



Chapel West News 4/09

The Study at Yale

The Study at Yale is a new lifestyle hotel, offering an experience in service, style and comfort **unparalleled** in the New Haven area. The property boasts 124 guest rooms including 7 studies, a Presidential Suite and an artist's studio.

There is also wireless iPod hook-up and complimentary internet access throughout the Hotel. The restaurant, **Heirloom**, serves modern continental cuisine that is to die for. They have a fitness center, meeting rooms, and valet parking. **All the amenities you could ask for.** The 1200 sq. ft. Penthouse Lounge has a panoramic view of the Yale campus and is ideal for a small reception or cocktail party.

Owner **Paul McGowan** did a masterful job in designing this facility.

We're thrilled that they are located in the **Chapel West** District.



Rooms overlooking Chapel Street.



Heirloom restaurant.



A typical bedroom overlooking the Yale Campus.



The Lobby at "The Study."



"Study at will."

Camera Coverage Expands

The Board of Alderman recently held a public hearing to determine what the City policy should be regarding the use of **crime deterrent cameras** in the public right of way, including the equipment already installed by **Chapel West**. Opposition testimony came only from a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union. His testimony was not convincing. Favorable reaction was the norm, including a good discussion by the Chief of Police, James Lewis, and Chief Administrative Officer Robert Smuts. Favorable legal opinions were presented by both **Chapel West** and the City's Corporation Counsel. **Chapel West** had earlier surveyed all of the 200 property owners in the district by mail and personal visits. Brian and Vin attended the hearing and presented the Aldermanic panel with evidence that 2 property owners were opposed to camera use, 1 was neutral, and 181 were in favor. The remainder

had not responded by the time of the hearing. **This was impressive** and belied the claims that people did not approve of camera use in public spaces.

The panel directed that the City staff come up with a written policy regarding the use of cameras in public spaces, the administrative mechanisms to be used, control of access to the images, etc. This document has been completed and published. In general, the images generated by **Chapel West** or the City, presently and in the future, will be transmitted to the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking for recording. This Department has the equipment and expertise to handle this task. **Chapel West does not have access to the images** nor do they request access. The images are available to the police for use as evidence after an incident has occurred and improvements to the City network connections are underway to make the images available to the police in real time.

Recent news stories indicate that the New Haven Police have obtained a grant to install sonic **"shot finders"** and will later supplement that system with cameras in various City locations. In the meantime, **Chapel West** is proceeding with its project and has ordered the cameras for the intersections of Howe/Crown and Howe/Edgewood. Signs to notify the public that activity on the street is monitored by video are currently visible in the windows of many businesses. The District has ordered more. Please stop in at the office if you would like to display one on your property.



Around the District

We expect a lot of new activity to take place this year and we're very excited to begin once the weather breaks. Our **Security Camera** project has been sanctioned by the City and we are moving forward with plans to expand upon our current installation. (See article on Cameras) We anticipate purchasing and installing more **Concrete Planters** (Howe St.) this year and also planting pansies for the early spring followed by summer flowers, then fall mums. It should look great. Vin Gagliardi is planning to upgrade the front of his buildings; (next to Dunkin Donuts) Gag's Liquor Store and Ultimate Universe. We have also formed a **marketing** committee headed up by Steve Kovel and Abbi Rider along with a **Temporary Art project** committee to be led by Dean Sakamoto. We're looking forward to an invigorating year and we will keep you well informed as it develops. Nice to see the winter coming to an end.



Dunkin Donuts



Left to right: Jessie, Sue (assistant manager), and Will.

"Shave and a haircut—two bits"
Dunkin' Donuts got an uplift. And what a job they did. They have all new state of the art equipment and fixtures. The outside has been completely redone along with new signage. **The place looks great** and the employees are very excited about

their new environment. Menu is expanded and Eddie Donuts tells me he is going to let his hair grow and get it coiffed to be more in style with the new "digs".

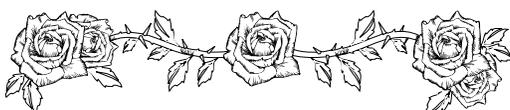
Wow....What next for **Chapel West**?... Can't wait.

In Memorium

Marilyn "Boots" Cramer passed away last month. She and her husband Bill operated Hull's Hobbies & Hardware on Chapel St. since 1963. They were part of the fabric of our district. Marilyn was a strong supporter of **Chapel West** and a dear friend. Mother of daughters Kim and Kristin, she will be missed by all.... God rest her soul.

Condolences

To Nick Papadopoulos (Pizza House) due to the passing of his brother George. Our prayers are with you and your family.



Tidbits by Vin Romei

Did you know? A chicken crossing the road is **Poultry** in motion. Chris & Laura (Clay Studio) along with Geraldine and Tom Strong are designing a **Chapel West** (Logo) Medallion that will be adhered to our concrete flower planters. **Michael Dezura**, G.M., and **Danyel Aversenti**, catering sales manager at the "Study at Yale" did a superb job in hosting our Annual Meeting's breakfast held at their wonderful facility. We look forward to returning for other functions. A good time was had by all. Sorry to see **David Benfer** retiring as President of St. Raphael's Hospital. He's done a splendid job and has been a good friend to **Chapel West**. **Vin Gagliardi** has recovered from a slight stroke he suffered and **Alex Elsankary** from Chap's Grille is almost fully mended from a fall that broke his arm. It required a metal plate to be inserted and was very painful. Very tough winter...Glad it's over...We're looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor activities that we have planned. **Mark Twain** said "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" Till next time....v.a. romei



Left to right: Vin, Debby (CW News designer) and Brian.

We're always interested in new stories and "tidbits". Call 787-3000
—Vincent Romei