



**February Waterside Coalition Meeting
Thursday, February 26th 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 Speakers – Treva Franks, Director of CTE Workforce; Ben Velishka, WC Chairman

FUTURE WATERSIDE COALITION MEETING DATES:

The Coalition meets the **fourth Thursday** of each month at 7:00pm at St. Clement's Church:
Mar. 26; Apr. 23; May 28; June 25; July 23

Travis Franks of CTE will discuss the Waterside and CTE employment opportunities alliance for residents and business owners from Watside, the West End and the South End, as well as other services CTE provides.

Ben Velishka will discuss and present a slide show from his visit to Washington for the Inauguration of President Obama.

WATERSIDE COALITION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD MEMBERS 2008-2009

Ben Velishka - Chairman
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Honorable John J. Boccuzzi
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Honorable Elaine Mitchell
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Grant Money Awarded to WC

WC has been awarded \$5,000.00 from the Neighborhood Empowerment Grant toward installing new fencing at Southfield Park.

Mayor Malloy will distribute the Grant award check at a ceremony on March 26, 5:30pm in the Senior Center on the 2nd floor of the Government Center.

Your attendance at this ceremony is important and will show the Mayor support from the Waterside Community.

Speakers from People's Bank:

- People's Bank is not and never has been involved in subprime loans. Consequently, they have a 2.5 billion cash flow available for lending.
- The bank has not experienced an increase in foreclosures, despite their prevalence throughout

the US, due to the sound financial practices of People's Bank.

- HUD sponsors the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for distressed and challenged homeowners who are more than 30 days behind in their mortgage payments or are in danger of foreclosure. Contact your lending agency to obtain information pertinent to your situation.

Home sales are difficult at this time. The seller may work out a "seller contribution", usually given to help defray the closing costs thus enabling the buyer to facilitate the closing

Community News

Waterside Neighborhood Compliance Committee

Objective: to have residents identify and seek resolution to problem(s) within their neighborhood.

Chairperson: Althea S. Brown

Speaker: Lieutenant Dohmann and Captain Mullin

Next Meeting: Tues, at 5:30pm Feb 24; Mar 17; Apr 14;

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

From the Waterside Coalition:

- 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 – wcoalition@optonline.net
- Coming to the March WC meeting, Dr. Joshua Starr, Superintendent of Schools
- Snow removal from sidewalks must take place within 24 hours of the snowfall.
- The WC is starting two new programs: collecting food for our Waterside neighbors and money to help neighbors cope with heat and other household expenses. A bin for the food will be provided at the monthly meetings as well as a container for cash donations (\$2. is suggested)
- Chairman Ben Velishka would also like to set up a fund to purchase homes that might be coming up for foreclosure, leaving residents in their homes, paying rent.

Operation Fuel: In addition to heat, the program guidelines also provide a non-heat utility program that begins in March. Call Patricia Auguste at CTE to make an appointment. 352-4846

The South End Dental Center provides dental care to children. It accepts all major insurance plans as well as the State Medicaid health plans. Call between 10am and 6pm Mon. – Thurs. 964-8486 (Se habla Espanol)

Security Alert - There have been several burglaries in our area on Fairfield, Burwood, Southfield, Dolphin Cove, Davenport, and Homestead. The police recommend the following precautions:

- Lock the doors to your house, car, garage, etc.
- Keep an eye out for your neighbors' house and doors. If you notice the house or garage door is open, please contact the police department immediately.
- Let your neighbors know when you will be away for any extended period of time and where you can be reached – also notify the post office to stop your mail (or ask a neighbor to collect it for you)
- If you see anything unusual at any time, call 911!
- Turn on your exterior lights and report any street lights that are out to the Citizens Service Center 977-4140

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

call 911 or for non-emergencies 977-4444.

Don't intervene yourself.

Chester Addison Community Center and the Stamford Police Department are accepting registrations for the Mighty Mite basketball league. The league is open to any boy or girl living in Waterside between the ages of 5 and 15. The league is free of charge and games are played on Fridays and Saturdays beginning in March. For more information contact Chester Addison at 348-6491 or stop at 245 Selleck Street and fill out an application.

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