

Fall 1999

# HOTLINE

FALL MEETING — OCTOBER 21, 1999, 7:30 P.M.

## WEST LAUREL COMMUNITY BUILDING

• Meeting Topic: Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety

This summer, the region experienced extreme weather the likes of which few of us have ever seen. Acts of nature are a constant threat to mankind, regardless of where we live. Recently we have lived through a record-setting drought ended by torrential rains from huge hurricanes. In a few months, blizzards and Y2K may pose a threat. The potential for manmade and natural disaster is omnipresent. Ask the Vansville (Beltsville) Civic Association if they were ready to face an overnight evacuation in September, when an 11-hour fire at EG&G Pressure Science posed the threat of cyanide gas. The question is how prepared are we to address disaster – manmade or otherwise? What do we know about potential threats to our neighborhood and region? What can we do to prepare for the worst? You may be surprised at what the experts have to say.

The WLCA Board has invited the Prince George’s County Office of Emergency Preparedness to speak to us about how we can — individually and as a community — prepare and respond to emergencies, manmade or natural. In addition, we will hear from the County Fire Department. Finally, we will have plenty of public safety literature for you to take home.

The main topic will be followed by updates on past issues such as ICC, WSSC privatization, and development projects that affect West Laurel.

• WSSC Privatization?

The Privatization Task Force (PTF) that was established by the Maryland General Assembly to study options for the future of the WSSC has now issued its final statement. The WSSC

is the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, a bi-county agency that supplies water and sewer services to the 1.6 million Prince George's and Montgomery County area residents.

The PTF has met monthly for nearly a year and spent nearly \$1/2 million, much of it to the Malcomb Pirnie Company who studied various options for them. These included:

- 1- Selling the WSSC to a for-profit company (the option Doug Duncan advocates), or leasing out its operations to one,
- 2- Splitting the WSSC between the two counties (the option Wayne Curry advocates), or
- 3- Retaining the WSSC, which would continue its ongoing program to streamline operations.

The PTF’s findings include that the WSSC has an excellent record for producing high standard water and environmentally sensitive wastewater, the former

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## IS THE ICC REALLY DEAD?

### • THE ICC DECISION IS MOVING FAST

#### — BUT WILL IT BE THROUGH OUR BACK YARD, RECYCLED, OR FINALLY GONE?

In the last issue of the *HOTLINE*, we surveyed your opinion on the potential ICC (InterCounty Connector). A staggering 97% of the nearly 200 respondents voted “no ICC,” with nearly half of those writing “vehemently,” “absolutely,” or the like. Only 3% voted “build an ICC,” and none were “undecided”. The results of this survey were published in the *Laurel Leader* and sent to the Governor.

In late September, Governor Glendening announced “The ICC is dead!” Can this finally be true — we ask hopefully — really no ICC? Not hardly! The most recent developments indicate that we could get more than one ICC, unless there is strong outpouring of citizen concern.

The Governor made headlines for not advocating the ICC “Master Plan” route. When in fact, he proposed building the eastern and western two thirds of the Master Plan route, leaving out only the middle third (through Paint Branch and Northwest Branch Parks). Federal authorities have already twice rejected the Master Plan route for environmental reasons. If the state government pursues the full Master plan route, the entire project would likely be rejected a third time. However, this “scaled back” proposal could well be approved.

Now consider what happens if a “partial” ICC were built to divert I-95 traffic to Rt. 29 and US1, and another partial ICC were built to divert I-270 traffic to Georgia Ave — *three of the most congested north-south routes in the area*. The increased gridlock on Rt. 29, US1 and Georgia Avenue would be staggering. What “better” way to solve these jams than building the rest of the full ICC, both the middle section and the long-proposed A44 extension over to Bowie. [Note that then federal protection for Paint Branch and Northwest Branch Parks would be minimized, as there would be no alternative routes for the connecting segment.]

But for West Laurel’s close-to-home interests, some of the Governor’s statement offered great promise! He proposed selling off the land that the Department of Transportation has purchased during the last two years for a northern ICC. If these lands are sold back to private owners, and houses get built on them in the path of the road, it will be much harder to ever get such a northern ICC through. The possible northern ICC routes all cross Rt. 29 north of the Burtonsville Giant, run east along the powerlines and into West Laurel, dumping the traffic onto Rt. 198 at Riding Stable Road. Officials have confirmed that construction of such a northern ICC would spur further development and higher density rezoning in our area.

Unfortunately, a sizable caste of powerful political players, including County Executives Doug Duncan and Wayne Curry, State Comptroller (Ex-Governor) William Donald Schaefer, State Treasurer Richard Dixon, State Senate President Mike Miller and House Speaker Casper Taylor, are strongly fighting for the state retaining the land needed to build the northern ICC. Because selling off this land requires approval from the Board of Public Works, which consists of Glendening, Schaefer and Dixon, the vote seems ominously 2-to-1 against any sale.

There are also elected officials who want the state to relinquish the northern ICC state-purchased land. Montgomery County Council issued a resolution to that effect (congratulations Marilyn Parisner and others). Prince George’s County Councilman Mike Maloney is also in favor of selling off the land. We certainly hope our “Green Team” in Annapolis, Senator Art Dorman (301-217-2500) and Delegates Barbara Frush, Brian Moe and Pauline Menes (301-858-3114) will work to get these lands sold off.

Your phone calls reminding them of how important this issue is to our community, and that they should fight hard for having the land sold off, are very important. Please also talk with your neighbors (many of whom still believe the ICC is dead) about the ICC; write letters to the editor of your favorite newspapers; get a “No ICC” bumper sticker at the next WLCA

## NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

meeting; and stay involved. Calls to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (800-811-8336), Wayne Curry (301-952-4131), Douglas Duncan (301-217-2500), and Marilyn Praisner (301-217-7900) might also help. And please, fill out our new questionnaire on what you feel should become of the Northern ICC lands. Our surveys do get quoted in the media.

### • WSSC Privatization?

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important for our health; the latter important for the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Furthermore they report that:

1- Selling the WSSC for an estimated \$3 billion would raise ratepayers' costs by 50-65%. Senator Art Dorman, a PTF member, astutely pointed out that this \$3 billion estimate included only the dollar value of the facilities when they were obtained, minus depreciation, but ignores inflation. [By such an appraisal, Mount Vernon is worth less than a townhouse in Gaithersburg!] So, if sold for its true worth, ratepayers' costs would more than double. And environmental standards would likely be decreased to the minimum permissible levels. [Furthermore, the counties would profit from the purchase price and taxes on the new owner's revenues, considered by some a subversion of the voters' TRIM mandate.]

2- Splitting the WSSC between the counties would make for duplication of services and has no precedent on which to judge. It likely would not cause an appreciable change in rates.

3- Allowing the WSSC to remain and expand its internal streamlining program (initiated in 1994) would reduce ratepayers' charges by 10-25%.

The report also notes that the governance of the WSSC, currently three Commissioners appointed by each County Executive, is a real problem. They are frequently deadlocked 3-to-3 (typified by their failure to agree on a General Manager). The PTF report suggests the novel idea of adding tie-breaking, unbiased members to the Commission

Ironically, the Chair and Co-chair of the PTF are also the Chair and Co-chair of the Commission. Furthermore, it has been reported that the PG Commissioners have had to submit their resignation in writing to Wayne Curry before he will appoint them. Some citizens have questioned the propriety of the PTF leadership having such overlapping interests.

The final decision of the PTF, reached in mid-September, was that there was not enough information for them to make a decision on privatization and to recommend that another committee be appointed to study the issue further! Hopefully, at least Senators Dorman (PG) and Titelbaum (Montgomery) would be re-appointed to the new committee, for they were some of the most astute and regularly attending members of the PTF. Note that WSSC's fate will finally be decided by the General Assembly. Therefore, informing your Senator and Delegates about your feelings on WSSC privatization would be a very wise thing. [Senator Arthur Dorman is 301-858-3141, or 116 James Senate Building, Annapolis, MD, and Delegates Barbara Frush, Pauline Menes, and Brian Moe are 301-858-3114, or 210 Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis, MD.] If they do not hear from us, they could well think we do not care about the outcome!



## NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### • HOW WILL TRAFFIC CHANGE AT SWEITZER LANE?

**W**e all know that traffic congestion at Route 198 and Sweitzer Lane is bad. For years that intersection has been rated as “failing” by SHA and ICC traffic studies. In fact, in 1998 the governor listed this intersection as one of many to be upgraded in an effort to relieve congestion on local roads — part of the fallout from ICC studies. How will two new construction projects near WSSC affect our community? And what is the WLCA doing to ensure things don’t get worse?

The traffic equation at Route 198 and Sweitzer Lane is complex. Certainly, any additional construction in the Sweitzer Lane Business Park affects the equation. But the traffic to and from that area is always changing. Businesses and their traffic come and go; subsequently, traffic studies can vary — and this is what the WLCA has to consider when evaluating the impact of new construction proposals. The WLCA looks at how each new development changes the total “potential” traffic (total number of parking spaces available). Protecting the quality of life for West Laurel is a fundamental task of the WLCA.

Most recently, the WLCA challenged a Sweitzer Lane developer whose traffic studies put the 198/Sweitzer intersection at “passing,” in direct contrast to other recent studies that rated it as “failing.” Why the difference? In its analysis, the developer included the benefits from the governor’s proposed improvements but neglected to consider the reduction of traffic from Crestar which is likely to be temporary. This oversight gave the developer traffic numbers much lower than past studies. In other words, the developer did not consider “potential” traffic.

The WLCA presented this discrepancy to the County Planning Board at its July 22, 1999, public hearing. As a result, the developer agreed to limit construction to the current proposed development

for SkyAlland’s relocation (50,000 sq ft and 364 parking spaces) but put off subdivision approval for the remainder of its project. Per this agreement, any future development at this site would require a new traffic study and adherence to the usual review and approval process.

In addition, the County Planning Board assumed that the State Highway Administration (SHA) will complete the proposed improvements to the Route 198/Sweitzer Lane intersection by April 2000 as it has stated. The SHA plans to begin intersection improvements at Sweitzer Lane in October 1999. Preliminary work is commencing right now. The improvements include a third eastbound lane through the intersection which will go directly onto the ramp to southbound I-95. Also, a second right-turn lane will be provided out of northbound Sweitzer Lane next to the Exxon station.

### • WHAT NEXT FOR THE BLOCK PLANT?

**L**ast year, the WLCA Board was approached about possible plans for a commercial project (something like a Wawa) on the Block Plant property at Rt. 198 and Bond Mill Road. After some initial grumbling by the WLCA (as reported in the HOTLINE), the issue fizzled. Recently, another request was made for the WLCA to support a commercial project on the Block Plant property. The party considering purchasing the property had the courtesy to speak with us about our desires, but made it clear that they believed that the only reasonable use of the property is commercial. The WLCA remains open to suggestions, but remained steadfast that true commercial use of the property would probably be fought vigorously by the community. We are waiting to see what other proposals, if any, are put forward. Come to the October meeting and speak to the WLCA Board and Officers regarding ideas that you might have for this property. Also, look for continued updates in future editions of the HOTLINE.

## NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### • OLD GUNPOWDER CENTER WILL BE BUILT NEAR BOND MILL ROAD

**D**o you remember when West Laurel was faced with the prospect of having a 2000-seat County Western Music theater built at the southwest corner of Rt. 198 and Old Gunpowder Road? That was May 1995. And even before that, some of you may remember an indoor soccer field that was considered at this location in 1985. For nearly 30 years it seemed as though the right project for this property would never come along. Then, in February 1999, the full membership was introduced to a new prospect called the Old Gunpowder Center.

On 22 July, the Prince George's County Council approved a developer's plans for the Old Gunpowder Center.<sup>1</sup> This project, which includes two office buildings and a storage facility, was briefed to the full membership at the February meeting. At that time the membership approved the project with the condition that the community have input on lighting, signage, and landscaping.<sup>2</sup>

In early July, board members met with the developer and agreed to covenants that were in keeping with the fundamental concerns expressed at the February general meeting and subsequent board meetings. The following is a summary of the covenants that were agreed to:

1. Signage shall be limited to one ground sign and an unlit wall mounted sign viewable only from Old Gunpowder Rd.
2. Lighting shall be limited to parking lot lights which can not be seen from the homes in West Laurel.
3. Landscaping lights shall be limited to ground lights and they shall not be visible from the homes in West Laurel.
4. Supplemental landscaping shall be provided around the base of the office buildings
5. Evergreens will be used as a visual buffer to obscure the building from the homes in West Laurel

In general, this facility will not be very noticeable from West Laurel because of the demographics of the property, which is somewhat bowl shaped. It is uncertain when this project will begin or how long it will last. However, the WLCA board will monitor this project and report relevant information to the community. There may be minor disruptions to the community during construction. For example, the connection of the sewer line will cut across Rt. 198 to connect with the county line across the street. This should take no more than two days and it should not affect traffic coming into the community. Anyone with specific concerns about this development project should contact President **John Dollen (301) 725-3202**.

<sup>1</sup> Letter from M-NCPPC to Erwin Gudelsky date July 26, 1999

<sup>2</sup> HOTLINE, May 1999



## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### • A CURIOUS THING

**W**e tried to get John Porcari, Governor Glendening's new Secretary of Transportation, out for a meeting with WLCA area residents on the ICC and other transportation issues. When we initially called to invite him, his secretary asked what "business group" West Laurel Civic Association was. She then confirmed that he was free on a particular evening, and penciled us in on his calendar, but said we needed to follow up with a letter. This written invitation recounted our conversation and was made for "that date or, if it is not convenient for you, any other date of your choosing." After appreciable delays, we were informed that "the Secretary will not be coming out to your group because he is busy that day." When we repeated that we were not asking for a particular day, but he could come any day of his choosing, we were again told "Sorry, he is busy that day!" If one was cynical, one might be tempted to speculate that Mr. Porcari may not relish the prospect of conversing with a civic association which recently voted 97% "no ICC!"

Subsequently, however, it was announced that Mr. Porcari would appear at a Citizen's Forum organized by the 21st Delegation. Fortunately for us, this will be held nearby, at the Laurel Municipal Center, 8103 Sandy Spring Road, on October 28 at 7:30 PM. It could be interesting. And certainly it is most beneficial for the 21st Delegation and Mr. Porcari to see, first hand, the sentiment of the area voters. So please do come and speak up!



### • NANCY ACKLEY'S LEGACY

**I**n early September, our community lost one of its best. Nancy Ackley passed away on September 3 after a long illness.

Nancy served as Treasurer and Board Member for the WLCA. For many years she worked with our children as secretary at Bond Mill elementary school. Always active, she even taught water aerobics at West Laurel Swimming Pool!

Long-serving community members are rare and Nancy exemplified the meaning of the word neighbor. Nancy's legacy will live on in the minds of the many neighbors that she associated with. We extend our sympathies to her husband, Jack, and her family. We will miss Nancy very much.

### • PAST BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

**T**he WLCA lost two valuable board members recently when Elsie MacMullen and Scott Fisher moved out of the neighborhood. During their tenure, Elsie and Scott served with enthusiasm and will be greatly missed.

In early October, the board held a small picnic to recognize Elsie and Scott. Tom Dernoga noted that Elsie, whose name appears on the WLCA records as far back as 1980, was a consistent contributor to the activities of the WLCA and the community at large. She and her husband Ken moved to Ocean City last year and, to no one's surprise, have become involved in community activities there.

Scott Fisher did not serve on the board as long as Elsie, nevertheless his contributions were appreciated and noticed by all. Scott and his family recently bought a home in Howard County. Scott will always have roots here, though, as his wife's family—former WLCA President and current Area II Rep. Bill Ferguson—still lives in West Laurel.

We will miss both Elsie and Scott and their individual contributions and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

## TEEN SERVICE DIRECTORY

### • HELP OUR TEENS

Help a teenager learn responsibility and be productive, all while earning money.

The WLCA has received parental approval to make the following names and phone numbers available. The WLCA is merely serving as an information clearinghouse, with no warranty of the quality of work, and no liability for the working conditions.

*Parents, please check out all requests for services before allowing your teen to go to someone's house!*

On the flip side, before hiring a teen, check around to make sure that they are responsible and capable of doing the job! Ask for references.

- **Nicole Ashby**  
Niles Drive, 498-1130  
(Babysitting, House Sitting)
- **April Atkinson or Jo Anna Atkinson**  
Weaver Court, 490-4170  
(Babysitting, House Sitting)
- **Brett Barcheski**  
Parkway Drive, 301-490-1067  
(Yard Work, Babysitting)
- **Matthew Bryan**  
Kent Road, 490-7912  
(Lawn, Gutters, Baby Sitting)
- **Sarah Criscuolo**  
Kenny Road, 490-4259  
(Babysitting)
- **Jason Folks**  
Clayburn Drive, 490-0797  
(Magician - Children's Parties, Pet Sitting)
- **Jesse Folks**  
Clayburn Drive, 490-0797  
(Pet Sitting)
- **Laura Kimes**  
Burton Lane, 490-4268  
(Babysitting)
- **Barry Lee-Moran**  
Jerald Road, 776-4689  
(Yard Work, Babysitting, Household Chores)

- **Mark Lee, Jr.**  
Ashland Drive, 317-5428  
(Yardwork, Painting, Car Washing, Babysitting)
- **Michael Ostrander**  
Bradford Drive, 490-1582  
(Yard Work, Painting, Car Wash, Babysitting)
- **Charles Ostrander**  
Bradford Drive, 490-1582  
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- **Courtney Simmons**  
Cissel Road, 776-3351  
(Babysitting, House Sitting)
- **Jill Whitman**  
Goodman Road, 776-1120  
(Babysitting)
- **Steven Whitman**  
Goodman Road, 776-1120  
(Yard Work, Babysitting)

If you have a teenager interested in providing services in the neighborhood, call **WLCA President John Dollen (301) 725-3202**. The next directory will be published in the Winter of 2000.

### • BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS SINCE MAY 1999

**P**er the WLCA by-laws (section 8), the Board of Directors shall publish a summary of the board meetings in the HOTLINE for the membership. Since May 1999, the Board has discussed: Bethany Church, Old Gunpowder development project, Sweitzer Lane development project, Block Plant development candidates, Sandy Spring Estates development project, honoring past board members, by-laws review and amendments, community webpage updates and management, WLCA area map restructuring, community/police issues and events, noise from loud car stereos, construction at Sweitzer Lane, community events and activities, public safety and emergency preparedness, ICC, WSSC privatization, Cross Creek development impact, ordinance violations, hotline production, and general meeting agenda.

## 1999-2000 WEST LAUREL CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD

### PHONE NUMBERS

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#### AREA I REPS.

Rep. (2 yr.)	<b>Barbara Sollner-Webb</b>	604-5619	bsw@jhmi.edu
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Alternate	<b>Jim Ludlam</b>	483-9855	ludlamj@erols.com
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#### WLREC CENTER INFORMATION

725-9572

#### LAUREL LEADER COLUMNIST

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**Board Meetings** are held monthly, usually on the second Thursday, at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

**General Meetings** will be held in October, February, and May usually on the third Thursday of the month at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m.



## WEST LAUREL RECREATION COUNCIL

### • WEST LAUREL RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS

**W**e hope everyone had a great summer. Over 150 children (ages 6–12) participated in the six-week summer playground at Bond Mill Elementary School this summer. If you have any feedback or ideas for next year's summer playground, please contact Dee Dee Sission at (301) 953-7882.

The WLRC community picnic on September 11 was a big success — the food, games, and weather were great. Over 70 people came out to enjoy this event. Special thanks to the organizers — Chuck and Eileen Lavin, Barb and Rush Kester, Kim Passmore, Gary Tharpe, Cecile Moran and Heidi Piraino.

#### PASSING THE TORCH

After eight years as president of the WLRC, Chuck Lavin is passing the torch. Chuck will remain with the WLRC as treasurer. Now's a great time for YOU to step up and get involved in YOUR community's Recreation Council. The more people involved, the more activities we can provide. Call Chuck Lavin at (301) 490-8996 if you wish to join the WLRC or are interested in helping with upcoming events. Teens are welcome to volunteer.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fall Classes:** Classes scheduled at the West Laurel community building this fall include Lively Aerobics, Country Western Line Dancing, Drawing for Kids & Adults, and Calligraphy. If you have ideas for classes or events you would like to see held at West Laurel, call Chuck Lavin at (301) 490-8996.

**Family Holiday Party:** Friday, December 3, from 7 – 9 PM at the West Laurel community building. Join us for caroling, crafts and delicious treats.

**Mid-Winter Night Splash:** Friday, February 14, 2000, from 7 – 9 PM at Fairland Aquatic Center. The cover charge is \$1.00 per person.

**Tot Soccer:** The new Tot Soccer class held last summer was a big hit (or kick)! We're planning to hold another Tot Soccer class next spring, dates to be determined.

### • GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

**7:30 pm – Announcements**

**7:40 pm – Introductions**

**7:45 pm – Goals for the Year**

**7:50 pm – Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget**

**8:00 pm – Old Gunpowder and Sweitzer Lane Developments**

**8:10 pm – Car Stereo Noise**

**8:15 pm – Main Topic, Emergency Preparedness & Public Safety**

**8:45 pm – Break**

**8:50 pm – Continue Main Topic**

**9:20 pm – ICC & WSSC Privatization**

**10:00 pm – Wrap up**

### • WEST LAUREL HOME PAGE

The West Laurel Home page on the World Wide Web has been updated and includes many new features. We have provided a multitude of hotlinks to government, county, and community pages. Take a look at the pages and provide some feedback if you would like. The West Laurel pages are still being modified so excuse any errors or bad links. The URL is <http://www.webtrek.com/md/westlaurel/>

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**THE 1999-2000 WLCA BUDGET WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE FALL MEETING.**

Please read the information below and bring any questions or comments to the Fall General Meeting. WLCA has generally kept a balanced budget, but it has been hard with a fluctuating number of members (between 781 and 906 the last five years). We need 450 residences to balance this year's budget, but more members would help in some of the big issues coming up. We're proud to be one of the largest civic associations in the County, and having that stature is an effective tool in certain forums. To that end, we can be more effective with more members. Please join the WLCA and support your community.

**WLCA PROPOSED BUDGET 1999-2000**

	Approved 97-98	Actual 97-98	Approved 98-99	Actual 98-99	Proposed 99-2000
Hotline Issues	2400	2288	2400	2502	2600
P.O. Box	60	58	60	64	64
P.O. Permit	85	85	85	185	185
Cub Scout Sponsorship	300	300	300	300	300
Fire Dept. Donation	150	150	150	150	150
Rescue Squad Donation	150	150	150	150	150
Grad Night Donation	75	75	100	100	100
WL Rag Tag band	50	50	50	50	100
Bond Mill PTA Carnival	75	75	75	75	75
Civic Ass'n Dues	25	75	75	10	75
Office Supplies	150	90	150	52	100
Zoning & Legal Fees	200	222	200	78	200
Refreshments	175	147	175	67	150
Misc. Expenses	200	150	200	251*	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>4095</b>	<b>3915</b>	<b>4270</b>	<b>4034</b>	<b>4499</b>

<b>Income</b>	<b>No. of Members</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Total</b>
1994-95	906	@ 5.00	4530
1995-96	843	@ 5.00	4215
1996-97	824	@ 5.00	4120
1997-98	456 Residences	@ 10.00	4545
1998-99	457 Residences	@ 10.00	4555
Estimated income for 1999-2000	450 Residences	@ 10.00	4500
Checkbook Balance 9/1/99			9429
* Includes : Palloti Post Prom Party	50		
Explorer Charter	20		
IRS Tax Exemption Appl.	150		

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

# SUPPORT YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## FOR \$10...TEN GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

To all our neighbors, old and new, **we need you to join the West Laurel Civic Association.** What have we done for you lately? A lot. And we will continue our efforts to make this the best neighborhood in Prince George’s County. But we need your support to do the things we do. We can think of at least ten good reasons why West Laurel residents should join WLCA. **We’re committed to:**

1. Preserving the beauty and tranquility of our neighborhood.
2. Monitoring proposed and pending development in and around West Laurel to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
3. Opposing undesirable or inappropriate projects (the ICC, country music theatre, Redskins stadium).
4. Tracking legislation at the county and state levels.
5. Providing testimony on policies and projects affecting our area.
6. Communicating concerns to and requesting assistance from elected officials.
7. Holding regular, community-wide meetings.
8. Updating residents via the *Hotline* and special notices.
9. Working with the police to keep crime down.
10. Supporting other organizations including the Bond Mill, Laurel High School, Cub Scouts, Laurel Fire and Rescue Squad and P.G. Civic Federation.

Mail your check for \$10.00, payable to WLCA, to: **Laurice Crawford, 16300 Gales Court, Laurel, MD 20707** or stop by the table at the **October 21 General Meeting** at the West Laurel Community Center. Thank you for your support.

### MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you feel that the lands the State has purchased for a northern ICC route should be:

\_\_\_\_\_ put up for sale (to the original owners or others)

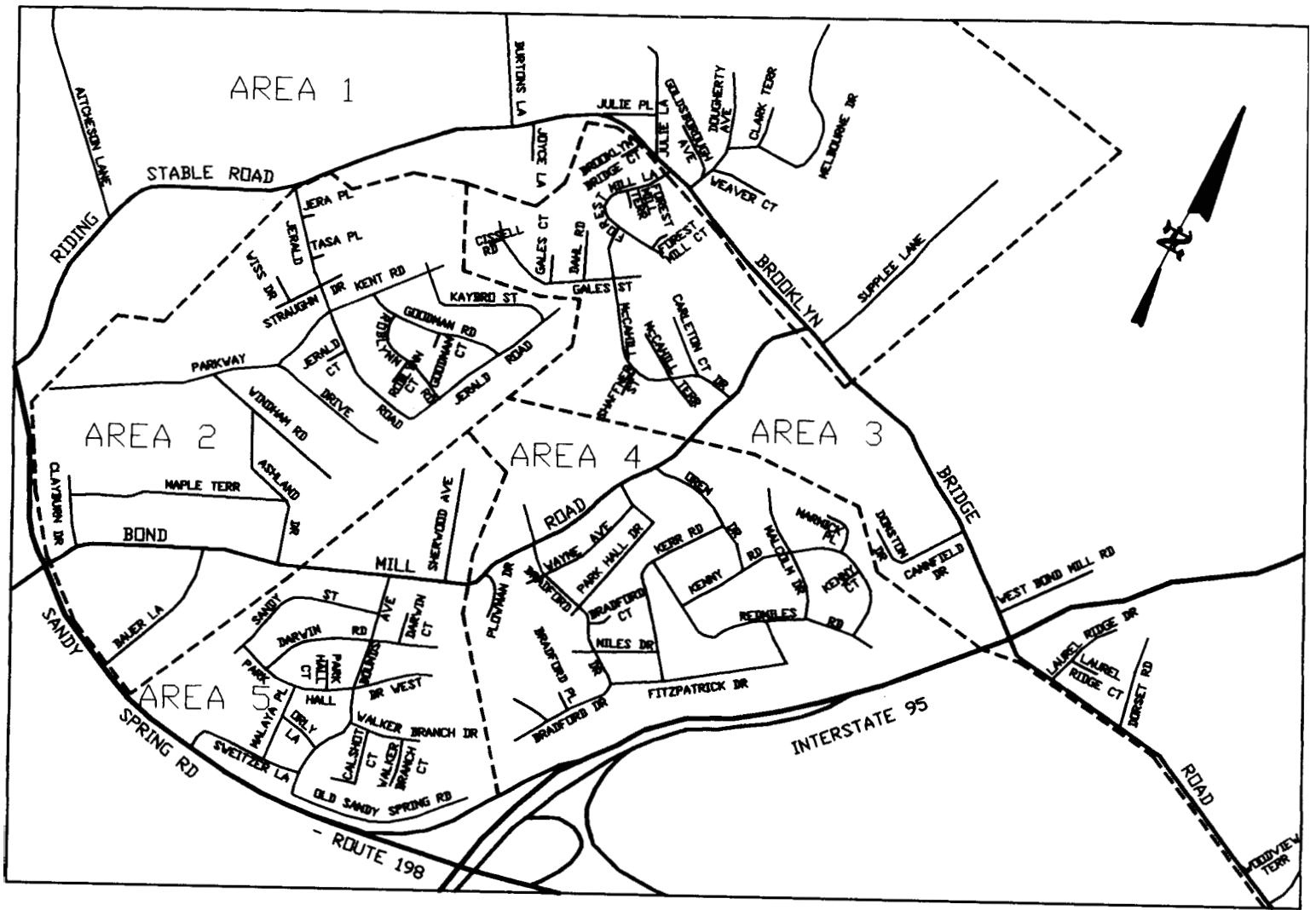
\_\_\_\_\_ retained by the Government for future construction of a northern ICC

\_\_\_\_\_ other (specify)

**Please send your Membership Application to:**

**West Laurel Civic Association, Laurice Crawford, Treasurer**

**16300 Gales Court, Laurel, MD 20707**



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