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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are experiencing the fourth Nor'easter of the end of the winter season as I write this and it would be an understatement to say that most of us have had it with winter. Westerleigh residents are looking forward to warm days, blue skies and plenty of green grass and flowers. We'd like to tuck our snow shovels and snow blowers into the garage for another year.

In the coming weeks we will see the opening day of the Westerleigh Little Guys and Gals baseball/softball league on April 14 at Northerleigh Park; the Earth Day observance on April 21 in Westerleigh Park; and the Annual Meeting of the Westerleigh Improvement Society on May 16 at the Immanuel Union Church. There will be plenty of residents sprucing up their properties so that the cold, snowy days of winter will be a distant memory.

As described in this issue of the Newsletter, the Neighborhood Policing Program in the 121 Precinct is becoming a reality. It promises to be a meaningful change in police deployment in Westerleigh. Most importantly, it allows residents to meet the police and address issues which are essential to our community.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at the Immanuel Union Church. This year our guest speaker will be New York State Assemblyman Michael Cusick. Mike grew up in our community and has a representative at each of our monthly civic meetings. He will address issues of concern to Staten Islanders and especially to Westerleigh.

Feel free to contact the Society for our assistance.

WESTERLEIGH
IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 8 PM
NYS Assemblyman, District 63

MICHAEL CUSICK

Guest Speaker



Immanuel Union Church
693 Jewett Avenue
~ Everyone Welcome ~

WIS MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 1
Tuesday, June 5
8 PM Immanuel Union Church

PARK EVENTS

**Westerleigh Guys & Gals
Opening Day**
Northerleigh Park, April 14

Earth Day
Westerleigh Park, April 21

P.S. 30 BOOK FAIR - A BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD

For more than 20 years the Westerleigh Improvement Society has co-sponsored the Annual P.S. 30 Book Fair with the school's PTA and this year was no different. On March 13-15 the Book Fair was held and all children in the school were invited to attend.



As each child entered the Fair their teachers distributed a coupon which entitled the child to purchase one book through the generosity of the PTA and the Westerleigh Improvement Society.

This year the Society voted at its March monthly meeting to allocate \$2,000 to this year's Fair. In addition, through the generosity of the New York Police Alliance, the Society's gift was increased by \$500.



At the Society's Annual Meeting on May 16, a check for \$2,500 will be presented to the PTA. We are happy to continue this tradition with the PTA and children of P.S. 30. ♪

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Westerleigh Improvement Society is greatly appreciative of the quick and overwhelming support of hundreds of our members in renewing their memberships this past month. More than 400 members have replied and, in many cases, gave more than the basic membership of \$20.

This year, as you know, we were forced to increase our annual dues to \$20 due to rising

costs and newly acquired liability insurance.

Our membership chairperson Fran DeSio has processed all the renewals and membership cards were mailed out in late March. As each future renewal is received it will be acknowledged as quickly as possible. If you are paid to date your mailing label will have the year 2018 in the upper right hand corner.

Thank you all for your support! ♪



JOIN THE WESTERLEIGH AARP

Seniors 55 and over are cordially invited to stop by at a meeting of the Westerleigh AARP on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Immanuel Union Church, 693 Jewett Avenue.

The group offers a host of activities including trips, parties and other social events. Many guest speakers offer members information of

interest for seniors as well as the community of Staten Island as whole.

There is no charge to attend, and all seniors are welcome. The next meeting of the Westerleigh AARP is on Wednesday, May 9 at the Immanuel Union Church. Please call (718) 816-7350 for further information. ♪

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING ARRIVES IN THE 121 PRECINCT

~ MEET THE OFFICERS AT A WIS MEETING ~

What more powerful ally can our community have than to work closely with law enforcement for the betterment and security of Westerleigh?

Beginning this month, under the command of Deputy Inspector Matthew Harrington, the men and women of the 121 Precinct will embark on the long-awaited Neighborhood Police Program. The 121 precinct covers Westerleigh *west* of Jewett Avenue, while the area *east* of Jewett is in the 120 Precinct, which launched the Neighborhood Police Program in 2015.



assigned officers to handle interactions with the community. The officers will become closely involved with all issues in the community and will be personally available to speak with residents.

Westerleigh has been included in Sector B of the 121 Precinct. Our two NCOs will attend our monthly WIS civic meetings and will monitor any problems brought to their attention. Since Westerleigh

is divided into two precincts -- the 120 and the 121 -- we now have total participation in the new program that until now was only in the 120.

The precinct has been divided into four sectors, each with two NCOs (Neighborhood Coordination Officers) and additional

You are invited to attend our monthly meeting to meet our new officers and offer any suggestions to assist them. ☺

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S CLEAN TEAM TACKLES LITTER



Borough President James S. Oddo is pleased to announce that his Clean Team is kicking off its operations this month. The Clean Team picks up litter at locations around the borough three times a week through the month of November.

BP Oddo is asking the public to report locations with litter and garbage to his office. Cleanup requests can be sent in through many ways:

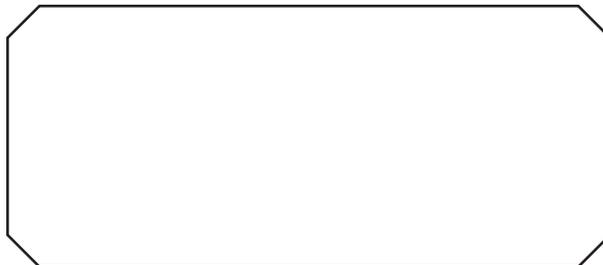
- Message or post to the borough's official Facebook page: www.facebook.com/statenilandusa.

- Tweet a location using @statenislusa
- Use the BP Assist mobile app, which is available at: www.statenislandusa.com/bpassist
- Report it at: <http://www.statenislandusa.com/contact.html>
- Call the Borough President's Helpline at 718-816-2000
- Email the location to Anthony Esposito at aesposito@statenilandusa.com ☺

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