

WHA TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY FOR GBV AND CURTIS COMMUNITY



Celebrating the residents and having fun!

Worcester, MA, — The WHA will host its 2nd annual GBV and Curtis Block Party, on August 25, 2018 from 12 Noon to 4 p.m., at the Community Center courtyard located at 180 Constitution Avenue.

The event allows residents to celebrate the success of the community by bringing together the various partners and resources that have transformed GBV and Curtis. Attending families will be able to enjoy bouncy houses, face painting, bungee trampoline rides, carnival-style games, free food and music.

Additionally, a number of individuals and agencies will be honored and recognized for their contributions to the community and its residents, including City Manager Edward M. Augustus and Quinsigamond Community College. Recognition awards will also be presented to the Resident of the Year, Volunteer of the year and graduates of the A Better Life program.

"I'm thrilled to acknowledge all these wonderful people and partners for the work they have done for our residents at GBV and Curtis,"

— WHA Executive Director, Alex Corrales.

"With City Manager Augustus, he has been a tremendous supporter of the WHA and has been instrumental in strengthening our partnership and increasing the services to our residents."

PARTNERING AGENCIES

The block party will have a number of agencies attending the event to promote the resources they offer to the community as well as to connect with the residents. Agencies attending include:

- Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc
- Masterman's
- Planned Parenthood League of MA
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Worcester Comprehensive Education & Care
- Centro
- Worcester Housing Authority Resident Services
- Pathways for Change
- Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- Worcester Firefighter
- LUK Inc.
- The Office of the Worcester County District Attorney
- American Red Cross of Central Massachusetts
- Boy Scouts of America
- Worcester Community Connections
- Worcester Child Development Head Start
- Worcester Family Partnership
- Adcare
- Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts

Working Together



"Certainly, the success we have enjoyed at GBV and Curtis has been a four prong system", stated Corrales. "First, we have developed critical relationships with community agencies and secondly we have a true partner in the WPD. Third and most importantly, the WHA residents have bought in to the growth of this community and when combined with the hard work of our dedicated WHA staff, the result is the thriving community you see today."

ACTIVITIES, RECOGNITION AND PERFORMANCES

Families will be able to enjoy the following activities:

- Moon Bouncy Houses and Face Painting for kids
- Bungee Trampoline ride and carnival-style games
- Game prizes for kids
- DJ music throughout event
- Free food including hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, popcorn and cotton candy
- Recognition of GBV residents including national art winners
- Molly Bish Foundation - finger printing and kids photos
- Music and dance performances
- Sheriff command wagon
- WPD K-9 demonstration
- WPD Mounted Patrols
- State police vehicles & K-9 demonstration
- WFD trucks

Throughout the event, residents will have opportunities to win prizes through raffle tickets they can receive at each table visited. Raffle prizes were donated from a number of vendors including many in the GBV and Curtis community. The following vendors donated to the block party and towards the raffle of prizes:

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