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# TTD Welcomes New GM

Kevin Barber Assumes Role As New General Manager

### We welcome Kevin to our team!

Kevin Barber, TTD's new General Manager, will continue the great service and support of the previous General Manager, Jim Smith.

Remaining focused on TTD's mission of 'Powering Your Neighborhood,' Kevin is particularly intrigued about their level of community involvement. "TTD is not just an electric utility," Kevin says. "They are so much more".

Kevin states it is important that the residents of East Norwalk realize the uniqueness of their town – the schools, the beaches, the relaxed feel, right down to the TTD folks. That is why "I will do everything in my power to keep the lights on for East Norwalk."

On one hand, Kevin will provide ongoing direction and leadership to the team. On the other, he will allow them to "go off and do what they need to do on their own."

He already feels part of the TTD family and is also aware of a variety of issues that may affect the District (such as the *Walk Bridge Project*). "We want to make sure that we are moving forward, and in the right direction."



Kevin Barber, new General Manager of TTD

Kevin is a regular family guy from Shelton, Connecticut, married for over 23 years with three children. He graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. Kevin's diverse background in Information Technology (IT), accounting, customer service and having worked with another electric/water utility gives him an excellent base of knowledge as he comes to East Norwalk with an open mind.

# **ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE**

# The many families in need of food and toys this season, very much appreciate your donations.

The Third Taxing District will be accepting non-perishable food and unwrapped toy donations from November 13th thru December 15th.

Check the TTD website, future emails, and our lobby for drop-off locations.

Cash contributions for the purchase of toys and food will be accepted at the TTD office at 2 Second Street.

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# FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

# Beyond the Scope

Everyone knows Tower Optical! When you go virtually anywhere in the U.S., Tower Optical is there. You know 'em - those tall, cool binocular viewers you've seen since you were a kid.

That's right – established in 1932, Tower Optical is a family-owned business that has always made their home right in your own town – East Norwalk!

Greg Rising, head of Tower Optical, and his team, manufacture and place the units in scenic locations all over the country. Fully cast in bronze, many of these viewers were built 50-60 years ago, and are still in great shape.

"At Tower Optical, there is no limit to how these viewer machines can be used. We are even pairing them up with modern technology such as virtual reality," Greg says.

"Much of our success has been due to the great work of our team. I love working with them and they have always been loyal, even before and after both of my parents retired from the business. I consider them part of my family."

Greg and Tower Optical welcome anyone to stop by and say hello.

For more information on the Tower Optical Company, visit <a href="http://www.toweropticalco.com">www.toweropticalco.com</a>



The Tower Optical team (L-R): Greg Rising, Brian Thoele, Rich Marasco, Sue Thoele, Bruce Bruchac (not pictured, Josh McKirdy). The dog's name is Liza.





### **RECENT HAPPENINGS**



# Meet the Candidates Oct. 18th



## Giant Laundry Coat Drive



Through end of October, to benefit The Open Door Shelter



## Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 23rd

At the East Norwalk Library



## Note from Sara Mann – ENA President

Dear TTD Commissioners, Staff and Linemen,

The East Norwalk Association Board of Directors thank each of you so very much for the recent investments you have made in the East Norwalk Library. From letting us use the shredding machine, repairing the pillars and steps to removing and recycling the metal shelving – the energy audit, the window project – thank you!

Warm regards,

Sara Mann ENA President



#### **Other Important Dates**

**Commission Meeting** November 8: November 10: Veteran's Day (Office Closed) November 23-24: Thanksgiving (Office Closed) December 4: **Commission Meeting** December 18: **Commission Meeting** Office Closes at Noon December 22: December 25: Christmas Day (Office Closed) December 29: Office Closes at Noon January 1: New Year's Day (Office Closed)

# Monthly Tree Lightings

### NOVEMBER

The tree is lit in **PURPLE** to symbolize Alzheimer's Disease Awareness. The supporting foundation is the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter est. 1980. First founded by a group of



family caregivers and individuals in research, ALZ today is nationally recognized as one of the top large non-profit organizations. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in care, support and research for those struggling with the disease. Their vision: "A world without Alzheimer's Disease".

### DECEMBER



TTD's Christmas Tree Lighting in Early December

As families and friends celebrate the Holiday each year, the TTD family invites all to participate in the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Roger Ludlow Park.

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5pm Rain date: Sun. Dec. 10 at 5pm

Get ready for food, carolers, Santa... and joy!



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