WHCA July 2021 Newsletter

Welcome

Greetings and welcome to the new residents of the West Hills Community. We are a Covenant community and knows your family will be very happy here.

Also, the West Hills Community Association ask all residents to become knowledgeable with community covenant and obtain a copy of the covenant. Because, as homeowners or community residents, you are bound by the written laws of the covenant which has jurisdiction over the community.

Normalcy- Moving Forward

With the lifting of most of the Covid-19 restrictions, the nation is about getting back to normal life. But, can we return to the state of being normal, usual or the expected?

Years 2020 & 2021 have revealed that the USA or nation should look at the full measures and effects of the pandemic. Are people to live with limits? What does peace mean? Is the order to use your home as the office, church and the community?

Moving forward will not be simple/easy as people may believe. People are still living with past goals or clinging to yesterday thoughts and behavior.

And, the nation is not prepared for the magnitudes of after-effects. The pandemic has increased morbidity and mortality in the world, significant economic damage & growth, behavioral changes, fear, and other significant social, economic and. political disruption.

These last two years provided lessons learned and roadmap for innovative approaches for prevention and preparedness to critical systems (health system,

Mail Delivery

Postal service has become an overall problem in Baltimore City, counties and other cities. The problem(s) must be addressed. The post office is stating that it has staffing shortage, experiencing budget cuts, and volumes of mail in sorting centers.

Louis Dejoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the USPS is breaking the world's largest postal organization. The Postal Regulatory Commission is responsible for oversight of the USPS and has the power to remove the Postmaster General, oversight of rates and services, and ensuring the Postal Service meets all its legal requirements. Website: **Postal Regulatory Commission** Main Address:901 New York Ave., NW Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001, Phone Number:1-202-789-680**0.**

Although, some movement has occurred, the mail continues to be delayed, not delivered or arriving weeks late.

Your voice must be heard; so please call your Congressmen/Senators and report your problems and file a complaint. Not receiving our mail is extremely inconvenient, especially if the items are time-sensitive (due dates/interest/ penalties), loss of income and medicine. Also, Dejoy is planning to implement more rules that drastically affect the postal system and you.

Landscaping & Exterior Clean Up

Mother nature is providing the ideal weather for summer clean-up so residents team up and deliver high results. Keep your property beautiful and maintain according to the city/covenant regulations.

Weather Impact*:** It has been predicted the 2021 may come with plenty of thunderstorms, especially over the central and eastern states. In some cases, a few storms might give rise to tornadoes Because, the weather prediction for high winds and possibly of slightly higher number of **tornadoes,** they can cause damage to property such as houses, power lines, and humans. ***And, we want to recognize and bestow thanks to the residents that's taking care of their yard because it adds beauty and value to your home and the community.

Parking

Surface paving, parking pads, driveways, and private roads must be paved with asphalt, brick, concrete, macadam, or stone block. All paving must be able to support the design loads for the proposed vehicular traffic. The size, layout, and arrangement of parking areas must comply with: 1) the Baltimore City Zoning Code, and 2). the rules and regulations of the City Planning Commission.

Again, no commercial vehicles are not allowed to park in this community. Illegal parking of vehicle which includes trucks converted/transformed for commercial (money-making) use will be reported.

Road/ Drag Racing/

The association is working with city local agencies regarding concerns related to safety, noise of squealing tires, gurgling mufflers and roaring engines on route 40 (Baltimore National Pike). The roaring noise is disturbing the collective peace and quiet is interrupting sleep. Since the pandemic there appears to be an uptick in the activity.

FIREWORKS

The use of fireworks is illegal and prohibited in the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County. This includes hand held or any ground-based device that creates an explosion, detonation, loud noise, launches a projectile or move along the ground under its own power (Ex. Firecracker, cheery bombs, black cats, M-80, crackling balls and smoke bombs bottle or sky rockets and spinning wheels etc.). **Please call the Baltimore police and report the violators. Provide all the information necessary for example by providing an address, physical information & etc. Repeated violations will result in escalated fines**.

Neighborhood Sweeps/Inspections

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) ***will be conducting inspections during the summer months to ensure compliance.*** These inspections are required to ensure that the West Hills Community is a safe, clean, and healthy. And a community operates in accordance to the city and covenant guidance, codes and regulations.

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Commentary

USA

The pandemic has revealed the BIG problems in the United States of America. USA must height its national security in order to protect its citizens, prevent cyber-crimes, scams, increase economic growth, and promotes paths to good health, self- reliance and resilience. And, it needs to address racism, hunger, homelessness, crimes, school system, scientific system, technology, software systems, family, church and climate change). USA must acknowledge its failures; explore possible changes, practice prevention for challenges and the unexpected, focus on the past/future. Also, USA needs keep in pace with other nations.

Baltimore City School System

Finally, Baltimore city school system is at its lower level. There are many reasons why the BCSCS is broken: 1) the lack of interest from the elect official and city school board member and lack **of** interest from the parents which increase the probability of non-schooling and dropout rate. The problems also are related to health, the economy. overcrowded or unsafe schools, quality of teaching, irrelevant curriculum and lack of learning materials.

The city can **help** struggling **students** succeed in **school** by donating money for the teachers and tutors. And ensure, that the **Curriculum** reading, spelling, current events, writing, cursive, math, science, history, and a second language (Spanish, Chinese). Also, the schools should reduce the number of students per classroom.

Important note, elect officials (local/Federal) and the federal government should keep its promises to students. As you remember, the city school was as a focal point on campaign agenda on the current mayor agenda. But to date, he has done nothing to keep his promise. Will the city invest some of the relief fund in the city school?

The city and federal government should keep its promises to create higher standards and levels of education with positive outcomes for students. They should increase need for early education and use textbooks along with the computers.

But most important, the city school leaders and others should remember to build on the pathways, foundation and groundwork of the past generations.

Also, public **education** should **p**rovide opportunity for internships. And, note that every parent is not a teacher and some parent maybe having difficulty helping their kids with take-home assignments.

What's your view?