



Knollcrest Newsletter

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Family Community

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Greetings!

Other Points of Interest:

This is the first issue of the Knollcrest Newsletter, which is currently scheduled to publish semi-monthly. The newsletter is intended to keep Knollcrest residents informed of Knollcrest Board activity, helpful community information, neighborhood news and event notices. We are planning to include the newsletter on the Knollcrest website, once it is up and running. In the meantime, if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please email the Board at Knollcrest@yahoo.com.

The welcome packet that includes the Knollcrest by-laws and rules and regulations will be delivered to all residents as soon as it is reprinted.

Your input is welcome! If you have news or information you would like to share with your Knollcrest neighbors, please submit it to Rosemary Scott on 9 Eastview or email the Board at {
HYPERLINK "<mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com>" }.



What's New

We've had a busy summer here in Knollcrest! First and foremost, we got the roads done! Paving has been completed on Windmill Road and Millway.

The speed bumps have been removed and replaced with "kinder, gentler" speed bumps. The speed bump on Windmill Road by the intersection of Millway has been moved further toward the intersection so that drivers coming from Chatterton Point will (hopefully) stop at the STOP sign.

In addition to the above, a new beach dock was installed thanks to the hard work of the 2010/2011 Beach Director Amy Johnson and two docks have been replaced at the marina, thanks to the direction of Marina Director Elliot Sears.

The electrical panel box behind the windmill has been repaired and trees have been placed around the well housing, thanks to the 2010/2011 Property Maintenance Director Judi Thompson.

The electrical panel box has been repaired beautifully due to the craftsmanship of our own resident Tim Albertson. Thanks Tim!



Community Watch

The bad news was that unlocked cars were broken into over the summer. Knollcrest is a Crime Watch Neighborhood. We became a Crime Watch Neighborhood over 20 years ago. This designation does not mean we are required to maintain resident patrols in the neighborhood. It means that we look out for one another.

Please, if you see or hear any suspicious activity, (for example, loud noises at the beach or windmill or marina after hours or unfamiliar cars parked in those areas after hours) call the New Fairfield Police. They will respond to any disturbance and will help keep our community safe.



Annual Meeting

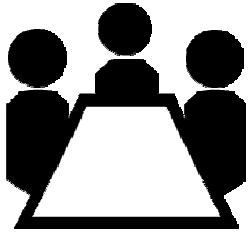
Among the biggest news events this summer was the Knollcrest annual meeting held on August 13, 2011. A record number of residents turned out to vote. This year, for the first time in Knollcrest history, there was an opposing slate that necessitated a paper ballot.

After the meeting was called to order, the nominating committee, led by Rich Kalinka, presented their slate to the community with Betsy Delaney as candidate for president. Then, they presented the alternate slate that was submitted to the

Secretary of the Board by petition, with Mark Cronk as candidate for president.

The ballots were then handed out. With 63 residents voting, 36 votes were cast for the nominating committee's slate and 27 votes for the alternate slate.

This year's meeting surely proved that the community is alive and well and INTERESTED!!! Let's keep the momentum going! Perhaps we can coax someone into chairing the picnic next year?!



Monthly Knollcrest Board of Directors meetings

Monthly Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the 2nd floor meeting room in the windmill. Knollcrest residents are encouraged to attend. Please check the Knollcrest notice board for meeting notices, adjournments or changes.

The current Board members are: President: Betsy Delaney
Vice President: Charlie Franklin Secretary: Jody DiFranco, Treasurer: Eileen Fitzpatrick.

Directors are: Elliott Sears, Mark Cronk, Marilyn Radder, and Rosemary Scott.

If you need to contact the Board with concerns, suggestions or complaints, please attend a monthly meeting or email the Board at Knollcrest @yahoo.com. You can also write the Board at PO Box 8053, New Fairfield CT 06812.



Community Water

Do you ever wonder where your water comes from? Well, in Knollcrest it comes from the several wells that are under the constant oversight of a very dedicated Knollcrest resident.

At this time we would like to acknowledge and thank Mark Cronk for his dedication and service to the Knollcrest water system. It is a daunting task that, over the decades, has been taken on by only a brave few in the community.

Mark has performed the monthly water quality tests, kept the machinery running and in good repair, prepared and submitted the ever-increasing paperwork required by the State, all requiring many volunteer hours. Mark continues to give his time and talent to this vital aspect to our community. He is to be commended for his tireless dedication to clean, pure well water for Knollcrest. Thank you, Mark.

If anyone would like to learn more about the water system, or would like to help Mark, please email the Board at { [HYPERLINK "mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com"](mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com) }. I am sure your interest and help will be well received!!

If you would like a copy of the latest test results please notify the Board.



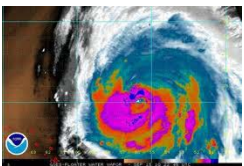
Knollcrest Kid's Corner

Several young adults notified the Board that they would like to see a more up-to-date basketball backboard and hoop at the Knollcrest basketball court. Michael Stadnyk and Spencer Johnson brought forth a very well thought-out argument and reasons for the new hoop.

They were tasked with researching the hoop that they wanted and fund-raise in addition to asking the Board for support.

So if you receive notice of a bake sale, or car wash or tag sale from the "basketball committee" please mark your calendars and contribute to the cause!

If you would like to guide the boys in their effort please contact the Board at { [HYPERLINK "mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com"](mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com) }



A One-Two Punch...

Knollcrest weathered the storm of the century with very little damage. The Pfeiffers lost a tree on Crestway causing power to go out for 6 1/2 days for several families on the block. But in true Knollcrest community spirit, all pitched in to

provide help and electric extension cords to those in need. On Eastview, Mrs. Kupper had a tree go through the eve on her house; thankfully she was not at home at the time. But concerned neighbors called her as soon as it happened.

Soon after Irene, the remnants of tropical storm Lee knocked many residents for a loop. Many homes had water and septic issues for the first time ever, and some even lost retaining walls due to the severe rains. The Knollcrest beach lost a lot of sand due to the fast moving water.

The windmill did not escape damage from these storms. The shaft holding the sails pulled away from the windmill and caused damage to the mechanisms inside. It was discovered quickly and thanks to the efforts of several residents and Board members, action was taken to get engineers and insurance to expedite the repair process. The Board is currently awaiting a damage report.

In light of the recent storms, if you are a temporary resident it may be helpful to give your phone number to a permanent resident. Then they can contact you if there is a bad storm or something amiss with your home.



Photos

We are in the process of collecting photographs of Knollcrest, recent or bygone. We eventually would like to create an album for the website once it is up and running. If you have any photos you would like to share, you can submit them by email to Knollcrest @yahoo.com or in person to Rosemary Scott, 9 Eastview. Please be assured that all hand-submitted photos will be returned.



Knollcrest Networks

This section is for networking within the Knollcrest Community.

Maybe you would like to start a walking club, or perhaps you need a house

sitter or dog walker, or baby sitter or even someone to rake your leaves, mow your lawn or shovel your driveway.

The Knollcrest networking page can be helpful if a Knollcrest resident (or enterprising Knollcrest teen) want to offer services in those areas. It can also work to connect employers with employees and vice versa.

We can even use it to post real estate offerings within the community, or if you have something to sell (for example a car or boat) or are looking for a special collectible, this is the page to come to as well. The possibilities are endless.

Just submit your “ad” to { HYPERLINK "mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com" } and it will be included in the next newsletter.



Help and Ideas

If you have any ideas for the community regarding this newsletter or the website or any communication that would help the residents, please let us know!

Or if you have any fun ideas for the community for the kids (maybe a haunted windmill, or costume contest) or for the adults (Christmas lighting contest or creating a Knollcrest cookbook), or any fun idea that would bring the community together, please email { HYPERLINK "mailto:Knollcrest@yahoo.com" } and we will get together!