

West Hills Community Association Newsletter

May / June 2023 Edition



Summer time is here, and flowers are in bloom. We would like to thank neighbors who have worked to beautify their yards. Your efforts make such a difference and do not go unnoticed. Children will soon be out of school for the season, so please keep an eye out for any children who might wander too close to the street. With the warmer weather, we will all be spending more time outside, so for the safety of yourself and your neighbors, please keep your porch lights and back yard light on. **If you see any suspicious activity, don't hesitate to call 911. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME!**

What you missed at May's WHCA General Meeting

We would like to thank our newly elected Baltimore County Council Representative, Mr. Pat Young and members of Baltimore City and Baltimore County Police departments and government agencies, for attending our recent WHCA general meetings. Mr. Young and his office expressed an interest in supporting our community, and his Legislative Aide, Ms. Margaret Stokes, is constant presence at our meetings and has been an excellent resource to answer many questions posed by the WHCA board and community members.

The police departments informed us that car thefts are on the rise in Baltimore, and unfortunately, we are now experiencing some in our community. We've all see on the news that Hyundai and Kia cars are being targeted. Free wheel locks have been made available on a first come first serve basis for owner of these brands. If you own one of these brands, please check with your local precinct for details about obtaining a wheel lock before it's too late.

Also, the speed camera is scheduled to be replaced on Baltimore National Pike. This is wonderful news since this has been on the radar of the WCHA for quite some time, and we hope this will help to reduce speeding.

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**.



Bird Feeders

Feeding birds in your backyard is not necessary. Bird feeding is most helpful when birds need the most energy, such as during temperature extremes, migration and in late winter or early spring, when natural seed sources are depleted.

The general rule for feeding any wild animal is not to offer food when it might cause harm (such as when there's a local outbreak of avian disease that could spread through feeders. Bird droppings on porches, outdoor furniture and cars are unsightly and a nuisance to clean up. If you must feed the birds, please respect your neighbors by feeding the birds in an open field area. <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/feeding-birds-your-backyard>

Block Captains Are Needed

If you're concerned about the safety and quality of our neighborhood, we could use your help as a Block Captain. All we ask is that you partner with other WHCA Block Captains to bring awareness to issues that impact our community. Our community is a hidden gem, and it only takes a small amount of time to help keep West Hills a beautiful and safe place to live. For more information on how you can help, please contact Ms. Jacqueline Thomas at: jacray4@verizon.net or Mr. Gregory Green at: gwatchman1@aol.com

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>

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.

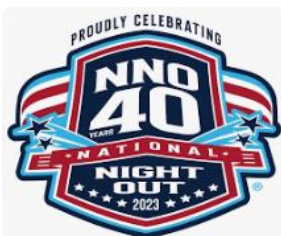
This provides awareness to the WHCA board, so that we can also work with our city officials to address issues.

For emergencies, please call 911! If you see something, say something. You don't have to give your name if you don't want to. **You can always remain anonymous!**



Baltimore City New Water Discount Program

Water4All is a new water discount program designed to provide more equitable access to financial assistance for eligible Baltimore City residents who need help paying their water bills. This new water assistance program provides a monthly discount for water and sewer costs based on a percentage of residents' income. For the first time, tenants who do not directly pay their water bills are eligible to apply for water payment assistance. For more info, <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/water4all>



National Night Out – Save the Date

More details to come, but WHCA is planning to host another successful National Night Out event on the first Tuesday in August. We hope to see you this year on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023. This is one of the initiatives sponsored by your annual WHCA membership dues.

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.



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. You don't have to give your name if you don't want to. **You can always remain anonymous!**

Baltimore County Curbside Bulk Trash Pick-up **Is – July 21 2023**



Baltimore County residents may set out up to three bulk items such as: furniture, electronics, rolled carpets, appliances, etc. Items must be less than eight feet in length, and should be set out in the same location as your regular trash collection, after 6pm on the night prior to collection. **Hazardous materials are not included.** Please review the information that has been mailed to County residents for more details regarding this FREE service.

Catonsville Library - Renovations



The Catonsville branch of the Baltimore County Libraries is closed for an \$8 million renovation project. The project is expected to be completed by Spring 2024. The Arbutus and Woodlawn locations are open and available to serve the community, with Passport Services, Learning Programs for Youths and Adults, and other information. <https://www.bcpl.info/>

Baltimore County Summer Learning Programs:

https://dc.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 you child on track for a successful 2023-2024 school year.