

Whitneyville

Dear Whitneyville Neighbor:

I began a new Legislative session on January 7. This is a “budget” year, where we determine state expenditures for the next two years. My priority, as always, is securing Hamden’s share of state funding for education, infrastructure, and property tax relief. I have also submitted a couple of ambitious, multi-million dollar bonding proposals for renovations at Ridge Hill Elementary School and the Alice Peck Special Education Center in Hamden. In addition, I have proposed a “Bill of Rights” for residents of continuing care retirement communities, which will help protect seniors living at such facilities. I will keep you posted.

To that end, I also want to focus much of this newsletter on the good work done by the members of the Whitneyville Civic Association. If you care about this neighborhood, and want to stay involved and informed on a variety of issues, there is no better way to do so than through the Association. I encourage you all to learn more about the Association and stop by for a meeting when you can.

In the meantime, you can always reach me, about any issue, via phone (203-230-9292) or email (Michael.DAgostino@cga.ct.gov).



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Whitneyville Civic Association

Founded in 1907, the Whitneyville Civic Association, is an organization “of the citizens of Whitneyville, Hamden dedicated to the preservation of the residential character of the neighborhood, and for improvement of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents, compatible with the needs of the community.”



Mayor Jackson with Whitneyville Civic Association

This purpose statement, from Article III of the Whitneyville Civic Association by-laws, still rings true today. Streetscape improvements, establishing and maintaining the “pocket park”, grappling with traffic concerns throughout Whitneyville and ensuring the continued operation of the Whitneyville branch library – these are just some of the issues of concern to the Association in the past decade.

The Association typically holds regular meetings on the second Thursday of every other month, starting in January. Speakers and presentations of interest are always on the agenda, as is time reserved for each attendee present to bring forward important issues to share with the assembled community.

The Association plans to vote on new by-laws at its annual meeting on May 14, 2015. The new proposed by-laws would make anyone living in Whitneyville (and conforming to any other relevant by-laws requirements) a non-voting member of the Whitneyville Civic Association. Members who go a step further and make a modest annual dues contribution - currently \$10 – would be granted voting privileges.

If you are interested in learning more about the Association, please access the Association web page at www.whitneyville.org and enter your contact info. By doing so, you will be kept informed of Association meetings and events, as well as progress in redefining the membership scope through a by-laws change to be voted on in May 2015.

For those who do not have an email address, you can send your contact info to The Whitneyville Civic Association, 60 Ralston Ave, Hamden CT 06517



Meetings are typically held in the basement of **1253 Whitney** (that is the new, co-working space located at the old Whitneyville church). The next two meetings are scheduled for March 12, 2015 and May 14, 2015., starting at 7 PM. I hope to see you there.