



The Westgate Hills News

Westgate Hills Civic Association
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Meetings held at St. Matthews Church the 3rd Tuesday of every month except December
NEXT MEETING – March 20th at 7:00 PM



Women's Bowling Night

Join the Westgate women for a fun night out. Once again we will be bowling at Wynnewood Lanes from **7 PM to 10 PM**. The date is set for **Saturday, March 31st**. The cost is \$15 which includes unlimited games for 3 hours, snacks and shoe rental. Space is limited so reserve your spot now by calling **Brenda Hushen at #610-446-9616**. All money must be received no later than **March 25th**. Also let Brenda know if you would like to donate a gift basket to be raffled off or if you can bring a snack. We will also have a 50/50 drawing.

Easter Egg Hunt



Before you know it the Easter Bunny will be hopping down the Westgate Trail! Mark your calendars and dust off your bonnet for **Saturday, April 7th at 1:00 PM**. (Rain date April 14th at 1:00 PM). Peggy Candelori, Donna Milligan and Paul French have generously volunteered to run the event this year. Please call **Peggy at #610-853-1893** if you can help in any way. We will need helpers to set up, and clean up.

Annual Neighborhood

Yard Sale It is once again time to clean out those basements, attics and garages. What is now your clutter can turn into someone else's treasure. Sale is scheduled to start bright and early on **Saturday, April 28th**. The Civic Association will advertise in the local papers. So get your "stuff" out early so you don't miss those early bird bargain hunters.

Annual Membership Drive



Thank you to all residents who have sent in their annual dues. If you still have not sent in your annual dues, it's not too late to qualify for the autographed hockey puck. Mail in your envelope or drop off your 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 will take place at the Easter Egg Hunt*).



Westgate Hills Email

The Westgate Hills Civic Association established an email account at 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 2 to 3 weeks 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 100 individuals/families who have provided the Civic Association with their email address, but this represents less than 15% of the households in our community. We are therefore soliciting all residents to contact us at 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.



Report on Santa's Visit

Even though we were rained out two nights in a row, Santa's visit finally took place on December 22nd. Despite the frigid temperatures the turnout was fantastic! Most of the credit for the success of the event goes to Paul French and Jim Lajeunesse. Both strung lights at the park (with help from our Treasurer, Brenda Hushen) and coordinated with Santa, Frosty, Rudolph, Tigger and Pooh. A 3-man string band was also present to entertain all of Santa's fans. Santa had such a good time he promised to come back next year. Thanks also to Jim Hushen, Mary March, Bonnie Smith and Mark Barbone and everyone who braved the cold and wind to help serve snacks, set up and clean up.



Newsletter Delivery

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 inquiries. Please contact Elaine Skahan (610-446-8842) if you or a fellow Westgate Hills resident is not receiving the newsletter.

A Message from the Board

At the most recent Board meeting, the members present agreed to temporarily restructure the Board so that the duties of President and Vice President will be divided among the current active members. At the end of this year, we will re-evaluate the board structure. We invite all residents of Westgate to attend the monthly meetings and get involved in any capacity you are comfortable with.

A Few Friendly Reminders:

- Please put trash cans out at the curb after dusk and promptly remove them from the curb after trash pick up in the morning. Let's keep Westgate Hills looking clean by keeping lids on trash cans and storing trash cans in back yards.
- All dog owners, please clean up after your pets.
- Remember the speed limit is 25 mph or lower in some areas of Westgate Hills. Please be aware of children and adults on bikes or walking and jogging through the neighborhood.
- Baseball season is approaching, please adhere to parking regulations and stop signs especially at both park entrances.
- Lets make an extra effort to pick up trash to help keep the park clean during the busy Spring/Summer/Fall months. Set an example for the kids and encourage them to clean up also.

-≈ **FYI** ≈- The next meeting to discuss the variance request for the property at the corner of West Chester Pike and Glendale Rd. will be held on **March 15th at 7:30 PM in the Township Bldg.**

Volunteers Needed

The Manoa Fire Company has asked us to spread the word that new volunteers are needed. If you are 16 or older and are interested in volunteering, please call **Captain Mike Norman at 610-446-0744.**

In Remembrance

Westgate Hills lost a good friend and neighbor, Robert McCullen, last year after a long battle with cancer. Bob was active for many years in the Westgate Hills Civic Association having served as Treasurer and an active member of the Board of Officers. In recent years Bob provided the sound equipment used by both the Civic Association and Little League for all of our outdoor activities. A special tribute will be posted on our web site in the near future. Bob was one of those people that always had a kind word for everyone, a smile on his face, and a willingness to help out a fellow neighbor and the community at large. He will be missed by all who knew him. Bob is survived by his wife Nancy and daughters Colleen and Mary Kate.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!!

- Board Meeting at St. Matthew's Church - Tuesday, March 20th at 7 PM
All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Women's Bowling Night - Saturday, March 31st (call Brenda by the 25th)
- Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7th at 1 PM (rain date April 14th at 1 PM)
 - Yard Sale - Saturday, April 28th
- Board Meeting at St. Matthew's Church - Tuesday, April 17th at 7PM