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Westgate

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WESTGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Serving the Community Since 1931

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President's Perspective *By: Roger Lieske*

Thank you, members of WCA, for your support!

The WCA Board set goals for both financial support (in dues and donations) and membership. Recognizing that dues had not been raised for some time and that financial needs were increasing, the WCA Board increased dues and asked for donations to fund expanding services. And you responded with increased giving: exceeding the goals set for both dues and donations. In addition, we also exceeded our goal for member households. The WCA Board sincerely thanks you for your trust and support.

How well did we do?

Dues: Goal \$2,190; Actual \$2,326

Donations: Goal \$150; Actual \$450

Membership: Goal 135; Actual 137 (City 80, County 57)

How has this helped?

WCA has a sound basis to serve the community, both financially and in the number of members who care enough about their community to join our association. Many have also volunteered their time and talents to serve on the WCA Board and/or to support such functions as this Newsletter, our developing Website, NW-COP, traffic calming petitions and social events.

WCA exists by YOUR support!

TRANSFORMATION CHURCH

On January 9, 2006, **Mike Maybin** of **Transformation Church** spoke at the Westgate Community Association board meeting and addressed some of the concerns surrounding Transformation's plan for expansion. Transformation Church is located at 5150 Baltimore National Pike and consists of 63 acres. It is located in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Mr. Maybin indicated that the current sanctuary seats 800 people and that there is a need for expansion of the facility due the congregation's growth over the last several years. The initial church expansion plan has been scaled down to a sanctuary that seats 1,500. The new sanctuary will be two stories and will have a basement. The church intends to keep the existing sanctuary and utilize it as a multi-purpose facility and gymnasium.

Mr. Maybin indicated that the expansion plan entails removing 17 trees on the property, but requires the addition of 200 new trees. The tree planting is regulated by the municipal forestry divisions. The majority of the project's drainage construction will be underground in the rear of the property. There are currently three entrances/exits to the church from Route 40, and they will remain. A previously conducted traffic study suggested a deceleration lane on Route 40. The

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GENERAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY. 22, 7:30 P.M.

- West Baltimore United Methodist Church
- Located on the corner of Greenwich and Charing Cross Streets
- Find out about:
- Planned Developments Updates
- Neighborhood Watch – Citizens On Patrol NW-COP
- Community Website Progress
- Amendment to By-Laws
- Garden Club Events
- Street Trees Action
- WCA Mission Statement
- Come join us! Bring a neighbor!

Spring Is Here!

Clean out your closet, garage, attic, and underneath your bed; and bring all that you find to the Westgate community yard sale. The yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 6th, at the Westgate Park at North Bend. Please bring your own table/blanket. Set-up will begin at 8 a.m. It's also time for Spring-cleaning for Westgate Park at North Bend (behind the Shell gas station). Please come out and join the

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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/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.

WESTGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

We Represent You!

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

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Parking In And Around Westgate

Recently the Westgate Community Association has received several complaints of illegal parking in our community. Some of the reported parking problems include blocked alleys and driveways, parking in designated "no parking" areas, vehicles parked on sidewalks, and vehicles parked on private property. Given the high volume of traffic on many of our streets, illegal parking can present very dangerous driving conditions, and dangerous conditions for pedestrians. Please be mindful of your neighbors and observe local and state parking laws!

Below are a few relevant parking laws:

BALTIMORE COUNTY

- A person may not stop, park, or leave standing a vehicle on any road or alley in front of or within 5 feet of the edge of any private driveway without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises.
A person may not park, stop or leave unattended a vehicle in any alley with LESS THAN 12 FEET OF CLEARANCE parallel to the vehicle.
There are restrictions on commercial vehicles being parked in residential zones which are not essential to the immediate use of the vehicle.

BALTIMORE CITY

- No vehicle may stop in or in front of any private driveway, in such manner as to obstruct or interfere with any vehicles entering or leaving the premises without the consent of the owner of the premises.
No vehicle shall be so parked or otherwise stopped as to prevent the free passage of other vehicles ...in both directions at the same time.
No vehicle shall be permitted to stand more than 48 hours continuously in the same location. There are a few exceptions to this rule

Maryland law prohibits a person from stopping, standing or parking a vehicle on any sidewalk. If you have a parking complaint that pertains to a PUBLIC STREET OR ALLEY in Baltimore County, contact the Baltimore County Police at: (410) 887-2222. Please be sure to identify the type of parking problem (illegal parking, abandoned vehicle, or suspicious vehicle) and the specific location. Storing an unlicensed or inoperative motor vehicle on PRIVATE PROPERTY is a zoning issue and Baltimore County Code Enforcement should be contacted at : (410) 887-3351.

If you have a specific parking complaint, or wish to report an abandoned vehicle in Baltimore City (either on a PUBLIC STREET, ALLEY, OR PRIVATE PROPERTY) call the City's non-emergency number 311.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Westgate will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 15th. The Easter egg hunt will start at 11 a.m., and will be held at the Westgate Park at North Bend (behind the Shell gas station on North Bend Road, just south of Edmondson Avenue). There will be face painting, games and bag decorating prior to the hunt. The Easter egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Volunteers are needed! Call Janet at (410) 719-6637 if you are interested in helping.

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 own safety and ours)
Keep lids on trash cans and bring them in after pick-up

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

Proposed Amendment Modifies Westgate Borders

In May 1998 the “Westgate Community Association, Inc. by-laws Exhibit A” (Exhibit A) was approved. Exhibit A defines which households are included within our boundaries. Part of the motivation then, and now, is to meet the border definition requirement to be allowed to sue under the State Nuisance Abatement Act. Upon review of the 1998 Exhibit A, modifications were formulated to correct errors and oversights. Therefore, the amendment below is to be voted upon at our May General Meeting. Our by-laws require that 2/3rds of the members who are in good standing and present at a General Meeting, vote in favor of an amendment for a change of our by-laws to occur. A member in good standing is one who has paid their membership dues for the current fiscal year (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006). To vote for this amendment at the upcoming General Meeting, locate your name on the list of members in good standing provided by the Secretary and mark your attendance as indicated. Please come to the General Meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm and express your thoughts to the membership so that all ideas can be heard, discussed and debated.

Westgate Community Association, Inc. By-Laws Exhibit A

The Westgate Community is comprised of the following blocks, located in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County, Maryland. All listings are inclusive, from the beginning address listed to the last building of the hundredth block mentioned, unless a specific address is mentioned as an end.

Academy Road	Odd side from 501 through 709 inclusive
Aldershot Road	The 600 block
Baltimore Nat'l Pike	Odd side from 5019 to 5103
Brabant Road	The 5300 block
Braeside Road	The 600 through 800 blocks
Charing Cross Road	The 500 through 600 blocks
Coleraine Road	The 600 block
Cromarty Road	The unit/5200 block
Edmondson Avenue	Even side from 5150 to 5602; odd side from 5201 through 5400 block
Frederick Road	Even side from 5444 to 5542
Garmouth Road	The 5200 block
Greenwich Avenue	The 5200 block even side; Odd side from 5105 to 5135
Kingston Road	The 300 through 500 blocks
Mallow Hill Road	The unit block through 200 blocks
Mardrew Road	The unit block
Meridale Road	The 5700 through 5800 blocks
Mt. DeSales Road	The unit block through 200 blocks
North Bend Road	The 300 through 600 blocks
N. Rock Glen Road	The 400 through 500 blocks
Old Frederick Road	Odd side from 5201 to 5437; even side from 5200 to 5234
Orpington Road	The 600 block
Plymouth Road	The 600 block
Stamford Road	The 600 block
Wendley Road	The 5300 block
Westgate Road	The 400 through 500 blocks

Spring Clean-Up! continued from page 1
cleanup crew from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 6th. All ages are welcome. Rakes, brooms, shovels, gloves and trash bags will be provided. The Garden Club will also be selling perennials, annuals and veggies from the gardens of its industrious members. Get some great bargains and support your community—all proceeds fund beautification of Westgate’s common areas. For additional information about any of these events call: (410) 719-6637.

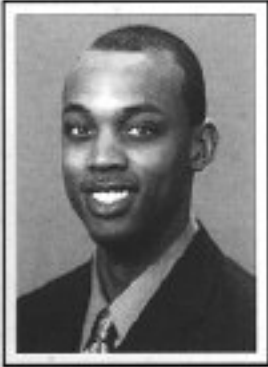
Santa's Visit

Santa asked me to say “Thank you” to all the people involved with his visit last December. The covered sitting area and tent for the reindeer were more than he expected and was truly appreciated. He commented on how nice it was to have apples along with candy canes for the children. He also wanted me to tell you that he enjoyed visiting with the children “sooo” much that he is planning a return trip this December. So to all of Santa’s Helpers (Mike Williams, David Robinson, Karen Hull, Goldia Wright, Ken Clark & granddaughters, Suzanne DeHaan, Roger Lieske, Rinda Stidham, and Janet Stollenmaier), a very big THANK YOU. Your efforts made Santa feel comfortable and welcome in our neighborhood.

TRANSFORMATION CHURCH

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church hopes to obtain final approval of the traffic study by March 2006. They anticipate that obtaining the necessary permits will require an additional three to six months, with construction beginning September 2006. Construction will take approximately twelve to sixteen months and will hopefully be completed by 2008. Mike Maybin indicated that concerns with the expansion plan can be submitted to him at: 5150 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD 21229. Their church office number is (410) 945-5100 extension 10.

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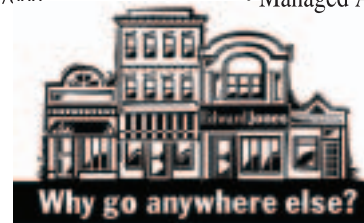
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