

**January Waterside Coalition Meeting****Thursday, January 22nd 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 – Representatives from People's Bank

FUTURE WATERSIDE COALITION MEETING DATES:

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

Representatives from People's bank will be on hand to discuss the current Mortgage and Financial Crisis:

David Layne - Mortgage Representative; Gregory R. Peck - Customer Service;

Mary L. Williams - Lead Financial Service Associate; Mick Keady - VP

The discussion will cover the following topics:

- Mortgage Foreclosure assistance
- Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention programs
- Mortgage Payment assistance
- Predatory Lending assistance
- Homebuyer Purchase Counseling

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The materials you place in your recycling bin each week do come back to us as new products. Aluminum cans are processed into new cans. Glass containers are turned into new glass.

You probably wouldn't blow your nose on a sheet of copier paper, but the fluffy tissues you use when you have a cold could well have been made from recycled office paper. Recycled paper products reduce the need to cut down trees for processing into pulp.

Plastic containers are turned into a wide variety of products – carpeting, fleece and building materials used in place of pressure-treated lumber. New plastic is made from petroleum, so using recycled plastic products reduces our dependency on imported oil.

When you shop, make sure you look for the "recycled" symbol on items you buy. Buying recycled products saves precious natural resources – buying recycled products is good for the environment.

Stamford recycles: #1 plastic, #2 plastic, junk mail, newspapers, glass jars and bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, & corrugated cardboard.

Also, Goodwill boxes have been placed at both recycling centers for the recycling of clothing, shoes and furniture; Fluorescent bulb recycling is available at both recycling centers, including the new energy efficient light bulbs – they do contain mercury and need to be disposed of properly.

Free compost is available to residents at both recycling centers.

(Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center, 130 Magee Ave & Scofieldtown Road Recycling Center, in North Stamford at the corner of Scofieldtown Rd and Rockrimmon Rd.) Recycle Books, Music and Movies through The Friends of Ferguson Library, either at the Main Library Downtown or at the Harry Bennett Branch.

from 9-12. Call first.: phone – 274-7597; fax – 274-7598; e-mail – wcoalition@optonline.net

- Thank you to Waterside Power who once again has given \$25,000. to WC. The check was presented at the December meeting.
- Lt Dohmann and Capt Mullin were present at the Dec meeting and reported that there have been crimes of opportunity in our neighborhood: a bicycle was stolen from an unlocked garage and items were stolen from an unlocked car. They reminded residents to keep cars, garages, and homes locked.
- Some abandoned cars have been removed from the streets; others are on private property.
- Broken street lights should be reported to the Citizen's Service Center – 977-4140 – as well as : abandoned cars, potholes, recycling info, street flooding, zoning enforcement and other issues affecting your quality of life
- Trees have been removed from Durant St.; the sidewalk will be repaired in the spring.
- Coming to the Feb. meeting, Dr. Joshua Starr, Superintendent of Schools
- A chairperson is needed for the WC Beautification Committee; no bulbs were planted this fall; we missed it for the first time.

NEED A JOB???

WANT TO HIRE SOMEONE?

WC and CTE will be in alliance on employment opportunities for the neighborhood residents and business owners. Contact CTE for employment resources

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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: Tuesday, January 20, & February 24,

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

From the Waterside Coalition:

- Welcome to Althea Brown, WC's new Community Director. She will be in the Office Sat. mornings

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