



April Waterside Coalition Meeting
Thursday, April 23th at 7:00pm
St. Clement's Church 535 Fairfield Avenue

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and announcements – Ben Velishka, Chairman
- II. Update from City Representatives - John Boccuzzi & Elaine Mitchell
- III. Guest Speaker – CTE, Inc

FUTURE WATERSIDE COALITION MEETING DATES:

The Coalition meets the **fourth Thursday** of each month at 7:00pm at St. Clement's Church:
May 28; June 25; July 23

CTE, Inc., the community action agency for the Stamford area, will be providing a presentation about their services. Their programs serve over 5,000 customers each year, providing energy assistance, housing, counseling, tri-lingual services, crisis counseling and more. CTE is the doorway to self-sufficiency by providing quality and well-managed program services, a definitive voice for low-income families & a vehicle for the facilitation of economic development of poverty-stricken neighborhoods. **Attend the meeting and learn all about CTE.**

Dr. J. Starr, Superintendent of Schools highlights:

- He has been Superintendent for nearly four years.
- There are 20 schools and 15,000 students in Stamford.
- The greatest challenge is to create consistency of instruction and standards throughout the school system. A new Math program will be in place in every grade next year except the 8th. The next big challenge will be to create consistency in the literacy programs in reading and writing.
- Several grants have been used to increase the number of AP courses and establish a partnership with the community, among other worthwhile projects.
- The present budget maintains current teacher positions, provides professional development and class size remains the same; cuts have been made in other areas.
- There has been a steady decline in negative behavior incidents in the schools over the past three years. Gang activity is minimal.
- A year ago, the Board of Education approved a new redistricting plan. 400 first and second graders will move to another school, unless they have siblings in the school they presently attend. Information about the redistricting is on the District's web site; put in

your zip code to find out whether or not your child will be affected.

Community News

Waterside Coalition News:

- Althea Brown, WC's Community Director, will be in the Office Sat. mornings from 9-12. Call first.: phone – 274-7597; fax – 274-7598; e-mail – waterside@watersidecoalition.org.
- Oval, magnetic bumper stickers with the word "Waterside" and a picture of a lighthouse are available. A \$4. donation would defray the \$2.00 cost per magnet and support our food and energy programs.
- Mobile Breast Cancer screening bus is coming to Waterside August 15, 2009. There will be educational "Breast Health" session. **Location and time to be determine.**
- Ben met with the Parks Department and received final approval for the installation of the new steel fence at Southfield Park. Plantings, similar to Avalon's will also be planted. Safety remains a concern. Please call or email for a greater police presence in the Park.
- Ben visited Walter Reed Hospital when he was in Washington for the inauguration. The soldiers and

their families are in need of toiletries. Anyone who wishes to donate to this cause may bring the items to the next Coalition Meeting or to Ben's house and he will mail them.

- Petro Property update - Seth Weinstein is the new developer. Rick presented the new layout which will include 4 floor, brick and stucco buildings and a boardwalk. The company is donating ¾ million dollars for off site improvements in the area and is asking for a letter of support for the project. The attending residents agreed. Anyone interested in joining the focus committee on steering the Hudson Realty Development of the Petro Property please contact Ben at Daytonllc@optonline.net to form a group to meet asap.
- Two poles with bags (to pick up dog droppings) have been installed in Southfield Park .Ben monitors and maintains them and reports that they have been well used. WC will purchase and install two additional poles.
- April 22 -Plant Day of Service: Eastern Land Management will partner with WC to provide community service in Rosa Hartman Park. Volunteers will plant flowers, put up an access sign, & clean-up the litter and overgrowth of weeds and trees. Please join us.
- WC will have a breakfast with business leaders and residents within Waterside May 2009. Date, time, and place will be announced later.
- Please bring canned goods to the next meeting to help re-stock our food pantry with soup, veggies or pasta, or any other non-perishable canned goods.
- Chairman's Joke Contest – One lucky person will win a crisp \$20.00 bill if he or she is chosen as the best in getting laughter at the next meeting. The **family oriented** jokes will be told at the end of the meeting & the winner will be determined by applause.

Waterside Neighborhood Compliance Committee

Chairperson: Althea S. Brown

Speaker: Lieutenant Dohmann and Captain Mullin

Next Meeting: Mon, Apr. 20th at 5:30pm

Place: J&D Pizza - 432 Fairfield Ave – All are invited!
Free food!

Overview of previous meeting:

- Illegal dumping, graffiti and blight continue to be on-going problems- continue reporting instances to John Boccuzzi.
- A theft occurred at 94 Southfield Ave. Remember to lock your cars and your homes at all times.
- Residents would like to see additional street cleaning in certain parts of Waterside. Alternate side of the street parking may be necessary.

Dogs: Another recurring issue pertains to dog owners. Neighborhood dogs are roaming free & a number of dog owners are NOT picking up after their dogs. **All dogs in the state of CT must be licensed, leashed on public property, & picked up after.** The following **FINES** are in effect: **Local Dog Ordinances -**

Failure to Clean Up After Dog----- \$92.00;

Unleashed Dog in Public Place----- \$75.00

State Dog Statutes: Unlicensed Dog---\$75.00

Animal Nuisance (Continuous barking, jumping, snapping, etc)-----\$75.00

Allowing Dog to Roam-----\$92.00

Please adhere to these regulations so Waterside can be a safe and sanitary community for all.

Chester Addison: Chester Addison's Summer Camp begins on July 6 & ends on August 7. Participation is FREE and open to children who are entering kindergarten in the fall, up to and including children who are entering grade 6 in the fall. Applications are available at Chester Addison, 245 Selleck Street. 348-6491
Summer internship applications may also be obtained at Chester Addison: Summer Camp counselors (must be 16 by July 6) & CIT's (any Waterside resident who is 14 or 15) Applications are available until May 1.

Zoning & Land Use:

1.O&G Coastal Site Plan Application (72 Davenport Street)-To construct a new cement mixer rise out/aggregate material reclaimer facility; construct nine foot high open bins for aggregate storage and covered structure for storage of winter salt/sand; manufacture and storage of concrete block; replacement of 12 existing boat slips with new, relocated floating docks; pave portions of the site to manage dust; and provide a landscaped buffer area along the Harbor with new fencing walkway, and seating accessible to the public.

Zoning Board Public Hearing date: April 6, 2009

2. Zoning Map Change to 28 Southfield - To rezone a 5.8 acre site currently designed as Coastal Water Dependent District to a Designed Waterfront Development District for property located on the west branch of the Stamford Harbor with street frontage on Southfield Avenue, Selleck Street, and Davenport street.

Zoning Board Public Hearing date: April 20, 2009

3.Coastal Site Plan - 207 Greenwich Avenue

To build 3,000 gallon and one 1,000 gallon fuel tanks and perform associated site work.

Pending Zoning Board deliberations: March 24, 2009

4.Coastal Site Plan - 3 Hickory Drive

To remove an existing in ground pool and install new pool.

Zoning Board meeting date: Not Scheduled

- Job Opportunity Links:**
www.job-hunt.org
www.careerjournal.com
www.quintcareers.com
www.monster.com
www.careerbuilder.com
www.hotjobs.yahoo.com
www.indeed.com
www.simplyhired.com
www.jobster.com
www.jobfox.com
www.craigslist.com
www.oodle.com

Federal Grants - Congressman Jim Himes:

Contact information for Federal Grants Agencies:
HUD: Speaker - Suzanne Piacentini, Director of Connecticut Multifamily Programs. <http://www.hud.gov/>. (860) 240-4800 or (860) 240-9702.

SBA: Speaker - Bernard M. Sweeney, District Director (860) 240-4670.

SBIR: Speaker - Merrie London, Manager CT Center for Advanced Technology.

Fairfield County Community Foundation: Speaker - Karen Brown, Vice-President of Programs. <http://www.fcc.org/>.

City of Bridgeport Central Grants Office: Speaker - Alanna Kabel (203)332-6600.

DOT: Speaker - Charlie Barone, Bureau Chief of Policy -Phillip Scorrionzo, Manager CT DOT Office of the Commissioner <http://www.cte.gov/>. (860) 594-2007/fax (860) 594-3065

The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC): The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) is the leader of Entrepreneurial Training for Women in Connecticut.

WBDC a non-profit micro-enterprise development organization whose goal for the past 12 years remains consistent -to increase economic independence for women (men too!) through entrepreneurial training. WBDC teaches, counsels, hosts workshops and seminars to individuals who want to start a small business or are already a small business owner. In addition WBDC offers career assistance, networking, and access to applicable resources. Such programs include; eight week business planning classes, workshops on how to become a certified women owned business,marketing plan development series, workshops to learn how to access capital to grow a small business as well as one-on-one counseling with experts in small business on the subjects of human resources, tax issues, contractual agreements - just to name a few.

WBDC Mission We educate, motivate and empower women to become economically self-reliant through entrepreneurship and expanded career opportunities, thereby creating jobs and enhancing community vitality. To learn more visit <http://www.ctwbdc.org/> or call 1-877-999WBDC (9232) or (203) 353-1750.

Southfield Park Fence Project:

Installation of new fence at Southfield Park will begin in April 2009.

Support Local Businesses

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 Homeowners - FREE on-site inspection of seawalls

The Waterside Coalition has launched a new web site. This is the place to check for news, events and resources. Please visit us at: <http://www.watersidecoalition.org/>

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