



# The Westfield Times

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## Moore's Run Storm Drain Improvement Project

Residents affected by recent flooding can take some comfort in knowing that the west branch of the Moore's Run storm drain is undergoing extensive rehabilitation. Construction involves increasing the capacity of the storm drain as well as replacing and rehabilitating the sewer. Construction began in September and will take two years to complete. To learn the latest information about the project online, visit

<http://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/dpw/mooresrun.html> or contact the project Community Outreach Coordinator, Wendy O'Donnell at 410-727-2131 or [wodonnell@cornerstonemtm.com](mailto:wodonnell@cornerstonemtm.com)

## For You Whose Leaves Didn't Just Blow Away

Our windy Fall did the job for some of us, but if all our leaves ended up in *your* yard, remember that the city will pick up bagged leaves on the **second trash collection day** of each week **through January 31**.

Leaves can also be taken to the Southeast/Northeast Solid Waste Yard, 6101 Bowleys Lane, from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Saturday.

## NECOP: Northeast Citizens On Patrol Training

Our neighborhood always needs more volunteers for the Northeast Citizens on Patrol effort. A training session for new volunteers is being held on **Saturday, January 24** from 9AM to 2PM. The location is St. John's Methodist Church at 5315 Harford Road. Come and learn how to effectively use a two-way radio. Find out how to drive while patrolling your neighborhood so you can make proper observations and not obstruct traffic. Learn what to look for while you are on patrol. Learn how to differentiate between youths playing and those engaged in criminal behavior. Lunch will be served. Call Mike Hilliard at Harbel, 410-444-2100 or e-mail [harbel.necop@juno.com](mailto:harbel.necop@juno.com), to register.

## City Council President to Meet With Northeast Neighbors

City Council President Sheila Dixon will be meeting at Harbel with community leaders from Northeast Baltimore on January 15. If **you** have concerns you think should be brought to the council's attention, contact the WNIA Hotline at 410-254-WNIA or contact us at [www.wnia.com](http://www.wnia.com).

## Contact Us:

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## Prevent Car Break-ins

Some areas of the Northeast are experiencing an increase in car break-ins.

You are reminded to:

- \*lock your car
- \*remove all visible items
- \*conceal cell phone and power cords
- \*do not leave lighter hole empty

**Our Next Meeting Will Be... Tuesday, January 6 7:30 PM**

**Holiday House  
6427 Harford Road  
Use the Pinewood Avenue entrance.**

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## 2003: Westfield Year in Review

**January:** Vice President Luis Hernandez led a discussion on goals for the association. It was decided that a newsletter should be published; that we needed to work to bring new businesses to Harford Road; that we needed to do some neighborhood clean-up; and that we wanted to participate in NECOP patrols.

**February:** Committees were formed to address our goals. Zoning issues were considered and proved to offer a lesson in the vagaries of city zoning practices. In the end we put to a vote whether or not we would support two zoning applications for new businesses, the tattoo parlor and the day spa. Impressed with the integrity of both applicants, we supported both.

**March:** The Blizzard. Many of us were marooned at home or kept from home by snow-blocked streets. We aired our frustration and also considered the limits of the city's ability to respond. We were able to have some streets cleared and helped establish a list of priority streets for future snows.

**May:** WNIA officers walked Harford Road with Councilman Curran and a representative of the Baltimore Development Corporation, taking note of our business environment. Later in the month, we presented a list of problems on the Harford Road corridor to Mr. Curran.

**June:** Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> brought a short but intense downpour resulting in flooding in many neighbors' homes in the Moore's Run drainage area. Councilman Curran was responsive in obtaining street repairs and extra trash pickups.

**August:** We hosted our first "Greet & Eat," part of our membership drive and a great way to meet neighbors. Look for more of these in 2004.

**September:** After a year's hiatus, our annual Block Party returned. Many neighbors enjoyed food, games, and community spirit. Also in September, we were visited by Hurricane Isabel, who for the most part spared Westfield from major problems.

**October:** Hollywood on Harford! John Waters began shooting his new movie, "A Dirty Shame," along Pinewood Avenue and Harford Road. From the costumes we saw, this film should put the neighborhood on the map. We hope that's a good thing.

October also brought sidewalk renovations on Harford Road as a result of our discussions with Councilman Curran. In October we joined other Baltimoreans in the Fall Clean Sweep. WNIA volunteers cleared trash and storm drains on Harford Road and neighboring streets. October also brought results from our efforts with the Baltimore Development Corporation as a desirable new business began renovations to the

old bowling alley at Harford and Christopher. We look forward to the opening of MCC Custom Cabinetry in the near future.

**November:** Sharing our meeting room with the cast and crew of the John Waters movie, our meeting was conducted in a record 55 minutes. In that time we heard from a representative of the Mayor's office, Councilman Curran, and a representative from the Northeast Police District. And we held our election.

**December:** That was the holiday party, which was very well attended. Mr. Paul Smith led us through a number of standard Christmas songs while accompanying us on the saxophone. June and Troy had everyone laughing with a "Twelve Days of Christmas" in the round. We awarded our grand prize for the membership drive contest to Phyllis Kepner.

## Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association

### 2004 Annual Membership Dues

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