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President's Perspective

The True Spirit of Christmas

By: Charmaine Mercer

During the holiday season we often find ourselves contemplating the numerous things we have to be thankful for and making greater efforts to give to others who are less fortunate. Many of us give toys to the Marines, food and money to the Salvation Army, or provide canned foods and clothes for local drives. Each of these acts are wonderful and are certain to enrich the lives of someone else. In addition to these things you can always give your time and talents. The American novelist and poet,

Khalil Girbran maintained, that "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." So I charge each of you during the holidays and beyond, give of yourself and volunteer your time and talents to your church, your child's school and/or the Westgate Community Association. Although each of these organizations can benefit from your monetary contributions and donations, they could certainly benefit and flourish from having your time and talents.

Santa Claus is Coming to Westgate

*Saturday,
December 16, 2006,
12:00 and 3:00 pm*

*Visit Santa at the Westgate
Park at North Bend*

*Please bring your children to
the park to give Santa
all of their Christmas wishes.
And remember, he knows who
has been naughty or nice.*

BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 8 @ 7:00 P.M.

West Baltimore United Methodist Church

Located on the corner of Greenwich and
Charing Cross Streets

If you have any issues or concerns that you would like for the board to consider please send them to info@westgatemd.org

**Visit us on the web at
www.westgatemd.org
eMail: info@westgatemd.org**



Megan's Law

Maryland law requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to create and maintain a central registry of individuals convicted of certain crimes against children and other sexual offenses. The registry can be found at: www.dpsc.state.md.us/onlineservs/sor/. Members of the community should visit the website to educate themselves regarding offenders living in or near the community. Anyone who uses information to threaten, intimidate, or harass registered sex offenders is subject to criminal prosecution.

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Feel free to bring any concerns, ideas or kudos to any one of us. We're always looking for input!

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Celebrating 75 years of service to the community

In recognition of 75 years of service to the community, the Westgate Community Association is having a celebration in June 2007. The celebration is in the initial planning phase, so be sure to check the website and future newsletters for additional details. If you would like to volunteer to help organize this event, please send an email to: info@westgatemd.org.

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Cost: This \$240 value is free to all who register.

Email: bernice.rosenthal@baltimorecity.gov

Get Involved! Support Your Community! How?

- Help keep our park & streets clean
Report suspicious activity
Keep property clean, trimmed and free of junk & debris
Don't let pets run loose (for their safety and others)
Keep lids on trash cans and bring them in after pick-up

JOIN YOUR WESTGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WHERE YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD.

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New School Vaccination Requirements

There are new state requirements for Hepatitis B and Chickenpox:

All students 5th through 9th grades must have:

- The complete 3-shot hepatitis B series AND
- A vaccination against chickenpox OR have a doctor's note with the month/year of chickenpox infection
- Students who remain out of compliance with these requirements as of January 20, 2007 will be excluded from attending school.
- To avoid school exclusion, parents should get their children vaccinated and provide records of hepatitis B and chickenpox vaccination to the child's school.

Out of Towners

If you plan to be out of town during the holidays for an extended period of time, please be sure to let your neighbor know and/or inform the County or City police, so that someone can watch out while you are away. 877-2222(county) 311(city)

Westgate Community Association 2006 Membership Drive

Please use this form to renew or sign-up as a new member of the Westgate Community Association. Just fill out the form, check volunteer if you wish to be an active member, make out a check to Westgate Community Association and stick it in an envelope. The whole process takes only a few minutes and the benefit to you is a strong and vibrant Community Association looking out for the neighborhood that you live in.

Dues are \$20. yr. per household, \$13 for seniors

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*Please mail form and check payable to:
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P.O. Box 25331, Baltimore, MD 21229.
Thank you for your support!
for more information email: info@westgatemd.org*

E-Recycling

Baltimore County residents can drop off their unwanted household electronics for recycling at the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility (BCRRF), Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is for household electronics only; material from businesses or institutions will not be accepted. Acceptable electronics include TVs, computer monitors, CPUs, mice, keyboards, cell phones, printers, power supplies, laptops, scanners, computer cables and cords, miscellaneous circuit boards, chips, and cards, other computer or electronic related accessories, VCRs, DVDs, stereo equipment, digital telephones, and other home electronics. Appliances will not be accepted.

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