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Wyman Park

Community Association

Upcoming WPCA General Association Meeting

7 pm via Zoom • May 12

Primary Election Day is June 23rd

Community members are reminded that primary elections for State and Local office are coming in June.

Primary election day is June 23rd. You can vote early, vote by mail, or vote in person on election day. Here is a web resource to help you with registration, voting locations, sample ballots, become an election judge, FAQs, and more.



Weblink to MD State Election Board Info and Checklist: vote.md.gov/vote2026

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 2nd: Deadline to register to vote online or by mail

June 11th-18th: Early voting at select locations (7 AM to 8 PM) see above website to find early voting locations


June 16th: deadline to request mail-in ballot by mail

June 19th: deadline to request mail-in ballot online

June 23rd: Election day - vote in person (7 AM to 8 PM) or post-mark your mail-in ballot or drop it off at an approved drop-box. On-site registration is available.

**WPCA
ANNUAL
Picnic**

Saturday June 6 • 5:00-7:00 PM
(On Tudor Arms between Craycombe and West 37th Street)



All members of our neighborhood and their guests are invited to attend. WPCA will grill hot dogs and burgers and will grill non-meat or other items too if you bring them. WPCA will provide water. Feel free to bring juice, lemonade or sodas. Please bring a side dish to share and chairs. There will be games for kids, a drum circle and special musical entertainment!

Please RSVP to
president@wymanparkcommunity.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, neighbors!

It has been wonderful to see so many people out walking and tending to their gardens over the past month. I've especially enjoyed hearing the peepers in the park during evening walks—and even spotted a lone early firefly last week. It also brought a smile to pass by a spontaneous concert in the park and to see the return of the Wheelies to the upper field. It truly is a great place to live!

Here are a few updates from around the neighborhood:

- A temporary footbridge across the stream on the path from Craycombe to Hopkins is expected to be in place by June.
- We are awaiting word from Parks & Recreation about a public meeting to discuss plans for the lower field in Wyman Park.
- Traffic calming on Keswick remains an ongoing topic of discussion. We are hoping to have a representative from the Department of Transportation at our May meeting—please attend if you'd like to share input.
- A welcome packet for new residents is in the works—let us know if a new neighbor could use a warm welcome.
- Our annual picnic is coming up in June, and we're looking for volunteers to help organize.

As always, our community thrives on cooperation and communication. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any ideas, questions, or concerns.

See you around!

Andrea
President, Wyman Park
Community Association



Neighborhood Noticings.

By Mark Hachey

A flock of seagulls. A murder of crows.
An annoyance of sparrows.

Pigeons, it's been said, are just flying rats, a comparison I find not disparaging to either fine animal. I consider house sparrows to be flying mice, a comparison disparaging towards mice. These drab ubiquitous twerps are the brown/white/grey pip-squeaks that hop about our sidewalks and occupy our shrubs and trees like lice. They monopolize feeders - feeders you, presumably, hung to attract any bird except them. There's an annoyance that is always eating something off the street where Berry meets Beech. You can find them in gutters.

You see this bird more often from above than below. You tell me...what self-respecting bird has THAT property?

There are twin maples at 3743 and '47 Beech. Fraternal twins. The Sugar maple in front of '43 got the good genes. . .always freshly coiffed, a dense inverted paraboloid, never a hair out of place. In the fall, it shows a radiant gradient from orange to green before the leaves drift away on the breeze. A real Renoir, this one. But if you found it a bit cloying, well, there's a fine line between Renoir and Kinkadee.

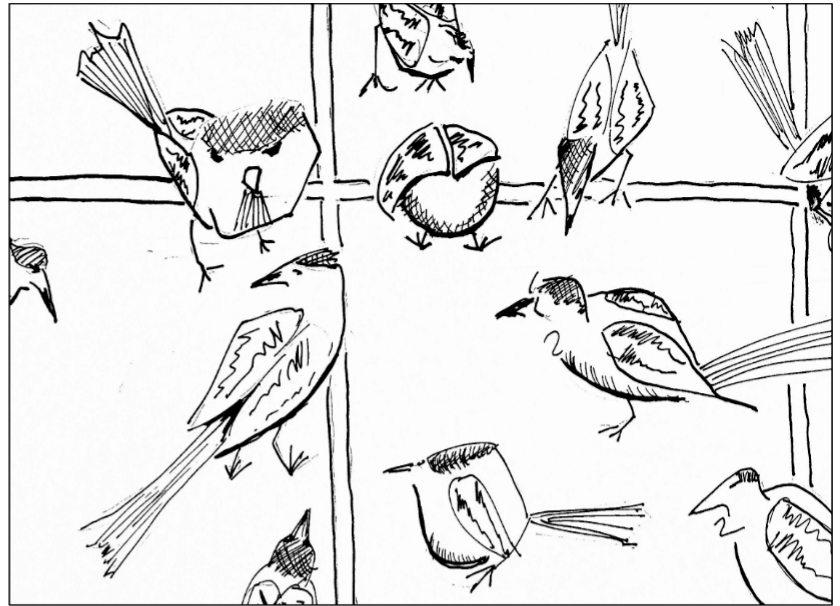


Illustration by Mark Hachey

The Silver maple, tho. What a mutt. It emits spindly branches, irregular and sparsely-leaved. More of a Bosch. In the fall, its leaves turn the color of brown wine and drop in wet clods when it rains. It was planted atilt and never forgave the arborist. My tree book calls it a "popular shade tree" whose "form is not generally pleasing" (lol) and indicates "the abundant fruit produces litter." For any car parked beneath it, that fruit-litter combines with "bird-litter," which the tree candy-coats with its abundant sap.

The sparrows love this tree. Of course they do.

HEMS News



Dear Wyman Park friends and neighbors,

Friends of Hampden #55 has been quietly turning dinner plans into school support. Our Restaurant Nights send a portion of proceeds to Hampden

Elementary/Middle School, funding teacher grants and the kind of extras that make a real difference.

The arrangement is mutually beneficial. Restaurants see a lively bump, and HEMS sees meaningful support. Everyone wins, especially anyone ordering fries.

A quick thank you to our recent partners:

LOCAL FRY
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BLUE PIT BBQ

We hope to keep these evenings in regular rotation. Keep an eye out for notice through our socials or school announcements, and please continue to show up, order well, and support the places that make the neighborhood both charming and well-fed!

With appreciation and thanks,

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Considering Foster Parenting? Join Our Upcoming Virtual Info Session



Have you ever considered opening your home to a child in need? If you have ever wanted to learn more about becoming a foster parent in Baltimore City, you are invited to attend an informal virtual meeting dedicated to exploring the foster care journey.

This session will feature insights from Wyman Park resident and foster mom, Virginia Richard, alongside Samuel Macer, a recruiter for Baltimore City Resource Homes. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear firsthand experiences and gain practical information about what it takes to be a foster parent in our community.

Meeting Details:

- Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
- Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/mbm-arpx-cgq>

How to RSVP: Please RSVP for the meeting by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/3t4xsfyb> or scan the QR code

WPCA MONTHLY

Neighborhood Happy Hour



Join us! If you haven't been, come out sometime: Third Thursday every month, 5 PM, at Rocket to Venus.

Next one: May 21, 2026.

If you're a regular: Thank you! If you think you might be able to pinch-hit on hosting once in a while, let us know!

caitlin@marmoset.com or text to 415-602-8680

–Caitlin and Charles



Wyman Wheelies is back! Tuesdays from 5:15-7pm through June 9

The centerpiece of these evenings is a bike course for the kids to ride as frequently/ infrequently as they would like. Some kids hammer out laps, developing real bike skills, but far more time is spent playing games in the woods, climbing trees or just running around. And we now have live music! All of the bands/musicians are from the neighborhood as well. If any neighbors want to play they can reach out to Guy at guytawney@gmail.com

We use a whatsapp group to communicate so if you're interested the best thing to do would be to join using this QR Code and we look forward to seeing everyone this Spring!



MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Only \$15 gets your entire household membership in WPCA. Support your community association!

How to Join:

- 1) PayPal or Credit Card: visit www.wymanparkcommunity.org;
- 2) Mail a personal check made payable to "WPCA" along with your name, address, phone number, and mail to: Michael Siers, Treasurer, 608 W 33rd St. Baltimore MD 21211
- 3) NEW!! Scan the QR code to pay your WPCA Dues . \$15 per year



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