

# WESTERLEE COMMUNITY NEWS

Westerlee: A Proud Covenant Controlled Community

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## President's Letter

Greetings, Westerlee Neighbors!

As the temperatures drop and the leaves begin to turn, we're reminded of the beauty and warmth of fall. This season offers us a time to come together, enjoy the outdoors, and prepare for the holidays ahead. Here are some reminders and updates to help you make the most of this beautiful time of year in Westerlee.

### Fall Clean-Up and Leaf Collection

Our trees are a big part of what makes Westerlee so special in the autumn, as their vibrant colors bring our community to life. However, with this beauty comes the task of leaf raking!

### Leaf Collection Schedule, now through January 6, 2025

Got More Than Five Bags of Leaves?

#### Here's the scoop:

- If you have more than five bags of leaves, schedule a pickup! Call 311 by 6 p.m. on Sundays to arrange a Monday collection. We'll collect up to 20 bags per appointment, and you can schedule up to two months in advance!
- For smaller quantities, set up to five bags with your weekly trash collection.

### Eco-Friendly Leaf Tips—No Bagging Needed!

- Mulch With a Mower: Use your lawnmower to chop leaves and leave them on your lawn. This natural mulch helps retain moisture and enriches your soil.
- Garden Bed Boost: Place whole or shredded leaves in garden beds to protect plants and add nutrients.
- Compost Magic: Add leaves to your compost for a rich carbon source that improves soil health.
- Let Nature Work: Allow some leaves to decompose naturally in your yard to nourish the soil.

Let's work together to keep our community clean and sustainable while enjoying the beauty of fall!

### Holiday Community Spirit

As the holidays approach, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude and togetherness. Let's take this opportunity to express appreciation for our friends, families, and neighbors who make Westerlee such a wonderful place to live. Consider lending a helping hand to a neighbor or sharing a meal with someone in the community who might be spending the holiday alone.

Thank you for being part of what makes Westerlee such a caring, vibrant community. Let's make the most of this season by enjoying all the wonderful things it has to offer and coming together as neighbors and friends.

Warm regards,

Wanda Richardson  
HOA President, Westerlee Community



## WESTERLEE COMMUNITY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Wanda Richardson

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**Secretary:** Chris Goatee

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

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# Join our Private Facebook Page 2 Ways

You must already have the Facebook app to use these.

This is just our neighborhood, no sales, no ads, minimal Fb stuff.

## Option #1

### Starting in Facebook

- 1] Open your Facebook app.
- 2] Go to the magnifying glass at the top of the page and select.
- 3] Type in "Westerlee Community". The little picture is of trees and sunset.
- 4] If you don't see it, make sure Facebook didn't switch you to the wrong spelling (Westerley).

## Option #2

### Using the QR Code

- 1] Open the camera on your phone. Hold it up to see the image on the right.
- 2] Your phone should recognize it and a hotdog shaped box will say Facebook inside.
- 3] Touch the word Facebook and you will be taken to our page on the Facebook app.
- 4] Select Join and answer the questions. The hosts will approve you shortly.



## Treasures Report January 2024 to October 2024

Balance \$13,845.23



### Dark Chocolate Avocado Pudding

I had this amazing pudding in a restaurant and could not believe how good it was and went home, found this recipe and have been making it ever since. A great way to use up over ripe or ugly avocados. As far as desserts go, it's a pretty healthy and delicious treat! It's your choice to tell the family what's in it. They will never know.

2/3 cup unsweetened almond milk (Really, any milk should be fine)

2 ripe avocados

1/3 cup plus 1 TBS unsweetened cocoa powder

1/2 cup pure maple syrup

2 tsp vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch of sea salt

Place it all in the blender until mixed thoroughly. It will get nice and thick.

Garnish with anything you like, berries, mini chocolate chips, crushed graham crackers, whipped cream or just eat as is. 4-6 servings. Lasts 2-3 days in fridge covered.



## 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: 12/19





# Annual Picnic, September 21, 2024

You may notice a new addition to the picnic pictures. This year we rented a tent to make us more weather proof from rain and sun and all the attendees commented on how much they liked it. And our president made us a beautiful balloon arch. About 60-70 awesome residents came out to enjoy the party. Its a great time to chat with neighbors before the holidays and winter hibernation. We had hula hoops and corn hole and music serenading us in the background. Thanks to the Philipsens' for letting us use their yard. Thanks to everyone who shared tasty desserts. Hope to see you all next year!





## Volunteers Needed

Do you think Westerlee is the best neighborhood in the world?

Do you have a few hours a year to help out your neighbors?

If you answered YES, we would love you to be on the board!

Also, Block Captain needed on Chantilla Rd. Duties include delivery of newsletter 3x year and flags around July 4th.

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

## Next Bulk Trash Day...?

Keep your eye out for a mailing from Baltimore County Dept. of Solid Waste. They will be mailed near the end of December and will tell us the dates of 2025 bulk trash pick up.

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



## Westeerlee HOA Dues

### *Its Never Too Late to Pay*

It's never too late to catch up on paying your Westerlee Community Association dues. If you have not paid for 2024.

Send \$40 (\$25 plus \$15 late fee) to our Treasurer Jacqueline Johnson at 2102 Cedar Circle Drive. Make check payable to Westerlee Inc.

## 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 at the Home Depot.*

## Oatmeal Lace Cookies

A cookie so easy, even your editor can't mess them up! These cookies are super thin, bumpy, and the delectable that even the crumbs will be eaten by the end of the night. Make sure to have a full roll of foil as once a pan is done, you have to toss the used foil. Makes 45 cookies.

1 cup regular Quaker Oats (quick oats won't work)

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup melted butter

4 TBS flour (fyi...Gluten free works fine)

1/2 tsp salt

1 tsp vanilla

1 egg

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

Mix everything together in a bowl. Preheat oven to 350. Line a cookie sheet with foil. Drop small teaspoons onto the foil about 4 inches apart. (these cookies spread!) Bake for 6-10 minutes or until nice and golden brown. Slide foil with the cooked cookies onto a cooling rack. Once they have hardened, 5 minutes or so, carefully peel the cookie from the foil, eat the broken ones, and discard the used foil. We like ours on the darker side of the golden spectrum, everyone will have their favorite.

