

# Westgate Community Newsletter

Westgate Community Association

Founded in 1933

## Spring Egg Hunt!

April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am

Westgate Park at North Bend

RAINDATE: April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00am

Celebrate Spring with your Westgate neighbors at the Annual Spring Egg Hunt!!

There will be balloon animals, face painting, games for the kids and the Easter Bunny!

Paper bags will be available for gathering eggs, but children are welcome to bring their own baskets!

### President's Corner

As I am writing this, it feels like Spring. It is not spring yet, but it will be when you read this! I'm looking forward to our Spring Egg Hunt on April 16, our General Meeting on May 9, and our Community Yard Sale on May 14.

In our community the Spring offers many beautiful flowers and trees. We can expect to see great remodeling and other projects.

We can go outside and touch base with our neighbors. We are hoping that this year we will see even more "porch parties." This is an easy way to meet your nearby neighbors without the expense of providing drinks and food and time spent cleaning-up. Simply set a date and give out flyers to the people around you. They bring their chairs, drinks and food. This is a great opportunity to really get to know one another. This is a great crime fighting strategy since you will better know your neighbors and will then recognize strangers.

With warmer weather, children will be outside, so please be very careful when you are driving through our streets.

We ask every resident to be a good neighbor. Please remember that it is our job to keep our property, sidewalks, gutters and alleys clean and clear of debris. Not doing so passes our responsibilities onto our neighbors. It is to our benefit to maintain the "curb appeal" at all times, not just if we are trying to sell our property.

Dog walkers should stay on the curb side and pick-up dog deposits. This is important even if you let your dog out in your yard; these droppings encourage rats and other pests.

Everything we do as individuals reflects on the entire community; let's continue to work together to spruce-up our community. We live in a great location. Be proud of it.

Linda Smith

President of WCA

### Park Update

After much research and effort, we were able to convince both the city and county representatives that the tax sale of Westgate Park at North Bend was in error. The lawyers for both governments are currently trying to correct the error. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort.

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 4/4/11 Board Meeting
- 4/15/11 Westgate Park Clean-Up
- 4/16/11 Spring Egg Hunt in  
Westgate Park (11am)
- 5/9/11 General Meeting  
*Featuring Baltimore County  
Councilperson: Tom Quirk &  
ELECTIONS!*
- 5/14/11 Community Yard Sale  
*(Rain Date 5/21/11)*
- 6/6/11 Board Meeting

For more information about any of these events, email:

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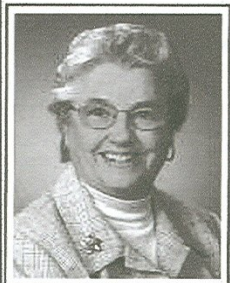
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Join the "Westgate Community" group on Facebook!

The Westgate Community Association is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

## *Downtown Catonsville on the Move: House of Time to Relocate*

The Ingleside shop, "House of Time," is relocating to the former Dixon Sign Building on Frederick Road. The building is being remodeled to look similar to the original design. House of Time plans to open in May 2011 and will also be selling jewelry and will have a separate cigar smoking area in the back.



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## Local Project Updates

### BRISTOL GREEN

This project was planned to be a development located on Old Frederick Road. This project is currently in limbo because of the death of the property owner. The property remains in Probate at this time.

### RED LINE

The Westgate Community Association President is sitting on one of the SAAC committees tasked with planning the many neighborhood stops for the Red Line Rapid transit system. Linda Smith is helping with the planning for the I-70 station. There will be many additional opportunities for community members to work or volunteer on Red Line related activities. We will do our best to keep you updated by email.

### *Metro Parking Lot*

Traveled downtown via Route 40 lately? The "bridge to nowhere" is being dismantled and a new parking lot is planned. This new lot will eventually serve as a stop for the Red Line.

### UPLANDS

Uplands construction is underway! Although it may not be obvious when you drive by, the infrastructure and grading are currently being done. In November/December 2011, construction on the sales center and model homes will begin. This will be visible from the Athol Avenue side. In April /May 2012, the sales center & model homes will be open and the first homes will be delivered.

Jobs resulting from this project will be announced via email. The next open meeting dates will be Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 5:30pm at the Edmonson-Westside High School Library. All are welcome.

### NEW BRIDGE ON FREDERICK ROAD

The State Highway Administration is planning a new six lane bridge over the beltway on Frederick Road. Plans include bike lanes, pedestrian walks, and turn lanes, as well as regular through ways.

The construction should make traveling from our area to Catonsville an interesting experience.

**For regular updates on news and information in your community, join our e-mailing list by sending an email to:**

**[westgatecommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:westgatecommunitynews@gmail.com)**

## Westgate Community Association's General Meeting & Elections: May 9<sup>th</sup>

Please join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the West Baltimore United Methodist Church for our General Meeting. This meeting is open to all community members. Baltimore County Councilmen. Tom Quirk, will be speaking and the election of board members will be held.

Please consider giving back to your community by serving as a board member. The current Board consists of 7 members from the city, but only 3 members from the county. We need more county representation!

Board Member Requirements:

- Reside in the Westgate Community & be a member of the Community Association
- Attendance at Board & General Meetings (*Board Meetings are held 6 times per year, general meetings are held 2 times per year*)
- Participation in events and meetings impacting our neighborhood

*For more information, or to have your name included on the ballot, please contact Board President Linda Smith at 410-646-3959.*

## Welcome to Baltimore County's new Councilman: Tom Quirk!

We have been in contact with Mr. Quirk's office and are looking forward to working with him to address the issues that impact our community.

## Meet Your Neighbors this Spring!

The "Porch Party" craze is sweeping the nation, or at least the neighborhood! Last summer, porch parties were held on Mallow Hill and Plymouth, providing an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other. Get to know *your* neighbors! Host a porch party on your block! Hosting a Porch Party is easy: simply send out a flyer with the date and time to your surrounding neighbors. Tell them to bring their chairs and drinks. Then spend a couple of hours getting to know one another.

When neighbors know each other, we have a friendlier and safer community!

## Many Thanks . . .

**Al Jourdan** has acted as President, Vice-President and Block Captain as well as Board Member for our association for many years. He and his wife are changing their address soon and Al will no longer be able to serve the community that they have served so well, for so long.

We sincerely thank Al and his family for all they have done for this community. We will miss his guidance and wisdom.

We also thank **Earl Blake** for his service to WCA. Earl has attended many meetings and assisted with many events. We offer our thanks and wish him well!

## Edmonson Village Library

If you haven't visited the recently remodeled Edmonson Avenue Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Libraries you are denying yourself a treat. Good parking, computers, and a bright, cheerful source of information and pleasure reading. Visit the library website for hours: [www.prattlibrary.org](http://www.prattlibrary.org)



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## Police News

**County** Baltimore County Police have launched an on-line crime fighting tool. County residents can sign-up for i-Watch services that will enable them to receive information through e-mail subscriptions. Through the use of their computers and hand-held electronic devices, residents will be able to provide police with crime tips and to make non-emergency complaints via the internet on all types of crimes, including possible terrorist activity. Complaints can also be filed electronically on simple every day issues involving animals, neighbors, juveniles, noise, and abandoned autos.

Residents can also receive the same news releases that are distributed to the media. The information will be provided in the form of i-Watch Crime Alerts and police announcements. Through i-Watch, residents can also subscribe to the Department's monthly newsletter, "Behind the Badge," and a monthly reminder about the Department's cable TV program, "Police Report." "Business Beat," which provides crime prevention tips for business is also available. This new connection should help build the teamwork between residents and police that is critical to neighborhood safety.

To sign-up, Visit: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/media/iWatch/index.html>

**City** Baltimore City residents have the Crime Watch ID program for reporting crime as well as 911 for serious crimes and problems and 311 for all other contacts. If you do not have an anonymous police ID number, contact Board Member, Flo Schwartzkopf, to obtain the necessary form.

NOTE: [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com) is also a resource that shows recent crimes by address in our area.

### Place an Ad in the Westgate Newsletter!

The Westgate Newsletter is delivered to 900 households twice a year. The Newsletter is also posted on our website and emailed to our entire e-mailing list of nearly 200 individuals.

Contact: [Westgatecommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:Westgatecommunitynews@gmail.com)

Size	1 Print / 1 Online Only	2 Print / 2 Online Only	4 Print / 4 Online Only
Business Card	\$15	\$30	\$50
Quarter Page	\$30	\$50	\$90

### Yes! I want to join the Westgate Community Association!

Please use this form to join the Westgate Community Association!

Just fill-out the form and send your check, payable to the "Westgate Community Association" to:

P.O. Box 25331, Baltimore, Maryland 21229

Membership Term: July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Dues: \$20 per household / \$15 per household of a senior (over 55)

*Your dues support the activities and operations of the association, including: printing and distribution of the newsletter to all residents, maintenance of the Westgate Park at North Bend, social events such as Santa's Visit, Spring Egg Hunt, Community Yard Sale, administrative costs associated with general meetings.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation\* Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Watch/Citizens on Patrol

Social Activities (Santa, Garden Club, Block Party)

Newsletter (Writing, Formatting, Distributing, etc.)

Advertising Sales

Board Member

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to access the internet, please deliver the newsletter to me.

*To receive a "confirmation of membership" receipt, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.*

*\*The Westgate Community Association is a 501c(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.*