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December 2009

Calendar of Events

January 27th — West End Neighborhood Watch Program Meeting,
West End Community Center - 7:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: The next West End Neighbors Business meeting will be in February 2010. Details will be released as the date draws closer.

Notice

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE INFORMATION

WEN is forming a Committee to review and update the organization's by-laws. If you are a member and have paid your dues for 2009, you are invited to join this Committee which will begin regular work sessions in January 2010.

For more information, visit us online at:

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Ho Ho Ho

Hello West End Neighbors

Dear Santa,

I am the President of a civic minded group that's tried to be very good this year! I've played nice with the 'big' people who run our city where I live. A beautiful place right on the ocean... but you already know that. I've tried to listen to what others need and want, and bring these needs and wants to the attention of the 'big' people. Any way Santa let me get down to it - my Christmas List!

- * *Lots of new members to join our civic group*
- * *Lots of 'active' dues paying new members*
- * *Lots of 'young' dues paying families*
- * *New solutions to old problems (delivered by lots of active and new dues paying members)*

Well, you get the idea Santa. Hey Santa, if you deliver for me, I promise to look at my e-mails more than quarterly.

Thanks,

A True Believer

Hey Folks, I would like to take a minute to say thanks to my elves. I assure you that without Maria Fitzgerald - Vice President, Karen McInnis - Secretary, Rosemary Sheridan - Treasurer, Anne Farley - Web Master and John Garbarino - Press Secretary, our organization would not be the success that it is.

A President or Point man is only as good as the people around him. I am very lucky and thankful to have them on my team. I want to also give special thanks to Rosemary for her many years of time and effort as our Treasurer. Lastly, I would like to welcome in Damian Walsh, our newly elected Treasurer who has big shoes to fill, but I know he is up to the challenge. Thanks to our block Captains, who are the eyes and ears on our streets and deliver our newsletters. And thanks to all of you that attend our meetings, hear our guest speakers first hand and relay factual information to others.

It takes a lot of participation to make for a strong, successful organization. I'm proud to say we are indeed a success and have had some accomplishments to date. Looking forward, we know there is still much to do. We will be creating new committees that can utilize our neighbors' interests and talents in an effort to further all of our visions as to what the West End should and can be. We have fostered a strong working relationship with our City Council and City Hall and look forward to continuing this productive, amicable relationship.

I hope you all get what it is you want for you're holiday. My wish to everyone is Good Health... to enjoy our little slice of heaven right here.

Happy Holidays and New Year! .

Take care,
Rick

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Come discuss the requirements for creating a West End Neighborhood Watch Program on Wednesday, January 27th, 7:00pm at the West End Community Center on Maryland Ave.



Long Beach Police Department
West End Neighborhood Watch Program
Police Commissioner Thomas R. Sofield Sr.

The following requirements will have to be completed to ensure a successful start to a neighborhood watch program:

1. A committed group of people to start the program.
2. A planning committee must be established.
3. A list of issues that need attention should be documented.
4. A means communicating with the West End residents. Examples are e-mail, fliers, cellular phones, etc.
5. A crime prevention officer to be available to discuss crime issues in the neighborhood and train neighborhood watch members. The West End Neighborhood Watch Program Prevention officer assigned is **Sergeant Richard DePalma 516-705-7323**.
6. A map of the community with names, addresses and phone numbers of all households.
7. Brochures or other materials are to be issued on topics interest.
8. The West End Neighborhood Watch Program should designate those interested block and/or building Captains.
9. When the minimum number of participants has signed up for the West End Neighborhood Watch Program, watch signs should be posted.

The following suggestions may be taken into consideration concerning a Neighborhood Watch Program:

1. Seek out neighborhood go-getters and civic leaders to be your advocates and mentors.
2. Work with several different agencies such as the parks department and housing authority.
3. Start a neighborhood newsletter.
4. Have specific objectives.
5. Use public relations and activists in your community to enhance the Neighborhood Watch Program.
6. Reach out to the community's youths through positive interactions. For example, sporting events, festivals, and other public gatherings.
7. Encourage teenagers to join the Neighborhood Watch Program. Teenagers can be valuable resources.
8. Encourage rollerblading, skateboarding and bicycling during neighborhood watch duties.