

# **Franklinton Community News**

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## **North Forest Park Re-paving**

--- *Jack Lattimore*

Working to create an improved North Forest Park Avenue between Windsor Mill Road and Security Boulevard, 12 neighbors came together on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to develop design criteria to present to project officials responsible for re-paving this stretch of road.

We reached agreement on a number of issues. Everyone agreed that this stretch of roadway is a significant and heavily traveled, yet neglected, gateway into Baltimore City. The design needs to be sensitive to our community's residential and environmental characteristics. Both roadway and streetscape improvements are necessary so that this gateway creates a sense of arrival and a good impression for those entering Baltimore City.

Items that the group wants to present to the city's design team include: keeping North Forest Park Avenue a 2-lane road; installation of 90° curbing; improved access for side streets; traffic calming measures such as speed bumps or stop signs; resurfacing to better control runoff and help prevent accidents; redesigning the bottleneck at Fredwall; installation of barriers to protect homes; installation of period lighting; dressing up the traffic triangle at Windsor Mill Road & Forest Park; burying the utilities along the roadway; a traffic circle at Windsor Mill & Forest Park; protecting existing trees and the installing new trees.

Making this corridor pedestrian-friendly remains a challenge. Many neighbors along the roadway are opposed to sidewalks because of concerns about the costs of installation and maintenance. Other neighbors

feel sidewalks are important, not just for safety, but because walking is a significant part of travel within the community – walking to neighbor's homes, to the store, the park, for exercise or to catch a bus.

In addition, maintenance and policing issues were discussed regarding this section of North Forest Park Avenue. Before the next meeting it was agreed that statistics regarding traffic and accidents would be obtained.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 23rd at 7 P.M. at Kernan Hospital in Conference Room A on the Terrace Level. Please plan to attend if you want to have your voice heard as we develop design criteria to present to the city.

## **Citywide, Countyside** **A Note to Residents!**

The SW City police precinct is conducting random "stings" in area neighborhoods, looking for untagged and improperly tagged vehicles. They are towing them without notification. Those on private property will be getting tickets with stiff fines.

The County is, also, doing random code enforcement inspections of neighborhoods, especially the older established ones. They are also looking for untagged vehicles, as well as overgrown properties, trash and brush piles. If County residents are cited, they are usually given 30 days to correct the problem with no further consequences if corrected.

## **SW Fundraiser**

The Southwestern Community Relations Council is selling raffle tickets for the Annual Christmas Basket Drive For Needy Families.

First prize is \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$50 and 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$25. All proceeds go toward purchasing much needed food, which is distributed by the SW Police District in the City. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at the FCA November General Meeting, or call Sue (410-944-4869).

### **Kernan Hospital Seeks Neighbors' Help**

Kernan Hospital is asking owners of 4-wheel drive vehicles for help in bad winter weather. If you have a 4-wheeler and would be able to transport medical personnel to the hospital in case of emergency, call Lynn Williams, security chief, at 410-448-2500.

Retired? Got time on your hands and want a low-stress volunteer job? Franklinton's neighbor, Kernan, always needs help running its volunteer gift shop. For information on this and other volunteer opportunities, call Cindy Miller, volunteer coordinator, 410-448-6748.

### **The Carmine Ave. Community Garden**

*---by Nancy Masters-Long*

It was the rainiest spring anyone can remember. Gardeners were delayed, but not deterred. They produced an abundance of vegetables and an array of flowers to lift the spirits of fellow gardeners or passersby.

Carmine gardeners got their share of recognition at the annual City Farms Dinner In August. Alicia and Nicole Bacon, Anna and Adam Brayek and Dorcas Kirkland received awards for their individual plots. Marie's carved vegetable caricatures were a hit. Debbie Brayek, Christina Kirkland and Ruffie London were recognized for their major contribution to the garden's success as well as their own plots.

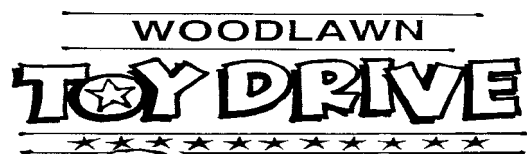
Sponsored by the City Parks and Recreation, Maryland Extension Service, and Master Gardeners of Baltimore, the celebration party was held at Cylburn Arboretum this year.

Many thanks to Carolyn Tyson who helped with transportation as well as with registration.

The Carmine Garden has a new sign. It was designed by Fred Worthington and installed by Ruffie London with help from Alicia Bacon and from Fred.

A few gardeners really make the most of their 4'x 8' plots. They planted peas, lettuce and spinach in March before the rains. Then tender summer vegetables replaced the early ones. Now these happy gardeners are looking forward to kale, mustard, turnips, collards and Brussels sprouts that do well in the frosty weather.

P.S. Our gardening neighbors at the Leakin Park City Farms Garden won top award in their category.



The Woodlawn Toy Drive is in full swing! This neighbor-to-neighbor effort helps children and needy families in Zips 21207 and 21244, including our Franklinton community.

The Toy Drive raises funds through the sale of locally made angel crafts, a raffle of handmade quilts by the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Quilters (on Dogwood Rd.), and toy donations at toy boxes around the area. Last year, the Toy Drive provided hundreds of area families with needed jackets, play equipment, food vouchers, books and toys. Children of all ethnicities and religions received a little winter happiness thanks to the generosity of our citizens.

The Woodlawn Toy Drive works with the Baltimore City and County Departments of Social Services and the Salvation Army to identify and serve clients. All donations are fully tax deductible. If you'd like more information or would like to help, call 410-944-4869. Look for the toy drops and buy items for fund-raising. Help us help each other!

## BCPL, Woodlawn Branch

Our local branch of the Baltimore County Library, used by County and City Franklinton residents, is seeking funds for a badly needed upgrade and expansion. Over 162,369 customers a year use our library. There have been no major improvements to the branch since it was built in 1977, despite the increasing area population, addition of computer stations and an after school teen program that is housed in the meeting room. The new SSA annex across the street has doubled the lunchtime usage in six months.

Call Ken Oliver, our County Councilman, 410-887-3389, and ask that funds be included in the capital budget for our library. The budget hearing was Oct. 2, and your influence and support are **really** needed!

## October is Fire Safety Month

The Woodlawn Villager is featuring the three area county fire stations in its October issue as well as valuable fire safety information. We are very fortunate to have three companies of fire fighters: Windsor Mill, Westview and Woodlawn Volunteers help keep us safe. Check out the article when it appears!



## Franklinton On Line

It's informative, entertaining, interactive and it's coming to you in your own home. Please join us at **franklinton.net**, thanks to the imagination, technical skills and volunteer hours of the WEB Site Committee--Thomas Merkle, Linda Aylett and Peter Jonhansson.

### Franklinton Community Association Monthly Meetings

#### Fall/Winter Schedule

October 1	COP	7:00PM	Gatehouse Community Police Substation at Kernan
October 8	County Precinct 2	7:00PM	County Police Station Windsor Mill Rd. and Gwynn Oak Ave.
October 14	Board Meeting	7:30PM	Kernan Hospital Conf. Rm. A
October 23	Forest Park Ave. Interest Group	7:30PM	Kernan Hospital Conf. Rm. A
October 28	South West District	6:30PM	Southwest Police Station
November 11	Board Meeting	7:30PM	Kernan Hospital Conf. Rm. A
November 20	General Meeting	7:30PM	Kernan Hospital Conf. Rm. A-B
December 2	Board Meeting	7:30PM	Kernan Hospital Conf. Rm. A

## From the Franklinton C.O.P.

It's Trick or Treat time again, here are some safety tips.

1. Always ask for your parents permission before going trick or treating.
2. Always tell your parents what area you will be at.
3. Say NO if someone asks you to go with them, or take a ride.
4. Always go with a trusted adult, or in pairs of Two or more.
5. Say NO If someone asks you to go into their House.
6. Take all of your candy home to your parents, So they can eat all of your candy to test it. [only kidding, just so they can check it!]
7. Carry a flashlight.
8. Have a good, and safe time.

The Franklinton C. O. P meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Kernan police substation gatehouse at 7:00 pm.

The PCR police-community relations meetings for our city district are on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Southwest Precinct at 6:30 pm.

The PCR meetings for our county district are located on this page to the right.

The Franklinton Community Association meetings are the 1st Tuesday of every month, usually at Kernan Hospital conference room at 7:30 pm. Also some Saturday meetings for breakfast. Dues are just \$10.00.

As we enter Fall & Winter, DON'T let your comfort create an OPPORTUNITY. It will lead to one (1) or more of these factors:

- Your car being taken,
- A rise in AUTO THEFT,
- Your insurance rates going up; or the theft possibly not being covered,
- Your community becoming known by criminals; thereby increasing criminal activity,
- Increased work for Police Officers, who are needed for other more serious matters,
- Police Officers and/or civilians being hurt in a "Chase". Only YOU can PREVENT this. DO YOUR PART.



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Maryland Motor Vehicle Law Article 21-1101  
**UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE**

Duty of Driver upon leaving vehicle.

A Person driving or otherwise in charge of a Motor Vehicle may NOT leave it unattended, UNTIL:

- Engine is stopped,
- Ignition is locked,
- Key is removed and
- Brake is set.

**FINE: \$50.00**

AND - leaving it running with one set of keys and locking it does NOT avoid a violation of the section.

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A **CRIME PREVENTION** Message brought to you by your local  
**POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**

**Precinct 2/Woodlawn**

Meets the 2nd Wed. of each month  
7 p.m. at the Police Station  
6424 Windsor Mill Road  
(corner of Windsor Mill & Woodlawn Drive)


Come to a meeting. Everyone is welcome. Get more info like this every month to help stay safe.



More info call (410) 887-6802

*The Easiest Formula for Thieves ... and against the LAW*

Any questions or problems call (410) 448-1383  
your community solution line.



**OPPORTUNITY**