

# WSHA Newsletter

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## President's Report to the Community

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is sticking around a bit, but kids are back in school, and days are getting shorter so autumn and cooler weather are coming soon.

I'm sure everyone saw the great change near us -- Fairfax County started building a new crosswalk on Westmoreland Street, just north (downhill) of Hopewood Drive. This will make it safer for everyone to cross the street, without going to Kirby or Haycock for marked crosswalks. The County said they planned to start work in September, but to my surprise they started early. Fairfax County plans to build a bus pad, a dedicated space for a bus stop, on our side of Westmoreland Street, just north of the crosswalk, later this year. When I have more details, I will let everyone know.

The Board has been discussing a flag display policy in Westmoreland Square. Recent resident questions made the Board realize we did not have a clear policy, so we sought legal advice. Flags have been a contentious issue in other communities. The board wants a policy to address issues before we get into a brouhaha about flags. Our draft has two main points:

1. Residents are permitted to display flags representing countries, the United Nations, and states and governmental bodies within the United States of America. Flags of branches of the United States armed services are also permitted. All such flags must be displayed in a respectful manner. American flags must be shown in full compliance with applicable laws and etiquette.
2. These guidelines do not apply to flags displayed inside houses. These guidelines also do not apply to signs, which are covered under separate regulations.

As always, the Board welcomes comments at our email, [westmorelandsquarebod@sequoiamgmt.info](mailto:westmorelandsquarebod@sequoiamgmt.info) or at the next board meeting, which will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 PM, at the usual link. See the meeting agenda on the next page details.

The Annual Meeting is planned for November 8. It will be indoors for the first time since 2019, at the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, along with a virtual option. More information will be mailed to all homeowners in late September. We will elect new Board members so please nominate yourself to serve. Don't be shy! The WSHA Board is the ideal way to serve this neighborhood, plus you get to be part of the friendliest, most dedicated group of people in greater Falls Church / McLean.

The Annual picnic will be on Saturday October 1 in Jesse's Park. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, and can be purchased from neighbors who will visit your house later this month. I will not be eating large amounts of watermelon so there is enough for everyone in the neighborhood.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Shumann, Westmoreland Square Board President

## WSHA Board Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2022 7:30 PM

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### Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:30 PM
2. Resident Forum
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2022
4. President’s Report: Board recruitment; flag policy, November Board meeting date
5. Treasurer’s Report / Monthly Financial
  - a. Draft 2023 budget, need approval to send to members in late September
  - b. Monthly Financials
6. Sequoia Management report: Annual meeting; update
7. Committee Reports
  - a. Maintenance: Lighting project, community maps
  - b. Architectural Control: second walkaround coming October 4
  - c. Lawn & Landscape: Update, proposals, potential new grounds maintenance contractor
  - d. Community Relations: Picnic planning
8. Executive Session
9. Adjournment

## Neighborhood Watch Program in Westmoreland Square

Our neighborhood runs a Neighborhood Watch program which is comprised of neighborhood volunteers who take shifts during the day and night to ensure our community is safe. The volunteers drive cars marked by a Neighborhood Watch magnet or wear vests while they walk. If you see a slow moving vehicle driving through the neighborhood with a Neighborhood Watch sticker on the side, be assured that it is our volunteers at work.

If you would like to volunteer to take a shift a month, please contact Pamela Huffman at [mpmahuffy@aol.com](mailto:mpmahuffy@aol.com) to get trained and receive your magnet or vest. Thanks!

Our neighborhood has a **Little Free Library** located in Jesse’s Park. If you have any children’s books to spare, please place them on the bottom shelf in the library. We seem to have had a shortage lately. Thanks for helping our kids grow their love of reading!

## Lawn and Landscape Report

Please remember to park your cars away from the curb so that the mowers can mow the strip of grass between the curb and the sidewalk. Make sure your bumper is not over the grass.

Some of our crape myrtles are afflicted with a relatively new disease called crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS). If you have a crape myrtle on your property, please check the bark to see if your plant is infected. The treatment is relatively simple depending on the size of your crape, the time of year and whether the scale is dead or alive. Please refer to a publication from the Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service (information via Master Gardener Ted Stroup). It is important to stop the spread of CMBS. You can find information from Clemson on the web at <http://www.clemson.edu/crape> myrtle bark scale.

Bear Dog, the small company run by Liz Wenchel, has been busy removing poison ivy, ivy and other invasives that are running rampant in some areas of the community. They will be working through the winter and have been tasked to help simplify our grounds so that they are easier and less expensive to maintain.

In late August Greenscape aerated and seeded our turf. A broad leaf herbicide that is safe to use on new seed was applied at the same time. The herbicide used is a natural ingredient from the bottle brush plant. Greenscape will also be fertilizing turf in the next months to encourage root growth.

The next Lawn and Landscape Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Jesse’s Park. All are welcome.

Lawn and Landscape Committee members you can call:

**Connie Carpender, Chair** (703-538-7048) or **Liz Steponkus, Co-Chair** (703-534-9599).