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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The cooler temperatures of autumn have arrived and Westerleigh's tree lined streets are ablaze in color. Decorations for the season are on many homes and businesses. We all enjoy these colorful, yet much shorter days.

Prep work continues on the streets around P.S. 30 for the upcoming sewer project. Gas lines are being moved under sidewalks and traffic is being rerouted as workers have to excavate. The Society will inform residents as soon as a date for the actual sewer construction is set.

On a more festive note the Society's annual Holiday Reception will be held on December 3 at the Immanuel Union Church. Last year's reception was a wonderful affair with a great turnout. Details are on the enclosed flyer.

Several of our heavily utilized streets (Crystal and Livermore Avenues) are being resurfaced this season. They will hopefully be more comfortable to drive on. Please email the Society at wis_si@yahoo.com the name of any street you feel needs attention by the DOT. It requires time to have the location evaluated and approved before it can be scheduled for repaving.

As always, please contact the Society if you feel there is an issue we can assist in solving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting begins at 8 pm.
Westerleigh Talks at 7 pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Immanuel Union Church

693 Jewett Avenue
at the corner of Maine Ave.

~ Everyone Welcome ~

WESTERLEIGH IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY RECEPTION DECEMBER 3, 2016

The Westerleigh Improvement Society has been celebrating the holidays as a community since 1973!

Join us for the 43rd year of our annual celebration of the holidays and our community. Please see the enclosed flyer for information.

FROM THE FACEBOOK PAGES OF STEVEN MATTEO: UPDATES FOR THE WESTERLEIGH COMMUNITY

Westerleigh is fortunate to have a capable and responsive NYC Councilman in Steve Matteo. His Facebook postings provide updates on initiatives he's supporting, reminders of services available and a place for residents to easily communicate concerns directly to him. With this level of transparency and partnership with the community (Mr. Matteo is a constant presence at civic association meetings of those he represents) he is to be commended for his dedicated service to our community.

Here are some newsworthy items from his recent posts.

Manor Road Traffic Problems **October 31, 2016**

"A constant traffic congestion problem along Manor Road is when motorists attempt to make an illegal left turn into the Manor Road Post office. There is clearly a sign stating you are not supposed to make the left, but it is constantly being ignored. I have requested increased NYPD patrols and now have asked DOT to take measures to prevent motorists from making the left turn."

Ewaste Curbside Pickup Pilot Program on Staten Island **October 28, 2016**

"Another reminder about the new Ewaste curbside pickup pilot program on Staten Island that I partnered w DSNY Commissioner Garcia to cre-



Councilman Steven Matteo addresses the Westerleigh Improvement Society's annual meeting in May 2016.

ate. Please take advantage of this program. There aren't many programs that start on SI and are only implemented on SI. The program, to date, has been a huge success since we announced it earlier this month."

Staten Islanders can call 311 to schedule a curbside pickup of discarded computers and electronics. The Sanitation Department will pick up computers, TVs, and other electronics banned from regular disposal.

HOV Lane Being Monitored **October 27, 2016**

"Let's start w good news: NY State Troopers were set up in SIE HOV Lane this AM. Bad news: The number of motorists illegally exiting the lane without 3+ people in car (dangerously I

might add) before the enforcement checkpoint. Seems like a pretty simple solution that I have brought to State DOT's attention numerous times.....BOLLARDS. I will keep advocating and pressuring State DOT to rethink their prior denials."

All Things Trees **October 22, 2016**

"This week in the Council, the Parks Committee held a hearing on a bill I introduced that would require the Parks Department to put online information relating to a tree pruning schedule, tree stump removal schedule, a tree planting schedule and a sidewalk inspection and repair schedule for the Tree and Sidewalk program. The idea behind the bill is simple.

"Transparency will lead to better accountability. The public has a right to know where and when these repairs are taking place and how the city spends it's money for these programs.

"But, in the end, I believe requiring Parks to put this info online will help lead to a more efficient process when it comes to tree pruning and plantings, stump removal and sidewalk repairs in the Tree and Sidewalk program."☺

Posts compiled by Regina Paleau

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION?

Recently a traffic accident at the intersection of Westcott Boulevard and Crowell Avenue resulted in a tragic fatality.



This seemingly safe intersection at Crowell and Westcott Avenues was the recent scene of a tragic fatality.

For many years Crowell Avenue has been one of the few cross streets leading from Jewett Avenue to Manor Road. Motorists have the advantage of a traffic light at Manor Road, but only a stop sign on Crowell Avenue controls traffic at the Westcott Boulevard intersection.

Over the years many traffic accidents have occurred at Crowell and Westcott and the police have documented all of them. The Society's call for a 4-way stop several years ago was disapproved by the

DOT. After this recent fatal accident Councilman Steven Matteo renewed the call for a 4-way stop and strongly urged the DOT to implement it as soon as possible.

We hope that increased enforcement of speeding on Westcott Boulevard will accompany the new traffic control. ♪



Slow up - Save Lives

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The work in the area of PS 30 continues in preparation for the construction of the Wardwell Avenue sewer project.

National Grid has been busy relocating gas lines under sidewalks and is set to complete this initial phase of the work in early November.



Gas line relocation along Fisk Avenue.

The Society has not yet been notified of the name of the contractor for the sewer project itself, but prior to actual construction a community meeting will be held in which all affected residents will be invited. ♪

THANK YOU!

The Welcome to Westerleigh sign on Jewett Avenue looks better than ever!

A special 'Thank You' to **Gary's Landscaping** for renewing the plantings at the Westerleigh sign location on Jewett Avenue.

In addition to the recent plantings, Gary promises to maintain the site on an ongoing basis as a service to the community. Thanks to Gary and the many volunteers who contribute to Westerleigh's preservation. ♪



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