



# Knollcrest News

Knollcrest  
Family Community  
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**Greetings!** Summer is in full swing and many residents are out and about thoroughly enjoying the advantages of living in Knollcrest. The marina is full and the beach is occupied every day.

We have had a drier than normal season so far and the water level of the lake is lower than usual and the milfoil arrived at the marina sooner than expected. While we have had some thunderstorms and torrential downpours, it hasn't been enough to keep the grass from browning. Sprinklers have been busy!



## Knollcrest Annual Budget Meeting

According to the sign in sheet for the May 7, 2016 Annual Budget Meeting, fifteen residents and eight board members were in attendance. Eighteen homes out of 101 were represented. The budget was presented and passed, with the same budget as last year.

After the budget vote, there was a discussion regarding the construction of a pavilion at the beach. This was a proposal introduced at an earlier board meeting by a director. Several residents spoke against the pavilion, citing an obstructed view of the lake and increased insurance costs as well as an invitation to vandalism. One resident stated that she didn't see the need for a permanent structure when tents were readily available for functions which could be taken down afterwards. The minutes to the meeting state that 15 residents wanted to move forward with more

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](http://www.knollcrestnews.org)

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information on the pavilion. According to one resident who was at the meeting, after a call for a show of hands as to how many would like to explore the idea, a no vote was not called, and eight of those who voted yes were members of the Board of Directors.

As a surprise to some residents, a third topic was brought up at the meeting. This topic was not listed on the agenda. Board member Steve Plante proposed a vote to use email distribution for meeting notices as well as financial statements (the accountant's compilation of Knollcrest profit and loss statements usually mailed to residents in the fall.) The Board assured the audience that tax bills will not be sent via email. According to the approved minutes of the meeting, the motion was passed by a vote of 18 yes and 2 no votes, with 2 abstentions.

A Millway resident alerted the Board to a compromised tree on Knollcrest property on Eastview Road that would do damage to his and his neighbor's property should it fall. One resident brought up the topic of garbage use at the beach and another resident asked about trailer parking on the roads.



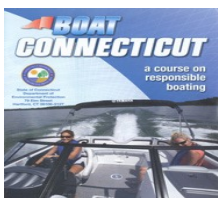
## Welcome

The News would like to extend a warm welcome to new residents Grapsteins and Hill families on Eastview Road, the Posts on Crestway as well as the Glick family on Windmill Road. Welcome to Knollcrest!



## Let's get cooking!

The News is still collecting recipes for a Knollcrest cookbook. The cookbook will be available on line as well as bound copies by request. The News will be sending out periodic emails so that residents can submit the recipes by simply replying to the email. All residents as well as their relatives are invited to send in their favorite recipe. Even past residents who grew up in Knollcrest can contribute. Please send in your recipes!



## Did You Know?

That in order to drive a boat or a jet ski on Candlewood Lake you need a license? You must pass a course giv-

en by the State and receive a boating license. The following information is from the Candlewood Lake Authority website:

To legally operate any boat with a motor or a sailboat 19½ feet in length or longer, the following persons must obtain a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC):

- Residents of Connecticut
- Owners of real property in Connecticut
- Anyone using Connecticut waters more than 60 days in a year.

To legally operate a personal watercraft on Connecticut waters, regardless of state residency all persons must possess a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO).

There are a variety of ways to fulfill the educational requirements in order to obtain a SBC or CPWO. For more information, go to [www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org](http://www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org).



## **Board of Directors Meetings**

A resident asked permission from the Board to use the basketball court for a private function. A motion was made at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, that anyone in arrears for any fees owed to the Tax District would not be eligible to reserve community property (including tables and tents etc) for a private function unless paid in full. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

The tree on Eastview, previously brought up at the Annual Budget meeting by a Millway resident, was brought up to the Board by another resident. The second resident wrote into the Board about the tree affecting the service to his home. The resident presented the tag from Eversource that stated it was the tree owner's responsibility. According to the minutes, the Board stated at the meeting that they will call Eversource to see if "we get the same response before determination is made".

A motion was made by Board member Andy Magoon for no parking anytime at the base of Millway and Windmill road. The motion was seconded and passed. The minutes to the June meeting state that a notice of the change will be sent to the Community along with the sign being replaced and possibly painting a no parking zone on the street.

There was a discussion regarding late- night activity at the beach. It was determined that the chain and lock will be replaced at the beach.

There were several heated discussions by the Board, as well as members in attendance, at the July 21 board meeting. The topics included non- residents using the beach and boat ramp, golf cart use by children and the idea of forming a committee to revamp the rules and regulations in the Community. President Charlie Franklin's view on many of these topics was that 'It's not the 1950's -people don't listen anymore. And "How are

you going to enforce it- you can't".

In the end, the Board decided to send out a letter to residents. The notice was sent on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

The compromised tree on Knollcrest property was brought up again at the July meeting, with the affected resident in attendance. The Eastview Road resident stated he could not understand why it was taking the Board so long to address the issue. The Board asked the homeowner why he doesn't remove the limb himself and his response was that "it's Knollcrest's tree, it's not my tree". In fact, he lives across the street from the tree. The Board discussed options at length and according to the posted minutes of the meeting, "Eversource will be contacted again to have them look at the tree for the third time".

Vandalism at the marina was reported by Director Elliot Sears. The lock on the boat ramp was cut. He also reported that he received bids for milfoil removal. There was some discussion on whether to remove the milfoil at the beach first. The general consensus was that if the milfoil is impacting swimmers, the Board would spend money on the swim area rather than the marina.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a resident brought up that the no parking sign has yet to be installed at the base of Millway and Windmill Road, as per the Board's vote at the June meeting.

The resident also brought up the fact that a Crestway resident was leaving "burn out" tire marks on the street and provided photos to the Board. It was also stated that several other residents were tired of the constant car noise. The resident pointed out that the Board President lives next door to the car owner and asked that the Board address the complaint with the homeowner.

The Annual Knollcrest meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20 at 10 AM at the windmill. Elections of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors will take place at that time.



## **Thank You**

The News would like to extend a big thank you to Walter Eppler, our longtime resident volunteer, for not only sprucing up the Community entry garden with new plants, but for painting the Knollcrest sign as well! It all looks wonderful. Thank you Walter for all you do for our community!



## **In Remembrance**

Knollcrest lost one of our longtime residents this year. Southview Road resident Walter Naryniecki passed away on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Naryniecki family has been in Knollcrest since 1960. In fact, his son, Phil and daughter Gail, both own property in Knollcrest. Walter was a staple at each Knollcrest picnic. He was 99.



## Speeding

Now that the summer is in full swing, the News would like to remind residents that there is a 15 MPH speed limit in Knollcrest. With so many homes sold in the last two years, many residents are using contractors to spruce up their homes. We would like to remind everyone to tell their contractors as well as their visitors to slow down to 15 MPH when entering the community and stop at the STOP signs at Crestway and Southview Road.



## Opinion-Community Living

Living in a community like Knollcrest is very different than living on a hilltop with two acre zoning. In a community like ours, common courtesy needs to be the norm. There are rules in place, but as President of the Board, Charlie Franklin stated “it’s not 1950 anymore.” No it’s not, and now more than ever, we need to come together as a community and live by the rules of mutual respect and courtesy. That simple effort enhances quality of life for everyone. And it’s free!

Knollcrest is often referred to by realtors as a “premier” or “stellar” or “sought after” community. We are called that not only because of our appearance, but by our conduct and how we treat each other. We pick up after our dogs, we drive the speed limit. We look out for our neighbors. The News disagrees with the Board President when he stated that people don’t care anymore and that there is no enforcement for the rules. The way to enforce the rules is by reminding the rule breaker that this is a community where one person’s actions affect everyone.

If you let your underage child drive a golf cart unsupervised, others see it and think it’s okay - Now we hear multiple complaints of many children in golf carts driving over the speed limit, driving their friends, driving recklessly and driving while on cell phones. Eventually someone *will* get hurt.

We all need to inform fast drivers to slow down, or ask a dog owner to pick up after their pet.

If we see a stranger at the beach, we need to introduce ourselves and ask where they are from. If they are not a resident, we need to inform them that it’s a private beach and they must leave.

It’s our neighborhood. It is going to be on all of us to live by and enforce the rules to keep Knollcrest a great community.



## Knollcrest Networks:

### Free:

Full- size navy blue Maurice Villency couch

If interested call Steve Males at (646)- 207-1794

### Hall Rental Available

Hall rental available at Squantz Firehouse. Great for meetings, parties, bridal and baby showers etc. Full commercial kitchen and large hall.

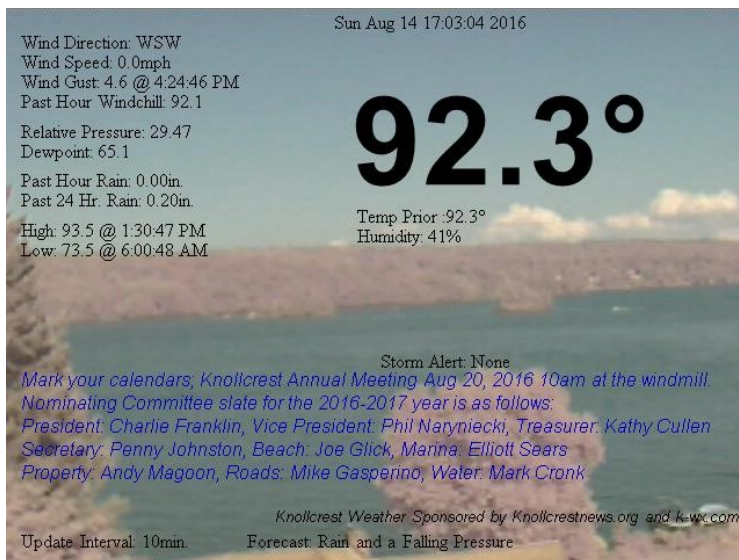
\$300.00 plus proof of insurance. For more information please call 203-312-5741 and leave message.

### Services Offered

Responsible pet sitter/dog walker available

Please call 203-470-1056

### Community Service Website



[www.k-wx.com](http://www.k-wx.com) Knollcrest weather cam and data available 24/7

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