



# Knollcrest News

Knollcrest  
Family Community  
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## Greetings!

Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas in Knollcrest was particularly eventful. We had record-breaking warm temperatures for Christmas day. There were kayakers on the lake, golf carts taking afternoon cruises on the roads, and even a water skier spotted, complete with Santa hat! It was a very different Holiday season indeed from a year ago.

There has been only one time so far that the snow plow was needed. Let's cross our fingers that it remains that way!



## Stemming the Confusion

After the Knollcrest News published its November edition, the Knollcrest Board of Directors sent out a letter to the residents stating that "The Board of Directors of the Knollcrest Tax District would like to remind everyone that it has no affiliation with the recent Knollcrest Newsletter that was distributed in the last few days."

To be clear, the Knollcrest News is NOT a part of the Knollcrest Board. This newsletter was created in 2011 because the communication from the Board to its residents was virtually nonexistent. We felt that the

**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 [KnollcrestNews.org](http://KnollcrestNews.org)**

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community should be aware of what is going on in the neighborhood, so we decided to publish the Newsletter for our fellow residents.

The Board's email seemed to imply that some information was inaccurate when it stated that "the only official records of the Knollcrest Tax District meetings and votes are the Board approved minutes which can be found at the [knollcrestboard.org](http://knollcrestboard.org) website"

The Knollcrest News not only attends every monthly board meeting but we record them as well. By doing so, we do not solely rely on notes or on the Board's minutes to report on the meetings.

The Newsletter was mentioned at the January 7th Board meeting. After the meeting, the Secretary asked the News if we would consider working with the Board to put out a newsletter together. While we welcome the cooperation of the Board and encourage contributed Board content, the Knollcrest News should and will remain an independent press.

The Knollcrest News is no different than the New Fairfield Citizen News, whose writers attend and report on the town meetings, commissions and events, but are not part of its governing body.

The News suggested to the Secretary that if the Board had any notices for the community, or events it wished to spearhead, the Newsletter would be then happy to research, promote and publish anything that the Board needs.

The Secretary also asked the News if we make money on our website. We do not. The [Knollcrestnews.org](http://Knollcrestnews.org) is a community service. The website contains no ads or money-making endeavor. In fact, the printed version of the newsletter is distributed at our own expense to residents who do not have access to email or a computer.

We are your neighbors. We simply love Knollcrest and wish to foster and promote the spirit of community. Due to the positive response to the Newsletter in the five years since it was begun, we feel it has been successful in its mission so far. We are not part of the Board of Directors and therefore can report to you resident to resident, what is happening in Knollcrest.

It is our hope that, in the spirit of cooperation, the Board of Directors will support and encourage the Knollcrest News to help promote the ideals of Knollcrest in order to remain a true community of neighbors.



## **Let's Get Cookin'!**

The Knollcrest News has decided to move ahead to publish a community cookbook. After all the picnics in the past, and the most recent "tailgate" parties at the windmill, where people raved about the dishes, we felt compelled to create a Knollcrest cookbook especially for the 80th anniversary of Knollcrest.

We would like to make it as easy as possible to submit your recipes, so we have created a special email address-- [cookbook@knollcrestnews.org](mailto:cookbook@knollcrestnews.org). If your recipe is already written down and you are tech-savvy, simply take a photo of it and attach it to an email to the cookbook. If you are not, then let us know by phone (203-470-1056) or email and we would be happy to come to you and copy the recipe(s).

We would like to get as many residents involved as possible! We welcome past residents and relatives of current residents as well, to submit recipes. Simply include your name and the Knollcrest street where you lived and the years you lived there. Current residents do not have to list their street if they don't want to.

The more recipes the better! It can be in any category-- side dishes, main, breads, desserts appetizers, etc. You may also submit more than one recipe. Please help spread the word and send in those delicious recipes!



## **Welcome to Knollcrest**

The news would like to welcome the Gasperino family of Eastview Road to Knollcrest. We hope you are enjoying your first winter and look forward to seeing you at the beach next summer!



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

A relatively quiet Board of Directors meeting was held on January 7th 2016. The Treasurer read into the record an email vote that was conducted and approved with six votes for a 100 dollar donation to Squantz Fire House.

Vice President Mark Cronk presented a rough outline of a 2-5 year plan for the community. He stated that he received input from Directors as well as his own observations. Some of the topics thus far are road resurfacing, snow removal; the foot wash and run-off at the beach, signage board for the marina, stone wall repair around the windmill, as well as items for the water system. Mr. Cronk said he would continue to work on the plan to have it ready for presentation at the May budget meeting.

It was suggested that perhaps the Board should create a survey or questionnaire for residents, to get their input on the plan as well.

The President stated that he would like to place an ad for an 'on call' handyman for small jobs that need to be done in the community. It was suggested that perhaps the local trade school in Danbury may be a consideration.

The Secretary stated that she fielded calls, texts and questions on the Knollcrest Newsletter and reported that she sent the notice to the community to address the confusion.

A discussion was introduced involving the possibility of a Knollcrest clubhouse. If a waterfront home was purchased by the community, could they rent it out for weddings, or even by the week as a rental property etc? A lively discussion ensued and it was resolved that more information regarding actual numbers was needed.

The Board will look into concrete posts to surround the newly repaired hydrant on Millway. This will protect the hydrant from damage from large trucks.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2016.



## **80th Anniversary**

Since it is such a special year in Knollcrest, perhaps someone would come forward and be willing to run an old-fashioned community picnic with raffles and prizes and an egg toss or two? Having done one in the past, it is a daunting task, but once someone takes the lead, there are usually plenty of people who volunteer to help out!

The News would be more than willing to help whoever takes it on to help make a successful Picnic and get the word out.



## **Knollcrest Homes**

There are two homes for sale in Knollcrest at this time. Both homes are on Eastview Road. Over nine houses have sold in Knollcrest in the past two years. Three of those were sold to the relatives of an existing resident!

Most of the homes in Knollcrest have been family owned for decades. When the owner of a long-held home considers selling, it's often the children or extended family who buy it. Knollcrest has a very special draw to those who have lived here for a while. And when you are raised in Knollcrest, you do not want to leave. Oftentimes children who did grow up and move away, wind up coming back to raise their own children here.

Let's hope that the new first time residents to Knollcrest will begin to feel that special bond with the community during their years here!



## Calling All Artists!

Since we have decided to put together a Knollcrest cookbook, we are in need of a cover. If you are graphically inclined, please let us know! We would like to get as much community input as possible to be involved with its look and layout.



## Knollcrest Networks

This section of the Knollcrest News is for community networking. It is our version of the classifieds.

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 collectable, this is the page to come to as well. The possibilities are endless.

Just submit your ad to [ads@Knollcrestnews.org](mailto:ads@Knollcrestnews.org) and it will be included in the next newsletter!