

# The Westgate Hills News

Westgate Hills Civic Association Serving the Community since 1939



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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 - Sept. 17th at 7:30

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



Lauren's Run - Sat. 9/21 @ 9:30 AM: All runners and walkers, start training for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lauren's Run 5K and 1.5 mile walk. Registration begins at 8:30 AM at the Oxford Hill & Rose Tree park entrance. The proceeds from this great family event go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of Lauren Chrest a Westgate resident who lost her battle with CF in 1999. For further details, advance registration, or if you are interested in volunteering, please call Sue DeFeo at #610-789-9578.

Haverford Township Day - Sat. 10/5: Look for Westgate Hills Civic Association's Carnival. Paul French (Just For Fun) will be setting up the moonbounce, slide and other rides and games for all to enjoy. Call Paul at #610-789-8144 if you can spare a little time and help out.

Halloween Beef & Beer - Sat. 10/12: Plan to attend the 3rd Annual Halloween Beef & Beer. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes beer, wine, dinner, and a DJ. It will be held  $\mathcal{F}_{m{a}}$  at "Pockets" on West Chester Pike. Spread the word to your neighbors and invite your family and friends. Costumes are optional but encouraged. Anyone wearing a costume gets a free raffle ticket! There will be music, dancing, food, drinks & prizes. We will have a 50/50 raffle and we will sell chances for any baskets that are donated. Call Elaine at #610-446-8842 if you can donate a basket or if you can help out. Fill out and return the RSVP at the bottom of this newsletter and get your tickets early!

Steve Marlin Memorial Golf Outing - Sat. 10/19: The outing will be held at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cost is \$70.00, which includes greens fees, golf cart, hotdogs, soda, prizes and dinner to follow! At least one golfer from each foursome must be a Westgate Hills resident. Reservations and payment for you or your foursome must be made by October 4th. Call Rob Archambault #610-446-2502 or Pat McCallum #610-789-6553 for more details and to sign up. Don't miss out on this event. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy a day of golf.



Halloween Parade - Sat. 10/26 @ 2:00 PM (rain date 10/27 @ 2:00 PM): A volunteer(s) are needed to run this event. Call Brenda Hushen #610-446-9616 if you are interested. The kids meet at the circle in the park to show off their costumes. Every child receives a treat bag and prizes are given for best costumes. Don't forget to carve your most creative pumpkin and bring it along to be judged for the pumpkin-carving contest!!

## Please Remember to...

- Clean up after your dog. Carry a scooper or bag on your walks.
- Drive carefully, slow down! The speed limit is 25 mph or lower in Westgate Hills.
- Support the Manoa Fire Company. Send your donation if you haven't already done so.

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## Westgate Hills 3rd Annual Halloween Beef & Beer

When: Sat. - October 12, 2002 Where: Pockets on West Chester Pike

Time: 8:00 PM to Midnight

RSVP: Mail or drop off your completed form along

with your \$25 by October 1st to Elaine Skahan, 226 Oxford Hill Ln. Checks can be made out to Westgate Hills Civic Assoc.

RSVP
Name:
E-mail:
Phone #
# People Amount Enclosed: \$
Donate a basket for auction? Yes No
Donation Only: \$

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This year's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was a great success. The parade, led by the Manoa Fire Company, circled the neighborhood ending up at the field to kick off a fun-filled day. We had a wonderful tribute to the victims and heroes of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Trumpet players, Dan and Nick Cianci, played the National Anthem and Taps and America the Beautiful was sung by Mary McCartie and Joanie MacDade. It was very special to have these kids take the time to pay tribute and show what community and national pride is all about. A big THANK YOU to them.

Once again we were fortunate to have John Candelori as lead planner and he did a fantastic job! Special thanks goes to Paul French (Just For Fun) for providing all of the rides and carnival games. Thanks also to the many neighbors who were generous enough to donate their time to make this event happen: Casey Arbogast, Peggy Candelori, Carmelita DeProtoro, Irv Finkelman, Fran & John Genthert, Dale Gruber, Brenda & Jim Hushen, Jean & Gary Juisti, Brennan Kelly, AnnMarie McCarty, Steve McCrossin, Brian & Kate McTiernan, Donna Milligan, Sue Nelson, Anna Phillips, Greg & Elaine Skahan, MaryAnn Turner.

Our Junior Civic Association Members came out in great numbers to help. Thanks to: Ashley Hushen, Amanda Juisti, Joanie MacDade, Jillian Mallon, Grace & Mary McCarty, Jackie Murray, Christina & Mary Sharkey, Natalie Skahan, Michelle Sulpizio, Samantha Turner.

In addition to all of our volunteers who help out, we depend on donations and financial support to help offset expenses. Thank you to the following people and organizations for their generosity.

- Paul French Just For Fun provided all rides and carnival games and donated moonbounce raffle
- Steve Kehler Kehlers Sunoco cash donation
- Bud Pendergass Century 21 Alliance sponsored a Moonbounce with cash donation
- Dave Milligan US Air donated soda
- Margaret Hunter The Cake Kitchen (#610-520-1299) donated custom made cakes for raffle
- AnnMarie McCarty planted flowers and cleaned up the flowerbed at the Circle.

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**Babysitting and Job Referral:** 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 has an email account at <a href="westgatehills@hotmail.com">westgatehills@hotmail.com</a> as a supplement to our newsletter. Due to the time it takes to prepare and distribute the newsletter, we are unable to notify the neighborhood of important news with less than 2 to 3 weeks notice. With our email service, we can provide real time notification of all newsworthy items. Contact us at <a href="westgatehills@hotmail.com">westgatehills@hotmail.com</a> with a request to be added to our email list.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* ZONING \*\*\*\*\*\*

On May 13, 2002 the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners passed ordinance (P-3 2002) by a 5-1 vote. This vote allowed the rezoning of the 1400 block of West Chester Pike from R-5 low to medium density residential to 0-1 office designation. This lowering of the zoning classification is referred to as "downzoning". Over the last 25 years no other cases of "downzoning" have occurred in our township. Residents filed another appeal after the May 13<sup>th</sup> vote. The case was viewed by the court and returned to Haverford Township for correction of certain procedural discrepancies. On August 12, 2002 our Commissioner, Mary March, introduced a motion for public hearings to be held on September 23, 2002 at 8:00 PM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public testimony on a zoning map change to the same 1400 block of West Chester Pike. Rather than attempt to correct the flawed ordinance, a new ordinance is now proposed. This issue has significant impact on our community as well as the entire township. Following are scheduled meetings: Sept.12, 2002 at 7:30 - Planning Commission - Township Bldg.

Sept. 25, 2002 at 8:00 PM - Commissioner's Meeting - Township Bldg. Oct. 15, 2002 at 8:00 PM - Commissioner's Meeting - Township Bldg.

### Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!!

Board Meeting at St. Matthew's Church - Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM Lauren's Run - Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM (Register at 8:30 AM)

Haverford Township Day - Saturday, Oct. 5th

Halloween Beef & Beer - Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM to Midnight

Steve Marlin Golf Outing - Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Parade - Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM (rain date Oct.27<sup>th</sup>)

Board Meeting at St. Matthew's Church - Tuesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM