

WESTGATE COMMUNITY NEWS

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Upcoming Events:

Please share these with your neighbors!

Citizens on Patrol* 11:00AM: September 30, 2017

With **Jazz**, The Guardian Angels Community Outreach Coordinator
Open to all! Wheelchair Accessible
It will be held in the school building, room 1A, behind The Community of Grace at Christ Lutheran Church on the corner of Edmondson and Merridale. Park in back of school and walk toward the church. The School building entry is on the side.

General Meeting* 7:00pm: October 16, 2017

Open to all! Wheelchair Accessible
It will be held in the school building, room 1A, behind The Community of Grace at Christ Lutheran Church on the corner of Edmondson and Merridale. Park in back of school and walk toward the church. The School building entry is on the side.

GENERAL MEETING RAFFLE

Flickering Treasures Raffle

Enter to win a copy of Amy Davis' brand new stunning book, ***Flickering Treasures: Rediscovering Baltimore's Forgotten Movie Theaters***, with foreword by Barry Levinson. **\$2 per ticket will be collected at our next community association meeting on October 16th.** Proceeds go directly to the Westgate Community Association fund.

Visit <https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/content/flickering-treasures> for a full description of this beautiful work.

Pumpkin Sale

October 14 to 31
Hunting Ridge Church, 4640 Edmondson Ave
Baltimore, MD 21229, Phone: 410-566-2926

Pumpkin Party October 28, 10 am to 2 pm

Wear costumes, make scarecrows, pictures in the patch.
Pumpkin goodies for sale.

This is a fundraiser to repair the Church Organ, for the National Transplant Organization, and for Indigenous people of the SW.

Board Meeting: 7:00pm: November 13th, 2017

(Board Members only)

Catonsville Farmers' Market: Wednesdays

The Christian Temple, 5820 Edmondson Ave., Catonsville

Edmondson Village Farmers Market: Saturdays

4501 Edmondson Ave, Baltimore

Westgate Community Association Officers:

President: Robin Kessler

Vice President: Marge Collins

Treasurer: Mohan Singh

Secretary: Kelly Madden

Board: Al Jourdan, Pat Bode, Kenda Watson, Kerri Cahill, Brenda Haynes, Becky Busbee, Caroline Foty

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NEW WEBSITE!!

Our new website is here! Please visit us at www.WestgateBaltimore.org for updates, newsletters, and a calendar of events. We look forward to your input and suggestions as to what you would like to see on the site.

Presidents Corner

Greetings Neighbors. I am happy to be of assistance as we continue to build and improve our beautiful little community. That means we need more of you to step up and help with events, articles for the newsletters, ideas, and participation at our general meetings and events. I look forward to meeting many of you this year, and revisiting with great neighbors I've come to know, many of whom have become dear friends. We have something special here in Westgate, and I hope we continue to grow our sense of community and beauty.

Robin Kessler, Westgate Board President

Environment:

During the year, we all need to clean debris, grass clippings, trash and leaves on our properties, as well as at the street curbs in front of our homes, particularly around street drains to minimize clogging these drains during rains or snow melt. This debris can cause flooding and also travels through the underground system to the Bay, causing pollution. This is a problem for all of us, and with all of us keeping up with cleaning storm drain debris we also help the environment.

Westgate Community Survey Still Open

In June, the community association created an online survey to request community input on the role of the association in community affairs. To date, 39 responses have been received. Thanks to those of you who responded. A more detailed article about the survey will appear in a future newsletter. Here are a few highlights:

The top choice for Board action was to create a Neighborhood Watch. **We have! See notice of Citizens' Patrol meeting, with date, time and place in the Events section on page 1.**

The nearly unanimous response for Board priorities was advocacy for residents with local government agencies. Other popular choices were to organize community social events and address property care problems in the community. Can you give some time to one of these efforts? If so, please email us.

If you have not taken the survey, and would like to, it is available through a pinned post on the Facebook page, or you can go directly to it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CVBZ7LR> Thirty-nine responses is a small percentage of our community of nearly 900 homes, so please go take the survey and let us know your thoughts. It will take you less than ten minutes to complete.

Have you thought about where your food comes from? Do you think that is an important question? Are



local farmers and organic produce and products of interest to you? Consider joining a Catonsville-based Owner run Cooperative Market that supports local farmers over large industrial conglomerates. Come look at our current mini market to get a glimpse of what we are trying to do to have a fully running Community Owned store with healthy foods, nontoxic products and produce at wholesale prices. You could shop for a day without joining the Coop, at the Immanuel United Church of Christ, 1905 Edmondson Ave. Catonsville. Talk with members, see what we offer on a small scale, while we build up our owner membership toward our fully operational store. Then decide to join us! Any questions, please call 443-956-5685.

Join the Westgate Community Association Today!

When you join the Westgate Community Association, you are making a commitment to your neighborhood, showing that you care about it and want to help keep it a great place to live. It takes a united effort to keep Westgate great, and there are always ways to make it even better. THANK YOU to those who have already joined!

Our association collects dues for the fiscal year, currently July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Not sure if you have paid yet? Check for a list of recent dues paid at www.WestgateBaltimore.org/documents-downloads-links You can also contact our treasurer with any dues questions at WestgateMD21229@gmail.com or via voicemail or text message to 410-929-1659.

How can residents pay membership dues?

- Fill out the membership application.
- Yearly household dues: \$20
- Yearly senior household dues: \$13
- Pay by PayPal on the NEW Westgate website www.WestgateBaltimore.org
- Pay by check to: Westgate Community Association, PO Box 25331, Baltimore, MD 21229

Westgate Community Association Membership Form 2017-2018

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

How would you like to help?



Dues Enclosed**: \$ _____

Donation Enclosed**: \$ _____

**Dues and Donations are tax deductible. We are a 501(c)3 organization. Your cancelled check is your receipt.