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## East Norwalk Library to Go GREEN

**East Norwalk Library is going through some amazing changes.** With the ongoing support of the Third Taxing District (TTD), the Library recently had a new roof installed. The next change will be the installation of

a solar photovoltaic (PV) system. The PV system will allow the library to reduce its operating expenses and carbon footprint.

TTD General Manager Kevin Barber explains that TTD will be installing a solar array on the roof of the library to generate electricity to cover the majority of the library's electrical needs. The solar array will consist of 124 solar panels on the east and west sides of the library and will generate approximately 40,000 kilowatt hours of electricity on an annual basis. The amount of electricity generated by the panels during the day will exceed the usage at the library. Any excess energy will be fed back into the TTD distribution system and will reduce the amount of energy TTD purchases for its customers from the grid. This will result in a savings for all of TTD's customers. This is the first solar project TTD has installed within the District and is a pilot project to study the savings and effects of the PV system on our distribution system.

Kevin says "The library is an ideal location for this project. The library building is owned and supported by the Third Taxing District. The benefits and savings resulting from the PV system is passed on directly to the library, the residents of the Third Taxing District and the customers of the electric department."

TTD is also planning an additional project for the library that is directly related to the solar PV system, a battery storage system. The battery storage system will be charged by the PV system and can be utilized during power outages or other power related events. This will allow the library, which is a designated heating and cooling center, to have power during a power emergency. TTD could also discharge the batteries during peak energy usage times to also reduce the amount of energy TTD has to purchase for its customers. Kevin says, "The combination of the solar and battery systems has the potential for covering all of the library's electrical needs. These two projects are a win-win situation for the library, and TTD." Like the solar PV system, the battery storage system will also be the first installed by TTD in the District.

Another important facet of this project is the educational component. TTD will be installing a kiosk in the library that will allow the library patrons to view the output of the solar array on an hourly, daily and weekly basis. The installation of this system will also help the library reduce its carbon footprint. The environmental impacts are expected to be an offset of 64,667 lbs. of CO2 on an annual basis. Over the life of the project, the CO2 offset will be 1,479,541 miles NOT driven or an equivalent of 3,383 trees planted.

Kevin states "This is a wonderful and unique project for TTD. The project not only benefits the Library, but also the entire Third Taxing District and all of our customers." ●



KEVIN BARBER  
General Manager  
Third Taxing District

## TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK



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### How Sweet It Is!

Ingris Bonilla, owner of Raspados Flamingo, began her journey five years ago when she moved to Connecticut from Honduras, Central America with her husband. Ingris first worked at a Honduran restaurant in Connecticut, where she had a kiosk for her delicious shaved ice and smoothies. Very soon, Ingris realized how popular her refreshing beverages and food had become when she could no longer handle the amount of orders and customers by herself. Ingris said, "I then told my husband that we must open up our own business together". Thus, Raspados (meaning "shaved ice") Flamingo was borne in beautiful East Norwalk.

Raspados Flamingo has a huge selection of delicious shaved ice drinks, smoothies, crepes, and waffles (yes, waffles!). Ingris is also looking to serve hot coffee drinks during the winter. The most popular items on the menu are the Sweet Shaved Ice and Spicy Mango drinks. Ingris hand-makes all the fruit bases for the drinks, incorporating fresh bananas, cherries, strawberries, coconut, and many more fresh ingredients. There is really nothing else like Raspados Flamingo in Norwalk.

Ingris is a mother and dedicated businesswoman, so she loves seeing when local children come with their families to her business and order delicious and refreshing treats from the menu.

Raspados is open seven days per week ~ Monday-Thursday from 10am-9pm and Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am-10pm. ●



ONE OF RASPADOS' AMAZING SWEET TREATS!

[facebook.com/raspadosflamingo](https://www.facebook.com/raspadosflamingo)

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**RECENT HAPPENINGS**  
**TTD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2018**

What will help get you through the next year? How about the memories of a GREAT summer of lively music from 2018! With all of those exciting bands and musicians performing at Calf Pasture Beach, TTD is not only thankful for their talents, but of your attendance! *Remember the lineup...?*

**MEMPHIS SOUL SPECTACULAR • RIVER OF DREAMS  
POCKET FULL OF SOUL • FAIRFIELD COUNTS • TRACY DELUCIA  
BILLY & THE SHOWMEN • THE BARONS • SUMMERTIME BAND**



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**¡Qué dulce es!**

Ingris Bonilla, dueña de Raspados Flamingo, comenzó su viaje hace cinco años cuando se mudó con su esposo a Connecticut desde Honduras, América Central. Ingris trabajó por primera vez en un restaurante hondureño en Connecticut, donde tenía un kiosco para sus deliciosos raspados y batidos. Muy pronto, Ingris se dio cuenta de lo populares que se habían vuelto sus refrescantes bebidas y comida, cuando ya no podía manejar la cantidad de pedidos y clientes sola. Ingris dijo: "Entonces le dije a mi marido que deberíamos abrir nuestro propio negocio juntos". Por lo tanto, Raspados (que significa "hielo raspado") Flamingo nació en el hermoso East Norwalk.

Raspados Flamingo tiene una gran selección de deliciosas bebidas de hielo raspado, licuados, crepes y waffles (¡sí, waffles!). Ingris también está buscando servir bebidas calientes de café durante

el invierno. Los artículos más populares en el menú son las bebidas Sweet Shaved Ice y Spicy Mango. Ingris realiza a mano todas las bases de fruta para las bebidas, incorporando plátanos frescos, cerezas, fresas, coco y muchos más ingredientes frescos. Realmente no hay nada como Raspados Flamingo en Norwalk.

Ingris es una madre y empresaria dedicada, por eso le encanta ver cuando los niños locales vienen con sus familias a su negocio y piden postres deliciosos y refrescantes del menú.

Raspados está abierto los siete días de la semana; De lunes a jueves de 10 a.m. a 9 p.m., y los viernes, sábados y domingos de 10 a.m. a 10 p.m.

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**Monthly Tree Lightings**

**SEPTEMBER**

The tree is lit in purple to symbolize National ITP Awareness Month with the supporting foundation being Platelet Disorder Support Association (PDSA). ITP is an autoimmune disease in which the body mounts an immune attack on platelets (a component of blood).

Beth Siegelbaum who is the secretary of the foundation says, "PDSA was founded to ensure patients would no longer travel the ITP journey feeling confused, lost, frightened and alone. As an empowered community, we look ahead with great optimism for immune thrombocytopenia."

For more on The Platelet Disorder Support Association visit: [www.pdsa.org](http://www.pdsa.org)



**OCTOBER**

The tree is lit in pink to symbolize National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The supporting foundation is Susan G. Komen. Founded in the 1980's, Susan Komen launched the breast cancer movement. Komen works diligently on acquiring more funding for breast cancer research. In 2000, Komen worked to develop genetic testing to help determine which patients need more treatment.

In 2010, Congress passed the EARLY Act, requiring breast cancer education for women under 40. In the U.S. by 2026, Komen's goal is to reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by fifty percent.

For more information visit: [ww5.komen.org](http://ww5.komen.org)



**TTD Lowers PCA**

TTD is lowering the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) component of the electric bill from 0.23 to 0.13 cents per kilowatt hour. Customers can expect to see a reduction of 5% in their electric bill.



The reduction in the PCA is due to lower than budgeted cost of power TTD receives from CMEEC (Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative), TTD's wholesale energy provider. The savings is being passed on to TTD's customers.



**Hey Kids...**  
**KEVIN KILOWATT here.**  
**Be EXTRA safe this year!**  
**Don't use appliances or electronics near water like bathtubs or sinks.**  
**Now have fun at school!**

**To report a power outage during non-business hours, call 203-663-6875.**

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