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Welcoming Johnnie Mae Weldon TTD's Newest Commissioner

At the January 7, 2019 Commission meeting, Commissioners Debora Goldstein and Pamela Parkington appointed Johnnie Mae Weldon to the Commission to fill the vacant seat from the recently retired David Brown. She was then sworn in by Richard McQuaid, Town Clerk. Following her appointment, she was elected Chairperson of the Commission. Johnnie Mae began with the Commission when she was elected Treasurer in November 2017. She has attended all the meetings over the past year and is aware of all the issues facing the District. Johnnie Mae said, "We are now an all-woman Commission, and I am looking forward to working side-by-side with Commissioners Goldstein and Parkington."



Johnnie Mae Weldon
Chairman of TTD

Johnnie Mae graduated from Fayetteville State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Her work experience includes case management and administration for Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Inc. ("NEON"), and Pacific House. Johnnie Mae also serves as Selectman of Norwalk, Member of the Democratic Town Committee, City Constable, Board Member of the Norwalk Police Athletic League, and Membership Chair of the Norwalk Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She is also actively involved in the Friendship House and Bethel AME Church.

Lastly, Johnnie Mae said, "I am a community person. I like helping and working with people." ●

Free Tree Lottery Returns This Spring!

Homeowners in East Norwalk will have a chance to win a free tree for their front yard again this year.

Third Taxing District's tree lottery held last year was such a success, they're funding one again this spring. Through a grant to the Norwalk Tree Alliance, a non-profit organization, trees will be planted in East Norwalk neighborhoods at no cost to homeowners – for the tree or for planting it. The program's goal simply put is to help beautify East Norwalk neighborhoods and to enhance the quality of our environment. In fact, TTD and Norwalk Tree Alliance have worked together for the past four years and have already planted approximately 50 trees throughout East Norwalk.

Planting trees is particularly important, as our area has been identified as in need of enhanced tree canopy by a recent West COG planning study. *(continued on reverse side)*



TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

STATION HOUSE — BAR & GRILLE —



At Station House, everyone is considered family!

Carol Goodchild, Owner of Station House Bar and Grille has been working since she was 16 years old with her father in the restaurant business. Carol's family also owns two other businesses in Norwalk – Harbor Lights and Overton's Seafood. "Norwalk is my town. My family and I live here and I am staying till the end," says Carol.

Station House has many employees, and Carol treats each one like her own family. "Our employees have been here for a long time. Some have been here 10-20 years," says Carol. Head Chef, Luciane Velinski says, "I have been working here for eight years, and to this day I am very happy."

Not only does Station House serve great food and drinks, they also serve the community. Carol says, "we have space upstairs at Station House and we do lots fundraising events for Norwalk. Our next events are March 14th for Mayor Rilling, and April 27th for Nathan Hale Middle School. Come join us!" ●



Owner of Station House, Carol Goodchild (l)
and Head Chef at Station House,
Luciane Velinski (r)

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UPCOMING EVENT

East Norwalk
Neighborhood Association



Document Shredding Saturday, April 27th 9am-12pm

Conveniently timed for after Tax Day and to coincide with Earth Week and Keep Norwalk Beautiful Day, this event is FREE* for East Norwalk residents! Bring up to two paper bags or two banker boxes filled with sensitive documents to be shredded on-site — at East Norwalk Library Parking Lot.

*For more information, or to volunteer with ENNA, contact them at info@eastnorwalk.org or visit their website www.eastnorwalk.org.

RECENT EVENT



Annual Ratepayer Meeting

On Wednesday, March 6th all registered voters of the Third Taxing District were invited to attend the Annual TTD Ratepayer Meeting for the purpose of approving the annual budget of the

Third Taxing District which included the appropriation for the East Norwalk Improvement Association.

Free Trees for East Norwalk, *cont. from pg. 1*

If you're an East Norwalk homeowner and interested in a free tree for your front yard, please email ctenney@ttd.gov with your name, home address and telephone number. If you entered your name last year and did not win a tree, you do not have to do anything. Your name will remain entered in this year's lottery. As there are a limited number of trees available, qualified homeowners will be selected at a drawing at the end of March. The lucky winners will be contacted in early April.

Why plant a tree?

Trees provide many personal, neighborhood and town benefits throughout the year. Besides adding value and beauty to your property, trees provide a habitat for songbirds and other wildlife. They absorb pollution and provide cooling shade. By holding in soil, trees reduce erosion and stormwater runoff.



Andrew Strauss
Norwalk Tree Alliance



Hi Kids... KEVIN KILOWATT here.

This is an electric meter. It's usually on the outside of your house.

It tells us how much electricity is being used in your home.

It might look cool... BUT DON'T TOUCH IT!



Monthly Tree Lightings

MARCH

The tree is lit in **ORANGE** to symbolize National Multiple Sclerosis Society during National Multiple Sclerosis month. Lisa Gerrol, President of the CT branch says, "We are here to help families address the complex challenges of living with an incurable, unpredictable disease through our comprehensive network of local programs and services and by funding cutting-edge research to stop the progression of Multiple Sclerosis, reverse the damage, and end MS forever. Additionally, we drive change through advocacy, facilitate professional education, and help those with MS and their families connect to the people, information and resources needed to live their best lives." For more information about MS, and to get involved please visit CTFightsMS.org



APRIL

The tree is lit in **BLUE** to symbolize National Child Abuse Prevention month with the supporting organization being Norwalk Exchange Club. "Believe in Blue" is an annual campaign with an effort to reach families across the nation with positive parenting tips. Joe Tamburro, President says, "The Norwalk Exchange Club, through its support of parent mentor programs, educational programs and community service activities, continually strives to prevent child maltreatment by reducing the risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect." For more information on the cause please visit NationalExchangeClub.org/cap



The "Believe in Blue" event will take place on Wednesday April 3rd at 6PM at Roger Ludlow Triangle in East Norwalk.

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

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