign placed in the yard when a Knollcrest home goes on the market? It's because of the regulation forbidding signs that was put in place many years ago. The real estate agents in the town still abide by this rule.

When Knollcrest was first developed, there were restrictions and regulations put in place. Many of the restrictions that the founders established had to do with the appearance and uniformity of the community. There were restrictions on the color of the houses, (brown, or earth tones only), the size of the homes (1.5 stories) and the size (no more than 2-car) and type of garages (attached to dwelling only). Others had to do with the property, such as no sheds, chicken coops or outhouses. Another regulation prohibited fences and stated that shrubs could not be higher than 4 feet.

Still other restrictions had to do with the residents themselves and who could own property in Knollcrest, or who you could sell to. Those particular restrictions were later deemed illegal and are now just a part of Knollcrest's storied history.



## Knollcrest Networks

### **Situation Wanted**

Babysitter, pet sitter, house sitter available for the summer. CPR and Lifeguard-Certified  
Theresa Scott 203-470-8926

### **For Sale**

#### **5 Piece Pearl Export Drum Kit with Heavy Duty Hardware & Sabian Cymbals**

7 ply Poplar shells with dark green lacquer finish (except snare is steel w/chrome finish)

22" Kick Bass w/Pedal & ISS Mounts for two toms

16" Floor Tom

12" Tom - ISS Mount

13"Tom - ISS Mount

14" Steel Snare w/Heavy Duty stand

Heavy Duty Hi-Hat stand w/Sabian cymbals

Heavy Duty boom style cymbal stand w/16" Sabian B8 Crash cymbal

Heavy Duty cymbal stand w/20" Sabian B8 Ride cymbal

Heavy Duty Pro throne

Used sticks & brushes included

Shells and hardware are in Excellent condition with a few minor scratches. The original Pearltone heads show use but still in good shape.

Street price was over \$1,100 new. Never roaded. Asking \$650 but will entertain serious offers.

Jon Radder - (203) 746-8033

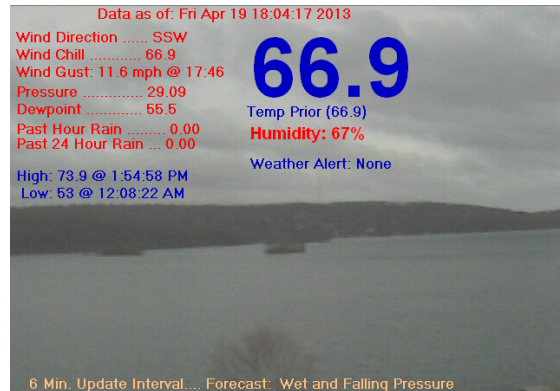
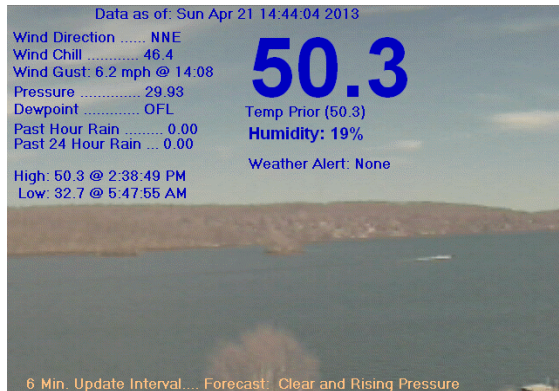
### **Contributors Wanted:**

The Knollcrest News is looking for residents to write by-lines about their experience in Knollcrest. If you are interested, please email the News at [info@knollcrestnews.org](mailto:info@knollcrestnews.org)

If you would like to place an ad, please contact [ads@knollcrestnews.org](mailto:ads@knollcrestnews.org) and it will be included in the summer edition.

## ***Knollcrest Community Local Weather Conditions and WeatherCam.***

***Available to you directly via Internet, Email, and Text Messaging.***



Knollcrest Weather Data is gathered using weather equipment located here in Knollcrest. The local data is then uploaded to our website.

In addition to posting the weather alerts on the website, we have recently added the ability to send local storm condition, alerts and notifications directly to you via Email and Text Messaging.

To get on the list simply email us at [wx.alert@ktdhomeowners.org](mailto:wx.alert@ktdhomeowners.org) and ask to be added to our growing list to receive the WeatherAlert Message.

The website which includes the WeatherCam and the weather information is always available 24/7 and accessible to you at [www.ktdweather.org](http://www.ktdweather.org).

You can also use [www.k-wx.com](http://www.k-wx.com) for mobile applications