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Scheduled Events

- Voter Registration Drives – Ongoing
- 11/2/12 – Stamford NAACP 2012 Freedom Fund Dinner & Awards Banquet
- 11/6/12 – Election Day 2012

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**Contact us to schedule a
Voter Registration Drive at
your location/event!**

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CT Abolishes the Death Penalty

On April 25, 2012, Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy signed the bill abolishing the death penalty. The Stamford NAACP and the CT State NAACP played a key role in partnering with the Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty (CNADP). *"This afternoon I signed legislation that will, effective today, replace the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of release as the highest form of legal punishment in Connecticut,"* Malloy said in a statement released after he signed the bill.

It's An Election Year

Register to vote at:

- the Gov't Center, 888 Washington Blvd.
- Department of Motor Vehicle
- Public Library; or
- Go to our website and click the link for the Voter Registration Form
www.stamfordnaacp.org

**YOUR POWER
YOUR DECISION
VOTE!**

Voter Information

2012 General Election – Nov. 6, 2012

Deadlines

New Voter Registration: 11/1/12

Absentee Ballot Request: 11/5/12

Absentee Ballot Return: 11/5/12

Eligibility Requirements:

To register to vote in Connecticut, you must:

- be a US citizen;
- be a resident of a Connecticut town;
- be at least 17 years old (must turn 18 before Election Day)
- have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a felony.

If you are registering to vote for the first time and mailing in your application, you should submit your driver's license number. If you don't have one, the last 4 digits of your social security number, or a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address, in order to avoid additional identification requirements the first time you vote.

You are not a voter until your registration is approved by the Registrar of Voters. If you do not receive confirmation within 3 weeks, contact Registrar in your Town Hall.

Stamford Town Clerk
203-977-4054

Absentee ballots must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of the polls if it is mailed or returned in person by a member of the immediate family or the

qualified designee of an ill or physically disabled voter or by the day before the election if the voter returns it in person. A separate application must be completed for each election, primary and referendum.

To be qualified to vote an absentee ballot in Connecticut, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Active service in the Armed Forces of the United States
- Absence from the town during all of the hours of voting
- Illness
- Religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election, primary or referendum
- Duties as a primary, election or referendum official at a polling place other than my own during all of the hours of voting
- Physical disability

2012 Freedom Fund & Awards Dinner

The Stamford NAACP 2012 Freedom Fund and Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 6 pm, at the Stamford Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 2701 Summer Street, Stamford, Connecticut. Our speaker will be Valerie A. Cooper, Principal of Picture That Art Consultants. This year we will be honoring the following individuals and organizations:

Dr. Samuel L. White Religious Award:

Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Nins

Senior Pastor

First Baptist Church, Greenwich, CT

Dr. Joyce Yerwood Community Service:

Brian Jenkins, MS

Director Catholic Charities

New Covenant House of Hospitality

(Freedom Fund cont'd)

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Civil Rights Award:
Elaine Mitchell
Majority Leader
Stamford Board of Representatives

Dr. Dorothy Height Education Award:
ConnCAN

W.E.B. DuBois Community Organization:
Catholic Charities

Darwin Davis Corporate Award:
Turner Construction Company

Madame C.J. Walker Corporate Award:
Cablevision Inc.

For ticket and ad information, send an email to FFD@stamfordnaacp.org.

Membership

Membership Fees

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Life</u>
Adult (21+)	\$30	\$750
Under 21	\$10	\$400

2012 General Membership Meetings

6:00 pm – Gov't Center – 2nd Floor

January 18	July 18
February 15	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

If you have any questions or comments concerning the newsletter or the website, please email them to communications@stamfordnaacp.org or mail to:

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