

West Hills Community Association Newsletter

March / April 2023 Edition



Spring is here!!!



As the seasons change, the weather becomes warmer and the days are longer, so take a moment to clean your yard of any old leaves and yard debris, and trash that may have collected during windy weather. Spring flowers and trees will be blooming and our lawns and trees will start growing. Now is the best time to remove overgrowth and prune branches that block sidewalks, and check on our elderly and infirmed neighbors who might need a little help. Continue to take pride in the appearance of your home and our community.

What you missed at February's WHCA General Meeting

Baltimore City's Attorney General, Ivan Bates, attended our February general monthly meeting. Mr. Bates shared goals for his department as they transition from prior leadership. He discussed collaboration between his office and the Baltimore County's Attorney General, and we were given a "virtual" face to face opportunity to pose questions that directly impact our community.

It's rare that one of our local top political officials to personally give of their time to meet with our small community, especially when it's not during an election season. WHCA leadership continues to make outreach to ask key members of City and County government to attend or meetings to share important topic to better our community.

2023 Annual Membership Dues

Annual WCHA membership fees are now due for the 2023. The amount is still \$25 the 2023 calendar year, and funds support projects such as our Charitable Giving projects, hosting National Night Out in August, and other initiatives to support our community. Please send dues to: **Greater Westhills Community Association, PO Box 11531, Baltimore, MD 21229**, or you can conveniently pay online via **CASHAPP at: \$WHCA21229**.



Coming Soon!

We are in the process of revamping our presence on social media sites and other outreach projects. We will provide updates to the community as we're closer to completing this project, which will allow us to reach a broader audience.

Our Community Matters!



Please cover your trash cans

We are seeing an increase of residents who do not cover their trash receptacles or don't place their trash bags inside of trash cans. Uncovered trash cans are the leading cause of rat infestation and other nuisance pests. It also results in trash and debris being blown around the alleys, neighbor's yards and in the streets. Addresses in the City and County who do not adhere to trash receptacle guidelines are subject to receiving citations, and fines can be assessed by both the City and County code enforcement departments. This simple step has a huge impact on your neighbors and the West Hills community/

Small Business and Vendors Community Directory



The WCHA is spearheading a project to build a community directory of reputable vendors and professional service providers from our community, who are licensed, insured and/or bonded, if applicable. This is a great opportunity to network with residents, and find new clients. Many have home improvement projects and other needs, so finding qualified vendors in the neighborhood that we can trust helps strengthen the community. To have your company's information included in the directory, please email the WCHA at: GreaterWesthillsCommunity@Gmail.com and use the subject line WHCA VENDORS, so that you can start the submittal process.

Monthly Meetings: Questions and Topics

If you have questions or topics of interest that you would like to have discussed during our community meetings, please send your inquiries in advance to: GreaterWesthillsCommunity@Gmail.com. This allows time for your topics and questions to be reviewed, so that the WHCA Board can try to find the information to provide answers and solutions to your questions. **We also ask that you mute your line while on the zoom meetings unless you are being called on.** Background noise is distracting and takes away from the quality of our meetings.

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 2023

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

2023 Board Members:

Gregory Green	Floyd Rogers
Steve Hinnant	Nii Sowah
Leticia Holliday	Jaqueline Thomas
Anthony Massey	Elijah Wallace-El

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 (official info will be updated when terms begin):

Baltimore City – District 41 & 44A: 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 Sandy Rosenberg; Samuel.Rosenberg@house.state.md.us (410) 841-3297 (ofc)
Del. Roxane Prettyman (District 44A – City); roxane.prettyman@house.state.md.us (410) 841-3801 (ofc)

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

Councilman Patrick/Pat Young; Email: council1@baltimorecountymd.gov (District 1) 410-887-0896 (ofc)
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. Aletheia McCaskill; Aletheia.McCaskill@house.state.md.us Phone = TBD
Office of Community Engagement: d1outreach@baltimorecountymd.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 Trash Collection FAQs

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-faq>

Below are a few general topics, and more details can be found on the FAQ website

What do I do if my trash or recycling is missed?

- If your trash or recycling collection is ever missed, please call 311. Your Service Request will be sent directly to the supervisor and will be resolved within 24 hours.

My trash or recycling collection is on a holiday, when will it be collected?

- If your trash or recycling collection day falls on a City holiday, your items will be collected the Saturday immediately following the holiday. No other collections will be disrupted.

Baltimore City Summer Learning: <https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/summerlearning>

Baltimore City Public Schools are excited to offer a variety of programs for Summer 2023 for students in all grades. City Schools' programs are a great way to have fun and keep learning throughout the summer. This year many more schools are offering programs just for students at your school. Please ask your school leaders for more information, including how to register.

Registration will open in early April. Please come back often to see what new programs are added! If you have questions about summer learning and registration, please call 443-984-2001, Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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.

New International Grocery Store



Global Food opened on Thursday, March 9th on Security Blvd in The Meadows Shopping Center. The 36,360-square-foot supermarket is the first Global Food in the Baltimore region, and is headquartered in Sterling, Virginia. The store sells all kinds of fruits and vegetables, fresh meat, spices and even ingredients to make an assortment of international meals. Plus, all the traditional items you'd expect to find at a grocery store. This diverse supermarket is a welcomed addition to the grocery stores in the area.

Baltimore County Police Community Relations

[Police Community Relations Councils](#) (PCRC) provide an open forum where citizens, community leaders and representatives of the local business community may bring attention to problems within their neighborhood. If you're interested in attending, meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Woodlawn Precinct #2, 6424 Windsor Mill Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21207. For more details click on the website <https://www.baltimorecountypcrc.org/>

Charing Cross Shopping Center – New Developments

Be on the lookout for a new **Dollar Tree** store to join the landscape at the Charing Cross Shopping Center. We have been told that the store will have a new and improved version and will include a frozen food section. We will keep the community posted as we receive updates.

Baltimore County Summer Learning Programs:

https://dci.bcps.org/departments/educational_options/summer_programs

Baltimore County Public Schools offers several programs to support student learning over the summer. View the link to help keep your child on track for a successful 2023-2024 school year.