
22ND WARD NEWSLETTER

FROM

ALDERMAN GREG MOREHEAD

Winter 2008

*Welcome and Greetings from Alderman
Greg Morehead*



Dear Neighbors,

Greetings and Best Wishes

I want to take this opportunity to again thank you for allowing me to be your representative on the Board of Aldermen and to keep you informed on issues that affect our Ward. I want also to welcome all of the new voters to Ward 22 since our last newsletter was distributed.

There are a number of items that I am working on right now in our Ward. As things come closer to manifesting, I will let you know what is about to happen. One of my focuses this year will be on the "Q" house and to work with Alderwoman Katrina Jones to enhance the "Dixwell Plaza". Like I always state, the items on my agenda are going to take time to get done because of everything that is involved, but if I have the support of you the residents, it's all possible. I also began addressing with the city, various blocks in our Ward where the sidewalks need to be repaired and replaced so that we can get the wheels turning where that is concerned. There is a lot that has to be done, but we ARE going to make it happen. The crime is also an ongoing issue. Please continue to visit www.ward22newhaven.com, our Wards website for more information about what's going on in our community and to view pictures and other documents. As your representative to the Board of Aldermen, I am committed to continuing to fight for you on the matters of importance to us.

Again, please feel free to contact me at 507-7766 or to email me if you ever wish to discuss your views or concerns with me or to be a part of my SUPPORT team! Let's work together!!!

Sincerely,

Greg Morehead

Local Elections- (Town Committee)

Last year, most of you came out to THREE elections and voted for your Alderman. I truly commend you for that. This year we have three more elections; two of which are **Presidential** elections and the other is **Co-Chair** for our Ward. I have listed below important dates for these elections and I hope that all residents will come out to vote again. Just to give you some information regarding voting numbers for our Ward.

- 4,000(est) residents live in Ward 22
- 1,622 registered voters in Ward 22
- In the special Election in April of 07, **375** residents came out to vote.
- During the primary election on September of 07, **325** people came out to vote.
- During the General election in November of 07, **215** people came out to vote.

The numbers above troubled me because that showed me only 12% of the registered voters in our Ward really cared about who got into office. This year and next, I am pushing for no less than 50% turnout when it is time to vote in Ward 22. You will hear about upcoming voting rallies and I will be distributing literature later this year on voting and its importance.

DATES to REMEMBER

Presidential Election

Primary-TUESDAY February 5, 2008*

Democratic Town Committee Election

(Co-Chair) Primary-TUESDAY March 4, 2008*

*Our Polling Place is Wexler Grant School-55 Foote Street. Polls are open from 6AM until 8PM

Democratic Town Committee Elections- Co-Chair

First off, let me explain the role of a co-Chair. Each Ward in New Haven has 1 Alderman/woman and 2 Co-Chairs. The co chairs responsibility includes but is not limited to maintaining lists of the names and addresses of registered Democratic voters, to the significant, holding responsibility for bringing together a committee of citizens to discuss community problems and agitate for necessary change alongside their Alderperson. The key is UNITY and with the help of their Alderperson.

I had two opponents that ran against me for position of Alderman and after the election(s) I asked for their support, and was denied because an ulterior motive was behind their running. This position is more than having the title, but it's about what you are doing without a title in front of your name. It's about getting out in the community and working when no one is watching, and laboring because your heart is REALLY for the residents in the community. **I believe strongly that the Alderman and the Co-chairs should be unified and working together so that a positive change can be produced.**

That is the reason I am supporting two awesome candidates for the Co-Chair position of Ward 22. I believe that Levon Gilbert and Gina Jackson have what it takes in working WITH me as the Alderman to UNITE our Ward. These two individuals live in our Ward and have a vested interest in what goes on in our community. I will be coming around with them to your homes so that you can get a chance to meet them and ask them questions.



Presidential Elections

You probably heard from the newspapers that I openly endorsed Barack Obama for President. I did not endorse him because he was an African American man, but I sat back and watched what he was about and what he stood for. I trust his brains, his sincerity, and his passion to make him into the president that we need now. The president we need is someone who will be able to bring the country together, to genuinely inspire people, to win the respect of Republicans as well as Democrats, and to restore our country's spirit and reputation both here and abroad after the devastation inflicted by the Bush administration. I think this spiritual restoration is at least as important as whether the president can actually enact his/her policy (and indeed would make it much more likely that s/he would be able to enact that policy), because this country is bruised and bleeding, not just from the war and our teetering economy, but from our loss of faith in public service, public servants, and public ideals. Finally, the man inspires. Look at the record turnout in the Iowa and New Hampshire caucuses -- a turnout caused partly by the spiritual desperation of the country and everyone's hope for change, **but also by record numbers of youth voters**, many of whom are voting for him. So that is why I will support Barack Obama in the CT primary on February 5, 2008.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS !

I receive numerous requests from employers looking for qualified individuals to work. I have listed below some of the employers and phone numbers that are looking to hire ASAP.

We have some residents in our Ward that have various disabilities. If you have a disability that prevents you from working a regular 9-5 job, the company below will be a good choice for employment.

1). **Marrakech-** They provide residential, employment, support, referral, and advocacy services to people with disabilities and people with similar needs, to assist them in exercising their human rights as citizens and as contributing members of society.

Contact Person-

Patrick Shaw-526 Whalley Ave- New Haven, CT
203.389.2970 X1306

Marrakech also provides employment for residents without disabilities for jobs in Human Resources with the State of CT. Go to above address every Wednesday @ 3PM for orientation.

2). **CT Carpenters Apprentice and Training Fund-**Wallingford, CT - FREE

The Carpenters Apprenticeship Program is an 8,000-hour training program (requiring approximately 4 years completing). Program credit can be given for previous experience. Applicants are tested and evaluated on a regular basis. During training, pay is \$13.33 to \$26.65 per hour.

Please visit www.ctcarpenters.net or call 203.284.1362 for more information.

Testing is held every Tuesday at 8:00 A.M. SHARP

3). **Yale University**

Please go online and visit www.yale.edu
Jobs range from Administrative Assistant positions to IT Support and everything in between.

JOBS-Con't

Metro North is hiring Administrative Assistants.

We offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package.

This includes health benefits, pension, 401K and double and a half time on holidays.

Please visit http://as0.mta.info/mnr/html/employment/posting_professional.cfm

If you are interested in becoming a Police Officer, stay tuned, the City of New Haven is hiring again in April of this year. You will see their brochures posted soon.

I will also update our website, www.ward22newhaven.com with job listings that I receive in the future.

The White House is looking for Interns- A White House Internship provides an opportunity for current students and recent graduates to experience everyday life at the White House while working with high level officials on a variety of tasks and projects.

The only requirements to apply are:

- Sound academic credentials
 - A demonstrated interest in public service
 - Solid written and verbal communication skills
 - A history of community involvement
 - Strong character and leadership skills
- For More information and an application, please visit www.whitehouse.gov/intern

Summer 2008 Internship **Fall 2008 Internship**
May 20th – August 15th | August 26th–December 12th
Applications due Feb 26 | June 3



FYI

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

If you would like to have your income tax prepared for FREE, please call Infoline 211, or 946-8482 to schedule an appointment.

If any of the following conditions apply, call 946-8482 to learn your tax filing options. You may not be able to file for free if

- You earn more than \$40,000 annually
- You do not have a Social Security #
- You wish to report profit and loss from a business that you own
- You wish to receive a deduction for business expenses.
- You need to amend a tax return in which you already have filed.

Other facilities that prepare your taxes for you is the Rose Center- 101 Ashmun Street

Please call for more details-(203) 436-4841

Monterey Place

I would like to Thank everyone of the Monterey Place Residents that attended the meeting that was held at 230 Ashmun Street on December 18, 2007. The management that showed up was Lois Murray (BCJ), Karen Dubois Walton (Housing Authority), Nicole Jefferson (Equal Opportunity Commission), and Barbara Whitaker (Residents Council). I also followed up with Jeff Baker from BCJ and there are a number of items that are on the table with them concerning you the residents. I Thank you for your patience as we work together to hold BCJ more accountable to their tenants; YOU the residents. Let me reiterate again that the management cannot evict you for speaking up about the issues that arise in Monterey or your unit. If there is something that needs to be addressed, please follow the proper steps. Get in contact with the Management FIRST. If nothing is done through management, call next, the residents council. If you still don't get anywhere, contact the Housing Authority, Karen Walton 498-8800 for further action.

Me Appearing on Jay Leno

As you read in the newspaper last month, I appeared on Jay Leno's first show back on Air, Jan 2 with my band DangerZone. For all that didn't know, I have been playing the drums for the past 20 years or so. I started touring with various musical Artists back in 1997 and I stopped touring in 2001 once I got married. I only do studio sessions and 1-2 day Tv appearances. That is my job and what I love to do. I was approached by a couple of pro union supporters after I returned from my trip to LA last month and was questioned about crossing the picket line in California. I wanted to see from any of you if you thought that it was a problem for me crossing the picket line to play last month. I am not apart of the writers union or anything like that, but that is my job as a musician to play for Artists when a check is presented. What would you have done?

BE BLESSED!



**Greg, his brother Dennis, and The "E" Family
(Sheila E's Family)**



Greg and Emeril