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Guest Presentation

Golden Oaks/Lindauer Project on Old Frederick Road

At the January 2007 WCA Board meeting a presentation was made by developer Sandy J. Marenberg of Marenberg Enterprises, Inc., and architect Monica Robertson, of Hord Coplan Macht, Inc. Mr. Marenberg, who describes himself as an "urban developer", has been in business since 1980 and indicated that most of his development projects are inside the beltway. He is the contract purchaser of the Golden Oaks/Lindauer property that was previously owned by developer Charles Skirven. The property is located on Old Frederick Road (across from St. Agnes Lane). Mr. Skirven previously proposed to build on the property however, Mr. Marenberg reported that Mr. Skirven determined that his building plan was too costly.

Mr. Marenberg has approached Baltimore County Planning office regarding this project and plans to submit a Planned Unit Development (PUD) request (a PUD is a type of building development and a type of regulatory process). Mr. Marenberg noted that the PUD process is contingent upon both a county and community response to the development proposal and, that his proposal is a more financially advantageous project than the previously proposed

project. The project has also been presented by Mr. Marenberg to Councilman Sam Moxley.

The proposed title is: Bristol Green on Old Frederick Road. The total land parcel is approximately 7.5 acres, however only about 5 acres are "buildable" because the rear third of the property is wetlands. The proposed project is a four-story, 57-unit condominium building, and is age-targeted for seniors over 55. Mr. Marenberg's proposal also includes two, three-story commercial buildings on the site. Mr. Marenberg hopes the upper floors of the commercial buildings will be occupied by professionals utilized by the senior community. Mr. Marenberg indicated that he intends to serve as the manager of the property along with the development team. After the condominium units are sold, he will continue to manage and own the commercial buildings through his company MSO, LLC. Mr. Marenberg has not yet approached banks for financing, and intends to begin the project with his own equity. Upon approval of the PUD, the developer may only build what is approved. Mr. Marenberg hopes to have the entire project completed within five years and indicated that once the project starts to generate revenue, he typically will donate money to the community in some way.

National Night Out: What is it?

National Night Out (NNO) is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and is aimed at crime and drug prevention. In addition, NNO seeks to strengthen community ties between residents, as well as between residents and the police. As many of you may recall, last year the residents of Westgate were asked to leave their front and back porch lights on all night in recognition of National Night Out. This year we have decided to host a community block party to get all residents together to meet and socialize with each other as well as with merchants, local elected officials, and the police. For additional information about NNO please visit: <http://www.natw.org/nno>.

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

West Baltimore United Methodist Church

Located on the corner of Greenwich and Charing Cross Streets

During the meeting we will hold elections for board positions, discuss the status of development projects in and around our community, and share with elected officials. Please plan to attend and come out to meet some of the wonderful residents of Westgate.

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

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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.dpscs.state.md.us/online/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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Save the State: National Night Out is August 7, 2007

Guess What? The Westgate Community Association recently received a Believe in Your Neighborhood Grant from Comcast Cable company to help us participate in National Night Out. This year the association will host a community block party on August 7, 2007, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Westgate Park at North Bend. We will have plenty of food, games, entertainment, and information for residents of all ages. In addition, we are scheduled to have Mayor Sheila Dixon, Councilwoman Helen Holton, and a representative from the City and County police departments in attendance as well. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the celebration.

We are also seeking volunteers to serve on the planning committee. If you are interested please send an email to: cnmercerc@comcast.net or call Charmaine at: (410) 945-4248.

ELECTIONS

There are several board positions that will be voted on during the May General Meeting on May 14, 2007. If you are interested in seeking one of the positions we encourage you to visit the website www.westgatemd.org and download the by-laws which contain a description of all of the positions. In addition, please feel free to contact any of the current board members to discuss the specifics of any of the positions that may be of interest to you. Finally, if you are interested in seeking one of the positions we invite you to attend the board meeting that precedes the election, which is also held at the United Methodist Church at West Baltimore, on Monday, May 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Westgate Holds Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Westgate will hold an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 7, starting at 11 a.m. at the Westgate Park at North Bend, behind the Shell Station on North Bend Road, just south of Edmondson Avenue. There will be face painting, games and bag decorating prior to the hunt, which will be held rain or shine. Volunteers needed!

Call Janet, 410 719-6637



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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What You Can Do To safe Guard Your Car

Whether you leave your car for a minute or for several hours, roll up the windows, lock it and take the key. Never leave your care running unattended.

Park in busy, well lighted areas.

Carry your registration with you. Don't leave any personal identification documents, keys, or credit cards anywhere in the vehicle.

If you park in a commercial lot, leave only the ignition key, and make certain that no identifying information is attached.

Keep packages or valuables in the trunk. If you leave anything in the car, make certain it is covered and out of sight.

Remove any stereo equipment or cellular phones that are mounted in brackets and place in a more secure location upon parking or completely remove them from the vehicle.

This information is printed in the brochure "Keeping Your Wheels", developed by The National Crime Prevention Council and distributed by the Regional Auto Theft Task Force of the Baltimore County Police Department (410) 887 2155.

No "Blue Bag" – No Problem Recycling is not just for blue bags anymore

City Public Works Director George L. Winfield today issued a recycling reminder to citizens that it is not necessary to use plastic "blue bags" for recycling of bottles, jars and cans. While blue or transparent bags are preferred, residents may also put their recyclables in bags of other colors or set them out in bins or other easily identified containers. Heavy opaque bags should not be used unless labeled "recycling" because these could easily be mistaken for trash.

Since many area supermarkets opt to use plastic bags of varying colors, this often limits the availability of blue bags to customers. Residents are encouraged to use the available bags provided by their grocers. Bottles, cans and jars – commingled items – are collected citywide on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Paper items, which consist of newspapers, cardboard, magazines and other clean paper, are also collected citywide. To find out your paper recycling days, citizens should consult their 2006 Department of Public Works Calendar or call 311.

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Westgate Community Association is in need of a person with computer skills in typesetting & composition to take over the design & composition of the Westgate Community Newsletter. Publication design knowledge helpful
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