

WESTERLEE COMMUNITY NEWS

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President's Letter

Dear Westerlee Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. For those that attended the Spring virtual HOA meeting, we did elections for the Board; reconfirming many of us and adding a new face.

We welcome back to the Board:

John Fox, Klaus Philipsen, Pam Jarrell, Chris Goatee, John Herron, Wanda Richardson, Jacquelin Johnson, Rizwan Mahmoodi, Debra Cason, and Tonya DeShields.

New to our board is Shanna Strickland; please join us in thanking her for her interest and volunteering!

Every 2 years for our election cycle the Board internally nominates and elects the individuals you select to the 4 Executive leadership positions. The following have been elected:

- President: John Herron
- Vice-President: Wanda Richardson
- Treasurer: Jacqui Johnson
- Secretary: Christine Goatee

Cycling off of Executive Board positions are myself and Rizwan Mahmoodi who has served the board for many years as our treasurer.

We look forward to serving the community and hope to see many of you at the September BBQ, a signature event for Westerlee!

Sincerely,

John Fox



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

You're Invited

Westerlee Annual Picnic

September 9th from 3-6 pm
On-sight catering returns!

See inside for details...

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 annual 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 2023, Send \$40 (\$25 plus \$15 late fee) to our new Treasurer Jacqueline Johnson at 2102 Cedar Circle Drive.

Westerlee Annual Meeting Minutes. Zoom Mtg 4/25/23 (abridged)

Meeting Agenda: Meeting commenced at 7:04pm with 26 participants, 3 political guests

1. Welcome & Introductions 7:00 - 7:10pm

HOA Board- self introductions

New Community Members- Vanessa Smith daughter of former Board member, Shirley Smith; Millicent

2. Baltimore County Representative Updates 7:10 - 7:40pm

Ms. Margaret Stokes, representing Councilman Pat Young

District 1: Southwest Baltimore County- She noted that Westerlee is relatively quiet, but Pat Young's office is always open to meeting with our community. Pat Young unable to attend as he is in budget meetings in Towson. County has new rating system for the condition of the roads and encourages reporting issues to Margaret Stokes. Security Sq. mall with 3 owners, 1 of the owners will be placing storage containers near the hibachi restaurant. The county is zoned County has purchased the Sears building. Klaus recommends that the community members review the master plan- the comment period has ended and will next to go the executive board for review and final approval. County has taken old revitalization plans and reinvesting into the suburbs. Margaret will plan to make time on the Councilman's schedule for the community to come and discuss the plan in person.

State Senator Charles E. Sydnor III

District 44- First session as elected Senator, still serves on judicial proceedings committee- corporate/family. Appointed to serve on Administrative committee. Elected as the House Chair for District 44. Sponsored 17 bills, 10 passed Senate- 7 passed out of the House. Working on bill to make it easier to redeem ground rent. Working to remove the stigma associated with formerly incarcerated citizens. School Zone cameras being used as community cameras. Cameras are supposed to be placed within 500 feet of the school- this will be his issue for the next legislative session.

Delegate Sheila Ruth District 44B- serves on environment committee. Delegate for community affairs. Bill included in this year's session: protection for reproductive health to be put on the upcoming ballot. Cannabis framework for licensing once cannabis is legal in Maryland. Concealed Carry, expanding EV charging, equitable transportation, expanding pollinator habitats. Red Line and redevelopment of Security Sq. Mall is desired at this location.

Delegate Alethia McCaskill Freshman session this year. Working on Appropriations Committee, sub committee for Health and human services. Appointment to special committee to review pensions within the State. Encourages folks to get budget/special projects requests.

3. Security Square Site Redevelopment 7:40 - 7:55pm

Danielle Singley, Resident of Westview Community and NAACP member

2030 Master Plan will be introduced to BOARD, still able to comment until 5/17. Plans for small community plans introduced after the Master Plan. Large Gatherings have been discussed with Benjamin Bard, large groups of people gather in large open spaces and Security Sq Mall been a popular space. Will have security officer and barriers placed as single access point into the mostly abandoned space.

Michael Glick- owner of the property who proposes having storage containers placed there. Will also plan to have a new Health Center (Chase Brexton Health Care) move on site- lease signed. Community plan will become increasingly important. Chase Brexton Health Services Center Relocation. Provide a grant to the Board of Directors of Chase Brexton Health Services, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Chase Brexton Health Services Security Square property (Baltimore County) \$350,000.

Randallstown Community Center- 4/26 from 6pm-7:30pm NAACP will hold meeting to discuss issues with Police chief Robert

McCullough. Additionally, they also will award our Randallstown NAACP Scholarships, get updates on Security Mall, Liberty Road, New Town Village and Mill Station and more.

CE announced during his FY24 Budget announcement that the county vested an addition of \$10million. From Charles Sydnor: \$4 million in HB 200 Security for a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for infrastructure improvements at Security Square Mall (Baltimore County). <https://reimaginesecuritysquare.com/>

There is another \$1 million that is a Miscellaneous Grants – Capital Appropriation at Security

4. Community Policing 7:55 - 8:10pm

Officer Alisha Helphenstine, 410-887-4714. ahelphenstine@baltimorecountymd.gov

Woodlawn Community Outreach Team

Randallstown Sub-Station, Baltimore County- This week National Crime Victim Prevention week- 4/29 9am-11am. Encourages community members to email her with issues or would like to be put on her email distribution list. Reminder Suicide/crisis hotline-988. New Police Chief Robert McCullough just sworn in. Website: 441Online.com

5. Committees of Westerlee Inc. 8:10 - 8:30pm

o **Treasurer's report** - Rizwan Mahmoodi- Beginning Balance \$16,328.70: Income + \$2,037.74 Expenditures: \$1,568.76; Ending Balance: \$16,797.68. HOA Dues (\$25) by April 30th to avoid \$15 late fee.

o **Community Events** - Wanda Richardson, Jacqui Johnson- no longer dumpster day, next bulk trash day is 7/26. Yard Sale- 6/10 8am-2pm. Community Party-September-date TBD

o **Elections** - **Wanda Richardson**, VP- All sitting board members have agreed to stay on, Treasurer will be soon vacant. Solicited new board members- Shanna Strickland, volunteered, Nayna Philipsen nominated Vanessa Smith (declined)

o **Architectural Review**- Klaus Philipsen- Review/application needed for any change to homes in Westerlee. Please see advise on the Westerlee Website.

6. Neighbor Open Forum & Discussion 8:30 - 9:00pm

•Cedar Circle Dr. and Dlong still has issues with speeding cars

•Car carriers from local dealerships still come through the neighborhood. Ofc. Helphenstine says to call county roads DPWT as well as having conversation with the dealerships.

•Architectural review- a change in appearance that is not a replacement, review not necessary. Application includes: property lines indicating proposed structure and type of building materials. Review typically takes 10 days.

•Mowing of lawns- from county codes: length of grass above xx inches. Website: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/pai/code-enforcement/>

•Powers Lane- Nuwood to Powers Rd. Dangerous for pedestrians. Royal Farms had opened up section of sidewalk, but does not extend very far and walking is dangerous.

7.Adjourn- meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

For current newsletters, covenants, by-laws, and architectural requests, please visit: <https://westerleenews.com>





Westerlee HOA



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Picnic

SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
3 to 6 pm

Located at the Philipsens yard
2018 Cedar Circle Drive

Catered picnic with hot food, sides & drinks.
Please bring a dessert to share.



Yard Sale Day!



International Conversation Club By Lorriane Marroulis

Catonsville has the special quality of rich international diversity among its residents, Westerlee and surrounding neighborhoods are no exception. My husband Steve and I (2200 Cedar Circle) have recently started an International Conversation Club in our backyard on Tuesday evenings. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for individuals to practice their English in a comfortable and friendly setting, and to make friends with Americans and other international residents in the community. I modeled this after my wonderful experience with an organization in Arkansas called IFO, International Friendship Outreach. After moving to Maryland eight years ago, I had not come across a similar group, so I decided to start my own! Here's how it works: The conversation time is structured around 4-6 conversation questions, with each individual having the chance to answer the question as they go around in a small group or groups. These questions are followed by exploring English idioms or slang. Lastly, the group mingles while enjoying dessert!

International Conversation Club is a wonderful experience and a means to not only make new friends from other nations, but to learn about other nations in the process. All are welcome, you don't have to be an international resident to come and take part. The club will be meeting from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. each Tuesday in August (with the exception of August 22). September dates are yet to be announced, and will include a potluck picnic as well. Right now attendance ranges from 8-12 people. Have questions? Feel free to text me at (501) 773-9705. It's an open-door policy with no need to RSVP. We hope you will join us as we build bridges through friendship.

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. Aprox. \$10ea @ Home Depot.*

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 westerleehoa@gmail.com

