

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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PASNAPSCO EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Friday, August 28th, 6 - 7:30pm
Balt. Co. Arts Guild
10 St. Timothys Lane
Featuring photos of the Patapsco Valley taken by local photographers.

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HOW OLD IS THAT?

Thursday, Sept 10th, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Catonsville Library
1100 Frederick Road
Join Patapsco Heritage Greenway in learning about some of the ways in which archaeologists are able to date artifacts.

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MAIN STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept 19th, 12:00pm
Old Ellicott City
Art & food vendors, and bands at multiple stages through the day.
www.oldellicottcity.org

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ARBUTUS FALL FESTIVAL & MARKET

Saturday, Sept 19th, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Arbutus Town Hall
1349 Stevens Avenue, Arbutus, MD 21227
Indoor and outdoor vendors, children's area with activities and face painting, music, food, and more!

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PATAPSCO LITERARY FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept 26th, 10:00am
Backwater Books
8156 Main St, Ellicott City, MD 21043
Join us for a fun day filled with literary activities, author talks, and panel discussions.

JOIN
US!

If you are looking for ways to get involved with your community and give back, contact us about volunteering! Email us at westerleehoa@gmail.com.

Still owe dues? Dues can be dropped off to our treasurer, Casey Fuller, at **2114 Fernglen Way**. Dues can be paid in cash if given directly to the treasurer, and checks need to be made payable to **Westerlee Community Inc.**

Westerlee News

A Westerlee Community Inc. Newsletter

Designed by Jessica Lynn Dotson

August 2026

Community Picnic

Saturday, September 12th
3:00 - 6:00pm
2018 Cedar Circle Drive
At the Philipsens' Yard

Meet your neighbors & mingle with your community! We'll have a variety of food and will be on the grill cooking burgers! Halal and vegetarian food will be available. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

Farewell to summer



While summer is winding down, we're preparing for another fun community picnic. We hope you'll come join us, and tell us about your summer vacations, your garden harvests, or what fall events you're looking forward to. And if you can't make it to the picnic, we hope you find other opportunities to be a good neighbor! We've had a few new families move into the neighborhood, and we look forward to meeting you.

- The Westerlee Community Inc. Board

Where can I...

- Have a question for a neighbor? Try joining our Facebook group, "Westerlee Community."
- Do you have a big home improvement project coming up? Our new Architectural Review form can be completed directly on our website.
- Need to check if you owe dues? You can email us at westerleehoa@gmail.com.
- Want to keep up on upcoming events? Check out our website, www.westerleenews.com.



Westerlee Inc. Board

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- The Autumnal Equinox happens Tuesday, September 22nd. On this day, there are equal hours of daylight and darkness.
- September is the Harvest Month! The full Harvest Moon is on Saturday, September 26th.



Coffee & Community



**Saturday,
October 24th
at 10:00am,
Panera Bread**

Bring a mug and come meet up with your neighbors! No agenda, just good conversation. Some limited coffee and snacks will be available for the first few attendees.

Why Native Plants Matter

If you've heard the term "native plants" lately, you might be wondering what that means exactly. Native plants are species that occur naturally in their local habitat, and have adapted to their local weather patterns, soil types, insects, birds and mammals.

If you like watching the fireflies light up at nightfall, then you already have an appreciation for native plants. Most insects need specific plants to survive. For example, you may have heard that Monarch butterflies need more milkweed plants to support their populations. This is because Monarch caterpillars have evolved to only eat milkweed. Caterpillars are a critical food source for birds, especially babies. A single nest of chickadees requires more than 5,000 caterpillars to successfully raise one brood. That's a lot of caterpillars!

Want to learn more and start adding native plants to your yard? There are a ton of online resources to help. One favorite is www.homegrownnationalpark.org, where you can even track your own native garden on their map!