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May Meeting Agenda:

Thursday, May 13th-**Board of Education**
60 Putnam Ave. Note the Location!

7:00 PM

Open to the Public

- I. Call to Order 7:00 p.m
- II. Discussion of Lake Road Re-opening
Continuation from Stakeholder meeting
- III. Reports
 - Treasurer-Call for Dues
 - Kathleen Schomaker
 - HPD Sgt. Cahill to discuss crime, traffic and Neighborhood Watch groups
 - Letter Writing Campaign on Traffic
 - Bike Lanes
 - Garden Club
 - Glacial Kettle Property
- IV. Business Fair

Lake Road to reopen after two decades

Lake Road, which runs from Davis St. to Putnam Ave. behind several businesses, such as Books and Company, and apartment complexes, has been closed for more than 20 years, and nobody in town government seemed to notice. That is, until this past March when the Hamden Traffic Commission voted to reopen Lake Rd. to automobile traffic in spite of vigorous protests from citizens, the WCA and most of the property owners abutting the road. The road was closed, with bollards installed at both ends to prevent automobile traffic, in 1988 during

repairs to the Davis Street Bridge, and was never re-opened.

Arguments in favor of reopening include fire safety (the Fire Department finds it difficult to release the bollards to allow trucks to enter the street), better traffic flow at the Putnam-Whitney intersection, and legalized street parking for residents of the Lakewood Apartments on Whitney Ave.

However, there are no residents living directly on the closed portion of Lake Rd. who would require Fire Department services, residences that abut Lake Rd. can be served from Whitney Ave. more easily. What's more, any improvement in traffic flow will degrade traffic safety. The Reverend Carolyn Young, pastor of the Whitneyville United Church of Christ, whose rear driveway is continuous with Lake Rd., says that young people driving recklessly on dirt bikes already make the road dangerous and she fears removing the bollards will exacerbate the already unsafe situation for her congregation and the day-care center housed in the church hall. Other concerns include runoff into the Lake Whitney drinking water supply, and loss of a popular parklike setting used by many local residents for recreation.

The town will be hosting a "Stakeholders" meeting that will include property owners and elected officials to discuss this controversial decision. This meeting is open to the public and will be held on Thursday May 13th from 5:30 to 6:45 at the Board of Education building at 60 Putnam Ave. The WCA meeting will follow immediately afterwards. Please come out and let the folks in government know how you feel.

Special Thanks to:

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Country Day School



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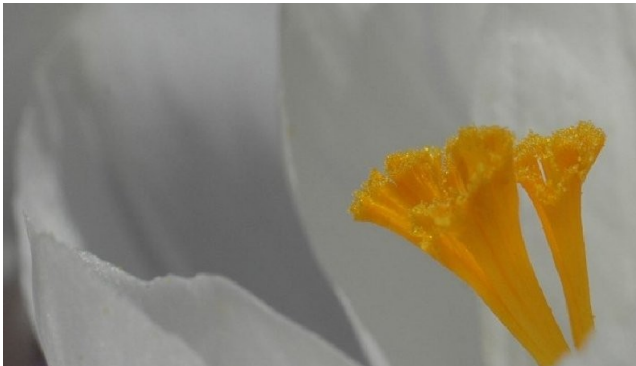
Neighborhood Notes

WCA Traffic Blog launched:

The WCA's new 'sister' website, the traffic blog, has become a broad and dynamic coalition of citizens, organizations, and elected officials, voicing their opinions on neighborhood traffic. Check out the site at <http://hamden.ning.com>.

C'mon Baby, Light my Street:

DOT has begun installing new, lower energy, LED street lights at the Eli Whitney Museum. They should reach the Putnam-Whitney intersection this summer.



Where the Sidewalk Ends?

Patrice Notarfresco of the Whitneyville Food Center, along with other business leaders in the area, plans to restore the Whitney Ave. sidewalk between Putnam and Ralston. New tree plantings are also in the plan.

Garbage In, Garbage Out:

Electronics:

Small household electronic waste (computers, monitors, printers, Fax machines, copiers, TVs, VCRs, phones, radios, stereos, cameras, microwave ovens) can be dropped off at the Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Ave., on May 22nd from 9-1.

Personal Papers:

Large scale paper shredding will also be available on May 22nd at the Middle School-4 bags per household. Plastics must be removed.

Plastics:

Plastics 1-7 can now be included for recycling.

Bins:

You may now use any container, up to 32 gallons, for recycling, but they must have town stickers, available at the Town Hall or the Transfer Station.

Local Business Spotlight: Framed

Got bare walls? Here is a solution: go into your attic and find some relic of your family history or some sports memorabilia, or an artistic masterpiece by one of your children and take it down to Framed, the framing shop on Whitney Ave. in the strip just south of the Playwright Restaurant. Framed was opened two and a half years ago by Rocco Compitello and Liz Hellwig. Mr. Compitello was an artist who learned to frame out of necessity at Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven. His partner, Ms. Hellwig, was a free-lance framer. Both have attended formal framing workshops and their shop is now full of square bits of woods that you can peruse to find the look that's right for your special piece. They can also help with preservation of old items or framing unusual items. They have built up a strong clientele who have been very supportive as they built their business. So, have you got an old football jersey, pictures of your great-grandmother, a quilt, or a junk-shop treasure? Reconnect with your past, or take something new to them. Hang something on your walls for moments of reflection, to remember important people and events, and to beautify your life.

WHITNEYVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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DUES FOR THE WCA ARE \$10/HOUSEHOLD OR \$20/BUSINESS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "WHITNEYVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION."

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND DUES TO THE TREASURER AT OUR NEXT MEETING OR MAIL TO:

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