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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019

HAPPY
New Year



Commissioner David Brown to Retire

The Third Taxing District is bidding a fond farewell to Commissioner David Brown, who retired at the end of December.

David served as a Commissioner at TTD since 1997. During much of that time he ran his own large printing facility in Norwalk, and printed the first yearbook for the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

David is also a pilot, worked with the Norwalk Seaport Association on their fundraising efforts for many years, and served on the Board of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC).

As Commissioner, David has made many contributions to TTD, including formulating the Fitch Street substation project under General Manager, George Leary.

The Third Taxing District formally thanks David Brown for his many years of service. ●

We wish you well, David! — Third Taxing District of East Norwalk, CT



TTD Commissioner
David Brown

TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

URBAN FARM BORN IN EAST NORWALK!



HARVESTS THIRD CROP..

In the building of 25 Van Zant in East Norwalk, president of Bee Baum Apiary, Winthrop Baum, has worked for several months with his team, Paolo Barros, Marc Neito and John Esposito, to build an Urban Farm (*Urban Farm #1 LLC*) that goes beyond soil and field, and created a hydroponic growing system yielding vegetables to organic standards. Now, in late 2018, they have harvested their third crop of nine types of lettuce, such as green butter lettuce, sweet green crisp, butter head and more. Mr. Baum and his team are also growing basil, arugula, cilantro, peppers & tomatoes.

"My idea stems from a desire to turn prime space and make it productive," says Mr. Baum. And he has done exactly that. Within the hydroponics farm, sprouts grow via specially designed systems of piping through which nutrients recirculate. As the sprouts grow to full size, the roots grow very long and deep through the piping. Special lights provide natural sunlight to fuel the plants growth. "Every five weeks, Bee Baum expects to harvest pristine and vibrant produce." Winthrop says, "That's 10 crops a year, as compared to three grown in conventional methods in California's rich Napa Valley."

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Annual Meeting of the Electors



For over 100 years, it has been the duty of the Third Taxing District Commission to bring together the electors of the District (East Norwalk) for the purpose of discussing and approving the proposed District Budget for the new fiscal year.

"It is important that our community vote on the issues that will affect them in the coming year," said General Manager, Kevin Barber.

We encourage all registered voters in East Norwalk (District C1) to attend this year's meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in the Community Room at The Marvin, 60 Gregory Boulevard, E. Norwalk, CT. The District Commissioners, Treasurer, District Clerk, General Manager and Accountant of the Electric Department will be on hand to discuss and answer questions. Coffee and pastries will be provided for your enjoyment. ●



Electors Voting at the 2018 Annual Meeting



FEATURED RED BUTTER LETTUCE, ONE OF SEVERAL LETTUCE VARIETIES GROWN AT BEE BAUM'S HYDROPONIC URBAN FARM

RECENT HAPPENINGS



TTD Food & Toy Drive Nov. 13th - Dec. 14th



Thank you to everyone who donated holiday toys and food for families in need. All of the donated items have been dropped off to all of the appropriate locations.



Annual TTD Christmas Tree Lighting

Sponsored by TTD, December 9, 2018 marked another wonderful year and new holiday season for us all. Everyone was invited to join in the festivities. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider and tasty cookies were on hand, not to mention the Marvin School Children's Choir, beloved SummerTime Band, the TTD truck decked out in holiday lights, and, wait for it... Santa!

URBAN FARM BORN IN EAST NORWALK! *cont. from page 1*

"It's grown in a controlled environment so it gets 16 hours of 'sun' every day," said John Esposito, lead technician. "It never rains, it's never cloudy and we grow in a nutrient-film technique, which is a solution of nutrients and water that pass underneath the root growth system which nourishes the plant, and we do a five-week program, from seed to harvest."

Winthrop and his team expect to have a farmer's market every Saturday and sell their harvests to families and select restaurants. Mr. Baum states, "In the near future, I can see urban farms in every city and large municipalities." www.beebaumapiary.com – 203-854-5722 ●



Many of the varieties grown at Bee Baum Apiary, left-to-right top row: Bibb Buttercrunch, Bibb Newham, Butter Rex, Basil Genovese, Arugula Esmee; bottom row: Green Butter, Red Butter, Romaine Dragoon, Green Salinova and Red Salinova

WINTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Maintain Your Heating Systems

Schedule service for your heating system and replace your filter as recommended by the manufacturer, usually every 2-3 months, or as needed.

Lower Your Lighting Costs

Reduce the cost of lighting your home by using light-emitting diode – or LED – lights.



Monthly Tree Lightings

JANUARY

is BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION MONTH. Birth defects affect 1 in 33 babies and are a leading cause of infant mortality in the United States. More than 5,500 infants die each year because of birth defects, which is twice as many as from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). In addition, babies who survive and live with birth defects are at increased risk for developing many lifelong physical, cognitive, and social challenges.* **For more information visit:** www.marchofdimens.org

*cdc.gov



FEBRUARY

The tree is lit in Red to symbolize the American Heart Association during the American Heart Health Month. The American Heart Association was founded in 1924 and is dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke, both nationally and internationally. Along with their 30 million volunteers and supporters who understand heart disease, a lot of risks can be lowered by adhering to what they call, "Life's Simple 7": not smoking, being physically active, maintaining a healthy body weight, eating a healthy diet, controlling blood pressure, controlling cholesterol and controlling blood sugar." **For more information visit:** www.ama.org



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