



# The Westfield Times

A Publication of the Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association

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## Nominations of Officers

Baseball hall of fame coach Tommy Lasorda is quoted as saying, "There are three types of baseball players – those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happened."

Those who want to make it happen will have an opportunity at our October meeting when we hold our annual nomination of officers. Nominations will be accepted for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Although many of the incumbents will be running, there are several reasons that it is important that we return to a system of annual elections. The primary reason is that we need to expand our leadership base. Our community consists of 1500 homes, representing over 3000 people. We sit astride a major economic corridor of over fifty businesses. In order to adequately represent and lobby for our community, we need more than the roughly half dozen individuals who are currently involved with our association. The return to a system of annual elections guarantees that we are given an opportunity to promote effective leadership.

We have seen some positive change in the past year, but it is a constant battle. I am appealing to each individual in the community to consider lending your talent, time and energy to the community. Elections will be held during our November meeting.

## Harford Road Improvements

On a rainy Saturday in May, several of us took a walking tour of Harford Road noting the deteriorating condition of the roads, sidewalks, missing signs, inadequate trash receptacles, and missing trees. Letters were drafted to Councilman Curran who forwarded the complaints to the appropriate city agencies. Throughout the summer we have seen signs replaced, newer trash cans and also a bus stop moved to a more logical location. In the past two weeks crews have begun replacing the damaged sidewalk along Harford Road. Our thanks to Councilman Curran and the many city agencies who have worked together to improve the look of our main corridor.

## Bowling Alley Gets New Owner

After being empty for five years, the bowling alley on Harford Road has a new owner. A manufacturer of custom cabinetry will be moving in some time next year. This is a locally owned business that is currently located in the Belair/Edison community. About 20 people will be employed there full time. The owner plans to renovate the façade of the building, opening up windows to the street and including a show room. Other improvements such as lighting, fencing off the parking lot and landscaping are also planned. The new owner will be at our October or November meeting. This brings to a successful conclusion the long struggle to find a good business for this building. Our organization worked with former owners AMF and the Baltimore Development Corporation to market the property.

## Fall Clean Up Day October 11th

Westfield will participate in the fourth annual Fall Clean up, sponsored by the DPW. The goal of these semi-annual events is to get citizens working together to clean up public areas in their communities. We will be cleaning up along Harford Road and Milton Lane.

The DPW will provide us with a limited number of brooms, shovels, rakes, gloves and bags. If you are interested in volunteering, call our hotline at 410-254-WNIA(9642), or email us at [kduval@wnia.com](mailto:kduval@wnia.com).

### Our Next Meeting

will be Tuesday,

October 7 at

7:30 p.m.

We meet at the  
Holiday House 6427  
Harford Road.

Please use the  
Pinewood Road  
Entrance

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## NOGLI Expansion Vote Postponed

The NOGLI board of directors postponed their vote on whether they should consider expansion of their catchment area until their October meeting. Four of the six communities involved have not yet presented the idea to their memberships. A straw poll of the six communities involved indicates that four are for the idea, one against and one undecided.

NOGLI is made up of the communities of Lauraville, Waltherson, Arcadia, Beverly Hills, Moravia and Morgan Park. NOGLI sent letters of interest to nine surrounding community associations in north east Baltimore. Of the nine, only six replied with interest. Westfield and Frankford were the only community associations represented at NOGLI's September board meeting, though all communities were invited to attend.

Given the current state of these affairs, we will begin talking to other communities around us to gauge their interest in partnering with NOGLI or in forming a separate partnership.

## Y.A.N.A. to address October meeting

Syd Ford, director of Y.A.N.A. will speak at our next meeting about the problem of prostitution. Her organization, whose acronym stands for "You Are Never Alone", helps women who have been convicted on prostitution charges change their lives. Y.A.N.A. works with the courts to provide counseling and treatment to those women who want to break the cycle of hopelessness. The program has been very successful in its pilot in South Baltimore. Ms. Ford will bring a different perspective on battling this problem and instruct us on how we can advocate for expanded treatment.

## Can't Make a Meeting? Here are some other ways you can participate.

- Participate in our Fall Clean up on October 11th
- Take a NECOP patrol. Thursday, Friday or Saturday night from 7:30 to 10:00.
- Deliver the newsletter. It takes less than an hour each month
- Help us with our Holiday party in December

## Good Neighbor Tip:

Leaves, branches and other debris can clog our storm drains and lead to flood conditions. Take a few minutes each week during the fall to inspect the storm drains on your street and make sure they are clear. If your storm drain is clogged and cannot easily be cleaned, call 311.

## Recycling Schedule

### October

9	Paper
13	Holiday – No Pickup
23	Paper
25-26	Hazardous Waste Drop off
27	Bottles and Cans

### November

10	Bottles and Cans
13	Paper
24	Bottles and Cans
27	Holiday – No Pickup

## Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association 2004 Annual Membership Dues

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this coupon along with a \$10 check or money order payable to:  
WNIA Membership Dues  
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