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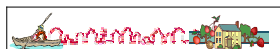


From left to right: Marija Bryant, Wendye Pardue, Laurel Lindstrom, Gordon Tully, Maribeth Becker, Erik Nees and Sarah Hunter

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Eastern Norwalk
Neighborhood Association



It's a New Year

As the New Year begins, I want to wish you and yours a healthy and happy 2006.

As promised in our fall newsletter, we are bringing you the election results (for our area) – with an invitation to the successful candidates to get involved in our association so that they may work with us in maintaining and improving the quality of life for the EN neighborhoods.

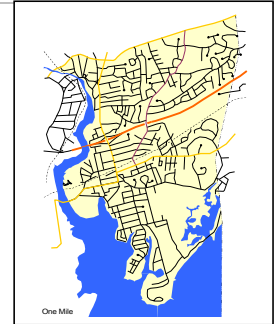
Mayor:
Dick Moccia

District A Councilmen:
Herb Grant
Rick McQuaid

District C Councilmen:
Fred Bondi
Nick Kydes

Common Council at-large:
Mike Coffey
Matt Miklave
J. Olmstead-Sawyer
Joanne Romano
Doug Sutton

Board of Ed at-large:
Greg Burnett
Rick Fuller



Bruce Kimmel
Rosa Murray

First Taxing District:
Ernestine Santaniello
(Commissioner)
Richard Steeg (Treasurer)

Third Taxing District:
Tim Plunkett (Commissioner)
Connie DiScala (Treasurer)

Congratulations to all!

Best Regards,
Laurel Lindstrom, President;
Sea To The Green® Editor

Thank you to all who serve

As we congratulate the newcomers to Norwalk's administration, we also extend a warm thank you to the outgoing mayor and councilmen who served the City and eastern Norwalk tirelessly during the past four years.

Many initiatives were created that promoted neighborhoods and helped make neighborhood associations strong during the past administration.

New neighborhood associations formed, and

old ones came out of dormancy, because of the initiatives begun by the Knopp administration.

Some of these initiatives are: the Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee; the Neighborhood Walking Tours; the Spring Citywide Cleanup Day; the position of Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator; the 90-day Demolition Delay Ordinance; the Neighborhood Centers Improvement Program; and encouragement to neighborhood associations

to prepare and present mini-master plans for incorporation into the City's larger Master Plan.

Three weeks after taking office newly-elected Mayor Moccia attended our December ENNA meeting. We are pleased that he voiced appreciation for the value of 'neighborhood'.

The ENNA looks forward to working constructively with Mayor Moccia as we grow successfully our programs and projects.



Please also remember that those in need during the holidays have the same needs for food and clothing throughout the year.

Our 'Pick of the Quarter'

Past 'Picks of the Quarter' for this page have been for improvements to the streetscape and to functionality through architectural additions and façade improvements. These aesthetic improvements often help rejuvenate neighborhoods, and neighborhood centers.

For our abbreviated holiday newsletter we have chosen to profile charities in Norwalk that are accepting donations of toys, food and clothing that will be given to those in need.

If you don't already have a favorite charity that provides these services, please consider one of the following – or consider adding another to your list of places where you give.

Please also remember that those in need during the holidays have the same needs for food and clothing throughout the year. Consider donating at times other than during the holidays.

Norwalk Emergency Shelter:
4 Merritt Street
South Norwalk
Phone: 866-1057

Toys, Clothing and Food donations accepted.

Norwalk Emergency Shelter – Once and Again Clothing Room
7 Chestnut Street
South Norwalk
Phone: 866-1057

Clothing accepted.

NEON:
98 South Main Street
South Norwalk
Phone: 899-2483 Toys
Phone: 899-2485 Clothing & Food donations

Toy donations accepted.
Call above number to donate clothing or food.

Community Health Center:
121 Water Street
South Norwalk
Phone: 899-1770

Toys accepted.

Treasure House Thrift Shop:
5 Isaac Street
Norwalk
Phone: 866-7104

Clothing accepted.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center:
5 Eversley Avenue, Ste 303
Norwalk
Phone: 853-0418

Food accepted.

Third Taxing District office:
2 Second Street
East Norwalk
Phone: 866-9271

It has been a holiday tradition for the TTD Electric Department to collect nonperishable food at this time of the year to give to area food banks. Donations accepted through December 26.

To find other organizations and locations accepting donations – go to www.infoline.org.

Why do we have Taxing Districts?

According to the City Charter, "Norwalk became a city in 1913, at which time it consolidated with South Norwalk and the East Norwalk Fire District." The City was divided into six taxing districts at that time based on existing territorial powers, some retaining rights in decision-making.

Within the boundaries of

the ENNA there are two taxing districts that own property and manage utilities – the First and the Third. Each district elects a Commission to make decisions related to the districts.

The First Taxing District manages a water utility and owns the Norwalk Green and other property.

The Third Taxing District manages an electric utility and owns the East Norwalk Library, the EN Fire Station and several small parks, including Constitution Park and Governor Fitch Park.

Residents who receive services pay rates to the taxing districts that in turn pay for the upkeep of the land and maintenance of the taxing district buildings.

Finding your way around our website

The ENNA has received a number of compliments on our website (found at <http://eastnorwalk.org>) for the amount of information on the site and the easy access to additional information on other sites (from our Links and Calendar pages).

On our Home Page there are links to our ENNA documents (meeting minutes, Master Plan recommendations, etc.) and links to our main

pages: Board (names & contact information); Reps (elected officials and contact information); Hallmarks (history of ENNA); Media (coverage by local papers of ENNA programs & projects); Calendar (meetings & events); Get Involved (links to ENNA issues & programs pages); and Links (to other significant websites including the City of Norwalk and the Advocates for Calm Traffic websites).

One helpful hint is that by scrolling to the bottom of the ENNA Calendar Page you can find two links to the City of Norwalk website. The first takes you to the current week's calendar of commission, board and committee meetings. The second link takes you to the meeting agenda page. This is an easy and quick way of keeping up on what issues and items are up for discussion, vote and public hearing so that you can have a say in the government decision-making process.



ENNA

Volunteer

For every talent, skill and interest we have a volunteer job to match.

This newsletter highlights many of the programs and projects of the ENNA – and with each activity volunteers are needed.

Even if your available time is limited, you can help by

taking on small or occasional assignments.

To stay up to date with our activities and opportunities for participation, please provide your email address on the form below. We will send you regular meeting reminders and updates.

Our website can be found

at <http://eastnorwalk.org>.

The Calendar and Meeting Minutes pages are excellent sources for information.

The ENNA meets monthly at Norwalk City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

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Contribute

We need member contributions to print flyers and newsletters, purchase supplies for neighborhood cleanups, create poster displays for our events – and any number of other activities that have an associated cost. We ask for a contribution annually of \$25 per household. If you haven't contributed this year please consider doing so. Our level of achievement is only as great as your generosity.

To Volunteer, Join or Contribute to the ENNA please complete the information below and mail to: ENNA, 6 Walnut Ave. Norwalk, CT 06851.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Check enclosed _____ Volunteer _____

Interests or Special Skills:

All contributions are fully tax-deductible.
Information kept confidential, for ENNA use only.



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*From the Sea to the Green
...and everywhere
in between*

Keep those fire hydrants accessible!

Glenn Iannaccone, Norwalk Fire Marshall, recently asked the ENNA to help get the word out about keeping fire hydrants accessible to the Fire Department.

It is critical to the safety of you and your family, and to your neighbors, that fire hydrants are always visible

and easily accessible to the fire department.

What you can do:

- Keep brush, shrubs and other vegetation trimmed near hydrants
- Avoid placing refuse containers, and other items, near hydrants.
- Don't park in front of

hydrants, and call the police or fire department if someone else parks there.

- Dig out hydrants immediately following snow fall.
- Let the ENNA know if any hydrants need repainting.

Remember - when an emergency arises, time is precious.

About Our Organization

The ENNA is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes:

To foster and preserve the residential character, natural and historic resources and quality of life in the eastern Norwalk community;

To encourage the residents of eastern Norwalk to actively participate in achieving the purpose set forth above;

To provide assistance to governmental and not-for-profit organizations with purposes similar to, or with activities in furtherance of, the purposes set forth above.

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We're on the Web!
See us at:
<http://eastnorwalk.org>

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STREET ADDRESS
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