

# WESTERLEE COMMUNITY NEWS

Westerlee: A Proud Covenant Controlled Community

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Winter 2023



Editor, Pam Jarrell

## President's Letter

Hello Neighbors

In August I was elected as president of the Westerlee HOA. At the same meeting Jacqui Johnson took on the job of Treasurer. We follow John Fox and Rizwan Mahmoodi in those roles and thank them for serving the community.

I moved to Westerlee nearly six years ago. My wife and I love the community. We love the diversity among the many neighbors we've met.

The job of the president is to see that the board manages the main duties of an HOA—Maintain the quality of the community by enforcing the Covenants (see the Web page), Manage our finances accurately and represent us in important discussion in the State, County, and local areas. We need to make sure the community gets the services it needs. We have an active and committed board of directors.

We are in the holiday season of 2023, and I wish us all the best this time of year. I hope to see all of you at our annual meeting in April!

Happy and Safe holidays!

John Herron



## Help Wanted

**Do you play nicely with others? Have a positive outlook? Have a can-do attitude? Do you have a few hours a year to help a good cause? Most of all, do you think Westerlee is the best neighborhood in the world? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we would love you to be on the board?**

**Block Captain also needed on Chantilla Rd. Duties include delivery of newsletter 3x year.**

**Send an email to [westerleehoa@gmail.com](mailto:westerleehoa@gmail.com)**

## WESTERLEE COMMUNITY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** John Herron

**Vice President:** Wanda Richardson

**Secretary:** Chris Goatee

**Treasurer:** Jacqueline Johnson, send checks to:  
2102 Cedar Circle Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228

**Directors:** Pam Jarrell, Deborah Cason,  
Tanya DeSheilds, Shanna Strickland.

John Fox & Klaus Philipsen (Past Presidents)

Contact the board by emailing [westerleehoa@gmail.com](mailto:westerleehoa@gmail.com)

## Next Bulk Trash Day...?

Keep your eye out for a postcard from Baltimore County Dept. of Solid Waste. They will be mailed near the end of December and will tell us the dates of 2024 bulk trash pick up.

If you don't receive a card, you can call them or go online. 410.887.2000.



**Remember...**  
**No Plastic Bags**  
**in the Recycle Bin!**

## HOA Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2023 dues, drop a check for \$40 (\$25 dues plus \$15 late fee) in the mail to Westerlee Homeowner's Assoc. c/o Jacqui Johnson, 2102 Cedar Circle Dr.

## Meeting Minutes Westerlee Community Association, Inc. November 13, 2023

1. Call to Order - John H: meeting commenced at 1835. In attendance: John Herron, Jacqui Johnson, Rizwan Mahmoodi, Pam Jarrell, Chris Goatee. Excused: Klaus Philipsen
2. Approval of Minutes – Aug 14, 2023. Minutes approved pending amendment to say that the President and Treasurer positions were approved unanimously.
3. Old Business/Follow up
 

Election Results:  
President, John Herron  
Treasurer: Jaqueline Johnson

Thanks to John Fox and Rizwan- need to amend prior minutes to include results that the President and Treasurer positions were voted for unanimously.

Covenant issue John H- John still to follow up.

Plans for Annual meeting in April- Chris to arrange for school in person and zoom options

Date and time- April 23<sup>rd</sup> or April 30<sup>th</sup>

Wanda and Jacqui to arrange snacks and drinks. Chris will get school.
4. New Business
 

A. Insurance:

a Bond on Finances (Renewal)

b Board liability Insurance (Proposed)- bond from Shoenfield Insurance may need to be updated. Board voted unanimously to approve John to get 3 quotes for insurance.

B. Need for New board members: John would like a full board with representation from the community.

C. Holiday Plans- Pam, Jacqui to judge holiday lights. (December 20<sup>th</sup> Pam to chair this committee)

D. Baltimore Co Grant offer- Due on December 16<sup>th</sup>-deferred for 2023
5. Officer & Committee reports:
 

Welcome Committee – Deborah C. New Neighbors on Cedar Circle and Fernglan.

Newsletter - Pam Article Deadlines- due November 22<sup>nd</sup> . Pam will be updating website and offered to change board member bios. Have those to Pam.

Pam to include something in Newsletter about the recycle cans.

Rizwan suggested the board purchase smoke detectors or something else needed in a new home.

Update on block captains- need 1 block captain for Chantilla.

Pam mentioned that we have understanding that the block captain need to deliver the Newsletter within 5 days of getting them as they are time sensitive. Pam said that she is willing to deliver newsletters for anyone who can't do it. Let Wanda know if this is needed.

Treasurer – Jacqui and Rizwan transitioning

Dues & Homeowner Balance Notification, current balance \$17,000.00. Jacqui needs to obtain QuickBooks, our version is outdated. Board voted unanimously to allow purchase of new software.
6. Other Announcements or Questions
 

Next Meeting- January 22nd @6:30. February date tbd.

2024 Annual Meeting- Plan to have hybrid meeting on Zoom and in person at Woodbridge Park Elementary School. Date: TBD- April 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Ideas for discussion

Use of Executive Committee to do more business with reports to the whole board.

John wants to review and update the bylaws for the HOA in preparation for the annual meeting. John H. Will chair committee and proposes to include Klaus into the committee.  
How to celebrate our diversity?
7. Adjourn - John H.: meeting adjourned at 1933, unanimously carried.

## Westerlee Community Association

CY 2023- Quarters 1-3 Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

**Beginning Balance** \$16,797.68

### Income:

Dues	3,745.00
Late Fees	735.00
Other Income-Interest	1.39

Total Income + \$4,555.39

### Expenditures:

Community Party	2,358.33
Newsletters	619.26
Title Fees	250.00
Truck Renta/Clean up	130.13
Postage	126.00
Insurance	100.00
Gifts/Awards	50.00
Web Hosting	19.99
Bank Fees	12.00

Total Expenses - \$3665.71

**Ending Balance = \$17,687.36**

(Beginning Balance + Total Income-Total Expenditures)

# Happy Holidays

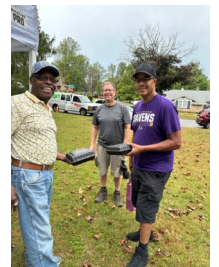
## Westerlee Holiday Home Decoration Contest

Three of the most festively  
decorated homes will  
receive a \$20 gift card  
courtesy of Westerlee  
Homeowners Association.

**Judging Date: 12/20**



# ANNUAL PICNIC, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

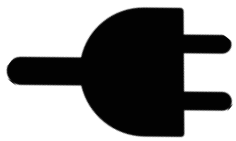


## *Sprinkles Never Stopped Us!*

The weather report said blue skies all day but just as we got started the clouds started rolling in, the wind picked up, and the blue turned to dark grey. What could have been a party ending storm ended up as a scattered drizzle that never slowed us down. It was so nice to be hanging out with neighbors, kids, grand kids once again! Chatting endlessly and enjoying delicious catered food by Culinary Innovations. About 50 people were in attendance throughout. We had hula hoops and corn hole and Motown serenading us in the background.







## Plug Into Westerlee!

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 upcoming local events.

Participation requires an invitation.  
Please e-mail a request to [westerleehoa@gmail.com](mailto:westerleehoa@gmail.com)



### Need a Recycle Bin?

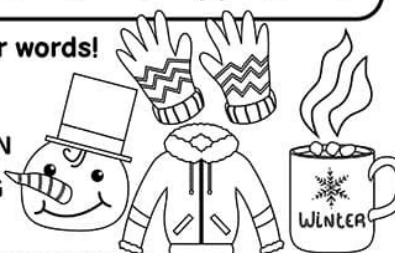
The Westerlee recycle bin program will return in 2024.  
Keep an eye out for the spring newsletter for more info.

*A good neighbor, a found treasure.* (Chinese Proverb)



Search for these winter words!

COAT  
HOT COCOA  
SNOWFLAKE  
HAT  
WINTER  
SNOWMAN  
SLEDDING  
GLOVES



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