

WHA TO HOST 3RD ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY FOR GBV AND CURTIS COMMUNITY



Worcester, MA, — The WHA will host its 3rd annual GBV and Curtis Block Party, on August 24, 2019 from 12 Noon to 4 p.m., at the Community Center courtyard located at 180 Constitution Avenue. This year there will also be the unveiling of four great murals in partnership with POW! WOW! Worcester 2019 during the block party.

“Residents and others can come view the incredible murals while enjoying the festivities of the block party. POW! WOW! Worcester came around at the perfect time.”

— WHA Executive Director, Alex Corrales.

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, rock climbing walls, face painting, bungee trampoline rides, carnival-style games, free food and music.

“I’m thrilled to acknowledge all these wonderful people and partners for the work they have done for our residents at GBV and Curtis. They have all been a tremendous supporter for increasing the services to our residents.”

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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.

- Anna Maria College
- Worcester County District Attorney’s Office
- LUK, Inc.
- City of Worcester Division of Public Health
- Worcester Comprehensive Education & Care
- Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts
- Girls Scouts of Central & Western Mass
- Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.
- EcoTarium
- Pathways for Change
- Walking in Light, Inc.
- Commonwealth Care Alliance
- Worcester Child Development Head Start Program
- Abba Home Care
- Dick’s Sporting Goods
- Magellan Health



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 Rock Wall Climbing
- Game prizes for kids and carnival-style games
- DJ music throughout event
- Recognition of residents
- Fire truck visit
- Molly Bish Foundation - finger printing and kids photos
- Live music and dance performances
- Sheriff command wagon
- WPD Mounted Patrol
- Free food including hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream.

Throughout the event, residents will have opportunities to win numerous raffle prizes that 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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Zero Point Development

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Hai Group
Harpers
F.W. Webb Company
Dick's Sporting Goods



WHA ACKNOWLEDGES INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY & ITS RESIDENTS



Partner of the Year: Boys & Girls Club of Worcester

Additionally, a number of individuals and agencies will be honored and recognized for their contributions to the community and our residents, including Mayor Joe Petty, City Manager Ed Augustus, District Attorney Joe Early, WPD Chief Steven Sargent, and District 1 Councilor Sean Rose. Recognition awards will also be presented to the Resident of the Year, Volunteer of the year and graduates of the A Better Life program who successfully moved out of GBV and are now new homeowners.



Joseph M. Petty



Edward M. Augustus, Jr.



Joseph D. Early, Jr.



Sean M. Rose



The Worcester Housing Authority will also be honoring their Partner of the Year award to the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester. Their contributions to the community are highly appreciated by the resident families of GBV and Curtis apartments. The Boys & Girls Club of Worcester gives the opportunity for WHA resident children to attend two free summer programs at GBV as well as running an after school recreational program. These activities reduce learning loss and helps build the community with long lasting friendships.

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