



West Lanham Hills Citizen

DECEMBER 2025

Next WLHCA Meeting:
Thursday, Dec 4 at 7pm
Park Building (7700 Decatur Road)
Tentative: No January Meeting

HOLIDAY CHEER IN WEST LANHAM HILLS

We have several exciting holiday events coming up in West Lanham Hills, and we hope you'll join us to celebrate the season!

Friday, December 12 at 5:30pm – Holiday Lights Sip & Stroll (meet outside Park Building)

Join neighbors for a festive evening walk to view and vote on decorated homes. To enter your home in the competition, email westlanhamnews@gmail.com by Dec 5. Participating homes must be lit by 5:30 PM on Dec 12. Winners receive yard signs and features in our newsletter and on social media.

Saturday, December 13 at 10am-2pm – Community Holiday Gathering (Park Building)

Come for holiday cheer and the announcement of our Holiday Lights Competition winners **at 12pm!** Join us for warm beverages, snacks, a holiday photo backdrop, and holiday crafts and activities for all ages. We'll also be collecting and distributing canned goods, books, and gently used clothing for families in need. Interested in volunteering? Interested in helping out? Call or email to get involved: michael.w.chodos@gmail.com or 810-813-7224.

Donation Drop-Off:

If you would like to donate any canned goods, books, toys, gently used clothing, or other household supply contributions for families in need, bring items directly to the Parks Building on Dec 13 from 9-10am, or email westlanhamnews@gmail.com to coordinate drop off.

We hope you'll join us for two days of community, celebration, and holiday sparkle!

Tues, Dec. 9

Game Night

Park Building
7-8:30 PM

Games & Snacks Provided

Join us at the park building for a relaxed evening of board games, card games, and friendly fun with neighbors of all ages. Bring your favorite game and enjoy laughter, snacks, and good company! *Note: there will be no Game Night in Jan*

Fri, Jan 30

Fifth Friday Fun Run

Meet at Park Building at 6 PM



Did you know?

Every fifth Friday, we hit the sidewalks together! Come out for a relaxed walk/run and connect with our community while getting a little fresh air.

Interested in joining a regular group of walkers/runners on **Saturday mornings**? Contact westlanhamnews@gmail.com if interested and we'll get you connected with the group!

December Safety and Awareness Reminders

- **Travel Safety While You're Away:** Hold your mail, use timers for indoor lights, secure all doors and windows, and ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out for packages or anything unusual while you're gone.
- **Holiday Package Theft Prevention:** Track deliveries, bring packages inside promptly, and consider having items sent to secure pickup locations or trusted neighbors.
- **Fire Safety During the Holidays:** Inspect holiday lights for damage, avoid overloading outlets, and keep live trees watered and away from heat sources. Never leave candles unattended, and keep a fire extinguisher accessible.
- **Winter Weather Preparedness:** Stock up on essentials such as food, water, medications, and blankets in case of storms. Keep an emergency kit in your car with items like a shovel, ice scraper, jumper cables, and extra clothing. Stay updated on local conditions through Prince George's County alerts for snow, ice, and severe weather.

PG County Alerts: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/homeland-security/services/alert-prince-georges>

- **Outdoor Safety for Snow and Ice:** After snowstorms, clear sidewalks, driveways, and spread sand or salt to prevent slips and help neighbors safely navigate the neighborhood. Park on the even side of the street after snowfall to allow plows to pass.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Michael Chodos, WLHCA President

As we head into the holiday season, I hope you'll take a moment to enjoy the warmth, generosity, and togetherness that make West Lanham Hills such a special place to call home. We're excited to celebrate with you at **our WLH upcoming neighborhood holiday events**—the Holiday Lights Sip & Stroll on December 12, and our community holiday gathering on December 13. These moments of connection matter, and I hope you'll join us in keeping the spirit bright throughout the neighborhood.

This time of year is also an important reminder to look out for one another. A small gesture or quick check-in can go a long way, and together we can support our neighbors who may need a little extra warmth this season.

Please note that **we may not hold a January meeting**, pending a vote at our December meeting. We'll share an update once it's finalized.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful holiday season!

WLHCA Membership Drive



Our West Lanham Hills Citizens Association membership drive is still underway! Use the QR code to renew or begin your membership for 2025-2026.

Additional Information Available at:

Website: www.westlanhamhills.com | **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/westlanhamhillsmc

Email: westlanhamnews@gmail.com