



# Chapel West News 5/16

And what a night it was...

*We've only just begun*



CW's first 30 years was celebrated at the annual meeting in March, kicking off with **Vin's** opening remarks and the wonderful meeting brochure created by Tom Strong and his staff. Vice president **D.J. Ornato** and secretary **Arnie Lehrer** reviewed in depth CW's many accomplishments over the past 3 decades. Some of us were there from the beginning when **Evelyn Schatz** began the movement to save our neighborhood. The meeting document had a chronological set of pictures on the back and front covers which provided vivid memories of all that we are so proud of. **Michael Morand**, VP/Yale University the main speaker of the night, spoke of the struggles in the early days and the

status that CW enjoys today. Property values have risen, rental rooms are in demand and new developments are increasing as a result. Revised improved zoning regulations have helped property owners look to invest. **Matthew Nemerson** spoke about this being the new downtown area. State Rep. **Pat Dillon** also praised the work accomplished by CW. **Sgt. Steve Torquati**, District Manager of NHPD reported on the lower crime rate in the area. He also named **Vin Romei** as an award winner by NHPD for Civic Contribution on behalf of CW. **It was a night to remember.** To quote Karen Carpenter, one of our New Haven notables, per Michael Morand, *We've only just begun...*

## CW website redesign unveiled

The Chapel West Special Services District has revised its website: **chapelwest.com.**

The new site features links to nearly all businesses in the district, entertaining historic videos, historical photographs of old Chapel West, and every CW newsletter ever published. There are also useful links to property maps, the City Assessor's data on your property, and State property owner lookup. The new site translates much better into mobile devices with a clean simple design that lets users scroll through each page.



The creative work was done under contract by New York agency Brandespace at 150 East 49th Street, New York, N.Y. The effort was lead by **John Short** who lives in Guilford CT and is frequent visitor to New Haven. If anyone wants to consult with John regarding improvements to their own web site contact us and we will connect you.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRISTOPHER CAPOZZIELLO FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Atelier Florian featured in The New York Times

The Belgian restaurant, which has been enjoying success since its opening last summer, was excited to receive a "Very Good" rave review from **The New York Times**. The restaurant has both red and white wine on tap. Their other special wines include Austrian **Steinfeld Gruner Veitliner**, French **Albert Bichot Savigny-les-Beaune**, Italian **Bruno Rocca Dolcetto d'Alba**, and Argentinian **Trapiche Broquel Malbec** We congratulate co-owner **Omer Ipek** and we know that Atelier Florian will continue to be a popular restaurant in New Haven!



## Pike buys 166 York + 1142 Chapel

After two years of negotiations and marketing, **Fred Messore** (of Colonial Properties in Orange) brokered a sale that had seemed out of reach for more than two decades.

**Pike International**, a developer and property manager with more than 1,000 apartments in New Haven, has bought 1142 Chapel St., an early 20th century, two-story 8,228-square-foot structure...

The \$2.3 million sale also includes a mixed retail and residential building at 166 York St., now home to the Noodle House, and a parking lot at 169 Park St.

(Messore) is now looking for a retail tenant for the first floor, which has 4,000 square feet of space. After that Pike will decide whether to use the second floor for commercial or residential and whether to build higher.

The leases of the Noodle House and the apartments are being honored.

One condition of the seller was that 1142 Chapel St. be named The Louis DeSimone Building in memory of their father. DeSimone died in 2008 at the age of 80.

*Text taken from New Haven Register article written by Mary O'Leary*



## New trees planted at Howe and Dwight

The **URI GreenSkills Planting Team** (Katie Beechem, manager, **Jeremiah Wright-Haynes**, Planting Crew Trainer, and Emerge Crewmembers **Robert "Fidd" Rawls**, **Joan Acevedo**, **Brian Short**, **Robert Burgos**, **Bruce Dais**, and **Corey Wynn**) have been pleased to plant new trees in the District. They recently planted a "Winter King" Hawthorn tree at **100 Howe Street** and an Autumn Flowering Cherry (close by to other, now mature cherry trees) at **131 Dwight Street**. Every tree planted is for a resident, business owner, or service district that requests a tree and is committed to watering it each week. The spring planting season is 6 weeks long (they also have a 9 week season during the fall), and 500 trees have been planted over the past 5 years.



## Colorful spring pansies

**Mark Esposito** of **MAE** planted the gorgeous (and very hearty) pansies currently gracing our planters.

We're always interested in new stories and tidbits!

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## Tidbits

I went into the hospital 4/11 for what was to be a short, same-day operation to fix a stomach hernia. It got more complicated and invasive than planned and I had to spend one week in the hospital and one week at home recovering. I got back to work last week and am on the road to complete mending. Thank you for all the get-well wishes. Special thanks to our board member **Michael Holmes, Sr.** VP at St. Raphael's campus for the outstanding medical care and the usual TLC we have come to expect. It's still there.

Sunshine is back. It's good to see flowers back in the pots again. 'Til next month,  
Vin Romei

All of us at Chapel West wish to extend our condolences and prayers for David on the passing of his brother Pasquale (Pat) Charles DelVecchio.