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Your Commission
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What A Year!

The Year 2000 In Pictures

Helping to place the last section of fence are ,from left to right, Dennis J. Santella, Chairman, Howard Nickerson and Evanstead Fea from the Cemetery Ass'n, Stephen M. Feinstein, Vice-Chairman, and General Manager Victor Tenore.

Vice-Chairman Feinstein with the winners of the Arbor Day Poetry Contest, Eloise Ginsberg Libre, Ainsley Gilligan, Claire Lyons, Robert Norrholm and Mark Taliercio (holding shovel).

As we wrap up 2000, we look back at some of the many accomplishments. This is now your public power utility that has sought to serve you, the ratepayer. We look forward to many more achievements in the coming years.

Did you know that 25% of the vehicles in use at the Third District Electric Department are battery powered? That greatly exceeds federal guidelines because we care about our environment.

Your community electric company and its employees has resumed participation in the Oyster Festival, collection of food for the hungry, Clean & Green efforts, Red Cross blood drives and assisting community non-profit organizations. We also sponsor the annual tree lighting and menorah lighting, Arbor Day poetry contest, participate in the Memorial Day Parade, and many other events that benefit the residents of East Norwalk.

Upcoming Events

- February 14 — Valentine's Day
- February 26 — Commission Meeting 7:00 Eunice Van Zilen Room
- March 7 — Annual Electors Meeting at Eunice Van Zilen Room
- March 17 — Saint Patrick's Day
- March 26 — Commission Meeting 7:00 Eunice Van Zilen Room

Community Involvement

Michele Beyman, Chairperson of the East Norwalk Beautification Committee, shown here with Steve Babitz of Norwalk Cove Marina, holding the Pride in Norwalk Award from the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, for improvements to the Norwalk Cove Marina, located in East Norwalk.

Commissioners Feinstein and Santella receiving the Pride In Norwalk award from the Chamber of Commerce on October 13, 2000 for the improvements made to the East Norwalk Historical Cemetery

Chairman Dennis Santella and Vice-Chairman Stephen Feinstein place a wreath honoring the casualties of the Viet Nam War at the Healing Wall

Restructuring

As reported by Mr. Alan Richardson, Executive Director of the American Public Power Association, electric utility industry restructuring has progressed and failed in California, and public power systems in that state have been lauded while the investor owned utilities have been castigated. As a December *San Jose Mercury News* article said, "Once thought doomed to extinction by 'deregulation', public power is looking pretty good these days. So good, in fact, that a number of cities … are talking about starting their own municipal electric service."

Public power *is* looking good – and doing well – because your utility has remained true to its traditional purpose: to provide adequate, reliable, low-cost, not-for-profit electricity at a reasonable price. Through a democratic local government structure, citizens guide services and policies that are in the community's interest.

Updates

While the traditional "obligation to serve" that had been a standard of the electric utility industry of the past has fallen by the wayside for many investor owned utilities that now appear to have adopted a mere "obligation to connect," it is still the governing principle for your public power company and its customers.

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