



Knollcrest News

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Family Community

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Greetings!

It's hard to believe that Summer has already come and gone. Aside from the three-week, intense and uncomfortable spell of heat and humidity in July, Summer 2013 was filled with warm sunny days and few rainy days. Fall arrived with a marvelous cold front that ushered in crisp, clear autumn temperatures – cool mornings and warm afternoons. The leaves are turning and pumpkins are growing.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that there are no hurricanes or freak snow storms! We are all looking forward to celebrate our first Halloween – complete with trick or treaters – in two years!

Other Points of Interest:

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 77 years.



Annual Meeting

The Knollcrest Annual meeting was held on Saturday August 3rd at the windmill. A little rain didn't deter the 41 residents from showing up to vote. The unopposed new slate was voted in, with a vote of 35 in favor and 6 residents against the slate.

After the vote was completed, the issue of parking, especially around the windmill, was discussed at length. A second public discussion arose regarding the issue of quiet hours. There was also some discussion by residents regarding the noise from homeowner maintenance work done on weekends versus work being conducted by outside contractors.

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

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

The Board sent out a notice to residents later that day, stating that these issues would be discussed at the next board meeting. Additionally, the Board requested resident input in order to resolve these problems.

Immediately after adjourning the Annual Meeting, the new Knollcrest Board of directors held a Board meeting in the second floor meeting room of the windmill. In that meeting, the issue of meeting minutes was discussed. The secretary asked what or how much information should be included in the official minutes. It was resolved that only motions and actions need to be documented and general discussions need not be included.

Board President Mark Cronk asked the new Directors to think about what areas they would like to be involved in this fiscal year. Directors were to email their requests to the president; assignments would be delegated at the September Board meeting.

A resident in attendance, when asked at the public comment portion of the meeting, brought up a pedestrian and vehicle visibility issue at the northern corners of Southview and Crestway (bordering the DeLeo property). The resident stated that the 3 large golden arborvitae bushes on Southview and the overhanging trees on Crestway were blocking visibility at those intersections. One Board member stated that Southview Road to the south had weeds and hosta that obstructed visibility at the southern corner as well. The President asked the Secretary to make note of the complaint.



Knollcrest Beach Tags

Mrs. Genevieve Gilbert of Windmill Road has lived in Knollcrest for over 40 years. She has kept the Knollcrest beach resident admission tags from years ago and allowed the Knollcrest News take a photo to share with residents. They were green wrist or ankle tags that the residents their guests had to wear while at the beach.

She also noted that Knollcrest used to issue parking decals as well. Residents would put them on their cars when parking at the beach or marina. A supply of those decals are still stored in the windmill.

Thank you, Mrs Gilbert, for your contribution!



Knollcrest Board of Directors Meeting

President Mark Cronk announced the directorships for this year at the September 11, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. They are: Water Director - Steve Plante; Marina Director - Elliott Sears; Roads Director - Charlie Franklin; Beach Director - Jody DiFranco; and Property Maintenance Director - Judy Thompson .

Mark Cronk also informed the Board that he would like to begin sending out a quarterly business report to all the residents. This one-page summary is intended to inform Knollcrest property owners about what projects are underway and actions taken by the Board.

The Board president also reported on the progress of the second phase of the installation of the generator system for the drinking water. There was a motion made to survey the area around the windmill for the purpose of the generator and propane tank installation.

There will be curbing and pavement repair, to begin this fall. The Board also approved the snow plowing contract for winter 2013-14. It will be with the same vendor as last year.

During public comment a resident brought up the issue of a tree that is obstructing her view overlooking the marina that should be addressed for security reasons. The resident has taken it upon herself over the years to keep watch for any suspicious activity at the marina. The board expressed their appreciation for her volunteerism and responded that they would take a look at the problem. The work has since been completed.

The Board also thanked Eileen Schoenhardt, who was in attendance, for alerting the Town of New Fairfield to the safety issue at the Knollcrest entrance near the storm drain and first speed bump – a deep depression resulting from road erosion. The town responded and paved the area around the drain and installed a new reflector at the bump sign. Thanks Eileen!



Knollcrest Volunteers

The August 3rd Board of Directors meeting following the election included Board discussion about the Knollcrest Beautification Committee. A Board member asked who was on the committee and what they do.

In the late 1990's a few Knollcrest residents (non-Board members) voluntarily formed a Beautification Committee to enhance the community, using volunteer labor and some plant

donations. They were responsible for the original plantings at the Knollcrest sign as well as flowers and plantings at the beach and marina. They took it upon themselves to beautify the community areas with flowers, pumpkins and mums in October and holiday lights in the winter, as well as weeding and maintenance in the spring and summer. Members of the original committee eventually moved on, at which time the Board took over those particular responsibilities.

Last year the Beautification committee was re-formed by Water Eppler and comprised of resident volunteers to help with plantings. You may have seen volunteers at the entrance to Knollcrest this summer, reinstalling the garden by the Knollcrest sign.

The Knollcrest News has joined forces with new Beautification Committee to help them with enhancement projects. The Committee is planning to plant hostas along the Knollcrest common property on Millway, from the recently cleared land to Windmill Road. The end goal is to have a line of hostas lining the road from one end of the hill to the other, wherever the stone wall permits.

If you would like to join the Committee to help out with seasonal plantings or decorations, or if you have flowers to donate or just some ideas, please call Walter Eppler or contact Rosemary Scott at the newsletter. Everyone enjoys a more beautiful community!



New Arrivals

The Knollcrest News is proud to announce the newest resident to the community. Congratulations to the Magoon family on the birth of their second daughter, Cora Lynne.

The News would also like to welcome a new family to Knollcrest, Joshua and Wendy (Hanrahan) Quinby and their two young daughters. Wendy grew up in New Fairfield. Joshua is a resident at Danbury Hospital.



Board Member Spotlight

Knollcrest homeowner Steve Plante was a new addition to the Board this year, but he is not new to volunteerism. When a Directorship was vacated before the end of the last term, Steve Plante stepped forward to fill the vacancy. He was then added to the slate for 2013-14 Board of Directors. In the past few years, Steve has come forward many times to help the Board with work on projects and maintenance at the beach, the marina and the water system. Having worked more recently alongside Mark Cronk and Jeff Beers to learn about the workings of the Knollcrest water system, he is now the Board's Water Director for the 2013-14 term.

A retired New York firefighter, Steve and his wife Rosa moved to Knollcrest in 2010. Coming from a large family, Steve enjoys entertaining his brothers and sisters and their families, sharing with them the pleasures of living in Knollcrest. Apparently the feeling rubbed off – one sibling has since bought her own house in the community!



Never Forget

The Town of New Fairfield, along with many of our younger Knollcrest residents, suffered a painful loss this month. A 22-year-old New York Air National Guard Staff Sergeant and 2008 graduate of New Fairfield High School, T.J. Lobraico was killed by small arms fire in an ambush he helped fellow soldiers avoid, while guarding Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan in September. Our hearts go out to T.J.'s family and everyone who knew him as a friend, classmate, co-worker, and fellow soldier.

Please let us remember those Knollcrest residents who are in the military and provide support to their families. The News would also like to recognize our young men from Knollcrest, Jake Kelly and brothers Ken and Mike Johnson, for their ongoing service to our country.

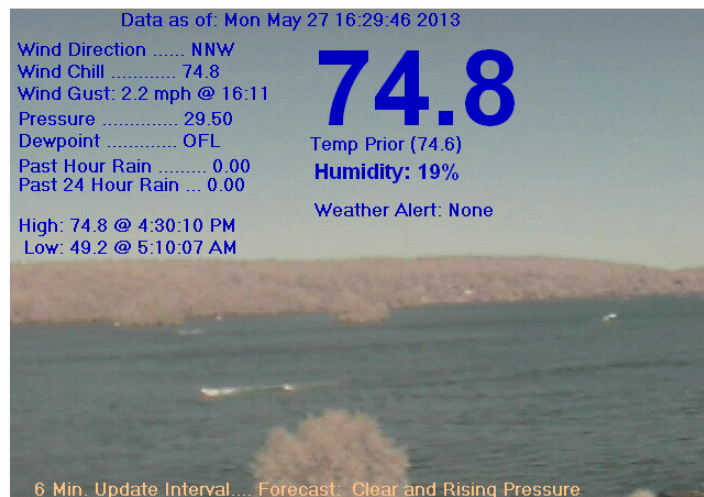


Knollcrest Networks

Wanted:

The Beautification Committee is looking for hostas to be planted along Millway in October. If you have any you would like to donate please call Walter Eppler at 746-3277.

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