

Spring 1999

HOTLINE

SPRING MEETING — MAY 20, 1999, 7:30 PM

WEST LAUREL COMMUNITY BUILDING

MEETING TOPICS: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, STATE LEGISLATORS

• **COME ONE!! COME ALL!!**

The Spring, 1999 Meeting of the West Laurel Civic Association! See your neighbors and friends, enjoy great snacks. Meet and elect the WLCA's new officers. Become an officer! Hear the latest on our community, including:

- Possible new construction projects
- The proposed ICC freeway through West Laurel
- A possible take-over of WSSC (and the WSSC land along Supplee and the waterfront)

Our elected officials will update us on the recent session in Annapolis.

Also: Special Guest Speaker — Susan Gray, a noted fighter for community and land preservation. Susan Gray has helped many area communities fight against freeways and other unplanned development that would have changed their tranquil character. She has succeeded against the State Highway Administration by exposing repeated patterns of citizen deception, subverting Master Plans and environmental safeguards, and questionable land acquisition. Is this again being repeated for the ICC through our community? And what can we do about it? Come hear her spellbinding and entertaining presentation!

• **HIGHER COUNTY TAXES COMING? ASK YOUR STATE LEGISLATOR ABOUT HB 1207!**

In case you missed the quiet posturing, Wayne Curry's unsuccessful pro-tax minions are trying to eliminate the TRIM tax cap at the State level. They've screwed up the school system through over-development and they need more money to dig out of the hole they created. Thus, TRIM becomes a scapegoat for poor land use decisions. Having failed miserably at the polls in 1996, the tax mavens are trying to get the legislature to ignore the mandate of the voters.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY MAY 22ND
BEGINNING AT 9:15 AM

• **PASSING THE GAVEL**

Four years (2 terms) seems to have flown by. While the WLCA does not have term limits, the three previous Presidents (Pete Zizos (91-95), myself (87-91), and Barbara Friedman (83-87) wisely limited themselves to 2 terms. Unlike other associations which keep the same one or two people forever, the WLCA has tried to rotate the leadership so that the association keeps a fresh perspective. New blood is important to keep the association sharp and to make sure that diverse views are incorporated into the association thinking. We try to balance sticking to our traditional views with keeping up with the changing times.

I think the WLCA has had an effective four years, and I am pleased to turn the reins over to John Dollen in September (unless you elect some other fool) who has worked hard to get ready for the task (busying himself in zoning, crime and safety matters). John will have a good Board to work with.

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ICC UPDATE

• IT MIGHT BE NOW OR NEVER FOR AN ICC

Here is the latest update on the ICC (InterCounty Connector), the proposed 1-2 billion dollar freeway from I-95 in Laurel to I-270 in Gaithersburg, part of an outer-Beltway that State Highway Administration (SHA) and developers greatly want. The only considered alignments that the EPA will allow all cross Rt. 29 north of the Giant and run east to bisect West Laurel, joining or crossing Rt. 198 at Riding Stable Road. Likely Rt. 198 to I-95 would become a freeway with collector-distributor lanes for us locals, and another ICC branch would continue south to the Konterra planned mega-mall. I-95 would also get widened to an, I-270-style double freeway.

Amazingly, SHA's computer modeling shows such a road would NOT RELIEVE TRAFFIC on the Beltway, I-95 or I-270 and WOULD MAKE TRAFFIC FAR WORSE in Laurel and Gaithersburg. Furthermore, an ICC does not address the area's main traffic problems, which are radial rather than circumferential and much closer to the city. Officials have also confirmed that such an ICC would spur new development and higher density in the area.

Last spring the Governor appointed an "impartial" Transportation Solutions Group (TSG) to assess regional transportation issues, with their report due this summer. Neil Pedersen of the SHA testified that an ICC would not provide any real improvement for any of the area traffic problems and would make it worse in areas like Laurel. Yet a straw poll of the TSG strongly favored building an ICC! Why? At the last TSG meeting, the main arguments presented were 1- to relieve traffic, ignoring SHA's prediction, and 2- to spur area business and development. Is this how you want 1-2 billion dollars of you tax money spent?

On Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at 6:30 PM the TSG will hold a public meeting at the U of MD, to get citizen input before sending their recommendations to the Governor. The anti-ICC forces feel it is imperative that a large number of citizens attend and testify. Please do prepare a 3-5 minute statement and come out to let the TSG and the Governor know how you feel!

Citizens have had many complaints about the TSG's study, any of which deserve comment in your testimony:

1 The chosen TSG members were hardly impartial, most having previously advocated building an ICC. Yet over 90% of the hundreds of individuals who testified at the 1997 ICC Hearings were opposed to the ICC.

2 The two PG "citizen representatives" both are businessmen who live far from the ICC area but have vested interests in seeing an ICC built. Walt Townshend is president of the Baltimore/Washington Chamber of Commerce, which would reap great financial profit from an ICC, and Barry Campbell is CEO of a company whose branches an ICC would connect. Yet highly qualified individuals who live in the area and have environmental interests were refused membership.

3 The TSG's meetings have mainly been during the workday and are not publicized, making it difficult for citizens to attend, and they allowed only minimal public comments, usually 3 minute slots during lunchtime when many TSG members are not present.

4 Despite this, ample prime-time has been given for comments from pro-ICC speakers.

5 Since the Governor's pronouncement last year that "and ICC will not, should not work", SHA has spent over ten million dollars of your tax money to purchase land for this northern ICC and they are in negotiations to buy several more tracts, including the Lions Club lot, a large parcel on Santini Rd just west of Rt. 29 and another parcel just east of Rt. 29.

6 The TSG never discussed an objective list of goals or criteria against which to evaluate various alternatives and its members continue to say the ICC will relieve traffic, contrary to SHA's own testimony.

Unless you want an ICC freeway running through West Laurel, make yourself heard NOW about the ICC! Come to the public hearing June 1, 1999, 6:30 PM at the Inn and Conference Center on the U of MD campus in College Park. [From US 1 south, turn right on Rt. 193 (University Blvd.), and at the third traffic signal (Adelphi Road) make a U turn and turn right into the parking garage, which is supposed to be free for people attending the TSG meeting. Sign up to speak when you arrive.]

Also, because comments are basically dismissed as outdated after a few months, pre-TSG comments that WLCA residents made will likely not be considered. So call the Governor at 800-811-8336 or send him a copy of your testimony (Parris Glendening, State House, Annapolis, MD 20401; governor@gov.state.md.us) and the same to John Porcari, Secretary of MD Department of Transportation, PO Box 8755, BWI Airport, MD 21240; (410) 865-1003. And finally, because ICC proponents are constantly stating that citizens support an ICC, using questionnaires that appear biased, please do complete the attached survey in this newsletter. Any questions, call **Barbara Sollner-Webb (301) 604-5619**.

WSSC NEWS

• WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH “OUR” WSSC?

An ongoing study on privatizing the WSSC could greatly affect us all WLCA residents. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is our water and sewer provider, the seventh largest in the country, and owner of all the unspoiled land along the Patuxent Reservoir, including Supplee picnic and boating areas of West Laurel. Last year, the General Assembly established a “Privatization Task Force”, including our **State Senator Arthur Dorman**, to consider various options for WSSC privatization or reorganization. Hopefully, the overall goal would be to reduce rate-payers’ costs while maintaining (or improving) the quality of the water supply, the environmental effects of the waste water, and the long-term condition of the infrastructure. The Task Force and their consultant company have held monthly meetings and a workshop, most attended by a WLCA representative. Although their final recommendation is due this June, the options being considered, and some major take-home messages, are:

1 - Asset Sale (selling off all or part of the WSSC to a private for-profit company): This is strikingly untested in the US, used only in Anchorage, Alaska and a few smaller municipalities. It has, however, been used in Great Britain where after an initial honeymoon the water quality substantially deteriorated and rates skyrocketed, and in France where similarly deteriorating water quality has caused musings of “why do you think the French drink wine?”

2 - Contract Operations (hiring a private for-profit company to take over all or part of WSSC responsibilities): This is now used by 2-3% of the ~40,000 US water systems. Although projected savings are 20-30% (the same as Internal Streamlining, Option 4), there are virtually no actual data on successes or failures of relevant long-term Contract Operations because (i) almost all these arrangements only began in the past year or two and (ii) most are for facilities much smaller than the WSSC.

3 - Dividing the WSSC and letting Prince George’s County and Montgomery County take over their respective portions: This is still more of an unknown. There are no prior examples, no obvious ways of splitting the geographically very

interdependent system, and no obvious advantages to the rate payers; it is contrary to the national trend of consolidating operations. Blue Plains is raised to warn of such a facility mis-run by a local government.

4 - Keeping WSSC intact but streamlining its operations and/or governance: Such efforts were actually initiated independently by WSSC three years ago. An evaluation team identified areas where expenditures could be reduced, including staff reductions and multi-task retraining, which are in progress.

A major hidden issue is the enormous debt service of WSSC — currently 51 cents of every dollar you pay, incurred largely for construction costs to get water and sewer to new distant developments, as mandated by the Prince George’s County and Montgomery County Governments which dictate WSSC construction. The process of deciding where new services are to be installed or how they are to be financed appears largely by-passed in the current study. One big fear, especially for options 1-3, is that WSSC land could be sold to pay off the debt service. How do you feel about condos or a Disney theme park along the Patuxent watershed in West Laurel?

The costs and quality of our water and our wastewater treatment, the preservation of the WSSC-owned land that surrounds and protects the Tridelphia and Rocky Gorge Reservoirs, the repair response time and efficiency, and the long term maintenance of WSSC facilities are issues that should concern every one of us. An open meeting of the Privatization Task Force that should accept questions from the public has just been rescheduled for Monday, May 24 at 6:30 PM. It will be at the meeting room (main floor) of the WSSC building, the tall blue glass structure half way down Sweitzer Lane. You are strongly urged to attend this meeting and express your views on this important WSSC privatization issue. For more information, please call **Barbara Sollner-Webb, (301) 604-5619**.



HIGHER TAXES?

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A group of legislators, including Laurel's **John Giannetti**, introduced HB 1207 to establish a 19 member Task Force to "study" TRIM. Not only are 19 members too many to do anything effective, but the list is stacked ridiculously against TRIM - 2 choices from Wayne Curry, plus choices from the Chamber of Commerce, County Council, Board of Education, County PTA, Board of Realtors, public safety union, teachers' union, NAACP, government employees' union, etc. Simply put, this proposal **IS A SHAM!** The result is preordained. These are the groups that spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in a losing effort in 1996 to overturn TRIM. Not only did they lose, they lost by a 2-1 margin. More people voted to keep TRIM than did those who voted to initiate it 20 years ago. Where is the balance to the Task Force for a fair assessment? Guess what, a fair assessment is not on the agenda. [Note: **John Giannetti** has asked us for suggestions to improve the Task Force composition - so, forward any suggestions to him.]

Oddly, part of the rationale of HB 1207 is that the County has changed since TRIM was initiated. TRUE, BUT, it hasn't changed in the 3 years since it was overwhelmingly reaffirmed. The sponsors also claim the bill is needed because flat property tax revenues caused a budget deficit. NO! Bloated government, poor management and poor land use policies did that. These claims originate from the same interest groups who supported rampant low-end development with the promise that it would be the golden goose which would benefit the County in many ways (including expanding the tax base). In reality, the taxes generated do not pay for the services (especially schools, but also roads and police), and we have seen about 3,000 students per year added to an overcrowded schools system. Meanwhile the County government and school system have been bloated and inefficient. What has happened with TRIM is the voters saying, if the County will not control development and we have limited input, we will not pay the tax consequence of their folly. Check the results of the 1996 referendum - Curry got clobbered in all areas of the county. People are not buying the poor mouth story. Try again guys!

Our 21st delegation legislators agree that Curry was wrong to try to get TRIM repealed, **BUT**, that after 20 years our County has changed dramatically and we should collect information on TRIM. Hmmm.



Maybe **Senator Arthur Dorman**, and **Delegates Barbara Frush, Pauline Menes, Brian Moe** (and **John Giannetti**) need a letter from you letting them know how you feel about TRIM. Just mail the delegates at the Lowe House Office Building, Room 210, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991 (301-858-3114), and Senator Dorman at the Senate James Office Building, Room 116, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991 (301-858-3131). Also, you can be sure to ask them about it at the Spring Meeting.

• "OLD GUNPOWDER CENTER" MOVING FORWARD

The WLCA voted at the Winter Meeting to support the Old Gunpowder Center plan for the SW corner of Route 198 & Old Gunpowder Road if we get input into landscaping, signage and lighting. The plan, which proposes two office buildings and a warehouse, is the best concept which we have seen on that corner in thirty years. The owner had to resubmit the plans for subdivision approval and the project is moving through the County process. We expect to meet with the owner near the end of May to discuss landscaping, signage and lighting. Anyone with specific concerns or comments should contact **President Tom Dernoga (301-490-3286)**.

• ANNAPOLIS UPDATE

Members of our 21st Legislative Delegation will join us to provide a wrap-up of the 1999 legislative session. Catch up and ask questions on the State budget (and contributions to the county), tobacco taxes, repeal of TRIM, educational improvement, environmental protection, electric industry deregulation, WSSC privatization, gambling and support for the racing industry. Also, NOW is the time to bring up the issues that you want them to address NEXT YEAR. Come listen to our representatives and let them know what you think about the happenings in Annapolis. Let them know that we're watching, even if from a distance.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

• ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

The WLCA and springtime parallel one another in that they both work to bring the community together. Springtime works to promote environmental activism and community pride, not only in West Laurel, but the entire Greater Laurel area as well.

With April 22nd designated as Earth Day, this year marked a week with an abundance of environmental activism. April 24th marked Bond Mill and Laurel Elementary's annual beautification activities. The annual landscaping and year-round maintenance of Bond Mill Elementary is most certainly a symbol of pride for the West Laurel community. The time and upkeep are a true dedication, and we have the PTA and countless volunteers to thank.

April 17th on the other hand, marked the Laurel City Arbor Day celebration. This year Laurel City and the Laurel Tree Board celebrated Arbor Day by honoring Fay Vaughn, a long-time environmental activist, dedicating Granville Gude Park playground in her honor.

As springtime turns into summer we will all likely be spending more time outside. If you do, remember to heed meteorologist's "code red" warnings, and don't forget to wear your sunscreen. That having been said, enjoy the countless yard sales and endless days spent at the local pool.

Let me also use this opportunity to inform you of two upcoming community activities which focus on environmental activism:

• PATUXENT RIVER COMMISSION'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAY

May 15th is the Patuxent River Commission's Environmental Awareness Day. Come learn about and engage in environmental activism, with activities starting at 10 AM at the West Laurel Community Building.

Remember that every tree and garden planted not only works to beautify your landscape, but benefits the environment, and acts as a symbol of community pride for all. Lets Work Together!

• ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP DAY:

With sponsorship from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and in cooperation with Maryland's State Highway Administration and Prince George's County Adopt-A-Road Program, the WLCA is conducting an Environmental Clean-up Day on **Saturday May 22nd**. Beginning at 9:15 AM, the Environmental Clean-up will commence at the West Laurel Community Building located at T. Howard Duckett Community Park. To volunteer or to receive more information, call **Justin Chappell (301-470-1655 or e-mail Wiz@erols.com)**. We will be cleaning up the streams in West Laurel and Brooklyn Bridge Road - Join in and help keep West Laurel beautiful!!! [This is also an excellent opportunity for teens to collect community service hours.](#)

• PREPARE FOR Y2K- TIPS!

No one knows whether the turn of the century will be a simple day of recovery, college football and visiting relatives, or whether we'll have to deal with any of a variety of disruptions resulting from the Year 2000 computer problem. The WLCA suggests that you play it safe and take some simple measures that will serve you well even if nothing happens (as we hope).

- Stock extra food, water, important household items, batteries and firewood as if a winter storm is coming. Store a little at a time and don't wait for the New Year's rush which is likely to happen.
- Set aside some extra cash in case your ATM doesn't work.
- Get a first aid kit and reorder prescription medications.
- Get paper cups and plates.
- Consider buying sources of light, heat and communications which do not rely on electricity (flashlights, candles, radios, fireplaces and stoves).



BOARD ELECTION AND PASSING THE GAVEL

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The last four years have seen a burst of residential development in the southwest corner of West Laurel which we have been supportive of. The developments have been in accordance with zoning and the area Master Plan, and quality homes have been added to the West Laurel community. We reached agreement with Bethany Community Church to allow it into West Laurel while addressing concerns that people had. On the other hand, we have opposed other proposals, most of which go against zoning or the area Master Plan (e.g., the gas station on Sweitzer Lane, the hotel at Tubby's, other church requests and other similar projects). In addition, we have nervously eyed the ICC and added our voices and political weight (slight as it may be) in opposition to it, especially outside previously planned alignments. In addition to all of the new homes, we also added the Birmingham Drive area into membership, which is a nice addition. Apart from all of that contentious stuff, we have worked on cleaning up the environment (thanks Justin), providing a handy list of handy teens ready to work around the neighborhood, and we have increased our support to Bond Mill and the scouting organizations.

I thank you for the opportunity to have served the community (again), and I thank those who have been so helpful the past four years (too many to mention all, but Laurice, John & Barbara have to be mentioned). Following another tradition established by Barbara Friedman, I will step into the role of chair of the zoning committee (which even comes with a fancy VP title) to provide transition. Now I just need to figure out what to do with all this spare time.

Tom

• MARY JANE LUSBY MEDIA CENTER!

The Bond Mill ES media center was officially renamed the Mary Jane Lusby Media Center at school-wide ceremony on April 13, 1999. Mrs. Lusby retired last summer after 21 years as principal of Bond Mill.




• ELECTION OF WLCA BOARD MEMBERS 1999-2000

The personnel listed, in bold print, will be voted on during the Spring General Meeting.

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| President | John Dollen |
| 1st Vice President | Tom Dernoga |
| 2nd Vice President | Barney Walsh |
| Rec Secretary | Mary Lehman |
| Treasurer | Laurice Crawford |
| Area I Reps | |
| Rep (2 Year) | Barbara Sollner-Webb |
| Rep (1 Year) | Jurgen von Bredlow |
| Alternate | Jim Ludlam |
| Alternate | Larry Timian |
| Area II Reps | |
| Rep (2 Year) | Bill Ferguson |
| Rep (1 Year) | Justin Chappell |
| Alternate | Hamilton Brown |
| Area III Reps | |
| Rep (2 Year) | Ron Holmberg |
| Rep (1 Year) | Dr. Scott Fisher |
| Alternate | Gordon Anderson |
| Area IV Reps | |
| Rep (2 Year) | Lucy Grimes |
| Rep (1 Year) | Heidi Piraino |
| Alternate | Irene D'Amato |
| Area V Reps | |
| Rep (2 Year) | Vacant* |
| Rep (1 Year) | John De Bernadinis |
| Alternate | Vacant* |
| Committee Chairmen | |
| Zoning | Tom Dernoga |
| ICC | Barbara Sollner-Webb |
| Environmental | Justin Chappell |
| Hotline | Ron Holmberg |

*Still looking for nominations to fill these slots. If interested, please contact **Mary Lehman at (301) 498-0694**. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at he May 20 General Meeting.

WEST LAUREL RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS

• BOND MILL SCHOOL CARNIVAL:

The entire West Laurel community is invited to attend the Bond Mill School Carnival on Saturday, May 15, 1999 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be a Moon Bounce, real carnival games, prizes, bake sale, hot dogs & soda, cake walk, karaoke, silent auction and raffle table, and a plant sale from Sherwood Gardens nursery. The proceeds will benefit the Bond Mill PTA and media center. Teens! If you would like to help out at the carnival and earn community service hours call **Donna Sokich at (301-490-0551)** by May 13, 1999. The WLCA is a proud sponsor of the Carnival!

• LOCAL YOUTHS COMPETE FOR PRIZES AT WEST LAUREL FISHING DERBY:

The West Laurel Rec Council and Bassmasters of Laurel are inviting youngsters from the age of 5 to 12 to test their fishing skills on Saturday, June 19, 1999, 8:00 AM to noon, at Scott's Cove. All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, bring a fishing pole and must register on the parking lot upon arrival. If adults (over 16) wish to fish, they must have a permit. Prizes will be awarded for each age class. All kids attending will receive a multi-colored fishing derby decal and a good luck fish hook. Bait will be available. If any one wishes to volunteer to help the day of the event or donate a gift, please call or e-mail **Chuck Lavin (301-490-8996; lavdad@erols.com)**.

• VOLKSMARCH:

July 3, 1999, from 8 A.M. - 2 P.M. Register at the West Laurel Community Building.

• WEST LAUREL FAMILY PICNIC:

Saturday, September 11, 1999, 12 - 2 p.m. Fun for the whole family. Come join us. Please call **Chuck Lavin (301-490-8996)** if you would like to help plan this event.

• TEENS: DO YOU NEED TO EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

The West Laurel Rec. Council and West Laurel Civic Association and Bond Mill PTA would like to add you to our list to be called on the help out at some of our events (school carnival, hooked on fishing, family picnic, registration for these events, etc.). Please call **Heidi Piraino (301-490-7504)** to be placed on this list.

• EASTER EGG HUNT A SUCCESS:

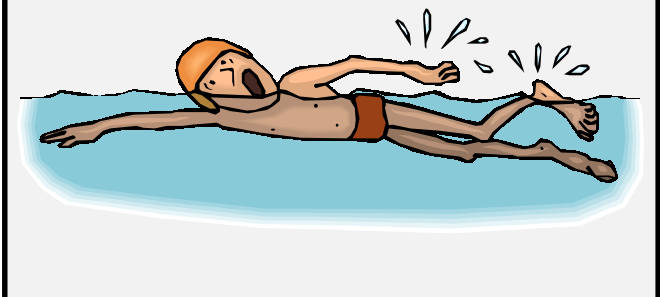
The Annual West Laurel Easter Egg Hunt held on April 3, 1999 was a great success thanks to the efforts of the West Laurel Rec. Council and our great volunteers! We tried something new this year. After the Egg Hunt, "the **Amazin Jason (Folks)**" entertained the crowd with a magic show. (He can be hired to perform a magic show at children's parties! If interested, call Jason at **301-490-0797**). Thanks Jason! Then the Easter Bunny came to visit and posed for pictures. He was a very careful bunny because he didn't want to scare any of the kids. Then the Easter Egg Roll was a big hit even with some of the grownups participating. Winners won a golden (candy) egg.

• HELP MAKE THE WLRC A SUCCESS:

The WLRC could always use people to come to our meetings and help plan these events. However, if you cannot attend the meetings but would like to be placed on a list to be called to help out at our various events, call **Heidi Piraino (301-490-7504)**. When an event comes up, we'll call to see if you are interested in helping us that day.

• THE WEST LAUREL SWIM CLUB

Join the West Laurel Swim Club on Brooklyn Bridge Road! Notice the new slide? Notice the clean, clear water? It's not too late to join the West Laurel Swim Club before the pool season begins! Anyone can join! Call **Betty Mannas (301-725-2034)** for more information. The swim team will begin in May and is only open to West Laurel swim club members. Please note: The West Laurel Swim Club is not affiliated with either the WLRC or WLCA.



WLCA 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
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **April Atkinson**
Weaver Court, 490-4170
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **Jo Anna Atkinson**
Weaver Court, 490-4170
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **Matthew Bryan**
Kent Road, 490-7912
(Lawn ,Gutters)
- **Sarah Criscuolo**
Kenny Road, 490-4259
(Baby Sitting)
- **Jason Folks**
Clayburn Drive, 490-0797
(Magician - Children's Parties, Pet Sitting)
- **Jesse Folks**
Clayburn Drive, 490-0797
(Pet Sitting)
- **Nanete Kearns**
Bounds Avenue, 490-3710
(Baby Sitting)
- **Laura Kimes**
Burton Lane, 490-4268
(Baby Sitting)
- **Barry Lee-Moran**
Jerald Road, 776-4689
(Yard Work, Baby Sitting, Household Chores)
- **Shara Leibson**
Forest Mill Lane, 490-8251
(Baby Sitting, Pet Sitting)
- **Lindsay Leibson**
Forest Mill Lane, 490-8251
(Baby Sitting, Pet Sitting)
- **Mark Lee, Jr.**
Ashland Drive, 317-5428
(Yardwork, Baby Sitting)
- **Tom Linsenmeyer**
Forest Mill Lane, 776-8916
(Yardwork, Car Washing, Lawn Mowing)
- **Michael Ostrander**
Bradford Drive, 490-1582
(Yard Work, Painting, Car Wash, Baby Sitting)
- **Jennifer Santoro**
Straughn Drive, 953-9673
(Baby Sitting)
- **Courtney Simmons**
Cissel Road, 776-3351
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **Robert Weaver**
Goodman Road, 776-1120
(Yard Work, Baby Sitting)
- **Steven Whitman**
Forest Mill Terrace, 490-2887
(Yardwork, Car Washing, Lawn Mowing)

If you have a teenager interested in providing services in the neighborhood, call the **WLCA President**. The next directory will be published in the fall of 99.

HOTLINE Contributors

Ron Holmberg, Laurice Crawford, Heidi Piraino, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Justin Chappell, Mary Lehman, and Tom Dernoga.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency 911
- Police (Laurel/Beltsville Station) (301) 937-0910
- Fire Department (301) 776-3600
- Laurel Rescue Squad (301) 725-3345
- WSSC (301) 206-8000
- Poison Control Center 1-(800) 492-2414

PG COUNTY FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

- Information & Referral (301) 350-9700
 - Animal Control (301) 499-8300
 - Fairland Rec Center (301) 953-0030
 - Fairland Ice Rink (301) 953-0100
 - Fairland Aquatic Center (301) 206-2359
 - West Laurel Swim Club (301) 725-2034
 - Leaf & Snow Removal (301) 350-0500
 - Recycling (301) 952-7630
 - School Bus Lot (Our area) (301) 497-3665
 - Litter Pickup, Mowing, Street
 - Trees, Leaf Removal (301) 499-8520
 - Roadside Maintenance (301) 206-2464
 - Special Pickup (301) 952-7600
 - Zoning Enforcement (301) 883-6130
 - Housing Enforcement (301) 883-6100
 - Deerfield Run Community Center . (301) 953-7882
- (For reservations or information regarding events at the West Laurel Community Center, ask for Deedee Sisson)*
- County Councilman’s Office (301) 952-3888
 - Councilman Mike Maloney
 - Andy Eppleman (Assistant)



ICC POLL

•ATTENTION, WLCA RESIDENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We always read that the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the Washington board of Trade have conducted polls, which indicate that a vast majority of respondents support the construction of a limited access roadway from I-95 near Laurel to I-270 near Gaithersburg. Opponents criticize these Polls for two main reasons. First, they often appear based on slanted questions (like the famous AAA poll which asked whether you would support building an ICC if there were no financial considerations and all environmental issues could be completely mitigated). And second, many of the respondents live in Virginia and some other far away place.

The WLCA would like to poll its members on the simple question below. We intend to broadly disseminate the results. WE NEED AS MANY RESPONSES AS POSSIBLE TO MAXIMIZE THE VALIDITY, SO EITHER BRING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SPRING MEETING OR MAIL TO: **Barbara Sollner-Webb, 17200 Melbourne Drive, Laurel, Maryland 20707.**

DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIMITED ACCESS ROADWAY FROM I-95 NEAR LAUREL TO I-270 NEAR GAITHERSBURG?

FAVOR: _____

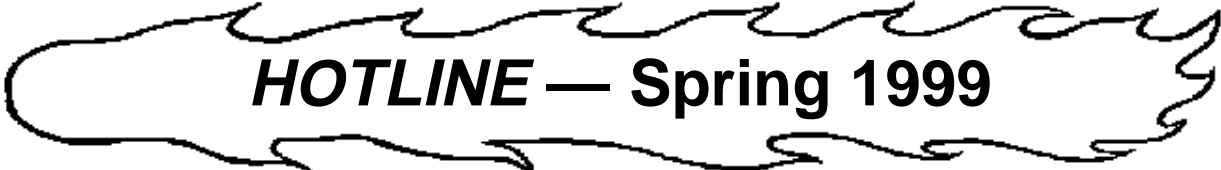
OPPOSE: _____

NO OPINION: _____

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**Permit #3505
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