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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The colors of autumn are upon us and residents of Westerleigh struggle to keep up with the raking of leaves. Our favorite trees are preparing for winter but not before giving us a brilliant display of color.

Construction continues on Waters Avenue and is moving ahead on schedule. Street closures are a necessity as the crews move along with the project. Every effort is being made to be as tidy as possible. An article in this newsletter gives further information about whom to contact if issues arise.

The Society's annual Holiday Reception has experienced smaller turnouts in recent years and had competed with many other holiday events occurring at the same time. This year instead we will have a reception to share greetings after our monthly meeting on Dec. 6 at Immanuel Union Church.

I have received many compliments regarding the American flags that have appeared on many streets in Westerleigh. Resident Joe Carannante and a number of merchants funded the display on Westcott Boulevard and Crowell Avenue. Many in our community have also voluntarily placed them in our streets and they have added a patriotic flavor that is unsurpassed.

Our monthly meetings at Immanuel Union Church are open to all and we try to help solve all of the issues that we can. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meeting begins at 8 pm
Westerleigh Talks at 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Immanuel Union Church

693 Jewett Avenue
at the corner of Maine Avenue

~Everyone Welcome~

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mingle with your neighbors and enjoy refreshment after our regular monthly meeting.

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Free

WARDWELL AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Work on the Wardwell Avenue Project has entered the storm and sanitary sewer phase.



This huge boulder was unearthed during the street excavation.

New water mains on several streets centering on Waters Avenue have now been completed, enabling the contractor – E.E. Cruz – to concentrate on the final portion of the project.

Street closures will continue to be necessary and residents will be required to detour to avoid active construction sites. Adequate notice will be given to residents.

The contact person for the project (the Community



Construction work along Waters Avenue during the street excavation.

Construction Liaison) is Bob Orcinolo. He can be reached at (718) 487-9623 or on his cell (908) 421-2231. He is our go-between to the contractor.☺

NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICER PROGRAM EXPANDED TO 121 PRECINCT

The Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) Program – already a proven success in parts of Westerleigh – is about to get even better as plans to expand it are now underway.

The program, which assigns police officers and their supervisors to sectors within a precinct and who become closely involved with the issues of their sector is currently in use throughout the 120th Precinct. The officers in the program serve as the liaison between the NYPD and the community. They are

available, attend our monthly civic meetings and are always part of the solution in resolving ordinary and extraordinary issues in Westerleigh.

The problem for us is that these officers work only in one half of the community: the 120th Precinct only covers the area east of Jewett Avenue. These officers can address issues only in their precinct. To achieve total coverage in Westerleigh the program must be adopted in the 121st Precinct, which serves the rest of our community.

And that's exactly what's going to happen.

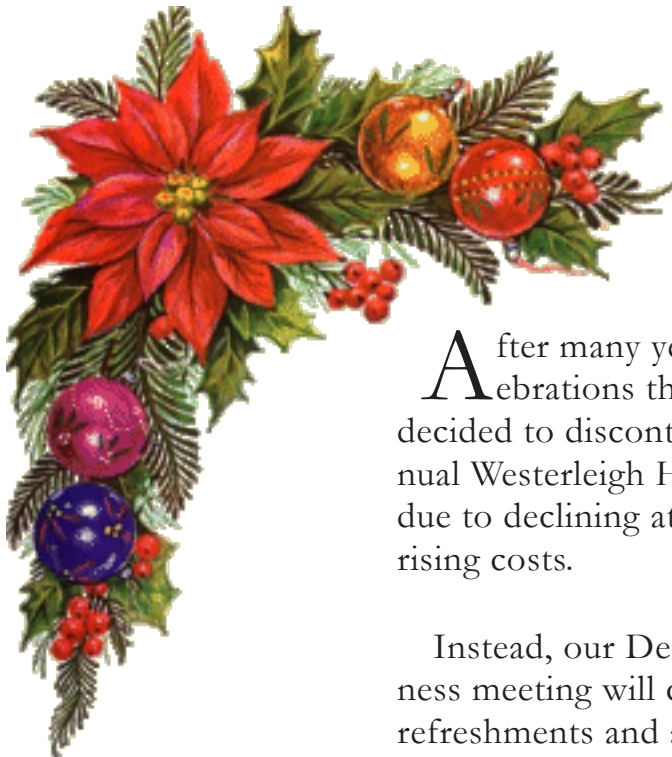
The 121st Precinct is slated to start the NCO program early next year. Many officers are required to be added to the staffing of the precinct in order for the program to function properly. As soon as that level is reached Westerleigh will have an even more wonderfully effective program to help residents and with more police officers who will attend our monthly civic meetings to help deal with the issues in our neighborhood.☺

P.S. 30 CONSTRUCTION

Many of us have noticed the extensive sidewalk sheds and barriers around P.S. 30 the past few months. Toward the end of the last school year bricks had fallen from the side of the school facing Fisk Avenue. An emergency contract was approved to allow the protective coverings to be installed on the Fisk and Wardwell Avenues sides of the school.

The playground on Fisk Avenue was completely covered and the schoolyard on Wardwell Avenue was reduced in size. The PTA had a meeting in September during which Mr. Alan Ihne, principal of the school, outlined the extent of the problem. The School Construction Authority (SCA) is now in the process of producing the scope of repairs needed. A new roof, pointing of the bricks and other repairs are required.

The Society met with Mr. Ihne and the custodian of the school and contacted the SCA to determine what could be done to expedite the work needed. The SCA should be finished scoping the project and will submit the work for design and construction in January. ∞



WESTERLEIGH IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

After many years of celebrations the Society has decided to discontinue the annual Westerleigh Holiday Party due to declining attendance and rising costs.

Instead, our December business meeting will conclude with refreshments and an opportunity

for members and residents to celebrate the holiday season.

This year our December meeting will be moved to Wednesday December 6 to allow our meeting to be held in the main hall at the Immanuel Union Church. All are welcome to attend this celebration at no charge. ∞

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