

Fall
2009

HOMELINE

The Neighborhood Newsletter of West Laurel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the in-coming President of the West Laurel Civic Association (WLCA), I want to formally thank **Mary Lehman** for her many years of service on the Board, the past four as President. In the few weeks since I assumed responsibility as president, it has been reinforced how much time and energy Mary expended on our behalf. When you next see Mary at a Scout meeting or at a Bond Mill Elementary School event, please take the time to thank her for her commitment to our community.

After meeting with the Board members, talking to neighbors, and reading your emails and postings on the West Laurel Yahoo group, there have been several consistent

themes that have resonated – concern on crime, connecting with neighbors, and getting routine problems resolved by the county more quickly. In response to these issues, the WLCA is trying several new outreach ideas this year.

AREA MEETINGS

This year we'll hold area meetings for each of the five neighborhoods in West Laurel. Each has unique issues and concerns. The area meetings will have members of the WLCA, Prince George's Police, Department of Environmental Resources, Park and Planning, Councilman Dernoga's office, and other representatives present to listen and help develop solutions.

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MEETING TOPICS

The Fall General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the West Laurel Community Building. For those of you who are new to West Laurel, our community building is located at the intersection of Bond Mill Road and Brooklyn Bridge Road.

We will begin the meeting with the presentation of the colors by Cub Scout Pack 1673 followed by a presentation of the annual budget for the 2009-2010 membership year

Our good neighbor award is a belated recognition to **Meredith Passmore** and **Kevin Foster** for their response to a call for help last winter. As a result they found long-time resident, **Doris Reynold**, in her basement stairwell with a broken hip. Without their intervention, Doris would not have survived the bitter cold night.

The major portion of the meeting will be a series of speakers to address the **H1N1 (Swine Flu)** virus. The rapid spread of the H1N1 vi-

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WLCA FALL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 15
7:30 PM

WEST LAUREL
COMMUNITY BUILDING
LOCATED AT INTERSECTION OF BOND
MILL & BROOKLYN BRIDGE ROADS

TOPICS

- **WLCA Budget**
- **Good Neighbor Award**
- **H1N1 Swine Flu Virus**
 - **Prevention**
 - **Preparation**
 - **Emergency Response**
- **Elected Officials**
- **Neighborhood Q&A**

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FALL GENERAL MEETING • OCT 15 • 7:30 PM • COMMUNITY BUILDING

WEST LAUREL HOUSING VALUES

Forty (40) homes sold in West Laurel from 1 January through 30 August 2009 — 39 in Prince George’s County and 1 in Montgomery County. In addition to the 40 homes sold, there were 14 no-cost property transfers in West Laurel (Prince George’s and Mont-

gomery counties). The good news is that no property transfers were to financial institutions.



Quarter	Total # Sold	Average Price	Lowest Price	Highest Price
Jan-Mar '09	17	\$357,839	\$276,000	\$493,830
Apr-Jun '09	12	319,135	230,000	410,175
Jul-Aug '09	11	346,841	176,500	503,100
Total 2009	40	\$341,272	\$176,500	\$503,100
Jan-Mar '08	15	\$529,992	\$201,000	\$950,000
Apr-Jun '08	11	377,284	203,560	891,611
Jul-Sept '08	12	373,648	228,000	635,000
Oct-Dec '08	16	309,263	306,063	374,000
Total 2008	53	\$402,471	\$201,000	\$950,000
Jan-Mar '07	23	\$434,414	\$345,000	\$559,000
Apr-Jun '07	15	469,181	355,000	850,000
Jul-Sept '07	10	444,689	335,000	775,000
Oct-Dec '07	6	548,167	340,000	1,200,000
Total 2007	54	\$458,806	\$335,000	\$1,200,000
Jan-Mar '06	16	\$453,900	\$160,000	\$785,000
Apr-Jun '06	26	425,281	75,000	700,000
Jul-Aug '06	10	480,230	395,000	625,000
Sep-Dec '06	18	441,800	323,500	806,000
Total 2006	70	\$443,829	\$75,000	\$806,000

The chart to the left shows home sales from 2007 to present for all homes sold in the West Laurel areas of Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. It does not include no-cost property transfers or unimproved property.

For more information visit the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation web site at http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/. First, select the county you’d like to search. You can then search by address, property sales, property account, or map references. West Laurel addresses in Prince George’s County are located in District 10, Maps 2 and 5; West Laurel portions of Montgomery County are located in District 05, Maps LS11, LS21 and LS22. ❖



HOME SECURITY SURVEYS

Corporal Woody, District VI Community Police Officer, is once again conducting home security surveys in our community. The first round was very successful, but there are still many of you who did not yet have an opportunity.



The major benefit of a home security survey is that it evaluates security not only inside the house, but outside as well. There are many things that Corporal Woody evaluates during a home security survey, such as front/side/rear-hinged doors, sliding doors, garage doors, double-hung windows, casement windows, sliding windows, basement windows, attic area, basement

area, Operation ID, security habits, lighting, shrubbery, outbuildings, fences, and alarms. Corporal Woody treats all surveys as if your home were his home, and makes any recommendations necessary in the aforementioned areas.

To schedule your home security survey, contact Corporal Woody at police_district6@co.pg.md.us. ❖

WEST LAUREL HOME SALES

CLOSING	ADDRESS	SALE PRICE	CLOSING	ADDRESS	SALE PRICE
04/10/09	7109 Redmiles Rd	\$300,000	04/22/09	6505 McCahill Drive	\$385,000
04/23/09	15501 Aitcheson Lane	400,000	05/01/09	16101 Jerald Road	230,000
05/28/09	5802 Holger Court	410,175	06/04/09	7109 Fitzpatrick Drive	285,000
06/09/09	16103 Kenny Court	260,000	06/09/09	16124 Jerald Road	339,000
06/10/09	15409 Bauer Lane	323,000	06/16/09	6649 Park Hall Drive	345,000
06/18/09	6308 Julia Place	292,440	06/30/09	6709 Orem Drive	260,000
07/21/09	6615 McCahill Drive	285,000	07/27/09	7006 Redmiles Road	305,000
07/29/09	15813 Joyce Lane	176,500	08/04/09	15517 Straughn Drive	420,000
08/04/09	16022 Jerald Road	339,500	08/11/2009	16205 Tilghman Court	503,100
08/17/09	16113 Malcolm Drive	340,000	08/18/09	16115 Kent Road	374,900
08/20/09	5813 Huckburn Court	465,000	08/20/09	16108 Malcolm Drive	281,250
08/24/09	14006 Barkham Court	325,000			

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS!

The West Laurel Civic Association (WLCA) extends a warm welcome to the families who became residents of West Laurel this spring and summer. Every homeowner is automatically a member of the Civic Association and, upon payment of the \$15 annual dues, entitled to vote.

West Laurel is a vibrant community with many volunteer opportunities, including the civic association, recreation council, and Bond Mill Elementary School. We look forward to meeting you at the October 15 West Laurel Civic Association General Meeting.

Mary F. Sterling (Aitcheson Lane)
Kenneth A. Green (Barkham Ct)

Debra A. & Allen R. Grimes, Jr.
(Bauer Lane)
Javier E. Heredia (Fitzpatrick Drive)
Fatmatta Kuyateh & Bayoh Abu
(Holger Court)
Terrence P. & Laura Somerville
(Huckburn Court)
Tonya N. Banks (Jerald Road)
Todd Fowble (Jerald Road)
Christopher P. Brewster (Jerald Road)
Kimberly M. Lycette (Joyce Lane)
Dana J. & Adnan Al-Qenai (Julia Place)
Nicholas G. Maiers (Kenny Court)
William J. & Faye R. Williams
(Kent Road)

Ryan P. & Joanna R. Anderson
(McCahill Drive)
Elizabeth A. Massey (McCahill Drive)
Paul B. & Margaret I. Smith
(Malcolm Drive)
Robert D. & Chasity A. Arabie
(Malcolm Drive)
Alejandro Medina (Orem Drive)
Raquel E. Samson (Park Hall Dr)
John J. Mikucki (Redmiles Road)
Jason B. & Jennifer M. Float
(Redmiles Road)
Sheila A. Debra (Straughn Drive)
Rebecca Begazo (Tilghman Court)
Artour & Azanetta Vasmout
(Tilghman)
Welcome, new neighbors! ❖

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT & APPEALS

With the sharp rise and then dramatic fall in the value of residential real estate in recent years, homeowners have a greater interest in understanding how the state property tax assessment process works and how to appeal. The staff of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (MDAT) has spelled out for West Laurel residents the three scenarios under which you can protest your assessment. If you've lost track and wonder when you will be assessed next, we've clarified that, too.

For the Prince George's County portion of West Laurel, homeowners will be assessed again in December 2010 for the 2011 tax year. For Montgomery County residents, you will be assessed in December 2011 for the 2012 tax year.

There is a forty-five (45) day appeal rule covering the three-year cycle beginning at the end of the calen-

dar year. Notices are mailed toward the end of the last week in December and show up in your mailbox right after the first of the year. You have 45 days from the date on the notice to file an appeal. Instructions for appealing in person, by mail or over the telephone are included with your notice.

The second way to appeal an assessment is to file a "petition for review" before January 1 of the year in which you want your appeal to be effective. So for an appeal to have been effective for this year's tax billing beginning July 1, 2009, **the petition would have to have been filed by January 1, 2009.** A petition for review form can be obtained from MDAT's Web site, www.dat.state.md.us.

In lieu of the form, any person who wants to write a letter requesting to

appeal, claiming their appeal to be a "petition for review" for the upcoming 2010 tax year, can do so, **again as long as it is filed prior to January 1.**

The third way to appeal is within sixty (60) days of a sale of a property between January 1 and June 30. So if your house sold on June 15, 2009, you could appeal that assessment by August 15, 2009, effective for the tax year beginning July 1, 2009. Most people obviously don't know about these rules, although MDAT reports that it is receiving more appeals in all three of these ways.

With regard to the Homestead Tax Credit, owner occupied homes can qualify to have their assessment increases capped at what the county has set. For example, Montgomery County has traditionally capped its assessment increases at 10%, while Prince Georges has capped its assessment in the past between 1% and 5%. This year's cap is set at 5%. So in 2002, 2003, 2004, where we might have seen 20% increases in real estate values on an annual basis, the assessment increases were capped by the individual counties. For more information about the Homestead Tax Credit, go to www.dat.state.md.us.

Thanks to Joe Hensley in MDAT's Prince George's County office for explaining the appeal process in plain English. If you don't have Internet access or want to talk to someone about your particular circumstances, call MDAT's state-wide office in Baltimore, 410-767-1199, its Prince George's office, 301-952-2542, or its Montgomery County office, 240-314-4510. ❖



DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Off of Old Sandy Spring Road near Sweitzer Lane and Route 198, Ryan Homes is in the process of building twenty-four homes. The initial plans for these homes were approved in 2004. Advertised prices start at \$380,000. The lots are small and the houses crowd each other, but they are still selling. Over half the lots have sold and a few are well on their way to being finished within the next year.



Some of you may be surprised about Ryan Homes building more houses in our community, or you may be concerned with the location right next to the interstate. You have a right to have those concerns but the approval to build was granted 5 years ago.

West Laurel is a warm and welcoming community which is attracting developers and home buyers. Please give our newest residents a warm welcome and invite them to be active members in the community and West Laurel Civic Association. ❖

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.

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The meetings will be at the West Laurel Community Building, from 7:30 to 9:00pm on October 29 (Area 1), November 19 (Area 2), January 21 (Area 3), March 4 (Area 4), and April 15 (Area 5).

WLCA & WLRC JOIN FORCES

Next, the WLCA and the West Laurel Recreation Council are teaming up. March your calendars for the evening of **January 13** for a session on *The Information Age: Friend or Foe?* This session will cover issues from sexting to identity theft to the impact of your Facebook page on prospective jobs. We are lining up speakers from the FBI, the County Police, information security specialists, and job recruiters.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

The challenge of getting to know your neighbors on the Yahoo group resulted an impromptu dinner at Tubby's and a community picnic organized by **Jean Staats** and **Christine Knisely**. Stay-tuned for more meet your neighbor dinners out events. We are working with several local restaurants to get these scheduled — we would like to support community-owned business so if you have a suggestion, please contact me.

CRIME

The predominant criminal activity in West Laurel remains thefts. The rash of car break-ins experienced this Spring along Straughn, Jerald, Goodman, Kent, and Gales has continued. These are crimes of opportunity and very difficult to catch. As a reminder, keep your outside lights on, install motion

detection lights, and don't leave valuables in your car. The WLCA and **Councilman Dernoga** continue to work with the District VI police on this issue.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not take a minute to remind each of you to pay your West Laurel Civic Association Dues. The fiscal year runs from September through August each year and annual dues are \$15 per family. The major cost to the WLCA is printing and distributing the Hotline three times per year (see the 2009-10 budget for the full details). Please take a minute and fill out the membership form and return it by mail or in person at the October 15 General Meeting.

Melissa

Melissa Daston, President, WLCA
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pres@wlcaweb.org

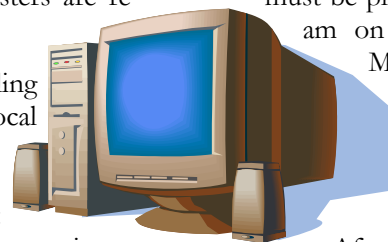
GOT JUNK? REUSE, RECYCLE OR TRASH IT

On Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, the West Laurel Civic Association and the Prince Georges County Waste Management Division will sponsor a special bulky trash dumpster event in the parking lot of the West Laurel Community Building at the intersection of Bond Mill & Brooklyn Bridge Roads.

Two dumpsters will be available beginning at 9:00 am for West Laurel residents to bring and dispose of light construction waste, carpeting, small furniture items, and surplus wood from personal building projects. No large furniture items such as sofas or entertainment centers will be accepted. **NO HAZ-**

ARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED! Dumpsters will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No additional trash will be accepted after 1:00 pm or after the dumpsters are filled. Fines will be imposed if any trash is left on the site after the dumpsters are removed.

Electronics Recycling is available at the local Best Buy (1460 Baltimore Avenue, 301-497-1890). Best Buy will accept electronic discards such as cell phones, small TVs for no charge. For larger items, there may be a \$10 charge. If you are charged, a \$10 Best Buy gift card will be issued to you.



If you have large items (sofas, large furniture, refrigerators) to dispose of, Prince Georges County provides free curbside pickup of bulky trash. Call 301-952-7600 or email bulkytrash@co.pg.us and schedule a pickup date. All items for pickup must be placed curbside by 6:30 am on the day of pickup.

Montgomery County residents may schedule bulky trash pickup by calling 240-777-6410.

After taking advantage of these opportunities, you can sit back, relax and enjoy the holidays knowing you are JUNK FREE – at least for a while. ❖

NEWS YOU CAN USE



IMPORTANT!

VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION DISCONTINUED

As a West Laurel homeowner, you're used to the routine: leaves fall and you sweep them to the curb for the annual vacuum leaf pickup. Not this year! *Prince George's County has discontinued its vacuum leaf pickup program* as part of its cost cutting measures. Please be sure to pass the word to your neighbors -- if they're not aware of this change, they could sweep their leaves to the street, which would create a potentially hazardous situation for everyone in the community once it rains or snows.

The County will still pick up your bagged leaves as part of its yard waste collection program. West Laurel's yard waste is collected each Wednesday from April 15 through January 15. For more information about the yard waste collection, you can contact the Department of Environmental Resources at 301-952-7680.

WLRC OFFERS WINTER CLASSES

The West Laurel Recreation Council, in conjunction with the

MNCPPC, is sponsoring the following classes at the West Laurel Community Building. For more information, or to register, call Kim Passmore at 301-725-3157:

Beginning Basket Making. December 1 or February 2. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. \$25 (R), \$32 (NR).

Intermediate Basket Making. December 8 & 15 or February 9 & 16. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. \$40 (R), \$48 (NR).

Line Dancing. Thursdays, October 15 through November 19. 11 am to 12 noon (beginners); 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm (intermediate). \$48 (R), \$52 (NR).

Holiday Photo Memories. December 7. 7 pm to 9 pm. \$18 (R), \$22 (NR).

Photography I. January 4, 11 & 25 and February 1 & 8. \$75 (R), \$85 (NR).

SHAPE UP Fitness Program for individuals of all fitness levels. Mondays October 5 through November 23 OR Wednesdays, October 7 through November 25. 9:30 am to 10:30 am. \$96 (R), \$104 (NR).

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual West Laurel Holiday Celebration will be held Friday, December 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. This FREE annual party is always great fun for the whole family. There will be holiday crafts for the kids, light refreshments, caroling and a visit from Frosty the Snowman and Santa Claus. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for LARS and a favorite holiday finger food to be shared.

RECYCLE CARDBOARD AT BOND MILL ES

The Bond Mill PTO thanks West Laurel residents for your continued participation in our mixed paper and cardboard recycling program. We fill up our bin faster than any other schools in the area and checking the bin regularly so that you can continue to fill it up! Please be sure to break down any cardboard boxes that you contribute to leave more room for other paper and cardboard. Also, please do NOT put trash or glass/metal recycling in this bin! If you find the bin full, please call Cindy at 301-325-0810. ❖

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is one of the many charities that operate in the Washington-Baltimore area. It specializes in construction practices that lead to safe, energy-efficient and environmentally responsible home construction. Work is done on these homes by volunteers using donated materials. The homes are then given or sold to low-income families, some of whom have done a lot of the work themselves.

Habitat for Humanity will accept lumber, plywood, and other construction material. They will come to your site and pick up when an arrangement has been made. They can also use tools in good operating condition, either manual or power, furniture and appliances.

If you are downsizing your place or have been given gifts that you can't or won't use, Habitat for Humanity would be a good place to donate

them. You can contact Habitat for Humanity in Prince George's County at 301-779-1912 or in Montgomery County at 301-990-0014. Habitat maintains a refill store at 4531 Rhode Island Avenue in Brentwood (20722) and at 9100 Gaither Road in Gaithersburg (20877). Materials and appliances that Habitat for Humanity can't use are offered there at discounted prices and the proceeds go to support Habitat's programs. ❖

2009-2010 CONTACTS

FALL MEETING TOPICS

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	NAME	NUMBER
WLCA OFFICERS		
President.....	Melissa Daston.....	776-2314
1st Vice President.....	Cassandra Hostetler.....	498-0894
2nd Vice President.....	Barbara Sollner-Webb.....	604-5619
Zoning Officer.....	Dennis Cook.....	776-4314
Recording Secretary.....	Roger Keehner.....	490-0684
Treasurer.....	Laurice Crawford.....	490-8684

AREA I REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. (2yr).....	Tom Sidor.....	604-8023
Rep. (1 yr).....	John Hebert.....	549-1129
Alternate.....	Susan Railey.....	490-7172

AREA II REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. (2 yr).....	Kevin Atchison.....	351-2220
Rep. (1 yr).....	Gene Huskey.....	240-644-5949
Alternate I.....	Kevin Tuttle.....	725-1194
Alternate II.....	Matt Dernoga.....	490-3266

AREA III REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. (2 yr).....	Mike McPherson.....	776-5021
Rep. (1 yr).....	Jim Marchbank.....	776-7647
Alternate		

AREA IV REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. (2 yr).....	Lucy Grimes.....	490-0414
Rep. (1 yr).....	Tony Spezio.....	498-3436
Alternate I.....	Doris Reynold.....	490-8639
Alternate II.....	Dennis Cook.....	776-4314

AREA V REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. (2 yr).....	Beth Evans.....	490-5679
Rep. (1 yr).....	Steve Steenrod.....	725-6835
Alternate.....	Elizabeth Schwartz.....	776-0542

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Road & Transportation.....	Barbara Sollner-Webb.....	604-5619
Environmental.....	Steve Steenrod.....	725-6835
Hotline Coordinator.....	Cindy Dollen.....	725-3202
Membership Coordinator.....	Tony Spezio.....	498-3436
Neighborhood Watch.....	Beth Evans.....	490-5679
	Kevin Atchison.....	351-2220
Webmaster.....	Melissa Daston.....	776-2314

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

West Laurel Recreation Council.....	Kim Passmore.....	725-3157
West Laurel Community Center	Craig Newell.....	953-2199/953-7882
Laurel Leader Columnist.....	Chris Folks.....	490-0797
Laurel Gazette Columnist.....	Cindy Dollen.....	725-3202
Burtonsville Gazette.....	Jim Brocker.....	562-3264

Board Meetings are held monthly, usually on the second Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Laurel Community Center. General Meetings will be held in October, February and May, usually on the third Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Laurel Community Center.

rus in the state of Maryland (435 cases at the University of Maryland, 166 hospitalizations, and 7 deaths as of September 1) has many West Laurel residents concerned.

We have invited speakers from the Department of Public Health, Dimensions Health Care, and Prince Georges County emergency preparedness to speak about how to prevent the spread of the virus, who is at risk, what are the flu symptoms, what to do if you feel ill, and how West Laurel can assist if there is a severe outbreak. The State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has put together an excellent web site (<http://www.dhmd.state.md.us/swineflu/index.html>) with information on symptoms and the correct responses.

The meeting will conclude with an update from the 21st (Prince Georges County) and 14th (Montgomery County) District Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly. We have invited Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Pena-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes; Senator Rona Kramer, Delegates Anne Kaiser, Karen Montgomery, and Herman Taylor; County Councilman Tom Dernoga and Councilwoman Nancy Navarro to provide updates and respond to your questions.

Please try to arrive at the meeting closer to 7:00 rather than the official start time of 7:30. It will allow you time to meet your neighbors and discuss issues of concern with elected officials and your WLCA Board members. If you're new to West Laurel, I look forward to meeting you in person at the meeting. ❖

2009-2010 WLCA BUDGET

The 2009-2010 WLCA Budget will be voted on at the Fall General Meeting. Please read the information below and bring any questions or comments to the Fall General meeting on October 15. WLCA has generally kept a balanced budget, but it has been hard with a fluctuating number of members in recent years. We need over 500 households to balance this year's budget. We're proud to be one of the largest civic associations in Prince George's County, and having that stature is an effective tool in certain forums. Please join WLCA and support your community.

	APPROVED 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2007-2008	APPROVED 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010
EXPENSES					
Hotline Issues	3,600	3,610	3,650	3746	3800
P.O. Box	100	0	100	112	115
P.O. Permit & Fee.....	100	0	100	0	0
Cub Scout Sponsorship.....	300	300	300	300	300
Laurel Fire Dept. Donation.....	150	150	150	150	150
Laurel Rescue Squad Donation.....	150	150	150	150	150
LHS Grad Night Donation	100	100	100	100	100
West Laurel Rag Tag Band	100	100	100	100	100
Bond Mill ES PTA Carnival	75	75	75	75	75
Laurel 4th of July Cmte.	100	100	100	100	100
PG/Montg. Co. Civic Assn. Dues.....	50	25	50	25	50
Office Supplies.....	150	58	150	37	150
Zoning and Legal Fees	1,000	0	1,000	958	1000
Refreshments	150	148	175	136	175
Mosquito Control.....	0	0	0	0	0
Misc. Expenses	400	176	400	300	400
Liability Policy	300	218	250	218	250
Good Neighbor Awards	225	50	200	25	300
Total	7,050	5,260	7,050	6532	7215

INCOME

YEARS	MEMBERS	DUES	CD INTEREST	TOTAL
2007-2008	435	@15.00		6,525
2008-2009	399	@15.00	45	6,030
2009-2010 (est).....	500	@15.00		7,500

CURRENT STATUS

Checkbook balance	\$12,954
Annexation Bank Account.....	2749
Bank CDs (5 @ 1,000)	<u>5,901</u>
Total Cash on Hand.....	21,604

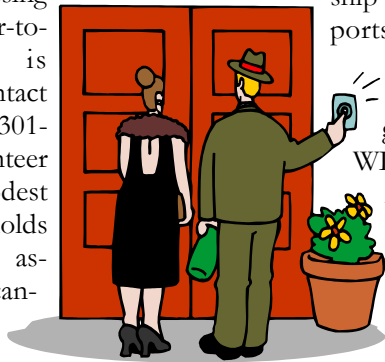
NO Vacuum Leaf Collection this year! See story on page 6.

SUPPORT WLCA – JOIN TODAY!

Welcome West Laurel neighbors to autumn and a new fiscal year for the West Laurel Civic Association. This year, as in years past, WLCA seeks essential support for association activities through our annual members drive.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Membership canvassing support for our door-to-door campaign is needed. Please contact **Tony Spezio, Sr.** (301-498-3436) to volunteer in this effort. A modest number of households (12 to 24) will be assigned to each canvasser in his or her own neighborhood.



Our volunteers from past years have enjoyed taking leisurely walks in their own neighborhood visiting with old friends and making friends with new neighbors.

DUES

Each West Laurel household is asked to support the WLCA through a modest yearly membership fee of \$15 that supports our association from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. WLCA provides a collective voice in county and state government forums that address zoning, legislative, safety, environmental, edu-

cational, and recreational interests.

When WLCA has a high percentage of dues-paying households, more attention is given in these venues to our requests for improvements and increased support. More than ever, membership in the WLCA is important to assist in dealing with economic recession, lagging property values and urban encroachment of new developments.

Please complete the membership form below and mail it to the address listed on the form or hand deliver it to our membership table at the October 15 General Meeting held at the West Laurel Community Building at the intersection of Bond Mill and Brooklyn Bridge Roads. ❖

WLCA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM 2009

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dues \$15 Additional Donation _____

Comments _____

Dues \$15 per Household* — Make checks payable to WLCA

Please send your membership registration form to:

West Laurel Civic Association ● Laurice Crawford, Treasurer ● 16300 Gales Court ● Laurel, MD 20707

Or drop by the membership table at the October 15 meeting

*Covers up to 2 voting members

WEST LAUREL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 387

LAUREL, MD 20725



THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER OF WEST LAUREL

Hotline — Fall 2009

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