



The Westfield Times

A Publication of the Westfield Neighborhood Improvement Association

May 2004

Westfield Neighborhood Yard Sale Set for Saturday May 15

Westfield's all-neighborhood yard sale is rapidly approaching. This is your opportunity to run your own sale in your own yard on a day when other yard sales are being held in the neighborhood. Profits from our successful spring candy sale will allow us to advertise, and we will be manning a central information center located at the Marzullo Funeral Chapel parking lot at 6009 Harford Road. Shoppers checking in there will be given a map of all the sales being held in the neighborhood. Baked goods and household items donated to the association will be on sale at this location, where hot dogs and drinks will also be available.

To have your address listed on the map of individual yard sales, contact the WNIA hotline at 410-254-9642 or sign up at our next meeting on May 4. For further information or to volunteer to help at the information tables call Sharon at 410-426-6517.

Sale hours will be from 8 AM to 2 PM.

If you're more of a shopper than a seller, this will be your opportunity to hit many sales in close proximity to each other, possibly all within walking distance of your own home.

Northeast Citizens on Patrol (NECOP)

Mayor O'Malley recently credited the NECOP patrols as being one of the most singularly effective ways of preventing crime in our area. We currently **need a volunteer to coordinate** our NECOP effort. Come to the meeting or call the hotline if you could help

Super Spring Sweep Thing

On April 17, a small band of the neighborhood's most dedicated neighbors did our part for the citywide clean sweep. About a half ton of litter and debris were collected from neighborhood residential streets and storm drains. This effort was coordinated by Jules Silvestri and Laura Stedman. This was our second participation in the City's semi-annual clean up event. We want to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make our neighborhood look better.

Moore's Candy Sale a Success

Our fundraising sale of Moore's candy, made right here in the neighborhood, was a success thanks to the efforts of many association members. This year we sold over \$1000 worth, which topped last year's record. We raised \$300 for the association, some of which will enable us to publicize the upcoming neighborhood yard sale.

Grant Request Granted

The association submitted an application to participate in a grant administered by Harbel for neighborhood improvement projects. Our application sought funds for a Rat Rubout program as well as for sponsoring smaller block parties throughout the neighborhood.

Our request for block party funding was granted although the rat rubout funding was not.

We would like to thank Harbel and our neighbor Tasha Wells for working with Harbel on the grant committee.

We will have more information about the block parties in our next newsletter.

**Our Next Meeting is Tuesday May 4
at 7:30 at the Holiday House,
6427 Harford Road
Please use the Pinewood Avenue
entrance.**

Robert Hubbard of DHCD to speak at May Meeting

New Tool for Problem Houses

Currently, if you have a complaint about the condition of a neighbor's house or property, you must call 311 and request that a housing inspector take a look at the property. Now, a new program introduced by The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will coordinate community efforts and stream line the inspection process.

The association is considering joining the Neighborhood Cooperation Program (NCP), which would help us address housing issues in the area. A chairperson from the neighborhood would be selected, and all complaints or inquiries about exterior conditions of houses in the neighborhood would be forwarded to that person for follow-up with the Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Robert Hubbard of the DHCD will be at our May meeting to discuss this in detail. We will be looking for someone from the community to spearhead this program for us.

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Baltimore Pediatric Eye Disease Study (BPEDS)

BPEDS will give a free eye examination to every child six months through five years of age living in certain areas of Northeast and Southeast Baltimore. WESTFIELD is included in the target areas.

The study will help determine what kinds of eye disease affect the children in our neighborhoods, what things might contribute to the disease, and, if a child is found to have eye disease, the program will guide parents to the best treatment for each child.

Program staff will be calling and/or knocking on doors in the community. No need to register. The program will likely be contacting you. If not, the Project Manager is Patricia Hawse, 410-502-8508 or phawse@jhmi.edu. The project is affiliated with the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Garden Tour Needs Gardens

June 5 is the date set for the first Westfield Neighbors Garden Tour. If you'd like to show off your back yard efforts, please contact the WNIA hotline at 410-254-9642. We are looking for at least 6 volunteers.

City Neighbors Charter School May Meeting

As previously reported, a public charter school to serve students in Northeast Baltimore is in the organizational stages. One of the goals for the school is to offer art and music programs which are no longer available in most existing public schools.

The May general meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6 at 8 PM at 4305 Forest View Avenue. There will be a special presentation on the music program by Eric Rasmussen of the Peabody Institute.

Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904

Baltimore historian Wayne Schaumburg will give an illustrated talk on this monumental event in city history on Monday, May 3, at 7:30 PM. At The Church of the Messiah at 5801 Harford Road. The original Church of the Messiah was located at Fayette and Gay Streets and was the only church to burn in the 1904 fire. For information on this presentation, call 410-426-0709 or e-mail wschaumburg@earthlink.net.

May Recycling Dates

May 10, Bottles, cans, plastic
May 13, Paper
May 24, Bottles, cans, plastic
May 27, Paper

WNIA June Meeting to be a Barbeque

The association meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 1, will feature a barbeque to kick off our membership drive. Come hungry, and we'll fire up the grill with burgers and hot dogs. Become a member, or bring a new member. Help spread the word about WNIA.

**Westfield
Neighborhood Yard
Sale
Saturday
May 15
8 AM to 2 PM
Get map of all sale
addresses at
Marzullo Funeral
Home parking lot,
6009 Harford Road
Baked goods, hot
dogs, drinks, too
To Volunteer
Or donate
Call Sharon
410-426-6517**

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2004 Annual Membership Dues

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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

Please mail this coupon along with a \$10 check or money order payable to: WNIA Membership Dues, P.O. Box 28244, Baltimore, MD 21234
