

West Hills Community Association Newsletter

July/August 2022 Edition

Summertime safety!!

Summer is here and students are on a break from school. The safety of our residents is important, so please keep an eye out for children when driving in the community. As we gather with family and friends, the West Hills Community Association (WHCA) asks all of our neighbors to keep our yards and neighborhood neat and clean. When you're hosting cookouts and events, please collect debris that your guests may have left behind, so that it can be contained for your regular trash collection day. Remember to cover your trash receptacles, to minimize pest infestations.



National Night Out! - Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – 6pm to 8pm



The WHCA will host National Night Out fun and festivities again this year. Stop by and join the fun!!! Enjoy the marching band, snacks and meeting new neighbors. Members from your local fire and police departments and elected officials plan to be there.

We hope to see you again this year at the **Spirit of Faith Church parking lot (5010 Briarcliff Road, Balt., MD 21229)**

Keeping our Community Clean

July 9th was Dumpster Day in the West Hills community, thank you to those who volunteered to assist the successful project and to proactive residents who are helping to keep our community clean by disposing of bulk items. The West Hills Community filled two large dumpsters. Stay tuned for updates on future "Dumpster Days" to be scheduled later in 2022 and in 2023. Bulk items can be dropped off throughout the year at City and County Bulk Trash Drop Off locations. Info is available in the websites below:

Baltimore City:

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/solid-waste/drop-off>

Baltimore County:

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

Community Covenant

*The West Hills Community is a **covenant community**.* Our covenant is binding, enforceable and can be litigated. Residents who violate community, city/county, and state regulations (ex. dumping trash, illegal parking, poor maintenance of property, posting of illegal signs and committing dangerous crimes) are subject to fines and other penalties. Residents should have received a copy when they purchased their home. Community members whose WHCA annual membership dues are current, are eligible to receive an electronic copy of the covenant by emailing a request to the West Hills Community Association (WHCA) at: GreaterWesthillsCommunity@Gmail.com

WHCA General Community Information

Our website: [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Greater W Hills](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Greater_W_Hills)

WHCA Annual Dues:

Annual membership dues are currently \$25.00 per year, per household. Membership annual dues should be mailed directly to: **Greater Westhills Community Association, PO Box 11531, Baltimore, MD 21229.** You can conveniently pay online via **CASHAPP at: \$WHCA21229**

Association Leadership 2022

President: Rod Easter
Vice-President: Gina Hall
Secretary: Cynthia Green
Treasurer: Marlene Arthur

Board Members:

Gregory Green	Anthony Massey
Steve Hinnant	Warren Smith
Leticia Holliday	Jaqueline Thomas
Dianne Keeling	

Monthly Community Meetings:

Third Monday of each Month at 7pm. Currently, monthly meetings are being held virtually. If you do not have the link for the monthly meetings, please contact: GreaterWesthillsCommunity@Gmail.com

Political Representation (this is an election year, representative info will be updated as needed):

Baltimore City – District 41: 100 Holliday Street, Room 553 Baltimore, MD 21202

Councilman Kristerfer Burnett; Kristerfer.Burnett@baltimorecity.gov 410-396-4818 (ofc)
Senator Jill P. Carter; Jill.Carter@senate.state.md.us; (410) 841-3697 (ofc)
Delegate Dalya Attar; Dalya.Attar@house.state.md.us, (410) 841-3268 (ofc)
Delegate Tony Bridges; Tony.Bridges@house.state.md.us (410) 841-3283 (ofc)
Delegate S. I. Sandy Rosenberg; Samuel.Rosenberg@house.state.md.us (410) 841-3297 (ofc)

Baltimore County – District 44: District Office: 754 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228

Councilman Tom Quirk; Email: council1@baltimorecountymd.gov
Margaret Stokes, Leg. Aide: MStokes@BaltimoreCountyMD.Gov 410-887-0896 (ofc) 410-887-1012 (fax)
Senator Charles E. Sydnor III charles.sydnor@senate.state.md.us (410) 841-3612 (ofc)
Del. Sheila S. Ruth; sheila.ruth@house.state.md.us (410) 841-3802 (ofc)
Del. Patrick G. Young; pat.young@house.state.md.us (410) 841-3544 (ofc)
Office of Community Engagement: d1outreach@baltimorecounty.gov **Contact: Mandy Rimmell**

Baltimore County Police Information for the Westhills Community

Woodlawn Police Precinct, which is Precinct #2. Direct telephone number: 410-887-1340. The link below will provide important information related to the Woodlawn precinct:
<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/pc02/>

Baltimore City Police Information for the Westhills Community

Southwest District: 424 Font Hill Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229; 410-396-2488
<https://www.baltimorepolice.org/find-my-district/southwestern-district>



COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR BALTIMORE CITY

Don't wait for others, when you can report issues directly to the city via 311

Call 311 to report non-emergency issues online or on the Baltimore City 311 app. When you create a new request provide Service request ticket numbers to the WHCA email address:

GreaterWesthillsCommtestunity@Gmail.com.

This provides awareness to the WHCA board, so that we can also work with our city officials to address issues.

For emergencies, please call 911! If you see something, say something.



Baltimore City – Back to School

The school year in Baltimore City will begin on Monday, August 29th. Baltimore City Public School has prepared useful information so that you and your children will have a successful 2022-2023 school year. Details about the Free Family Back to School Festival on August 4th, immunizations, parent forms and the Back to School Guide are available via the link below from the Baltimore City School board:

<https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/backtoschool>

Citiwatch Community Partnership Program

CitiWatch is a partnership allowing residents and small business owners to assist the Baltimore Police Department and other public safety agencies by sharing important video footage. Comm. Partnership is a voluntary registry of private surveillance systems/video devices that will help public safety response with video evidence when a crime or quality of life disruption occurs. Joining the Comm. Partnership and Baltimore City's public safety agencies in the effort to improve quality of life shows your commitment to safer communities and an improved Baltimore.



The Balt. City Police Department has provided the following link on their Community Engagement site. Copy the following link for more details:

<https://www.baltimorepolice.org/community/citiwatch-community-partnership-overview>



COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Please use the link and information below for more detail regarding Baltimore County services?



<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/report-problem#/>

Contact Baltimore County 311 to report problems or request a service. Call [311](tel:311), fill out the online form below or download and submit using the mobile app. To call from outside of Baltimore County, dial [410-887-0311](tel:410-887-0311). You may report lost property, abandoned vehicles, hit and runs, destruction of property and theft by [filing a police report online](#) at 311.

In case of emergency, dial 911. If you see something, say something.

Baltimore County Curbside Trash Receptacle Guidelines

Per Baltimore County Codes, trash receptacles should not be placed at the curb or in the alley before 6pm on the day prior to your scheduled trash or recycle collection day. Example: if your collection day is Tuesday, your receptacle can be placed for collection after 6pm on Monday. After collection, your receptacles must be removed so they're blocking the alley, sidewalks or left in the street. Residents are subject to violation reports and fines that are imposed by City and County code enforcement departments.

Baltimore County Back to School



The 2022-2023 school year in Baltimore County also starts on Monday, August 29th.

If your child will be entering high school next year. Now is the time to gather Magnet School information and to learn about the application process for 2023-2024. Baltimore County is hosting a Magnet EXPO on Saturday, September 17, 2022, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Application Information Meeting at 9:30 a.m., New Town High School, 4931 New Town Blvd., Owings Mills, MD 21117

https://dci.bcps.org/departments/educational_options/educational_opportunities/magnet_programs

West Hills Park

To use West Hills Parks for parties and other events, you must reserve the park with Baltimore County Dept. of Parks and Recreation. For fees to reserve the park in our community, call the local Parks and Rec. office at 410-887-1357

Pet and Animal Issues

Contact 311 or use the following link to report matters such as excessive barking, unleashed pets roaming the neighborhood or pet waste issues, etc.

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/report-problem?categoryId=1010169#/>

Our Community Matters!

Block Captains Wanted: The WHCA Board would like to partner with concerned West Hills residents who take pride in the homes, blocks and community. Please email the WHCA for more information on how you can help keep the West Hills community a safe and beautiful place to live.

Community Walkthrough: The WHCA knows that cleanliness and the safety of our community is crucial and is coordinating a Baltimore County community walkthrough with our local elected officials and police department in September. The specific date will be shared in advance in WHCA email correspondence and/or at a future WHCA General meeting.

Issues and Concerns

Grass Cutting and Debris: In Baltimore City and County, you have a responsibility to keep your yard clean and the grass cut. Grass cuttings should be gathered for proper disposal, and not placed in the street or placed in street drainage openings. Also remind your landscapers to follow City/County mandates. Unkept yard are subject to fines which are imposed by City and County Code Enforcement departments.

Parking in the wrong direction: The Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists that parking in the “wrong direction” is a dangerous safety hazard. Vehicles parked against the direction of traffic increase the risk of head-on or side-swipe collisions, especially when leaving a parking space. **You are subject to being ticketed by our local police department.**

Illegal Parking: Parking on lawns is unsightly and lowers community standards! These practices impact our property value. Residents should not park automobiles in the front/rear or street side yard except upon an approved paved driveway. **Commercial Vehicles:** Are not allowed to be parked within this community. Illegal parking of vehicle which includes trucks converted/transformed for commercial (money-making) *use will be reported* and may results in tickets, citations and fines.

Home Maintenance: some houses in the community show evidence of poor maintenance which emphasizes the presence of violations. Neglected homes in the community decreases the value of homes in the community. The housing authority will enforce the regulations and the community covenant restrictive rules to encourage safety and compliance with legal restrictions and guidelines.

Alleys: please honor the 15-mph speed limit of the when driving through alleys. Respecting the speed limit provide safety and it protects the lives of children in playing or riding their bikes in the alleys. Also, please do not block the alley, especially on trash pickup days since the trucks cannot complete their pickup.

Abandoned Vehicles: Resident should call 311 to report vehicles (**neglected, abandoned, broken down**) vehicles **on public and private property**. Provide address, details: such as color, make/models, tag number when possible and condition and photos are encouraged. Callers can remain anonymous.