



# The Westgate Hills News

Westgate Hills Civic Association  
*Serving the Community since 1939*



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*Meetings held at St. Matthews Church the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month except December – next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>*

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## Annual Membership Drive

At the bottom of the other side of this page is an application for 2001 dues (still only \$10). Your support helps to offset expenses incurred with the many activities that the civic association sponsors each year. Please send your dues with the addressed envelope enclosed. If the envelope is missing, please send the application and dues to Brenda Hushen at 302 Fairlamb Avenue. All dues payers will be entered into a drawing for a hockey puck autographed by a starting member of the Philadelphia Flyers (drawing date TBD).

## From the Prez

I have a question. What makes a community continue to thrive and prosper? The simple answer is its people. Before I arrived in **Westgate**, I had heard about its people and their commitment to family and friends. Coming from South Philadelphia where the same kind of commitment exists, I knew I wanted to be here. But I also knew that in order for this kind of community to continue to thrive, it needs people to volunteer their time. So I joined the civic association, and I haven't regretted it once. I'm proud that the work we do in this community enriches every neighbor, **ESPECIALLY our little ones**. You want a reward for your time? Watch the faces of the children when they see **Santa arrive** or they search for the elusive **Easter egg**. Look at the **BIG smile** when they proudly walk in the **Halloween parade** or play on a piece of **playground equipment that was bought with the assistance of the civic association**.

There have been times when some serious issues surfaced and we tried to ensure that all of neighbors' concerns were heard. Even on our board, we may not always agree on a topic that impacts our community. But we do however, respect that every neighbor has a right to his or her own opinion. Together as a community we can have an impact on some of these issues. But you have to be willing to be involved and come to our monthly meeting (third Tuesday of every month except December) so that we, as a community, can agree on a course of action. Please don't wait until an issue is over and say, "I wish I'd have gotten a chance to get involved". Pay attention to what's happening, read our newsletter, be informed and act!

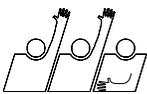
With that said, May I please ask that you consider donating a small amount of your time to assist us in continuing this **rewarding tradition?** Who knows, maybe you'll meet some **new truly dear friends and feel the reward of a glowing smile!** Please feel free to contact me, **Steve D'Emilio, Danny DiBartolomeo, or any board member if you have any questions!** On behalf of the civic association, may you all have a very happy and healthy holiday season. We'll see you at the park for Santa's visit!



## Westgate Hills Email

The Westgate Hills Civic Association established an email account at [westgatehills@hotmail.com](mailto:westgatehills@hotmail.com) as a supplement to our newsletter. Due to the time it takes to prepare the newsletter, make the copies, and distribute, we are unable to notify the neighborhood of important news with less than a minimum 2 to 3 weeks advance notice.

With our email service, we can provide real time notification of all newsworthy items at no cost to the civic association. We currently have approximately 40 individuals/families who have provided the civic association with their email address, but this represents less than 5% of the households in our community. We are therefore soliciting all residents to contact us [westgatehills@hotmail.com](mailto:westgatehills@hotmail.com) with a request to be added to our email service. We have no intentions of eliminating the newsletter. We simply are trying to establish an efficient, cost-effective means of delivering civic-related news to our neighborhood.



## Officers for 2001

At the last meeting, all present agreed to the following elections: Steve D'Emilio: President, Danny DiBartolomeo: Vice President, Brenda Hushen: Treasurer. We are still looking for someone to serve as our newsletter editor and Secretary. The ideal candidate will have some word processing skills and employ a proactive approach to getting articles for the newsletter. We can provide assistance required until you are comfortable with assembling a complete edition. Even if your experience with computers and/or word processing is limited, if you are willing to take on the responsibility for preparing approximately 6 editions a year, please don't hesitate to call Steve or Danny – we need your help!



## Santa's Visit

See the attached flyer for details regarding this year's Santa's Visit. We are trying some new ideas to encourage more participation from the community at large.



### Newsletter Delivery

Speaking of newsletters, we continue to try to identify those blocks in our neighborhood that are not receiving the newsletter, or are not receiving it in time to attend events or respond to enquiries. Please contact Danny DiBartolomeo if you or a fellow Westgate Hills resident is not receiving the newsletter.



### Overdue Acknowledgements

The following individuals were overlooked in the last edition of the newsletter for their contributions to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Juniors - Ashely Hushen, Mary McCarty, Carolyn Wolfe, Blythe Wolber, Grace McCarty, Jim Murray, Matt Christiano, Chris Campli, Mary Kate Nolan, Amanda Juisti, and Kristen Hushen. Adults - Adults: Linda Sudall, Ingrid Bird, Nancy Manion, and Kathy Delahunty. We apologize for the oversight, especially to those members of our Junior Council. Brenda Hushen and Lisa Yacovelli established this group of junior members of Westgate Hills to take an active role with our activities. Hopefully, their participation in civic events at a young age will be the impetus for continued involvement in community affairs as they grow into young adults.



### Candle Lighting Ceremony

If you have participated in the Candle Lighting Ceremony in the past and would be interested in planning this year's event, please contact Danny or Steve.

### Ladies Night Out

Look for a notice in the next edition of the newsletter regarding the Ladies Night Out. In addition to the Candle Lighting Ceremony, this had been a well-attended event in the past couple of years under the direction of Robin McCarthy. Thanks again, Robin, for all the time and effort you have devoted to the civic association and our neighborhood.



### Halloween Parade and Beef and Beer

The Halloween Beef n' Beer was a great success. If you did not attend, you missed out on a lot of fun. Elvis got the dancing started to one of his own tunes, and once people got out on the dance floor it was never empty. Even the bun man did a special solo dance - you'll have to come to the next meeting to get the details! We raffled off a variety of baskets donated by the following organizations and individuals:

- Brenda Hushen and John Candelori
- Stephen D'Emilio, 610 WIP, C&M Sporting Goods, and Carl's Card and Collectibles
- Suzanne and Brian Stratton
- Janice and Joe Sermania
- Bonnie DeProspero/M&T Bank
- Paul and Mary French
- Natalie Gaulin and Lisa Yacovelli
- Carmalita and Chris DiPretoro
- Phil Daulerio
- Elaine and Greg Skahan
- Casey and Dennis Arboghast
- Marci and Sean Reilly
- Century 21

Thank you also to the Catholic War Veterans Post 731 (hall rental), Manoa Beverages (beer & cups), and R&L Entertainers (DJ). All three of these organizations gave us special prices and/or services. A very special thank you goes out to Century 21, a long-time friend of Westgate Hills who continues to offer support with all of our activities. Please patronize our sponsors, and thank them on behalf of the WHCA!

The day after the Beef n' Beer, after a few hours sleep and a few aspirin, we met at the top of the park for the annual Halloween parade. Our junior ghouls and goblins showed off the costumes in a march organized by age groups. Thank you once again to Brenda Hushen and Lisa Yacovelli and the Westgate Hills Civic Association Junior Council for all their help! The Junior Council has been very active in the past several events. Please take a moment to commend our young volunteers at our next event.

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### Westgate Hills Civic Association Membership Drive For 2001

Annual dues are only \$10.00. Send dues with this application to Brenda Hushen at 302 Fairlamb Avenue if the addressed envelope is missing. ALL DUES PAYERS WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING (drawing date TBD) FOR A HOCKEY PUCK AUTOGRAPHED BY A STARTING MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below if you can assist with the following activities:

Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies Night Out	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Candle Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Santa's Visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Halloween Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Park Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	5K Run	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	
Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yard Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	