



# The Westfield Times

A Publication of the Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association

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## Garden Tour Moved to the Web

It may have been the cicadas, or the early heat wave, but we did not have enough participants to make the Garden Tour anything more than a short walk. With only four neighbors willing to show off their gardens, we have decided to move the Garden Tour to our website.

Look for the pictures to appear on our website in July and we will show the pictures at our August meeting.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to participate in the event. Your hard work will not go unnoticed.

We hope that others will be encouraged to participate next year.

If you would like your garden, planting, or yard to be included in our virtual tour, please contact us on the hotline or through email before June 30.

## Sewer Construction to Begin Along Eastern Parkway and Side Streets

The Department of Public Works will be installing 2,000 feet of sewer main and associated structures on Eastern Parkway and adjacent side streets from Winthrop to Pinewood. They also will be installing 300 feet of water main on Eastern Parkway from Winthrop to Cascade Avenue. The project is expected to begin late this summer.

A representative of DPW is expected to address our June meeting to provide more information about the project and any service disruptions or other inconvenience it may cause. If you live in the area affected, be sure to attend the meeting Tuesday, June 1, at 7:30 PM at the Holiday House.

Our Next Meeting Will Be  
Tuesday June 1 at 7:30 at the  
Holiday House 6427 Harford Road  
Pinewood Avenue entrance.

## June Meeting to Offer Free Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

To kick off our membership drive, the June meeting will feature a cookout, with hot dogs and hamburgers, giving you one more reason to attend and one fewer for staying home. Everyone is welcome, and if you're new to the neighborhood or have never attended a meeting, this one is especially for you.

We will have prize drawings throughout the meeting.

If you can't make it to the meeting, show your support by joining today either through our website or the coupon on the back of this newsletter.

## Cicadas and Your Pets

The U.S. Humane Society warns that cicadas can seem like a yard full of chicken nuggets to your dogs and cats. The bugs are rich in protein but indigestible. Eating too many can cause vomiting or constipation. Keeping pets indoors for the duration is recommended.

## Westfield Neighborhood Yard Sale a Success

More than 30 individual homes participated in the neighborhood yard sale event on May 15. The central information site at the Marzullo Chapel on Harford Road received approximately 100 visitors, who were given maps of the sales taking place. We are seeking feedback from those who participated and looking for suggestions for a repeat of this event next year.

## No Meeting or Newsletter in July

Since the first Tuesday falls so close to the July 4 holiday weekend, there will be no association meeting in July. The newsletter will also take a break, giving our distributors a break in the warm, humid weather. Meetings will resume on August 3. Please note that as you read this the June meeting is still coming up and features the cookout and information on Eastern Parkway construction.

## If Your Grass is this Tall it Can Cost You \$60.

If your grass is over 8" tall, you can be cited by the city and fined \$60. Tall grass is not only unsightly, it also provides a nesting place for rats.

If you are a homeowner in this neighborhood, it is your responsibility to maintain your lawn (front, side and rear) throughout the year.

If you are a renter, and your lease states that you are responsible for the lawn, then you will be fined and not the landlord.

What can you do if there is a lawn on your street that is not being maintained?

First, talk to your neighbor and see if they need some help. Often it is a case of a broken lawn mower, illness or other time commitments.

If the problem cannot be resolved, then call 311 and report the property. Be sure to write down the complaint number for follow up.

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6"

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## Charter School Organizers See City Schools Foot-Dragging

Parents of school age children in our neighborhoods have been working to make a charter school in Northeast Baltimore a reality. A charter school is open to any city schools student, but the school may be organized in unique ways and offer special programs.

The city schools have announced a policy allowing no charter school to open until 2005, and then allowing only one per year to open in the city. City Neighbors Charter School organizers feel the city is foot-dragging on this issue and failing cooperate in the spirit of the new state law.

Informational meetings for City Neighbors Charter School are held the first Thursday of every month at 8 PM at 4305 Forest View Avenue. Call 410-485-5683 for details.

## Check Your Street's Storm Drains

Summer storms bring heavy rains. Do yourself and your basement a favor and clear debris from your corner storm drain.

## June and July Recycling Dates

Thursday June 10: Paper  
Monday June 14: Bottles & Cans  
Thursday, June 24: Paper  
Monday, June 28: Bottles & Cans  
Thursday, July 8: Paper  
Monday, July 12: Bottles & Cans  
Thursday, July 22: Paper  
Monday, July 26: Bottles & Cans

## "Arts Alive" at the Large Art Company June 1st

Our neighborhood art gallery will host the Herring Run Artist Network's summer show, "Arts Alive" on Tuesday, June 1 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM. The show will feature the work of over eighteen local artists. In addition, you won't want to miss the fourteen foot cicada sculpture, now will you? The art will remain on display through the month of June. The gallery is located at 6500 Old Harford Road, and hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 to 6:00 PM.

## Hamilton Street Fair Saturday July 24

The Hamilton Business Association is sponsoring its annual Hamilton Street Fair on July 24 in the Hamilton business district. There will be food, vendors, a moon bounce for the kids, and live entertainment. For information or to purchase vendor space, contact Richard Marsiglia at 410-254-2323.

## Lauraville Improvement Association Blood Drive Friday June 4

Do a good deed and register to win a trip for two to the Bahamas. The location is the Harborside Nursing Home at Harford Road and List Ave. Contact Chris Muldowney at [cmuldowney@fcsmd.org](mailto:cmuldowney@fcsmd.org) to sign up for a time and support the Lauraville community as well.

## "Totally Overlea" Event July 10

Vendors are wanted for the Overlea Community Association's "Totally Overlea" event on Saturday, July 10. Artists, crafters, food and gift vendors are welcome. There will be no flea market tables, however. For information, e-mail Kim King at [ImagineKing@aol.com](mailto:ImagineKing@aol.com) or Cindy Bacon at [Cindy\\_Bacon@gfs.org](mailto:Cindy_Bacon@gfs.org) or call Kim at 410-426-6585.

## Ednor Gardens / Lakeside Community Day and Flea Market June 5<sup>th</sup>

This event will take place on Saturday, June 5 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and the Alameda. Anyone interested in renting flea market space should call 410-366-5527 or 410-366-1355.

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- Include me in the Garden Tour
- I would like to volunteer for NECOP
- I would like to help the association, please contact me