



Knollcrest News

Knollcrest
Family Community
February 2016



Greetings!

Well, it finally happened! The first snowstorm of the season occurred on Saturday, January 23rd. The storm didn't start until the morning but quickly ramped up. By the afternoon snow was falling so steadily you couldn't see across the lake. However, snow totals were varied across the area. While Knollcrest only received about three or four inches, Danbury reported close to a foot of snow!

The first cancellation of school due to snow was on February 5th. The temperature on February 4th was well into the 40's, as were the temperatures all week. The winter storm advisory took everyone by surprise. Snow fell until the afternoon but the skies cleared and the wet heavy snow melted quickly from streets and driveways.

Winter seems to be in full swing now, though. Snow started falling again on Monday, February 8th, and the schools had an early dismissal. By 11 am the roads were covered and there were reports of school busses having trouble navigating the slippery roads. The following day was a delayed opening and snow continued into Tuesday night and caused another school delay for Wednesday.

The forecast is now calling for subzero temperatures for the long Holiday weekend and into next week. Maybe the lake will freeze after all!

The Knollcrest News strives to keep the community informed of all the happenings in Knollcrest. In doing so, we hope to build and foster the spirit of community that has been the hallmark of Knollcrest for the past 80 years

Thank you to the contributors from our Knollcrest Community who help make this newsletter a true Community effort.

If you missed an issue, they are available at www.knollcrestnews.org

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Power Outage

Knollcrest residents experienced a community- wide power outage on Sunday, January 17th. The outage was due to a car vs. pole accident on Route 39 near Knollwood. The road was closed and the power was out from 3:30 in the afternoon until 10 pm.

The Board reported via email to property owners that the Water Director verified that the generator was working to provide water to homes during the outage.

The News would like to thank the Board for keeping residents informed on the outage and the water director for his oversight of the system during the emergency.



Did You Know?

There was some confusion during the power outage regarding when power would be restored. According to some reports power would turn on at 5:30, but it did not return for hours later.

A helpful neighbor has passed on the following advice for Knollcrest residents in the case of a power outage. If you lose power, phone Eversource, (our power company, formerly CL&P) at 1-800-286-2000 to report the outage. Call even if you think the outage has already been reported. Follow the automated prompts and you will be asked to punch in a phone number to send updates to; any available information on the cause of the outage will be supplied; and you will be provided with an “event ticket number” (outage i.d. number) for your specific outage. Text the outage i.d number to 24612 (Eversource) and you will receive, via text, periodic updates on the expected approximate time that power will be restored. In addition, similar voice messages will be sent to the phone number you supplied. That way, you will be kept updated, even if you are not at home.

In the case of the February 5th power outage; this neighbor received two update messages as work progressed on the damaged pole. The second message approximated restoration time as 10:15 PM. The power came back on at 10:00 PM.

This information can be valuable when deciding whether to leave your home or to relocate fragile family members, rather than relying on second-hand information. Also, since a number of Knollcrest residents were in the midst of preparing Sunday dinner on February 5th, it would have been helpful to know how long the outage was expected to last, so alternative cooking plans could be made.



Board of Directors

The February 4th, 2016 Board of Directors meeting was very short. The Secretary noted that it was a 29 minute meeting.

A motion was made and approved to renew the line of credit at the cost of \$50.00 a year.

The Board's Secretary reported that she received a letter from a waterfront resident interested in offering the community the opportunity to purchase their house to use as a community clubhouse. The secretary asked the Board for permission to write a response on the Board's behalf. The response would be that the Board will research costs and community interest, and get back to them. The Board agreed that the house should remain on the market during the Board's research.

Property Maintenance Director, Andy Magoon, said he will be obtaining bids for sand removal. He stated that he would like to have the roads free of sand by the end of March.

The Board President told the Property Director that he would like to place an ad for an on-call handyman. Andy stated that the person they do hire should have their own insurance.

Director Steve Plante reported that he will be meeting with the Town's zoning officer regarding the possibility of building a pavilion. Where the pavilion would be located was unclear, but according to the (unapproved) posted minutes of the meeting, it would be at the beach.

He also reported that he is waiting on approval from the State regarding the new well. Once the approval is granted, the new well will be put into operation.

Vice President Mark Cronk reported that he received a letter from the state with two new

requirements for the water system. One was for a backup generator (which is already completed,) and the second is for an emergency response plan to be submitted to the State. Knollcrest has 18 months to put the plan together and submit it. Mr. Cronk stated that he has already started on the plan and, with the help of the Board, hopes to have it ready well before the deadline.

Mr. Cronk also reported that he attended a meeting of a community of homes on Knollcrest Road regarding their water system. This community has 16 homes on one well, and the State has forced them to hire someone to take care of the water system. It was asked of Mr. Cronk if Knollcrest would consider running their water system. Mr. Cronk reported to the Board that he explained to this community several times during the meeting that Knollcrest is not in the business of running other water systems.

Mr. Cronk also reported to the Board that Aquarion (a water management company) contacted him and asked if Knollcrest would be interested in hiring Aquarion to run our water. Mr. Cronk responded that as long as we have a volunteer base that is willing and able to run our system, he does not see why we would ever want to have to pay for someone else to run it.

The members of the Board stated that it is a testament to Mark Cronk's and Steve Plante's diligence, hard work and results that prompted others to ask us to run someone's water system.

The Board scheduled the annual budget meeting for May 7, 2016 at the New Fairfield Senior Center.



In Reflection

Long-time resident Katherine O'Brien of Windmill Road passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2016. She and her husband William were married in 1952 and have been residents of Knollcrest for over thirty years. Katherine was the mother of six children, grandmother of seventeen and great grandmother of four.

Our sincere condolences go out to William O'Brien and the entire O'Brien family.



Cookbook Update

Thank you to those who have sent in your recipes. Please keep those recipes coming in! Remember, past residents as well as relatives of current residents are welcome to submit recipes. Please send in those delicious dishes to help commemorate our 80th Anniversary!



Parking Ban

The Board of Directors has issued a parking restriction from November 15 to April 15. The restriction sent out in November asks residents to avoid parking at the base of Windmill road as it “creates an extremely dangerous condition for drivers making turns and places parked cars at extreme risk of collision”.

The restriction also asked residents to avoid parking a car or boat on the street or turnarounds so that the snow plowing contractor can do their job properly. Parking is available at the windmill if you or a visitor needs to leave a car there during a storm.



Neighborhood Watch

Many homes in Knollcrest are summer homes for part time residents. If you are a full time resident, please keep an eye on the homes in your area that are unoccupied during the winter. In the past, there have been homes that had water damage from frozen pipes. Please

notify your neighbor (a community directory is available from the Board Secretary) if you see something amiss or email the Board at www.knollcrestboard.org.



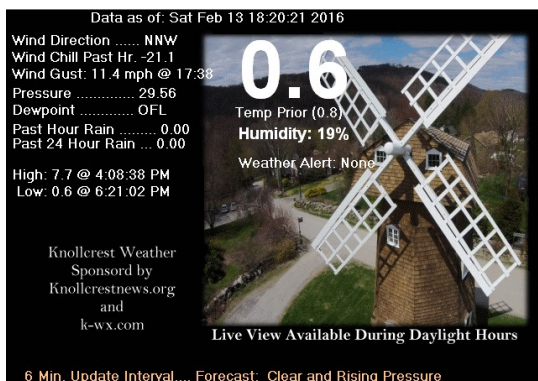
Knollcrest Network

Wanted

Graphic artist to design the cover and chapter pages for the Knollcrest Cookbook. Please email the news at cookbook@knollcrestnews.org

Community Service Website

www.k-wx.com Knollcrest weather cam and data available 24/7



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