



June Waterside Coalition Meeting
Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 pm
St. Clements Church 535 Fairfield Avenue

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and announcements – Ben Velishka, Chairman
- II. Update from City Representatives - John Boccuzzi & Elaine Mitchell
- III. Guest Speaker – Marian Cicoello, Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC).

FUTURE WATERSIDE COALITION MEETING DATES:

The Coalition meets the **fourth Thursday** of each month at 7:00pm at St. Cement’s Church: July 23rd, and **Future meetings will be determined***.

Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC) is 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. The WBDC Mission: They *educate, motivate and empower women to become economically self-reliant through entrepreneurship and expanded career opportunities, thereby creating jobs and enhancing community vitality.* **Attend the meeting and learn all about Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC).**

May 23rd

Meeting Highlights

Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program, Renee Kahn:

- Ms. Kahn provided information on Waterside based on a survey that was done a year ago by the State Historical Association.
- Stamford was founded in 1641.
- For 200 years, the Southfield area was primarily used for farming and its harbor.
- In 1848 the railroad arrived in Stamford, bringing “commuters” from New York City. The commuters were wealthy and built mansions and waterfront estates.
- Factories were built and attracted various ethnic groups such as Germans, Irish, Polish, and Russians.
- Homes in the area were small Victorians, tenement housing, single family homes, mansions, and estates.
- Housing projects were developed and named Southfield Village, which tainted the image of the neighborhood. The projects were eventually removed, and the area began to attract middle class residents.
- Currently the population in Waterside consists of 20% black, 20% Hispanic, and majority other group (i.e., Polish, German, India, Pakistan, Chinese, Japanese, etc.).
- Waterside is considered a diverse community due to its integration of various ethnic groups and businesses.

From the Chairman

- The May 26th Business Breakfast at Fred Durante had 30-35 people in attendance. The Advocate was there to cover the event. The speakers were Mayor Malloy, Senator Andrew McDonald, and Congressman Jim Himes.
- At the June 2009 Board meeting, we will be looking for new ways to structure the Coalition meeting. We are considering “going green” with our newsletter. The newsletter will be sent to people via email, and other information will be communicated on the Waterside Coalition website. A hard copy of the newsletter will be sent to households upon request. In addition to helping our environment, this move will reduce costs significantly.
- David Martin, Democratic Mayoral Candidate, was in the audience and available for Q&A after the meeting.

Community News

Waterside Coalition News:

- Althea Brown, WC's Community Director, will be in the Office Tues – Fri. mornings from 10-12. Call first: phone (203) 274-7597; fax (203) 274-7598; e-mail: waterside@watersidecoalition.org.
- Captain Henry Marks of the Sailing School will host three evenings for Waterside residents to experience a few hours of "Sailing on the Sound" aboard his 41 foot Gulfstream Sloop. Six residents can be accommodated on each date. The dates are June 17th, July 14th, and August 11th. Spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Recycling bins are available for curbside collection starting July 1st. Please call 977-4117 or e-mail dcolleuori@ci.stamford.ct.us. Leave your name and address for immediate delivery.
- Please bring canned goods to the next meeting or to the Waterside Coalition office to help stock our food pantry with non-perishable soup, veggies, pasta, etc. Anyone in need can take a bag.
- In an effort to build community spirit among the residents of Waterside, tee shirts and bumper magnets have been made up with the Waterside logo. Tee-shirt cost was \$6.00 per shirt; a \$10.00 donation is requested. Bumper magnet cost was \$2.00; a \$4.00 donation is requested.
- Barbecue in Southfield Park July 2009; date to be determined.

Waterside Neighborhood Compliance Committee

Chairperson: Althea S. Brown

Speaker: Lieutenant Dohmann and Captain Mullin

Next Meeting: Tues, June 23rd at 5:30pm

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

- The Police Department handed out 80 tickets in one week at the corner of Top Gallant Road and Southfield Avenue.
- Abandoned vehicles have been spotted on Homestead Avenue, Orchard Street, and Beal Street. Contact the police department at 997-4444 when you see abandoned vehicles in your area.
- Residents have noticed overcrowding in many areas of the neighborhood. Contact Safe Housing Department when you see overcrowding in residential dwellings.
- Loud noise in and outside of residential dwellings should be reported to the police department by calling 997-4444.
- Illegal dumping has been spotted on Sunnyside Avenue, Orchard Street, Waterside Place, and Greenwich Avenue. Notify the Citizen Service Department at 977-4140 when you see illegal dumping in your area.

Health

Swine Flue Systems - Checklist to see if you may be infected:

- Symptoms must include a fever above 100°F or 37.8°C, plus and one or more signs or symptoms including:
- Head and body aches
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Trouble breathing
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea.

People who experience a fever of 100°F and one or more symptoms should call their doctor or clinic. Plan to provide the following information:

- Types of symptoms you are experiencing.
- Whether you had any recent travel to Mexico
- Whether you had contact with someone who may have influenza

Stamford Health Department: (203) 997-4399

Mobile Mammography:

- Mobile Breast Cancer screening bus is coming to Waterside August 15, 2009. There will be an educational "Breast Health" session. **Location and time to be determine.**

Education

Chester Addison:

- Summer Camp begins July 6th to August 7th. 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 (203) 348-6491.

Bookmobile:

- The Bookmobile will be in Southfield Park June 17th from 11 am to 12:15 pm.

Job Opportunity

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: Treva Franks, Director of Workforce Development 34 Woodland Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902 (203) 352-4824 phone; (203) 352-2972 fax; email : tfranks@ctecap.org.



Local Business

Support Local Business

J.D. Staron Galleries, 330 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902; (203) 351-1130.

ABCO, 207 Greenwich Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902; (866) 865-8925

Utuado Grocery, 60 Selleck Street, Stamford, CT 06902; (203) 357-1821.

Donation

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E-mail: _____