

WESTERLEE COMMUNITY NEWS

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President's Letter

2022 in Westerlee: Please join us for our Annual Meeting

I hope this finds you and your families doing well and staying healthy in 2022. The winter rise with the COVID-19 Omicron variant was disappointing to all of us, but I am hopeful with the current low positivity and emerging spring weather. Experts suggest we are entering the endemic phase of COVID-19 simply meaning it's in the general population and has become more predictable (with great caution in thinking it's not harmful or could change).

With this in mind, we are hosting our annual HOA meeting, virtually, for the 2nd year in a row. The meeting will be on the Zoom platform on April 26, 2022 from 7-9pm. We had good attendance last year and lots of opportunities for engagement. Though we all know it doesn't replace meeting in person, we are crossing our fingers that next year we will be able meet together in the school cafeteria.

For this meeting, we have invited our local elected officials to share County updates and accomplishments, Baltimore County Police liaison Officer Alisha Helphenstine, and seeking a guest presenter to address

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Jacquiline Johnson. Klaus Philipsen (Past President)

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tree maintenance & preservation, to keep our trees healthy and happy for years to come. We will also update you on planned events and reports from HOA board officers.

On behalf of your HOA Board, we look forward to "seeing" you then.

Sincerely,

John Fox



2022 Westerlee's Virtual Zoom Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 7-9pm

- 1) To join the virtual meeting, please use the following link: <https://zoom.us/join> (no account needed)
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*You can also go to www.westerleenews.com to select the link on-line from our neighborhood website.

**Don't Forget to
Pay your \$25 HOA Dues!**

For those who normally pay at the annual meeting, please remember to mail your \$25 check before the end of April.

After April 30th a \$15 late fee will be assessed. Make checks payable to Westerlee Inc. and mail to: Rizwan Mahmoodi, 2126 Fernglen Way, Catonsville, MD 21228.

Get Connected!

Join Nextdoor, our neighborhood blog. Neighbors keep neighbors informed. News, referrals, events, and much more!

To join, email Klaus
kphilipsen@archplan.com

**Friday, July 29 is
Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day!**

(Items should be put out by 6pm on the 28th)

FYI...Baltimore County has added bulk trash pick-up, 2 times a year to our normal service. Dragging stuff to the curb will be so convenient!

For more info on what can be set out, the website has all of the info on what items apply, size limitations, and certain preparations. If further instruction is needed, go to the Baltimore County Solid Waste web page (link below), or call them at (410)887-2000.

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/publicworks/solid_waste/bulkitems.html

Meeting Minutes

Westerlee Community Association, Inc. March 1, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. and the minutes of November 8, 2021, were approved.

Website: John F. reported that Lorraine Marroulis and Lee Blair have expressed interest in working on the web site.

Holiday Light Competition: Klaus reported that the houses at 2022 and 2024 Cedar Circle Drive were the winners. After some discussion the board decided to let the planning committee decide on the awards.

Swale: John H. reported no recent effects from rain runoff.

Rolling Road Traffic: Klaus reported that any new road markings would not take place until the warmer temperatures of spring set in.

Annual Meeting: The board decided to hold a Zoom meeting from 7 to 9 pm on Tuesday, April 26. Klaus suggested advertising this on the web site as well as in the newsletter. John F. said that he would contact candidates for the First District County Council seat and for our Maryland House of Delegate and Senate positions. Klaus suggested providing information on the new district maps, on specific bills affecting our community, on the Baltimore County spending of COVID-19 grants and on the NAACP proposals about Security Square Mall. John H. mentioned having reports from

board committees, Chris said we should invite Officer Helpenstine to report on area crimes and Klaus suggested having an expert discuss yard care issues such as the role of native plants and trees. John H. volunteered to recruit a local expert for that. Klaus suggested having Rizwan discuss ways to pay dues since they would not be collected at an in-person annual meeting. Fred asked about adding new board members and Klaus suggested that the board have a standing committee that considers that issue.

Yard Sale: The board agreed to Jacqui's suggestion of Saturday, June 4.

Welcome: John H. said that he welcomed the new family at 2106 Fernglen and informed them about issues regarding the swale. In response to board members reporting other new residents, he said that he would contact them. Deborah volunteered to be part of the Welcome Committee.

Architectural Code: Klaus said that he gave a resident advice on installing a temporary ramp for his wife. He suggested that residents notify the board about installations of solar panels on roofs but other board members disagreed. John H. brought up the issue of outside lighting that shines brightly on neighboring houses. Klaus said that glare from such lights should not extend beyond the property lines of the homeowner. He said that the board may be able to issue fines for such infractions.

Newsletter: Pam announced a March 14th deadline for submissions so that the newsletter will go out the first week of April.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Westerlee Holiday Winners!

For this years holiday decorating contest, the board experimented with an on-line voting system. Neighbors were asked to log on to our website (www.westerleenews.com) and vote for their favorite decorated house. Though participation was lower than hoped, the winners were clear. First place went to 2022 Cedar Circle Drive and second place to 2024 Cedar Circle Drive. These two homes, sitting right next door to each other, definitely put a smile on our faces when driving through the neighborhood! Thanks for all your hard work!!!



1st Place 2022 Cedar Circle Dr.



2nd Place 2024 Cedar Circle Dr.



Yard Sale Day June 4, 8am-2pm

Spring cleaning now will make you some money this June. Time to declutter and reorganize. If you're saving things for your kids, now is a great time to ask them if they really want your stuff... most of the time the answer is NO. (sorry) Enjoy the day, cicada free, and find do some bargain hunting too.

Please register!!! Participation numbers are essential to get the most buyers to attend our yard sale. When we advertise the event, the more houses joining in the better. You will be given balloons and will be placed on a neighborhood map so that prospective buyers get excited and know where you are located. The more people who visit, the less items you have left at the end of the day. Enjoy

RSVP By May 29th

Call Wanda Richardson, 410.206.2418 or Jacqui Johnson, 443.629.4593 for details.

Life is Great in 21228!

Free Things to do in Catonsville

Catonsville Sunday Farmers Market

15 Mellor Avenue 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
www.catonsville.org. No opening date as of yet.



Catonsville Wednesday Farmers Market (open year-round)

The Christian Temple, 5820 Edmondson Avenue, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. www.catonsvillefarmersmarket.com and on Fb as "Catonsville Farmers' Market".

Lurman Woodland Theater

Located behind Catonsville High School. Fabulous free concerts of all kinds, all summer long. Bring chairs and picnic. Kicks off on June 4th. Full 2022 schedule is on Fb using full name. Lurman.com will hopefully be updated soon.



Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

300 Oella Ave. 410-887-1081. Run by Baltimore County, this is a wonderful museum and park 5 minutes away.



#9 Trolley Trail

Easy, meandering, and beautiful paved trail that runs between Catonsville middle School and Ellicott City (behind the Trolley Stop Resturant. 3-Mile round trip, more if you enjoy the day in Ellicott City or connect to Banneker trails.

CELESTIAL SIGHTS

By Fred Hickok, Professor Emeritus of
Astronomy, Community College
of Baltimore County

April 16 - Full Moon. This was known by early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

May 16 - Full Moon. This was known by early Native American tribes as the Flower Moon because this was the time of year when spring flowers appeared in abundance. It has also been known as the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon.

May 16 - Total Lunar Eclipse. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes completely through the Earth's dark shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse, the Moon will gradually get darker and then take on a rusty or blood red color. The eclipse will be visible throughout all of North America.

June 14 - Full Moon, Supermoon. This was known by early Native American tribes as the Strawberry Moon because it signaled the time of year to gather ripening fruit. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

July 13 - Full Moon, Supermoon. This was known by early Native American tribes as the Buck Moon because the male buck deer would begin to grow their new antlers at this time of year. It has also been known as the Thunder Moon and the Hay Moon.

August 12 - Full Moon, Supermoon. This was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. It has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon.

August 12, 13 - Perseids Meteor Shower. This is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors. The shower peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. Unfortunately, the nearly full moon this year will block out all but the brightest meteors. But the Perseids are so bright and numerous that it could still be a decent show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky,

Free Benjamin Banneker Planetarium Shows

CCBC Catonsville, 800 South Rolling Road
Math & Science Hall Room 030

Friday, May 6, 8-9PM: "Total Lunar Eclipse"

What happens when the Moon passes into the Earth's shadow? Why don't eclipses occur every month? Come learn.

This show is suitable for adults and children over the age of 8. **Attendance is by reservation only.** Please call 443.840.4216 to reserve your seats in advance.



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