



# The Westfield Times

A Publication of the Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association

April 2003

## Membership Drive Kicks Off

We are looking to double our membership by the Holiday Party in December to 300 members. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining and fill in the coupon below. We have accomplished a lot in these past months, and with your help we can accomplish more.

The **Membership Committee** needs volunteers to help revive our other membership campaigns. We are in the critical months for membership renewal and any commitment of time, talent or energy will be appreciated. We have a committed core of new and long-standing members who are accomplishing a great deal.

If we want to keep this neighborhood one of Baltimore's Best then we must reach out to more of our neighbors.

**Our Next Meeting will be Tuesday May 6 at 7:30 p.m. We meet at the Holiday House 6427 Harford Road. Please use the Pinewood Road Entrance**

## Committees Show Progress

Our committees continue to prove that the efforts of our members can make a difference.

### **Easter Candy Sales Set Record**

Our **Social Butterflies** reported that our Easter candy sales of \$852 **set a new record!** I want to thank everyone who ordered candy for his or her efforts. The association will receive about \$250 as a benefit. Just a reminder that volunteers are needed for our **block party** in September

**Beautification** reported that calls to **311** resulted in the covering of the graffiti on the bowling alley and the gas station.

- Black trash cans that say "BELIEVE" are available for free if you want them.
- A garden tour is planned for this summer

Our **Safety** committee reported on progress with our Night Out. While we are still waiting for the city to decide how it will help us, we are in contact with other neighborhood associations who want to join us in this effort.

We still need volunteers for NECOP. We are at about 50% coverage for April. Contact us through our website or hotline if you would like to take a patrol.

In May we should have information from **Project Liberty** about emergency preparedness in case of terrorist attack.

Our **Public Relations** committee announced that a newsletter would be distributed in April. If you can volunteer a half-hour to distribute the newsletter to your block, contact us through our website, or our hotline.

## **Good Neighbor Tips:**

- ◆ Now that spring is here make sure that your sidewalk, curb and gutter area are free of leaves and other debris.
- ◆ Be sure to pick up plastic bags, paper cups and any other wind blown trash that ends up on your lawn.
- ◆ Pick up after your pet in your yard or your neighbor's yard. Animal feces can attract rats.

## **Recycling Schedule**

<b>April</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Paper
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bottles and Cans
24 <sup>th</sup>	Paper
26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Hazardous Waste Drop Off
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bottles and Cans
<b>May</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Paper
12 <sup>th</sup>	Bottles and Cans
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Paper
26 <sup>th</sup>	No Pick Up – Holiday

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## Neighborhoods of Greater Lauraville Considers Westfield in its Expansion

The Neighborhoods of Greater Lauraville Inc. (NOGLI) has expressed an interest in expanding to include our neighborhood. The new entity would be named Communities of North East (CONE). Benefits would include help with zoning issues and inclusion in their Urban Renewal Plan.

A representative from NOGLI will be at our May meeting to present the benefits of joining. We will vote on the issue in June.

Lui Hernandez, Troy Warner and Kevin Duval will investigate the issue and make a recommendation to the membership. If anyone would like to join us in this effort, contact us through our website or the hotline.

## Upcoming Meetings

**May** -NOGLI Expansion, Membership Drive, Web Site Demo

**June** -Meet Mike Hilliard the new director of Harbel

## Ten Reasons To Try Riding With Citizens On Patrol

- 1) Have a good reason to take a really leisurely tour of YOUR neighborhood.
- 2) Get a fascinating glimpse inside the workings of local law enforcement activities.
- 3) Get to spend three hours of uninterrupted quality time with the friend/family member of your choice.
- 4) Discover fascinating new details of the streets, houses and residents in your neighborhood.
- 5) Listen to exciting, exclusive real-time reporting from other Citizens On Patrol team members.
- 6) Learn to use an official Baltimore Police walkie-talkie.
- 7) Get mega-brownie points from your community association.
- 8) Have a guaranteed "date" with the Citizens On Patrol partner of your choice.
- 9) Attempt to solve the puzzle of finding as many routes which traverse every street through your neighborhood and, if possible, each one only once.
- 10) Have a good reason to get out at night at least once a month.

Courtesy of Julia Laurie Hammid

## Westfield Street Walkers are on Harford Road

The Westfield Street Walkers is a walking club for our neighbors. The idea is just to get some exercise, meet our neighbors and know that we can walk in safety.

Join us at 6 p.m., on Harford Road. Come out to Harford Road at any point. Wear a red shirt or red jacket or red hat so that we know you are a neighbor.

This is a fair weather club, so if it is raining, we will not be walking.

So if you have been looking for a reason to get out and get some fresh air, look for us on Harford Road.

## **Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association**

### **2003 Annual Membership Dues**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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