

Winter 2001

# HOTLINE

*The Newsletter of the West Laurel Civic Association*

**WINTER MEETING — FEBRUARY 15, 2001 AT 7:30 PM**

**WEST LAUREL COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**Meeting Topics: ICC and 21st District Legislative Review**

## GENERAL MEETING TOPICS

Wow, it's the first community newsletter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century! It would be nice to say that life will be simpler because of that, but the truth is that issues in West Laurel are more complex than ever. We can expect to have many battles with transportation projects (new and old), urban sprawl, education, and crime. On the other hand, there are many community activities and accomplishments that improve our quality of life.

The WLCA Board thanks those groups and individuals that have given their time and abilities in the last century and gives thanks in advance to those that will do so in the future. Your WLCA Board is committed to protecting and improving our quality of life in West Laurel. We continue to work community issues for you and bring them to you in this newsletter and at our general meetings.

At the February meeting, there will be guest speakers from the State Highway Administration (SHA) to inform us of a project to build an East-West highway between Rockville (Rt. 28) and Laurel (Rt. 198). Many people says this is another Inter-County Connector (ICC). This proposal would bring thousands of vehicles to the doorstep of our community. Surely this is something that would be devastating to all of Laurel, causing noise, construction, and gridlock. More details on the ICC efforts are available in this issue of the HOTLINE.

In addition, the 21<sup>st</sup> Delegation will be on hand to talk with us about important legislation that will be considered this year. The WLCA Board reviews all proposed legislation and works with elected officials to ensure that our community's best interests are considered. Come, listen and participate. The general meetings are always interesting, informative, and worth your time. We look forward to seeing you there. However, if you can't be there due to other commitments, you'll be able to catch up by watching it on the Laurel Cable Channel. Check Chris Folks' column in the Laurel Leader for broadcast schedules.❖

## THE ROAD PROJECT WITH NINE LIVES

No matter what you read or hear, the InterCounty Connector (ICC) will never die – it will be reinvented and come back to life in another form. This road has been studied for 50 years – since the Eisenhower administration. Millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent to conduct studies and develop plans. Although Maryland Governor Parris Glendening has publicly killed plans for the ICC, a new form of the ICC has surfaced and may be built using Route 198 and extend along Route 28 to Georgia avenue.

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## PROTECTING OUR WATER SOURCE

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Once in place, the road would serve as the fabled “east-west” link that would expand beyond Georgia Avenue and points further to the west. In time, this entire roadway could be widened to form an east-west superhighway (a dozen lanes) – almost identical to the ICC plans of the past.

This progressive project can move forward with minimal Federal involvement, independent of federal funding – and a good “sink” for the state tax surplus. Residents should consider that development and increased traffic follow big road projects such as this. The Rt. 198/28 plan will adversely affect the rural atmosphere in Laurel and Burtonsville just like the original ICC plans threatened to do. Laurel and Burtonsville residents should realize that this road project is an ICC incognito. It seems that the quest for an ICC will go on as long as there is land to build on and politicians who care more about roads than destroying communities. This plan will take many homes along Rt. 198 (west of Rt. 29) with it. Come to the General meeting to get more details about this road project and how it will affect Laurel. ❖

### GLENELG SEWER PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO THREATEN OUR DRINKING WATER

During the October 2000 WLCA General meeting, Ms. Jodye Russell of WSSC gave a very informative presentation on Howard County’s plans to build a sewage treatment plant to service an expanding Glenelg High School plus one existing and one planned additional nearby school.

The Howard County Schools Board of Education (BOE) had already received Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) approval to build such a treatment plant with the effluent discharging into the Middle Patuxent River (which runs through Howard County), but local residents had complained about potential problems from this discharge. The BOE subsequently decided to apply for MDE approval to reconfigure the plant and instead discharge into a direct tributary of the Patuxent Reservoir (Tridelphia/Rocky Gorge) from which we — and three-quarters of a million Prince George’s and Montgomery County residents — get our drinking water.

The BOE had hoped to “fast-track” this project. The idea of discharging treated sewage wastes into the Reservoir bothered many of us, including our local elected officials. Our County Council members Mike Maloney (Prince George’s) and Marilyn Praisner (Montgomery), Delegate Barbara Frush and the other members of the 21st delegation “Green Team” (Senator Art Dorman, Delegates Pauline Menes and Brian Moe), and Senate Pro Tem Ida Ruben all wrote superb letters objecting to this plan, as did several area residents. This strong reaction evidently had not been anticipated.

As of early January 2001, Howard County has not yet filed an application for this sewage plant discharging into the Patuxent Reservoir tributary. Apparently, plans are on hold while Howard County “explores various options.” This does not mean that the idea of discharging into the reservoir has been abandoned, so we need to stay abreast of the situation and should continue to show interest. Unlike the situation on the swift-moving Potomac River, where potential untreated waste from an upstream treatment plant malfunction would flow by in a short time, in the Patuxent Reservoir any such wastes from a treatment plant malfunction would accumulate and could not be readily cleared.

To become a party of record on this planned sewage treatment discharge (i.e., to receive information once an application is filed), please contact **Mr. Guru Tanchilo (the Project Manager at MDE) at 410-631-3673** or write him at Municipal Permits Division, Water Management Division, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD 21224. If you did not write a letter before but still have feelings about this project, or if you want an update in the future, please contact Mr. Tanchilo’s boss, **Mr. Steve Luckman, at the above address or (410) 631-3671.** ❖



## MAJOR IMPACT

### ONE STEP CLOSER TO A MAGLEV

During our Fall 2000 WLCA general meeting, the community was briefed on a major transportation project called the Maglev. The project manager of the Maglev spoke using charts, facts, and figures. He fielded our questions and concerns. There was much concern about the need for such a project and the acceptance of such an unproven technology. Many were concerned about the noise it would create if it were to be built down the I-95 median.

A recent *Washington Post* article reported that the Washington-Baltimore corridor was named one of two finalists in the race to win federal approval to build the country's first ultra-high-speed rail link.

The article reported that "U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater selected the 40-mile, \$3.4 billion Maryland-D.C. project and a 47-mile, \$2.7 billion Pittsburgh proposal from among entries seeking millions of dollars in federal aid." The two projects will split \$14 million allocated for environmental impact studies and preliminary engineering. A winner for this project is to be chosen by the next transportation secretary in 2003. Construction is projected to take place from 2004 to 2010.

The article noted that the Maryland-D.C. area is the front-runner to win federal approval because the region is part of the northeastern corridor and home to 150 million people, not to mention Congress itself. "The Maglev is linked to the region's quest to beat out seven other U.S. cities for the 2012 Summer Olympics, in which transportation congestion is a prime concern."

The articles noted that "no nation has yet introduced Maglev trains commercially. Japan is testing a 25-mile track west of Tokyo, at a cost of more than \$3 billion. Last year, Germany canceled a \$5.8 billion plan to transport 40,000 passengers a day between Berlin and Hamburg."

This highly political project is something that deserves much attention from the community. West Laurel should watch this closely as it would bring noise similar to jet engines into our community for 18 hours a day. Call and write your State and County elected officials. Make your voice heard! ❖

### 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.

- **Nicole Ashby**  
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **April Atkinson or Jo Anna Atkinson**  
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **Matthew Bryan**  
(Lawn ,Gutters, Baby Sitting)
- **Sarah Criscuolo**  
(Baby Sitting)
- **Jason Folks aka "Amazin Jason"**  
(Inexpensive Magicshows - Children's Parties)
- **Nanete Kearns**  
(Baby Pet & House Sitting)
- **Laura Kimes**  
(Baby Sitting)
- **Barry Lee-Moran**  
(Yard Work, Baby Sitting, Household Chores)
- **Mark Lee, Jr.**  
(Yardwork, Painting, Car Washing, Baby Sitting)
- **Michael Ostrander**  
(Yard Work, Painting, Car Wash, Baby Sitting)
- **Charles Ostrander**  
(Automotive Detailing)
- **Courtney Simmons**  
(Baby Sitting, House Sitting)
- **Jill Whitman**  
(Baby Sitting)
- **Steven Whitman**  
(Yard Work, Baby Sitting) ❖

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

### PINEHOLE LEAKS IN RESIDENTIAL COPPER PIPE

Homes across the nation have experienced an increased number of pinhole leaks in copper pipes. This is due in part to the aging of the homes. Pinhole leaks can cause costly damage over time because they can go undiscovered.

Pinhole leaks most frequently occurs in older homes, in the cold water pipes, and usually those that run horizontally. Many homes in West Laurel have experienced problems. The WLCA wants you be aware of the issue and know what is being done about it and where to go for information.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is studying pinhole leaks in cooperation with the Copper Development Association and the Washington Suburban Master Plumber Association. To date, no definitive cause for the leaks has been determined.

There are numerous factors that can cause pinhole leaks such as manufacturing, pipe thickness, installation, temperature of water, electrical currents, interior surface conditions, velocity of water through the pipes, changes in water direction such at elbows and tees, and corrosiveness of the water.

The WSSC hired an independent expert in 1999 to examine all of the factors that may be involved. To isolate the factors that may be causing these leaks, the WSSC and the aforementioned partners are developing a database of local addresses that have experienced pinhole leaks. It is hoped that this database will provide experts with information regarding the causes of these leaks and where they are occurring.

The WSSC is confident that the water is not causing the pinhole leaks. The water quality consistently exceeds strict federal standards for quality – including corrosion potential – that is monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

If you have experienced pinhole leaks at your home, the WSSC would like you to document the problem by filling out a survey form on their website. The WSSC website is located at <http://www.wssc.dst.md.us/service/pinhole.html>. If you do not have Internet access, call WSSC Customer

Service at 301.208.4001 or 800.634.8400 and their staff will take the information or send you a form. The WLCA has Board members who sit on the WSSC community committees. If you wish to contact the WLCA regarding this issue, please call **Gordon Anderson at 301.490.8684**. ❖

### KNOW YOUR RECYCLING

As spring approaches our community must be ever conscious of the need to recycle and what is allowable recycle material. Prince George's County's Materials Recycling Facility accepts plastics marked with the universal recycle symbol encircling a 1 or 2.

Similar to glass lids or bottle tops, **plastic lids or bottle tops are not recycled** by Prince George's recycling program. Prince George's County accepts clear, brown, and green glass as well as most aluminum and paper products

According to the Prince George's Department of Environmental Resources, **paper** recycled at the Prince George's County's Drop-off sites creates 74% less air pollution and 53% less water pollution than using virgin paper fibers because it takes less processing.

Recycling one ton of **glass** saves energy equal to burning nine gallons of fuel oil. A pound of melted recycled glass can be made into a pound of new glass. Metals like aluminum and steel cans are usually made into new cans. Using recycled aluminum instead of bauxite ore requires 95% less energy and water!

Recycled **plastic** can be found in such products as new plastic bottles, park benches, winter coat and sleeping bag filling, carpet, tennis shoes, and playground equipment.

Please place recycled materials in your yellow recycle bins curbside and remember to purchase new products made with recycled materials. Let's Work Together! Questions about the recycling program can be directed to **Prince George's County at 301.499.1707**. ❖

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STORM DRAIN WORK AT SWEITZER LANE

The West Laurel Civic Association has been advised through the office of the County Councilman, Walter Maloney, that there will be some storm sewer repair of existing drainpipe and headwall that conveys runoff from MD 198 into the headwaters of Walker Branch, a tributary to the Patuxent River. The project site is located about 400 feet north of MD 198 and 100 feet west of Sweitzer Lane. This is an old pipe and structure that is in need of repair. The State Highway Administration will repair the existing end wall and create a rip rap plunge pool to control the scouring of the streambed. No work will be done downstream from the pool. This work is not close to any homes and should not be of any negative influence. ❖

### ATTENTION RESIDENTS NEAR SWEITZER LANE

The WLCA received late-breaking news in mid-January that the owner of the property next to the WSSC sediment ponds at Sweitzer and Rt. 198 will be selling five acres to a church developer. The WLCA has no further details. No site plan is available and no point of contact was given. The WLCA has contacted the County Councilman's office and requested that we be kept informed of any developments that come to their attention. The WLCA will keep the community informed as events transpire. Projects like these usually take years to work through. There will be opportunity for public hearings and this will probably come before the general membership if and when a plan is submitted to the County. For more information, please call WLCA President, **John Dollen (301) 725-3202** or Zoning Chairman, **Tom Dernoga (301) 490-3286**. ❖

### NEW POST OFFICE BOX FOR WLCA

The WLCA recently changed its post office box due to the ongoing construction at the post office. Please update your records to reflect this new address **Box 387, Laurel, MD 20725-0387**

### ANOTHER STRONG ELECTION TURNOUT

During the last election, West Laurel lived up to its reputation as a community with high voter turnout. Official numbers show that 79.9% of West Laurel's registered voters made the trek to Bond Mill Elementary School on November 7, 2000 to cast their votes.

High turnout areas always catch the attention of local politicians, so our consistently high turnout is a great asset when our voice needs to be heard. As for precinct results, West Laurel was one of the County leaders in retaining term limits, with 79.7% in favor of keeping term limits on the County Executive and 77.7% in favor of keeping term limits on the County Council. West Laurel has done well by getting out to the polls in large numbers. Let's keep it up in future elections! ❖

### SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

#### KEEPING SIDEWALKS SAFE

Getting to the chore of snow and ice removal in a timely fashion is sometimes difficult to do. However, the community depends on each of us to keep sidewalks clear and safe. Homeowners bear this responsibility, and the law requires that it be done within 48 hours of the snow. School children have been seen walking in the street because of impassable sidewalks in years past. Let's do what we can to keep sidewalks clean and safe for use.

#### WHERE TO CALL IF YOU LOSE POWER

If you have a power outage as a result of an ice/snowstorm, you can contact BGE to report the outage by calling 1 (800) 685-0123 — most phones will work if the power is out.

#### WHERE TO CALL IF YOUR STREET HAS NOT BEEN PLOWED

Also, if you know of streets that need to be cleared, you can call Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation at (301) 350-0500 (option 4). There are options to leave a message or speak to a person. Montgomery County residents can call (240) 777-ROAD or fill out a form on the Internet at <http://www.dpwt.com/PubWksDiv/snowlog/addlog.html>. ❖

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### YOUR DECORATIONS ENLIVENED THE HOLIDAYS

For years, as the winter holidays approach, countless local residents as well as numerous individuals from outside the area look forward to driving down Brooklyn Bridge Road adjoining our neighborhood and admiring the enormous magnificently lighted tree. More recently, viewers have been joined by a charming and growing herd of curious deer. But many residences in West Laurel are also becoming well-known for their festive lighting and decorations. Those on McCahill Terrace, McCahill Road, and Old Sandy Springs Road likely warrant awards for most brilliant. But the splendor of other decorations along Bond Mill Road, Jerald Road and its courtyards, Darwin Court, Bounds Avenue, and numerous other area residences were also an impressive sight to see. Thank you, all! Your decorations helped enliven the holiday season! Many are already anticipating the festive air next year. ❖

### MORE FOR MOMS!

The MOMS Club, a national support group for at-home mothers, is starting a new chapter in the Burtonsville/West Laurel area. With so many mothers working outside the home, it can be extremely hard for stay-at-home mothers to meet each other. The MOMS Club allows at-home mothers to get together in a supportive atmosphere.

There will be monthly meetings with interesting speakers and topics for discussions, park play days, special outings for mothers or their children, holiday activities, and service projects benefiting needy children in the community. In addition, the group will be starting activity groups such as a baby-sitting COOP, a monthly MOMS night out, and whatever else participating mothers are interested in.

Because the MOMS Club is a support group specifically for the mother-at-home, all meetings are held during the day and mothers may bring children to anything the club does. If you are interested in attending the next meeting or activity, or are just interested in more information, please contact **Natasha Bowlds** at (301) 776-1775 or [dbowlds@earthlink.net](mailto:dbowlds@earthlink.net) ❖



### COMMUNITY NEWS RESOURCES

West Laurel is fortunate to have resources to provide you with timely updates on community happenings. As you may know, Ms. Chris Folks has a West Laurel column in *The Laurel Leader*. Chris encourages anyone in West Laurel to contact her via email or telephone about neighborhood happenings (e.g., informal announcements of weddings, engagements, births, birthdays, special anniversaries, graduations, special awards, etc.). Share the good news with your neighbors! Contact **Chris Folks** at [CBFolksWL@aol.com](mailto:CBFolksWL@aol.com) and phone is 301-490-0797.

Furthermore, West Laurel has a community website on the Internet (<http://www.webtrek/westlaurel.com>). There is a community calendar as well as information on many groups and organizations relevant to West Laurel residents. If you would like to post information at this site, please contact **Ron Holmberg** at 301-604-7598 or email him at [holmberg@erols.com](mailto:holmberg@erols.com). ❖

## CRIME

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The FALL 2000 issue of the *HOTLINE* contained an oversight that created some confusion. The locations of crimes in West Laurel were printed as they were provided by the police – without explanation as to the meaning of the address. Many people naturally assumed that these were the actual addresses where the crimes occurred; in fact, the address reflects the “block address” in which the crimes occurred. This is done to protect the privacy of the victims of crime.

As you read the following crime statistics, please note that these addresses are not the actual addresses of crimes, but rather, the block where the crime occurred. The WLCA Board apologizes for any confusion created in the last newsletter. If you have any questions or issues regarding crime in West Laurel, please contact John Dollen at (301) 725-3202. John is the WLCA President and a member of the Prince George’s County Chief of Police Citizens’ Advisory Committee. The following crime statistics are provided by District 6 Prince George’s County Police:

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK	STREET
10/02	THEFT	15600	Bond Mill Road
10/07	VANDALISM TO AUTO	6210	Roblynn Road
10/10	THEFT	15500	Straughn Drive
10/12	FRAUD	6400	Brooklyn Bridge Road
10/14	THEFT	15700	Plowman Drive
10/15	VANDALISM	7015	Redmiles Road
10/23	COMMERCIAL B&E		Sandy Spring Road (TUBBY’S)
11/05	CUTTING	15400	Bauer Lane
11/10	THEFT FROM AUTO	7200	Brooklyn Bridge Road
11/10	COMMERCIAL B&E		Sandy Spring Road (TUBBY’S)
11/18	ASSAULT	16000	Jerald Road
11/28	RESIDENTIAL B&E	15400	Malaya Place
12/04	RAPE	5800	Maple Terrace
12/11	STOLEN VEHICLE	15400	Calshot Court
12/14	STOLEN VEHICLE	15500	Clayburn Drive
12/28	VANDALISM	6600	McCahill Drive
12/28	VANDALISM	6500	McCahill Drive
12/29	VANDALISM	6500	McCahill Drive

As you can see, West Laurel is not void of crime. However, the Prince George’s County Police report that West Laurel has the lowest crime rate in the County. All residents should take precautions against crime. Door locks and floodlights are highly recommended as deterrents against crime. If you see suspicious activity in the area, call 911. If you have questions regarding Prince George’s County Police issues, call (301) 937-0910. In Montgomery County call (301) 279-8000. ❖

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### LAUREL FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE – A CAUSE WORTH SUPPORTING

What does our Nation's Independence Day mean to you? To many of us, the day means a celebration of the freedom to pursue any opportunity this country offers, but more importantly, it's a tribute to those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. The day's celebration is a wonderful reminder and opportunity to allow us to show our appreciation and patriotism.

Laurel has celebrated our Nation's Independence Day for decades. Twenty-four years ago (1978), a group of residents formed the Laurel Fourth of July Committee (LFJC) to bring the community a full day of celebration. Prior to that, the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department provided the fireworks – they will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2002.

Truly this celebration has grown because of the dedicated returning members and new members who bring with them new and innovative ideas. Of course, the overall financial support from the City, local businesses, and private individuals make the day possible. All this makes our Nation's Independence Day Celebration in Laurel is one of the most positive events in the community because it is a reflection of our community's spirit and pride. We are the most fortunate people on earth. Your sharing and participation in this meaningful celebration is done on behalf of the entire community.

The committee holds fundraisers throughout the year, including:

- A craft fair at the Phelps Center in **November**
- The Laurel Main Street Festival in **May**
- Two gift-wrap fundraisers at the Laurel Mall during the week of Mother's Day in **May** and the week of Father's Day in **June**
- The Fourth Celebration in **July**. There are several activities for volunteers including fireworks team, refreshments, field events, and entertainment.

**THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR KIDS TO EARN COMMUNITY CREDITS!** Volunteers can give as little or as much time as they can afford. All ages are welcome. For more details, see the LFJC homepage at <http://rdspecial.com/laurel4th/indday.htm>

The LFJC meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Comfort Suites, Laurel Lakes at 7:30 P.M. February 7, 2001 is our next meeting (Valentine's Day is the 14<sup>th</sup>). For more information, call the **LFJC Chairperson Carol R. Bounds at (301) 725-6012**. She welcomes one and all and looks forward to hearing from you. ❖

### WLRC HAPPENINGS

#### **FAMILY SWIM NIGHT AT FAIRLANDS AQUATIC CENTER**

Friday, February 9, 2001

6 PM - 9 PM

\$1.00 per person

Light refreshments served

#### **WEST LAUREL ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 7, 2001

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Free, fun, prizes

At the West Laurel Community Building

#### **WEST LAUREL ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Friday, June 8, 2001

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Free, ice cream, bike parade

At the West Laurel Community Building ❖

### HOTLINE CONTRIBUTORS

Many thanks to those who contributed to this issue of *HOTLINE*: Gordon Anderson, Carol Bounds, Justin Chappell, Laurice Crawford, Tom Dernoga, John & Cindy Dollen, Bill Ferguson, Ron Holmberg, Mary Lehman, Kim Passmoore, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Jurgen von Bredow. ❖

# MEMBERSHIP

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

To all new residents of West Laurel, welcome to our community. Come join our civic association.

The WLCA thanks all our residents who helped us get closer to our Budget (450 residents needed). Many of you gave donations in combination with your dues (\$10.00). To those generous neighbors, we send extra special thanks!

As of January 15, we have 428 members as opposed to the 379 that we had last year at this time. Let's see if we can make our membership goal and even surpass it this year. 500 members would be nearly one-third of the West Laurel population!

The WLCA has been very strong in helping to retain the residential character of our community such as keeping it green, beautiful, and safe; keeping roads from getting congested by not letting businesses and industries into our neighborhoods. Issues that we have recently been working on include the Inter-County Connector (ICC), crime prevention, transportation projects, smart growth planning, home businesses, group homes, and various developer concepts to build in the local area.

The WLCA needs participation, broad-based support, and opinions from all areas of West Laurel in order to represent the whole community in our effort to maintain the quality of life in West Laurel.

Please encourage and support the WLCA by mailing your membership dues. Make your check for \$10.00 payable to **WLCA** and address it to **Laurice Crawford, 16300 Gales Court, Laurel, MD 20707** or stop by our table at the February 15<sup>th</sup> General meeting at the West Laurel Community Center. Dues are for membership from September 2000 through August 2001. ❖

## BOARD DISCUSSIONS TOPICS

Various zoning violations, Kenilworth Extended, Van Dusen interchange; Sandy Springs Estates, Errigo Property rezoning; Montgomery County zoning violations; Maglev; hunting near homes; home businesses; trimming pear trees; Commission 2000; Pines of Laurel; group-homes; churches in West Laurel, Hotline production and cost-savings recommendations; Rt. 216 development; Glenelg sewage disposal; WSSC study on pinhole leaks in copper pipes; recycling; West Laurel website; West Nile virus; snow removal; Tubby's sewer problems; crime statistics; ICC; investment of WLCA funds (money market and/or CD accounts vs. conventional checking); state legislation in 2001; and I-95 summit. ❖

## WEST LAUREL HOME PAGE

The West Laurel Home page on the World Wide Web is being continually updated and includes many new features. The calendar page has dates and times for most West Laurel events. If you have an event to include on the calendar page, please contact **Ron Holmberg at 301/604-7598 or holmberg@erols.com**.

The Website also contains a multitude of hotlinks to government, county, and community pages. The site has links to most of the Montgomery and Prince George's County websites. West Laurel Swim Club and the West Laurel Recreation Council have links or pages on the site. We invite you to take a look at the pages — we welcome your feedback! The URL is **<http://www.webtrek.com/md/westlaurel/index.html>**. ❖

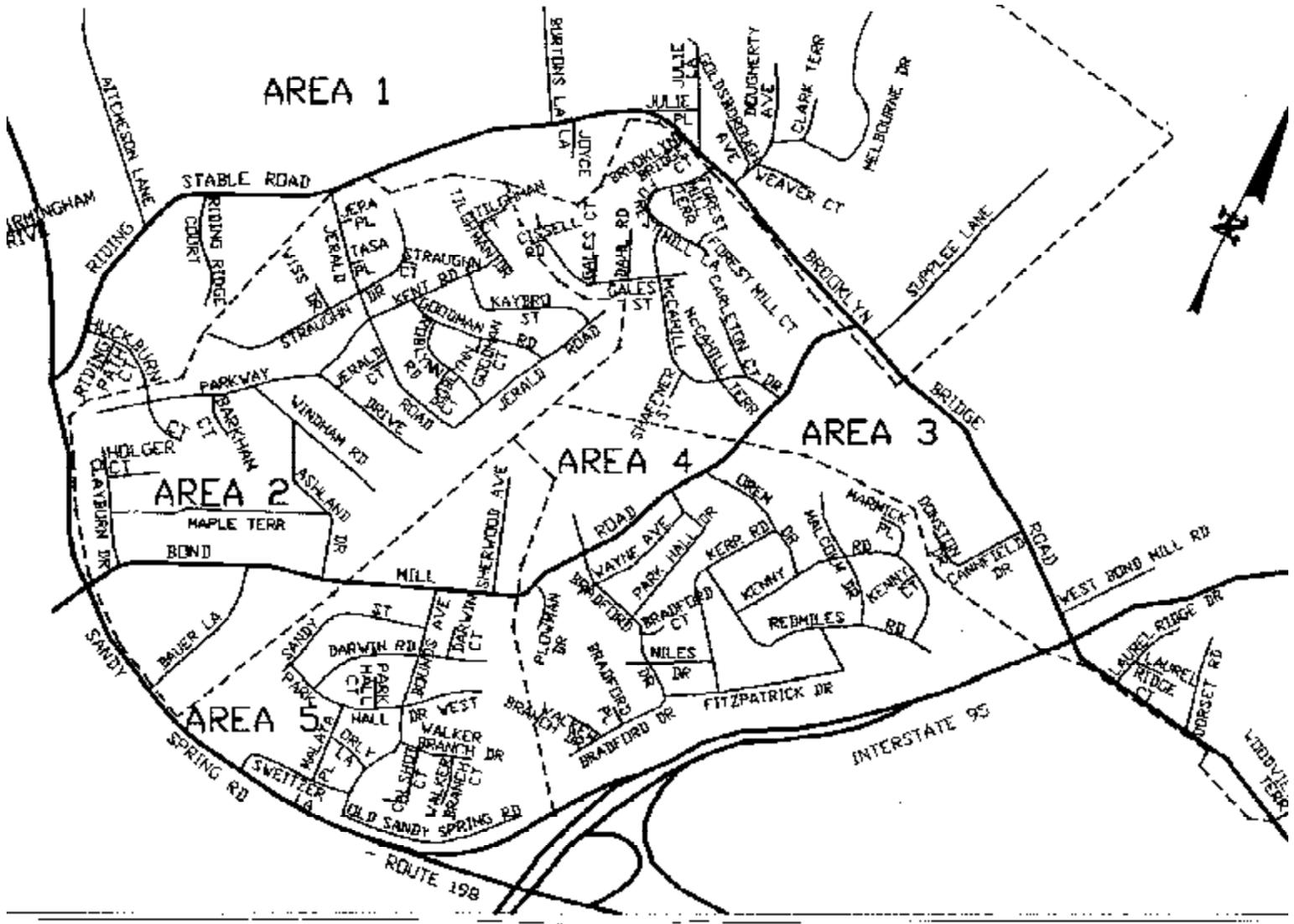
### MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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