



GWCA

October 2018

# NEWSLETTER



## Hello Neighbors

Greenmount West is a vibrant residential neighborhood in the heart Baltimore's Arts & Entertainment District. It is a place grounded in tradition and fueled by creativity. Our strength lies in our diversity.

Aside from saying "hello," you can get to know your fellow Greenmount West neighbors through our social media site, <https://m.facebook.com/greenmountwest>. This site posts the latest information on general and committee meetings, as well as announcements and events.

The Greenmount West Community Association (GWCA) is a volunteer membership based group empowering our community to improve our quality of life through communication, engagement, participation, and advocacy. We would love to meet you in person, and invite you to join us at our next GWCA meeting or event.

General meetings are held September-June, the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Open Works: 1400 Greenmount Ave, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Our committees allow for you to have a role in safety, responsible development, environmental stewardship, and communal activities. Read more below...

Yours in community,

Your GWCA Board

Lauren Kelly-Washington, Brian Levy, Dan Sparaco, Eboni Wiggins, LaShauna Jones & Monika Graves

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Become a Member

Just a few reasons to consider joining.

### Development Committee

An Important Update

### Green Space Update

Next meeting November 12

### Community Events

GWCC Resources and Activities

# JOIN GWCA!

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## GREENMOUNT WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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While you do not need to be a member to attend a general meeting, there are some pretty significant reasons to make it official:

1. Your membership allows you to vote.
2. Your membership dues help keep the lights on, pays for this newsletter and other administrative costs.
3. Your membership makes you eligible to join the board.
4. Your membership gets you discounts to various events.
5. Memberships are valid for one year (October-October).

### General Membership

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- Must sign a membership affidavit
- Must reside/own property within given boundaries of community
- Businesses, organizations, and institutions located within the physical boundaries of community are entitled to join with a single General Membership per organization
- Duties of General Membership
  - Elect the Officers
  - Vote on all matters brought before the General Membership
  - Set overall policy for Community Association
  - Receive reports from the Officers and all committees
- Dues
  - Between six dollars (\$6) and thirty-six dollars (\$36) annually as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Membership
  - Pay in person at General Meetings or online at: <http://www.greenmountwest.org/association/membership/>

### Associate Membership

- Open to any person interested in the general well being of community
- Ineligible to vote
- Dues
  - Between five dollars (\$5) and thirty dollars (\$30) annually as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Membership
  - Pay in person at General Meetings or online at: <http://www.greenmountwest.org/association/membership/>
- Good Standing
  - To be in good standing, a General Member must:
    - Have registered with Community Association by completing a signed affidavit
    - Deemed an active member of Community Association
    - The criteria for Good Standing is determined by Board of Directors, then voted on by the General Membership.
- Voting Rights
  - All General Members are entitled to one (1) vote on any and all matters which require a vote.
  - Associate Members are not entitled to a vote.

## An Important Update from the GWCA Development Committee

Street Sweeping Frequency Will Be Cut in Half This Fall



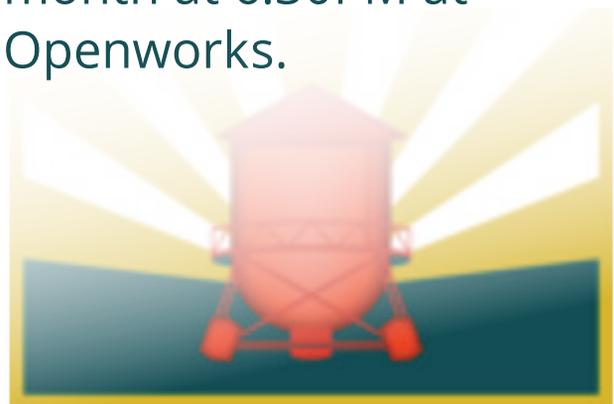
Currently, street sweeping occurs Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30-1PM, on Barclay, Lanvale, Lafayette and Federal. Each side of the street gets swept twice per week, on an alternating basis.

The results of a community survey conducted earlier this year via community meetings and Nextdoor revealed that a majority of residents desired less frequent street sweeping. After a request from the GWCA Development Committee, the DPW promised that the frequency of sweeping will be changed to Mondays 11-2 (even side) and Fridays 11-2 (odd side) for Barclay, Federal, Lanvale and Lafayette only. A date for the implementation of these changes has not yet been shared with the community; however, a formal request for the new signage has been made.

DPW's street sweeping program is part of a state- and- city-wide effort to reduce pollution; Phase I of this plan is currently in place. Phase II of the program

is for DPW to put ALL city streets on the new Monday/ Friday schedule, including Oliver and named alley streets. This is estimated to be completed within the next two years. Before implementation of Phase II, public meetings will be scheduled by the DPW to address residents' concerns and answer any questions.

The GWCA Development Committee meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30PM at Openworks.



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## Green Space Next Meeting

November 12, 7pm  
Station North Tool Library classroom

# GREEN SPACE

## Committee Update



**OVERVIEW:** The Green Space Committee evolved out of the 2018 submission for a Spruce-Up Grant to support the Coordinated Greening of Greenmount West. This long-term initiative aims to unite community residents by providing oversight, planning, and guidance for the beautification and continued maintenance of the community green spaces. Designated Greenmount West Green Spaces currently include: Brentwood Commons, McAlister Park, the Wonderground, the Barclay Oliver Garden (BOG) and Hunter's Lot (aka Paul Povolock Memorial Park).

The Committee will coordinate usage plans to avoid unnecessary duplication as well as coordinate needs common to the green spaces (tree trimming, mulching, planting, water access, maintenance of lighting, furniture, signage, paving). All Greenmount West residents are welcome to participate in the Committee, however initial activity is being guided by the site managers and volunteers who currently maintain the green spaces.

This coordinated approach increases opportunities for active collaborations with neighborhood partners such as Open Works, Station North Tool Library, and Charm City Farms as well as the Baltimore Orchard Project, Bluewater Baltimore, Civic Works, and TreeBaltimore from the greater community.

Over the summer, the Committee held two meetings and identified the following needs and issues:

- Reclamation of lots used as trash dumps into garden spaces
- Neighborhood cleanliness & safety
- Youth engagement
- Coordinated management & support of the green spaces
- Gardening & teaching others to garden

- Alternative food access & security.

Various ideas were proposed from garden parties, tree planting, & tree well redesign to increased support and promotion of cleanup efforts.

### UPDATE: October 2018

**TREEKEEPERS CLASS:** Four residents (Brian Levy, Patricia Denver-Yactayo, Colin Beckman, Monika Graves) are participating in the Fall 2018 Tree Keeper Class sponsored by Baltimore City's Tree-Baltimore program. Upon successful completion, these 4 will be certified to plant and prune trees in the community. A Greenmount West tree planting event will take place in Spring 2019.

**HUNTER'S LOT:** 3 entrances were re-built and 3 trees were removed to provide safer and more inviting access. (See 3 Hunters Lot photos)

**WONDERGROUND:** Designer-fabricator contracted to begin signage-fence \*(see illustration 1.);

**TREE WELLS:** Arman Mizani of the Tool Library is designing a prototype of a steel tree well border to discourage trash & dog waste.

We will be receiving a free truckload of wood chips from Chapel Valley Landscaping.

The wood chips will off-loaded on the SW corner of the Wonderground and will be utilized to fill in tree wells, block by block—beginning with 300-400 blocks of Lanvale, then north & south on Barclay. Wells with construction debris will be scraped, organic matter introduced, and wood chips applied on top.

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**Green Space Meeting minutes will be available on GWCA website after Oct.15**

(<http://www.greenmountwest.org/>)

# GWCC - COMPUTER CENTER

## Need use of a computer?

The Greenmount West  
Community Center can help.

1634 Guilford Ave. (Entrance on Lanvale)

### Hours of Operation

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturdays:

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Community Events

3rd Greenmount West Fall Fest

Date: Sunday, October 28, 3-6 pm

Site 1: The Wonderground: S'mores  
Outside activities

Site2: The GW Community Center: Creating  
costumes, Snacks & beverages, Play in  
Montessori playground



### Congratulations!

Greenmount West Community Center members and Noisy Tenants founders were honored to join renowned artist, Mark Bradford for his gala at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Several of GWCC's youth who represent superheroes of their community were thrilled to dine and partake in a magical night.



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