

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I joined the West Laurel Civic Association Board more than a decade ago, we heard complaints from time to time that WLCA was either not sufficiently interested in or sensitive to issues involving Bond Mill Elementary.

I'd like to think that has changed for the better over the years. Although we have only a handful of board members with school age kids, many others put their children through our neighborhood elementary school and one, **Doris Reynold**, is a retired Bond Mill teacher. Still I was proud of the board when it voted overwhelmingly to donate to a PTA reward fund for tips leading to the arrest of whoever destroyed the school's sign. Some board members even made donations of their own and all expressed outrage at this senseless act of destruction. If you

have any information about this crime, call the District VI Police at (301) 937-0910 and ask for an officer in the Investigative Unit.

Sometimes good things can come from bad situations. I believe if we continue to send a consistent and unified message that we care deeply about this community and will not tolerate such acts, this could be one of those instances. But I also think this serves as a lesson on some other fronts. First, it is a reminder that all of us need to be more watchful and aware of what is going on around us, certainly the comings and goings of immediate neighbors, as well as things like unfamiliar cars or burned out streetlights.

When I went to talk about the incident to **Bob Duncan**, who lives at the end of Sherwood, he pointed

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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FEBRUARY 15 GENERAL MEETING

The West Laurel Civic Association has a long history as a watchdog on zoning and land use issues, so it is fitting that the Winter General Membership Meeting on **Thursday, February 15** (mark your calendar; it's early this time around) will be devoted to this topic.

To paraphrase 60 Minutes funny man Andy Rooney, "Have you ever wondered ..."

- Why churches can be built in residential zones?
- Why there are barns and horses and cows in parts of the neighborhood?
- Why there are sheds, garages and other out buildings that in some cases appear commercial size?

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WLCA WINTER GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 PM
WEST LAUREL COMMUNITY
BUILDING

TOPICS

- **ZONING & LAND USE
ISSUES**

Everything You Ever Wanted to
Know About Zoning

Development Updates

- **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- **RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR
\$15**

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Don't miss West Laurel Family Swim Night

February 9, 2007
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WEST LAUREL HOUSING VALUES

The average sales price for West Laurel homes rose slightly (almost 2 percent) in 2006. The overall average home sale in 2006 was \$443,829. Housing prices fluctuated each quarter this year and ended with a drop in the final quarter unlike the steady climb in 2005. In 2006, there were a total of 96 property transfers in West Laurel (Prince George's and Mont-

gomery counties) — 69 home sales, 1 unimproved lot, and 26 no-cost property transfers.

The chart below shows home sales for 2005 and 2006 for all homes sold in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. It does not include no-cost property transfers or unimproved property. For more information visit the Maryland De-

partment of Assessments and Taxation web site at http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite/. Select the county of interest and then search by address, property sales, property account or map references. West Laurel addresses in Prince George's County are located in District 10, Map 2; Montgomery County in District 05, Maps LS21 and LS22. ❖

Quarter	Total # Sold	Average Price	Lowest Price	Highest Price
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
2006	70	\$443,829		
Jan-Mar '05	8	\$339,362	\$285,000	\$380,000
Apr-Jun '05	17	390,835	300,000	581,000
Jul-Aug '05	12	423,658	387,000	525,000
Sep-Dec '05	24	504,845	355,000	769,000
2005	61	\$435,398		

Does not include no-cost property or transfers within families.

WEST LAUREL HOME SALES — SEPT-DEC 2006

CLOSING DATE	ADDRESS	SALE PRICE	CLOSING DATE	ADDRESS	SALE PRICE
09/21/2006	15415 Calshot Court	375,000	10/03/2006	7605 Brooklyn Bridge Rd	369,900
10/05/2006	15712 Bradford Drive	430,000	10/06/2006	16208 Dorset Road	388,800
10/17/2006	15500 Clayburn Drive	498,000	10/18/2006	16310 Gales Street	449,000
11/01/2006	15704 Jera Place	323,500	11/06/2006	6310 Sandy Street	408,000
11/14/2006	15812 Kerr Road	469,900	11/15/2006	6305 Sandy Street	410,000
11/17/2006	4918 Riding Ridge Ct	806,000	11/20/2006	6801 Bradford Place	418,500
11/27/2006	7802 Brooklyn Bridge Rd	419,000	11/27/2006	16111 Jerald Road	439,900
12/06/2006	16100 Malcolm Drive	400,000	12/18/2006	15401 Bounds Avenue	435,000
12/27/2006	15420 Straughn Drive	472,900	12/28/2006	15307 Bounds Avenue	439,000

ICC UPDATE

As most West Laurel residents are aware, the state of Maryland has been planning for more than 50 years an east-west connector highway between Montgomery and Prince George's counties. WLCA has been a vocal critic of this 18-mile toll road -- better known as the ICC -- mainly because the State Highway Administration's own models show it would not reduce traffic jams on the Capital Beltway or I-270, and at the same time would increase congestion on many local roads.

WLCA has surveyed West Laurel residents over the years on the ICC and found a strong majority opposes it because of its limited effect on commute times and its whopping price tag, now estimated at \$3 billion.

Outgoing Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich made building the ICC a top priority, and the media have portrayed it as inevitable. However, a few days before Christmas 2006, two major lawsuits were filed to stop construction of the road.

The first lawsuit, brought by the Sierra Club and Environmental Defense in U.S. District Court in Washington, challenges the Federal Highway Administration for approving the ICC without proper evaluation of its effects on local pollution and for not upholding a recent law that requires road projects be funded only if they minimize air pollution and transportation-related fuel consumption.

A separate lawsuit, brought by Audubon Naturalist Society and other local groups, in U.S. District Court in Maryland, challenges the

Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and other federal agencies for so narrowly defining the scope of the project that a highway outcome was predetermined.

Outside of the courtroom, a new effort is underway to persuade incoming Governor Martin O'Malley, the Prince George's and Montgomery delegations in Annapolis, and the Montgomery County Council, that a cost-benefit analysis should be done to compare

the ICC to other transportation projects, which would not receive timely funding because of it.

If you support this transportation cost comparison, contact our state and local elected officials and let them know. This comparison is what convinced former Gov. Parris Glendening to abandon plans for an ICC 10 years ago. For contact information for newly elected Prince George's and Montgomery County officials, see our website at wlcaweb.org. ❖

WINTER CONTACTS

PRINCE GEORGE'S

MONTGOMERY

Leaf Pickup

301-499-8520
www.goprincegeorgescounty.com
 under "Select a Service" choose
 "Leaf Collection"

1-240-777-7623
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dpwt/index.asp
 Under "Highway Maintenance" choose "Leaf Collection"

Snow Info

301-350-0500
www.goprincegeorgescounty.com
 under "Select a Service" choose
 "Snow Information"

1-240-777-ROAD
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dpwt/index.asp
 Under "Highway Maintenance" choose "Snow Removal"

Power Outages

BGE
 1-800-685-0123

Pepco
 1-202-833-7500

County Council Representative

Tom Dernoga
 301-952-3887

Marilyn Praisner
 1-240-777-7968



To all our neighbors whose beautiful holiday lights made our nights a little brighter and our holidays a little warmer — thank you!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY INFORMATION

Snow Removal. Prince George's County has posted updated guidelines on when to expect plowing to begin and be completed after the snow end based on snow falls. Residents may also request plowing online at <http://egov.co.pg.md.us/snowtrack/>

- It takes about 12 to 24 hours following the end of a 4-inch snowfall to plow and/or treat every County road once.
- Within 12 to 48 hours after an 8-inch snowfall, you can expect major and primary County roads to be cleared and one plowing pass made through neighborhood streets.
- After a 12-inch snowfall, crews should complete snow plowing in about 36 to 48 hours.
- After an 18-inch snowfall, crews should complete the work in 48 hours or more.

Trash Collection for Senior Citizens & Disabled. The County provides backdoor refuse collection for senior citizens over 65 years of age and for disabled persons. To qualify, no one living in the home may be under 65 years of age or be physically able to carry the collection containers to the curb. To make arrangements for back door collection, call (301) 952-7630.

Free Sunday Disposal Days at Brown Station Landfill. Prince George's County residents may use the Brown Station Road Landfill free of charge every Sunday. This includes landfill, yard waste, scrap tires (fewer than 5), appliances, household haz-

ardous materials, and household electronics recycling. See [http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/waste.asp?nivel=foldmenu\(8\)#9](http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/waste.asp?nivel=foldmenu(8)#9) for more information.

Yard Waste. There is **NO** weekly curbside yard waste collection scheduled until April 15.

Bulky Trash — Prince George's. Bulky Trash Collection is provided by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call (301) 952-7600 Monday-Friday, or email BulkyTrash@co.pg.md.us. Appointments are scheduled for normal County workdays on a first-come, first-served basis. Acceptable materials include: Furniture and refrigerators (remove refrigerator doors for safety reasons), washing machines and dryers, hot water heaters, lawn mowers (remove the gas tank and drain the oil), and other large materials generated in the household that are not picked up by refuse collection.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INFORMATION

Snow Removal. At the completion of a snowfall (3" or greater), the County sets the following priorities for roads: a) plow all major County roads & primary neighborhood streets; b) plow all residential streets with at least one pass and spot sand when necessary; and c) spread abrasives on hills, intersections on residential streets, and on roads around schools. The goal is to make residential streets passable, not to clear them to bare pavement. Plowing to bare pavement requires salting at the beginning of the snowfall. Crews work continuously around the clock until all 2,400 miles of County-maintained streets are passable. Please also remember that the type of snow (wet or powdery) or

changing weather conditions may alter these procedures.

- It takes about 16 hours following the end of a 3-inch snowfall to plow and/or treat every County road once.
- Within 24 to 36 hours after a 10-inch snowfall, you can expect major and primary County roads to be cleared and one plowing pass made through neighborhood streets.
- After a 15-inch snowfall, crews should complete snow plowing in about 35 to 40 hours.
- After a 24-inch snowfall, crews should complete the work in about 48 to 60 hours.

Check the Highway Maintenance Winter Storm Information at <http://gis.montgomerycounty.md.gov/snow/pubservreq.asp> for status or to report a street to be plowed. You can also call Highway Maintenance at 240-777-6000.

Bulky Trash. Each residential property receiving County-provided trash collection is entitled to **5 bulk collections per calendar year** for certain types of miscellaneous and/or bulky household trash. These bulk collections must be scheduled in advance with the County by the occupant or resident.

Collection will then be made on your trash collection day. All items must be placed at your curb by 7:00 AM on the day of collection. Collections are made between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Schedule bulk collection service online or call 240-777-6410 no later than 9:30 AM on the business day before your trash

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GENERAL MEETING, CONT.

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- Why some subdivisions in West Laurel are denser and the houses much closer together than in others?
- Why certain types of home-based businesses are permissible while others are not?

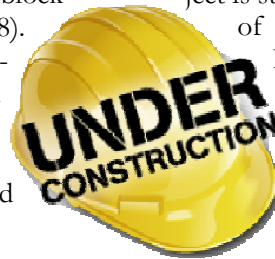
Development in West Laurel is mostly residential, with a few notable exceptions — the West Laurel Shell and Bethany Community Church, for example — but there are actually three distinct types of residential zoning in our neighborhood. Parts of West Laurel are R-R or rural residential; others are R-A, which means rural-agricultural; and still others are R-80, which is a slightly denser residential zone.

West Laurel’s own Zoning Chairman **Dennis Cook** along with Prince George’s County Attorney **Ralph Grutzmacher** — a zoning and Master Plan wizard and former West Laurel resident — are going to do a joint presentation encompassing all these issues and more. Before you start thinking this is going to be all about what’s already here and why this discussion even matters, it is important to realize that new development is continuing to occur throughout the community.

The zones and the use tables in the county code that spell out both the allowable and special exception



projects that can be built on undeveloped or underdeveloped tracts (large parcels that may have some development but can be further subdivided) are relevant to the three churches looking to build here (Reaching Hearts on Brooklyn Bridge Road, a Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses off Sweitzer Lane and a Seventh Day Adventist congregation on the old block plant site on Route 198). Those uses also are critical for any proposed development of Joe Pietanza’s Sweitzer Lane property beside the old log cabin.



Dennis and Ralph’s presentation will be followed by updates on the following projects:

- **Bond Mill Station** – the luxury homes being built at Bond Mill and Brooklyn Bridge Roads;
- **Sandy Spring Estates**, the homes being proposed on Old Sandy Spring Road just off Bounds Avenue;
- The **Almas Shriner’s Temple**, the combination ballroom/meeting space/office/warehouse project on Route 198 across from Bauer Lane;
- The future of the **Amish Farmer’s Market** in Burtonsville; and
- Corporate Shell’s proposed underground tank and ramp plan for the **West Laurel Shell Gas Station**.

We are asking representatives from each of these projects to give us a one- to two-minute update (no more, we promise, or the meeting

would go on all night!). Mostly, we want them on-hand for the Q&A portion of the meeting because we anticipate residents will want to know the latest. We are also requesting that these representatives bring along any site plans or other visuals.

The Reaching Hearts Church project is still in litigation as is the City of Laurel’s annexation on Brooklyn Bridge Road. There is not much more to say about those two cases, but we will provide updates on any court filings or judicial action.

We really think the main topic will be interesting and informative; that’s always our goal and we’d like to think we do a pretty good job of delivering.

But we have another great reason for West Laurel residents to turn out on February 15. We will be honoring with our Good Neighbor Award possibly the most popular guy in the community — **Barron Brooks** of UPS.

Although Barron does not live here, the Good Neighbor Committee believes and the WLCA board wholeheartedly agrees that Barron embodies as well as any West Laurel resident all that being a “good neighbor” implies. He’s friendly and involved and aware of everything and everyone. He knows us, our kids, our cars, who lives here, is visiting, moving in, or moving out.

One of Barron’s favorite mantras is, “I love my job.” One day, he was coming out of Bond Mill Elementary following a delivery, a brownie in one hand and two or three cook-

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ies in the other. He was grinning from ear-to-ear and said, "I'm telling you, I *love* my job."

To a person, everyone in West Laurel who has had any contact with Barron thinks he's an all around great guy and one of our favorite neighbors. I hope you'll come and express your thanks and appreciation for all that he brings to the job and the community.

Usually, the Good Neighbor Award is something of a secret until the actual meeting. However, we had to check Barron's schedule and we couldn't think of a creative way to get him to attend an evening event without telling him why. If you won't be able to attend the meeting, be sure to congratulate him the next time you see him.

Also, courtesy of **Councilman Tom Dernoga's** office, we have some new brochures from the Department of Environmental Resources about trash, bulk trash, recycling and other services, as well as permitting information for construction and home improvement projects. DER has a new Spanish-language version of this brochure as well. If you have Spanish-speaking neighbors, we hope you'll take a few for them. It is essential that our new neighbors have this type of information to obtain the proper permits and build projects that comply with the county code.

Finally, coming to the meeting in person allows you to save a stamp and pay your \$15 annual dues right at the door. If you can't remember whether you've paid, WLCA's Treasurer **Laurice Crawford** and her husband and sidekick **Gordon Anderson**, will check the membership list and let you know. ❖



Two young West Laurel residents eagerly await Barron Brooks of UPS. Barron will receive WLCA's Good Neighbor Award at the February 15 General Meeting.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

The West Laurel Civic Association (WLCA) extends a warm welcome to the following families who became residents of West Laurel this past fall. Every homeowner is automatically a member of the Civic Association, and upon payment of the annual dues, entitled to vote in elections. West Laurel is an active community with many volunteer opportunities, including the Civic Association, Recreation Council and Bond Mill Elementary School.

- Henry & Nan Hainsey (Jera Place)
- Ahmed S. Ibrahim (Brooklyn Bridge Road)
- Catherine & Gregory Russo (Calshot Court)
- Jose M. Venegas (Dorset Road)
- Eduardo R. Morales (Sandy Street)
- Fausto Alvarenga (Sandy Street)
- Brian L. & Corrie E. Beaman

(Bradford Place)

- Justo R. & Ariel Martinez (Brooklyn Bridge Road)
- Becsaida Donis & Melder Sandoval (Bradford Drive)
- Karla V. Turcios (Bounds Avenue)
- Rolando D. J. Diaz-Beza (Bounds Avenue)
- John D. & Barbara E. Lofton (Jerald Road)
- Maritza A. D. & Santos N. Rivera (Gales Street)
- Ngozi Okudoh (Kerr Road)
- Ralph Laguerre (Straughn Drive)
- Kelley Delaney (Clayburn Drive)
- Sheri L. Melvin (Riding Ridge Court)

Again, welcome to the neighborhood! We look forward to meeting you at our **General Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 7:30 PM** at the West Laurel Community Building. ❖

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.

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out that the lamppost nearest the broken sign had been out for some time. The next day, I called on a very dedicated and reliable employee in the school system's maintenance division and asked him how to go about reporting the outage at Bond Mill. His reply was, "You just did."

I think the other lesson involving the sign destruction is that organizations in West Laurel need to be more supportive of one another, whether that takes the form of the brainstorming session the WLCA Board just had with Recreation Council leaders **Kim Passmore** and **Betty Mannas** about increasing participation, to working with the PTA to prevent property crime at the school. We need to reject the thinking that says a certain problem or challenge is a school issue or a Rec Council issue, or even that a situation is unique to one part of the neighborhood and is therefore not of concern to the broader community.

That brings me to a related topic, which is involvement in the community. West Laurel residents possess an amazing range of talents and life and professional experience in everything from the building trades to science, engineering, medicine, education and the law. We have actors and artists and musicians and crafters and model train collectors living here. And those are just the people I know! Do you recognize yourself?

There are so many outlets for these talents, and there is a real need for people to share their skills and experience — with the Recreation Council, which is looking for people to teach classes at the community building (see related

article, p. 8), with Bond Mill Elementary, which can use volunteers in the classroom, speakers on Career Day, and help with special events like the upcoming Drama Club production or the Spring Carnival. The WLCA board frequently has openings, the West Laurel Swim Club welcomes new members and ideas, and the scouting groups in the neighborhood have opportunities for participants young and old.

Lucy and Ed Grimes are one of my favorite volunteer couples. They raised their family in West Laurel and when their children were young, they were busy. Both Lucy and Ed worked full time, so between their jobs and the kids' school and extracurricular activities, there wasn't much time to spend on community-related service.

Now, when they aren't busy with their grandchildren, they're giving back to the community in ways large and small. Lucy is on the WLCA board, but Ed attends every meeting with her and he contributes to our discussions. When they see something unusual in West Laurel — like a car with expired tags or a tractor trailer parked illegally along Bond Mill Road — they don't just talk about it, they call Prince George's County government or the police or Councilman Dernoga's office. Ed also serves on a WSSC environmental advisory board, and both Ed and Lucy are dedicated volunteers at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge where they share their love of the outdoors with school children and other visitors.

If you want more volunteer ideas, in the neighborhood and around the Laurel area, check WLCA's

Web page, www.wlcaweb.org or call me at (301) 498-0694, and I'll put you in touch with an organization that can get you started volunteering.

Just a word of caution: Once other people realize how reliable you are, you'll find yourself in great demand. But that's a good thing, really. (My friend and neighborhood daycare provider, **Liz Rice**, keeps threatening to buy me a "Stop Me Before I Volunteer Again" tee shirt.)

Seriously, though, you can do your part for the community by coming out to our February general meeting on February 15 for a great civic and social event. I look forward to meeting you.

Mary Lehman, President
301-498-0694/wlcamail@aol.com

NEWS, CONT.

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collection day. Please provide a list of items to be picked up.

Yard Waste. Place leaves, grass, brush, and other yard trimmings in large paper bags (available at most grocery stores, home improvement stores and garden centers). The total weight of the bag CANNOT exceed 45 pounds.

Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station. Residents may use the Shady Grove Transfer station for no fee at all times for loads under 500 pounds. The transfer station accepts bulky trash, appliances, yard waste, hazardous materials and electronics. See http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dpwt/solidwaste/collectionservices/facility_detail.asp?facilityID=6 for more information. ❖

FAMILY FUN IN & AROUND WEST LAUREL

WEST LAUREL RECREATION COUNCIL

The West Laurel Recreation Council (WLRC) exists to help neighbors get to know and enjoy each other. Is there a class you'd like to teach or a new hobby/skill you'd like to learn? Why not give us a call and let us know what you'd like to do. We'd like to hear from you.

Kim Passmore...(301) 725-3157
Betty Mannas.....(301) 953-2503
Rush Kester.....(301) 490-1310

The WLRC meets at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the West Laurel Community Building. The Swim Night and Adult Night Out are just two of many events sponsored by the WLRC and supported by your volunteer activities and donations. Won't you join us for the next meeting?

WEST LAUREL SWIM NIGHT

The annual West Laurel Swim Night at Fairland Aquatic Center is scheduled for Friday, February 9. Cost is \$2 per West Laurel resident, regardless of age. Reservations are not necessary. Bring the whole family! The event runs from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Snacks will be provided by the WLRC. *If you choose to drop off your children at this event, please be aware that children should be picked up promptly as the Aquatic Center staff leave at 9 PM.*

ADULTS' NIGHT OUT

Looking for an adult night out? Join the WLRC at Toby's Dinner Theatre for a buffet dinner and the "all singing, all dancing musical spectacular" "George M." on

March 24, 2007 at 7 PM. Tickets are only \$36.50 per person for West Laurel residents (limit 4 tickets per household; price applies to the first 30 tickets sold). After that, prices are still a deal at the group discount of \$42.50 each. Prices include a great dinner buffet, tax, tip and the show. You'll need to contact **Kathy McKay** at (410) 792-4968 to make your reservations (Do NOT make your reservations through Toby's). Ticket sales end February 17, so act quickly!



Laurel Boys and Girls Club

- 2/24 & 3/3 from 10 AM to 4 PM
- 2/25 & 3/4 from 1 PM to 4 PM

Registration fee is \$40 for players ages 5-8 and \$65 for players ages 9-18 and includes uniform (hat, shirt, pants and socks), trophies and/or medallions, an end-of-year picnic and much more. The registration fee is the only fee you will pay. For more information, visit <http://www.laurelitleague.com> or call (301) 725-5850.

JOB CONNECT

This workshop, sponsored by the WLRC, will offer tips for potential employees from employers. Attend this free event on Saturday, February 24 from 12 noon to 2 PM and hear from area employers how to make the best impression to be hired and to keep a job. All are welcome, including teens and young adults.

LAUREL LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Laurel Little League is currently holding registration for players aged 5-18 for the 2007 baseball and softball season.

All players must provide proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and proof of residency (utility or property tax bill).

You may register online at <http://www.laurelitleague.com>. Walk-in registration is available as follows:

Modell's at Laurel Lakes Center

- 2/10 & 2/17 from 10 AM to 4 PM
- 2/11 & 2/18 from 1 PM to 4 PM

The Laurel Little League is an organization of volunteers with NO paid positions. Each person involved gives of their time and effort to make a positive experience for all the players of the league.

As we prepare for our 2007 season we need more help than ever! We are currently looking for managers, coaches, umpires, concession stand workers, field workers and sponsors.

Training is provided for all volunteer positions. If you would like to join or help out, please email Peter Ruiz at ruizp@pmkinc.com or call (301) 725-5850. ♦

❖ REMINDER ❖

WLCA dues are now \$15

Make your check payable to:

West Laurel Civic Association



SUPPORT YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

To all new residents of West Laurel, welcome to our community. Come join our association. Hello once again to all our old members!



Please come to our General meeting on February 15 and bring a neighbor!

An important reminder — it is not too late to pay your yearly Civic Association dues if you had forgotten. Dues are for membership from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Your officers and Board of the WLCA are committed to reaching out to our neighborhood and building an even stronger and more involved community for local issues and the broader issues that can and do affect us all. We care about street repairs and broken curbs, recycling bins, cable service, home security, gypsy moths, developers' plans, and the like on the local level. We also care about county and state plans for major road building, zoning changes, high traffic-generating developments, and more in the

broader picture as they affect West Laurel and the area around us.

Please support the WLCA by filling out the membership form below, including your check for \$15 payable to WLCA and mailing it to:

Laurice Crawford
Treasurer, WLCA
16300 Gales Court
Laurel, MD 20707

You can save a stamp by bringing your membership form to our table at the February 15 General Meeting at the Community Center. Hope to see you there! ❖

Join Now!

WLCA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Dues \$15.00* or _____ Additional Donation \$ _____

Comments: _____

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

Please send your Membership Registration Form to:
Laurice Crawford
Treasurer, West Laurel Civic Association
16300 Gales Court
Laurel, MD 20707

Or drop by the membership table at the February 15 General Meeting

*covers up to 2 voting members

THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER OF WEST LAUREL

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LAUREL, MD 20725

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