

WESTERLEE COMMUNITY NEWS

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

Hope this letter finds you enjoying this balmy Baltimore summer and enjoying reconnecting with friends and family now that the worst of Covid is over.

That said, it seems that numbers are still going up and down in our area and for that reason we are going to have our annual gathering using the format from last year, which included box lunches and pre-packed snacks from local eateries.

Last year good food, along with our amazing neighborhood comradery, was the perfect recipe and a great time was had by all. I am confident that this year will even better. All of the Westerlee Get-Together information is contained in this newsletter.

Hope to see you on September 10th!

John Fox



Westeerlee HOA Dues

Its Never Too Late to Pay

The Westerlee Homeowners Association strives to keep our wonderful neighborhood the best it can be. These are just a few examples of what dues do:

- Keep on top of the local development news that may impact our quiet neighborhood and routinely communicate with local officials on our behalf.
- Organize annual events such as the yard sale day, dumpster day, annual meeting, holiday light contest and our upcoming picnic.
- Support of this community newsletter and website.

It's never too late to catch up on paying your Westerlee Community Association dues. If you have not paid for 2022, \$25 plus \$15 late fee to our Treasurer Rizwan Mahmoodi at 2126 Fern Glen Way.

WESTERLEE COMMUNITY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: John Fox

Email: john.fox.phd@gmail.com Cell: (410)756-0543

Vice President: Wanda Richardson

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Rizwan Mahmoodi, send checks to: 2126 Fern Glen Way

Directors: Chris Goatee, John Herron, Pam Jarrell,

Jacquiline Johnson, Deborah Cason, Tanya DeSheilds,

Klaus Philipsen (Past President)

Contact the board by emailing westerleehoa@gmail.com

You're Invited

Westerlee Get-Together

September 10 from 3-5 pm

See inside...

Join us on Social Media!

Become a member of Nextdoor, the online communication platform tailored to our community. Go to: <https://westerlee.nextdoor.com>.

It's a great way to connect with neighbors for everything from finding a babysitter to selling a sofa. You can ask neighbors if their street has a power outage or let others know about up-coming local events.

Participation requires an invitation. Please e-mail Klaus Philipsen a request to: kphilipsen@archplan.com



Westerlee Annual Meeting Minutes. Zoom Mtg 2/26/2022 (abridged)

Present were officers John Fox (President), Wanda Richardson (Vice President), Fred Hickok (Secretary), Rizwan Mahmoodi (Treasurer), Klaus Philipsen (Past President) and board members Chris Goatee, John Herron, Pam Jarrell and Jacqui Johnson. Deborah Cason, Tanya Deshields and John Herron unable to attend.

John F. called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., went over the agenda and had board members introduce themselves. He then introduced Baltimore County representatives who made the following points in their reports.

Tom Quirk, First District Councilman

- \$20 million for Security Square Mall revitalization
- Includes a new Chick-fil-A
- Baltimore County 2023 proposed \$4.8 billion budget
- \$2.3 billion for schools
- Includes capital projects, infrastructure, salary increases

Charles Sydnor, District 44B State Senator

- West Baltimore community redevelopment fund
- School board may retain council
- Bill giving state attorney general the right to appeal on voting rights did not pass

Pat Young, District 44B State Senator

- Served on appropriation committee which provided surplus funding
- Significant tax reduction
- Many social funding increases including schools and Patapsco Park
- UMBC granted full control of Spring Grove property
- Cyber security bills granting stronger measures
- Honorable discharges for Don't Ask, Don't Tell soldiers
- He is now running for County Council

Sheila Ruth, District 44B State Delegate

- Passage of transportation equity act
- Alliance efficiency standards strengthened
- Strong climate change bill
- Banning of ghost guns
- Improved family and medical leave
- Adult recreational cannabis bill on ballot
- Higher fines and vehicle impoundment for street racing and exhibition driving
- Tax credit for seniors

Officer Alisha Helphenstine, Police Woodlawn Community Outreach Team

- Jeffrey Hartman is new captain
- Increased pressure on racing at Security Square and on interstates
- No major crime in Westerlee
- Report instances of illegal parking
- May report to police about being away on vacation and they will drive by occasionally; use timers and alarms, have neighbor park in your driveway
- Police can set up speed displays to deter speeders

John F. introduced our guest speaker who made the following points about the Security Square Site Redevelopment.

Danielle Singley, Chair of Randallstown NAACP

- Resides in Westview Park
- Collaborative effort of many area community groups

- Desire for multi-purpose use: higher-end shopping, housing, entertainment, open space
- \$10 million each from state and county
- Charette process of division into sub-groups with varying interests and skills to generate innovative proposals
- Seeking equitable funding for concerns of many groups
- County may purchase Sears building
- 2 closed restaurants have gone
- Randallstown NAACP proposal is online
- May send message to Daniellesingley2@gmail.com
- Check with director of planning for updates

Chris said that the Crosby Crossing Pool is up for auction. Sheila noted that it is in a residential zoning area. Danielle said she thinks the owner wants to keep it as a pool.

Committee Reports

Treasury: Rizwan reported the overall figures for 2021:

Beginning balance: \$15,641.47
Income: \$4,006.69
Expenditures: \$3,319.46
Final balance: \$16,328.70

He gave the reminder that the \$25 dues are to be sent in by April 30 to avoid fines. He gave his address of 2126 Fernglen Way.

Social Events: Jacqui and Wanda announced that the Yard Sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 and the Community Cookout is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. Klaus reminded people that the County's Bulk Trash Pickup will occur on Saturday, July 29. He added that since the County will be doing two of these a year, it is unlikely that it will pay for communities to conduct dumpster days.

Traffic: Klaus reported that the County plans to mark turning lanes on North Rolling Road so that should make it safer to turn onto Cedar Circle Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Fred Hickok


A Note of Thanks...

A big thank you goes out to Fred Hickok for 15 years of service to the Westerlee Board. Fred and Helen have moved south to the sunshine to be closer to family and soak up some rays.

We will miss his longtime article *Celestial Sights*, keeping us up to date all things astronomical. Everyone loved knowing when the next meteor shower was going to be as well as the names for all the full moons. Fred's steadfast record keeping, as board secretary since 2013, was much appreciated!

Thanks Fred!





Join us for our 2022

Westerlee

**NEIGHBORHOOD
GET-TOGETHER**

Hosted by

YOUR WESTERLEE HOA



Saturday, September 10, 2022

From 3:00–5:00pm

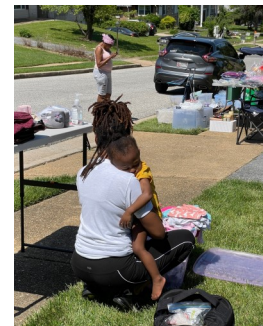
The Philipsen's Yard

2018 Cedar Circle Drive

Box lunches and prepackaged treats from local
Catonsville shops will be available.

Yard Sale Day!

All day, good vibes, great neighbors!



Yard Sale Day

Neighbors and friends showed up to sell their wares on a beautiful, sunny all be it slightly steamy day. Yard Sale day is a great excuse to take a walk, catch up with neighbors & find a few bargains.

As you can see from the pictures, there were two different groups on Cedar Circle that had multiple sellers bunched together in a line. This strategy seemed to work effectively as I saw quite a few cars stopping to check them out. Who doesn't like 1-stop shopping? This year also saw the return of cute kids selling lemonade and one neighbor branching out selling garden plants.

I love the Westerlee entrepreneurial spirit! The next yard sale day is only 9 months away.

NEW Yard Waste Rules

- Place grass, leaves and small brush in heavy-duty (2-ply) paper lawn and leaf bags.
- Tie branches and limbs in bundles (branches and limbs must **not** exceed three inches in diameter or three feet in length). Non-Plastic rope or twine only.
- Do **not** place yard materials in trash containers.
- Do **not** place yard materials in the street (it is a violation of County Code to do so).
- **Questions Call Baltimore County Dept of Solid Waste (410)887-2000.**
- *Editor suggestion: Purchase a "Leaf & Lawn Chute" for the paper lawn bags. So much easier to fill the bags. Approx. \$10ea @ Home Depot.*