



The Westgate Hills News

Westgate Hills Civic Association
Serving the Community since 1939



JUNE 2002

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*Meetings held at St. Matthews Church the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM
(except August & December)*

NEXT MEETING – Tues., June 18th at 7:30 PM

Fourth of July Parade and Picnic-Thursday, July 4th



Bring your friends and family with you to enjoy an old fashioned American celebration! The parade will begin with the judging at 10:30 on Thurs., July 4th. followed by food, fun and games.



Details: The July 4th festivities start off at the top of the park (Oxford Hill entrance) with judging of vehicles decorated in patriotic themes. Judging categories are Strollers, Wagons, Walkers/Brigades, and Bikes by ages 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, and 9 and up. Judges select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each category. Once the judging is completed, we will have a police and fire escort for a parade through part of the neighborhood. This year in addition to the national anthem and announcing the best-decorated vehicles, we will have a special tribute to the victims and heroes of the 9/11 tragedy. We will then start the cooking, games and rides.

Entertainment: There will be two moon bounces, a millipede ride, the dunk tank, and pony rides. There will also be carnival games.

50/50: We will once again have a 50/50 raffle. Please support the civic association by buying some tickets.

Win a Free Moon Bounce: Raffle tickets will be sold for a free 4 hour weekday moonbounce rental. What a great treat for a lucky child's birthday party! Be sure to buy your chance to win. \$1.00 per chance.

Volunteers Needed: We need people to donate 1/2 hour (or more) of your time. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, work the tables, supervise the moonbounce, millipede, dunk tank, help with games, cooking, judging and cleanup afterwards. Junior Civic Members are needed for help with Carnival games. Call Elaine at #610-446-8842 to volunteer. She will set up whatever time and activity will work best for you. Any way you can help is much appreciated. This day would not happen without everyone working together.

Schedule (approximate times):

- 8:00 A.M. Setup in the park.
- 10:30 A.M. Judging begins at top of park (the circle). Please be at the park between 10:15 and 10:25, as we have to be ready to start the parade by 10:45 A.M.
- 10:45 A.M. Parade starts (Route -- up Oxford Hill, right onto Westgate, right onto Ivy Rock, right onto Windsor Park, right into the Park)
- 11:00 A.M. Announce winners National Anthem 9/11 Tribute Rides and games open
- 11:30 A.M. Food goes on sale
- 3:00 P.M. Cleanup. We may start cleaning up **earlier** depending on the turnout.

MENU: (selection and prices subject to change)

Hot Dogs/Pizza - \$1.00	Soda - \$0.50	Water Ice - \$0.50
Wings - 5/\$2.00	Juice - \$0.25	Bottled Water - \$1.00
Chicken Nuggets - 4/\$1.00		

Items Needed: Donations of prizes for the kids or raffle items. If you have access to an icemaker and can donate a cooler full of ice to keep the drinks cool, we'll gladly accept. We need a few grills for the hot dogs - call John Candelori at #610-853-1893 if you can help us out.

Tickets: Tickets will be available during the parade assembly at the top of the park and at a table during the picnic on the lower field. Each ticket is worth 25 cents. Tickets will be collected for attractions only. The Moon Bounces, Millipede and Pony Rides will be 4 tickets, and the Dunk Tank will be 2 tickets.

NOTE: Food will be sold in cash. Tickets will not be accepted for food.

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For nearly ten years Danny DiBartolomeo has been an integral part of the Civic Association. Sadly, he has decided to retire his official duties to the WHCA. Over the years he has served as Treasurer, President, Board Member, and Newsletter Editor. Danny moved us forward into the future by establishing our e-mail and setting up our website. Thankfully, he has generously agreed to maintain the e-mail and website for the time being. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude to Dan for his time, effort, good humor and community spirit. Thank you Dan and Kim for all you have done throughout the years.

The WHCA would also like to express our gratitude and good wishes to Dan McCarty. Dan will be going away to college this Summer. Dan has volunteered his time to all of our events throughout the years. He was always ready willing and able to help out with the Santa Visit, Fourth of July, the Easter Egg Hunt - wherever he was needed. Thank you Dan and good luck at College. We will miss you.

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Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you Peggy Candelori and Donna Milligan for running this event again. All the kids had a great time finding their eggs and visiting with the Easter Bunny and Blue from Blues Clues. Thanks to all who helped: Jillian Mallon, Blythe Wolber, Jackie Murray, Mary McCarty, Nancy Brown, Kenny Hopely, Missy Hopely, Matt Ryan, Ashley Hushen, Brenda Hushen, Dan McCarty, Paul French, Scott Wanamaker .

Ladies Bowling Night Out: Ladies night out was a lot of fun and laughs again this year. We had many bowlers (good and bad) and snacks to keep us all happy. We gave out a trophy this year for high game which went to Donna Milligan, and some momentos for top bowlers on each lane. There was also a prize for low score - which was a closer battle than for high score (we won't mention any names). Thank you Donna Lowery for setting up the after bowling get together which included complimentary pizza and stromboli at Mugsy Malone's. Thanks also to Ashley Hushen and Jackie Murray from the Jr. Civic for coming out to help sell chances and 50/50's. Finally, thank you Brenda Hushen for organizing this event again this year. All money made is going towards our 4th of July celebration. See you all Next Year!

Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale: Many residents participated once again and benefited from clearing out some clutter and making a little extra money. Thank you Carol Fishman for coordinating the sale again this year.



Babysitting and Job Referral: Our list is slowly growing. Anyone interested in being on the referral list to provide a service should call Elaine Skahan at #610-446-8842. Children should be at least 12 years old and have their parent/guardian call and give their permission to be placed on the list. The referral list is available to all Westgate Hills residents looking for local help. Call Elaine to obtain a copy of the list.



Westgate Hills Email: The Westgate Hills Civic Association established an email account at westgatehills@hotmail.com as a supplement to our newsletter. With our email service, we can provide real time notification of all newsworthy items. Contact us at westgatehills@hotmail.com with a request to be added to our email service. We have no intentions of eliminating the newsletter. The Email has been an efficient, cost-effective means of delivering civic-related news to our neighborhood.

Annual Membership Drive: Thank you to all residents who have sent in their annual dues. If you still have not sent in your dues, it's not too late. Mail in your envelope or drop off your application and dues to **Brenda Hushen at 302 Fairlamb Ave.** The dues collected helps offset expenses for all of our events throughout the year. Dues is \$10 per family, make checks to the Westgate Hills Civic Association.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Board Meeting at St. Matthew's Church - Tues., June 18^h - 7:30 PM
July 4th Parade & Picnic at Westgate Park - Thurs., July 4th - 10:30 AM
Board Meeting at St. Matthew's Church - Tues., July 16th - 7:30 PM
Steve Marlin Golf Outing - date to be determined

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BATHROOM

As you may or may not know, as far back as 1991 the Westgate Hills Baseball League has proposed a permanent bathroom and/or snack bar be built in Westgate Park. Over the years it was repeatedly decided by the residents and the Civic Association to decline the League's request. Some of the main concerns were safety and maintenance. The most recent request that was proposed in the spring of 2000 resulted in a mailing sent to every resident in Westgate to vote on having a **Port-a-Potty** and/or a portable snack stand installed. The result of this poll was that the majority of residents voted to have a **Port-a-Potty** in the park during baseball season and for the Summer Recreation program. The port-a-potty was installed.

In June 2001 (after the Port-a-Potty was burned down) the Parks and Recreation Board voted unanimously to begin the planning process to install a permanent bathroom at Westgate Park, which would be attached to the existing shed. **The Civic Association was not notified.** Construction started in May of 2002.

Following are some details:

- **Maintenance and Cleaning** - The baseball league is responsible during the baseball season. The Township during Summer Recreation Program.
- **Security** - Someone from Westgate Hills Baseball League will be responsible for unlocking and locking the door during times that games are being played. Counselors will be responsible during the Summer Recreation Program.
- **Times** - Open to the public only during baseball games and during the Summer Recreation Program hours of operation (June 24 thru July 29 - Mon. thru Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

If you see any problems with regard to safety, maintenance, or cleaning, call Dave McArdle (WHBL) at #610-853-1072 and/or the Dept. of Public Works at #610-446-9401.

THE "CIRCLE"

Civic Association Board members have been requesting that the circle at the top of the park be resurfaced. It has been in disrepair and a safety hazard for a long time. The Parks Board will be looking into the situation at their "parks tour" in early June. Hopefully we will have some good news soon and the problem will be remedied.

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In March 2001 the Civic Association Board decided to temporarily restructure having no acting President and Vice President and divided the duties among the active Board Members. In years past, when attendance at meetings was much higher, there was a President (or co-presidents), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board consisting of anywhere from 5 to 15 people. Each year a ballot was sent out to elect Officers and Board Members. There has been renewed interest in the WHCA and many residents have expressed an interest and commitment to being involved. Below is a ballot for **all Civic Association Members** to choose the Board and Officers for the remainder of 2002. A new ballot will be in the year-end Newsletter to choose the 2003 Officers and Board. Blank spaces are provided for write-in nominations. In addition to organizing the year-round events, the duties of the Officers and Board Members are to represent the best interests of the community of Westgate Hills.

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Current Board

Board Member - John Candelori	Board Member - AnnMarie McCarty
Board Member - Steve D'Emilio	Secretary/Board Member-Elaine Skahan
Treasurer/Board Member-Brenda Hushen	

Write-in Board Nominations for Remainder of 2002

Name	Phone #	Name	Phone #

Nomination of Officers for Remainder of 2002

President: _____ Treasurer: _____
 Vice President: _____ Secretary: _____

**Drop off all ballots to Elaine Skahan @ 226 Oxford Hill Lane
No later than June 17th. Thank you.**

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The Property at 1404 West Chester Pike and the corner of Glendale Ave. (former Good property) has a long history of zoning issues. The history goes back over 20 years. Following is an update of most recent events.

- In April 2001 the Haverford Township Zoning Board granted a special exception and variance to Dr. Steven Berger, the owner of 1404 West Chester Pike. Dr. Berger wanted to use the property strictly for office use and not reside there and needed a variance to do so.
- On February 27, 2002 Judge Zetusky of the Court of Common Pleas overturned the variance that was granted to Dr. Berger ruling that the Haverford Township Zoning Board "mixed the standards for granting variances and special exceptions" constituting an error of law.
- In March 2002 our Commissioner, Mary March, introduced legislation to downzone a complete block of our neighborhood (5 lots) on West Chester Pike from Glendale Rd. to Fairlamb Ave. The zoning would change from R-5 residential to O-1 Office.
- On May 13, 2002 after hearing hours and hours of testimony from concerned residents in the Township, the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners voted in favor of downzoning the block. Five Commissioners in favor: Mary March, James McGarrity, Kenneth Richardson, Robert Trumbull, and Joe Kelly. Three Commissioners abstained: George Twardy, Carolyn Parker, Fred Moran. One against: Carol McDonald.

Residents of Westgate Hills have once again filed an appeal to this decision. We will keep you informed as the situation unfolds.