

Annual Newsletter – Welcoming a New Year Together

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Dear Neighbors,

As we begin another year in East Mountain, we're reminded of the strength and spirit that make our neighborhood so special. With over **180 member households**, our association continues to grow—and so does our commitment to fostering a safe and engaged community.

Celebrating Our Diversity

East Mountain is home to an increasingly **culturally diverse population**, and we embrace the richness this brings to our streets, our conversations, and our shared future. Every neighbor adds something unique, and together we build a stronger, more vibrant community.

Park Upgrades

We're proud to announce that our neighborhood park now features **new water fountains** and a **modern irrigation system**—a refreshing improvement that enhances our outdoor spaces for everyone.

Safety & Civic Engagement

Our neighborhood remains one of the safest in the city, thanks to the active presence of our **community police officer, alderman, and state representative**, who regularly attend our meetings. They keep us informed on local and state developments and offer a direct line for voicing concerns. The **Waterbury Police Department** is currently staffed at **290 officers**, with a goal of reaching **315**, reinforcing the city's commitment to public safety.

Waterbury's Transformation

Exciting changes are underway across Waterbury:

- **Downtown revitalization** with wider sidewalks and upgraded infrastructure
- Replacement of **100-year-old underground utilities** (water, sewer, gas, electric)
- Construction of **450 high-end apartments** over the next few years

- A **\$20 million renovation** of the city's historic **train station**

These investments mark a new chapter for Waterbury—and East Mountain is proud to be part of this momentum.

Get Involved

We believe that **together, we accomplish more**. Whether it's **hanging flags**, participating in **Earth Day projects**, **maintaining flag and letter pavers** on the dam or attending meetings, your involvement matters. We also welcome suggestions for **guest speakers**—let us know who you'd like to hear from!

Membership Dues

Annual dues are **\$20 per household**, payable in **September**. Your contributions support:

- American flags hanging from telephone poles
- The **EMNA website** and **newsletter**
- Our **scholarship fund**
- A donation to the **church** where we hold our meetings

This year, we've added **VENMO** as a payment option for your convenience. Please see the attached payment form and consider adding a donation —your support keeps our neighborhood thriving.

Stay Connected

Meeting dates and locations are listed on the **membership form**. To receive **monthly email updates**, send a request to:

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Thank you for being an essential part of East Mountain. Let's continue to build a neighborhood that's clean, safe, and full of promise.

Warm regards,

Robert McGovern

President, East Mountain Neighborhood Association

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