

West Lanham Hills Citizen

APRIL 2025

Next WLHCA Meeting:

Thursday, April 3 at 7pm
Park Building (7700 Decatur Road)

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West Lanham Hills to the Rescue

By: Lan Tsubata, WLHCA President

I recently wrote to local developers, “A community is built by more than just brick and mortar, it is built with people.” On the very same day, our community proved this point in the best way.

March 18th at around 5 p.m., I received a call from a neighbor about an elderly woman wandering in their backyard, confused and unable to respond to questions. I rushed over to help, and met four neighbors who had already come together, ready to assist. We later learned the woman had dementia.

As we waited for the police, at least ten more neighbors showed up to support, driving and walking around the neighborhood in search of anyone who might be looking for her, offering snacks, sandwiches, and blankets, and providing comfort. After the police arrived many neighbors continued to assist the officers in helping find her family and caregivers.

We learned that she had walked over a mile into our neighborhood, and thanks to our collective efforts, she was safely reunited with her family. Before she left she hugged and shook hands with some neighbors and police officers to thank them for helping her. One of the police officers even remarked, “This was the best call I’ve ever been on.” He went on to talk about how impressed and moved he was with how so many neighbors were jumping in to help.

This experience perfectly illustrates the strength and beauty of our community, one built not on structures, but on kindness and a desire to help one another. I want to thank all who helped this lost woman the other day, and I thank each of you in our neighborhood, for being such wonderful neighbors and friends.

Photos: Daffodils are blooming at the corner of 78th Ave and Emerson Place, refreshed with new plants by the Gardening Committee in fall 2024.



Newsletter Contributions:

We’re seeking contributions to this newsletter! Submit articles, photos, event updates, or other important information via email to westlanhamnews@gmail.com or drop off a printed copy to:

- Kay – 4903 77th Pl
 - Alicia – 7743 Emerson Rd
- Submit by the second Thursday of each month (one week after monthly WLHCA meeting).

PARKING SURVEY UPDATE

The initial results are in!

We received 18 responses to the neighborhood parking survey. From those, 65% of respondents agree that parking is a problem on their street and 71% would like permitted parking on their streets. Several respondents shared that they have neighbors with up to 10 vehicles, leaving no parking spots near their homes. One respondent reported they received multiple fines for parking; another expressed concern over orange cones. Of respondents, 24% currently have permitted parking, while 76% do not. There do not seem to be any trends in specific areas of the neighborhood. A few neighbors suggested prohibiting commercial vehicles on street parking.

Based on these results, the parking committee will explore options available to the neighborhood and will share a summary of options in a monthly meeting when available. If you are interested in viewing the raw data, please contact Alicia at denniam17@gmail.com using the subject line "Parking".

You can still share your feedback to the survey at the link:

<https://forms.gle/qR3uXY8Xwqip2Ykp8>

or by scanning the QR Code below.



April 8, 2025

Game Night

Park Building
7-8:30pm

Games & Snacks Provided

Join us in the park building to play board games and engage in other fun activities. All ages are welcome! This is a great chance to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

We hope to see you there!

April 10, 2025

Planning Board Hearing

1616 McCormick Dr.
Largo, MD 20774
10AM

Attend virtually or in-person

PG County Planning Board is conducting a hearing to rezone the Lincoln Dealership based on the application RST Development submitted.

<https://www.pgplanningboard.org/participate/attend-contribute-to-a-planning-board-meeting/>

For more information or to share comments, contact:

240-545-8976

pgcpb@mncppc.org.

April 26, 2025

Pickup & Picnic

Park Pavillion
10am-1pm

Help Keep Our Neighborhood Clean

Our neighborhood is hosting a clean-up event in coordination with the [PG County Growing Green with Pride](#). Join us to pick up litter, improve green spaces, and show your support. After the clean-up, join us for a picnic in the park! Gloves, garbage bags, and food provided. The Gardening committee will host a seed swap as part of this event.

Contact Sarah Tsubata, if you need volunteer hours: 785-341-5042 or sarahtsubata@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Reminder to Join us for WLHCA Board News and Upcoming Elections

I hope everyone is enjoying our warmer weather and extra evening sunlight as we enter spring! I encourage all of you to join us at our upcoming West Lanham Hills Citizen Association Meetings to learn more about the candidates running for board positions and to join us for elections, which will be held at the May 1 meeting (7pm). Our April meeting will present the opportunity to learn more about those who are running for these positions.

I also want to extend our support and well wishes to our neighbors who are federal employees or whose work has been disrupted by the recent cuts in federal funding. In these challenging times, please remember to support one another, and consider how you might help a neighbor in need.

On the Agenda: April 3, 2025

Topics of discussion at the next WLHCA meeting include:

- Updates from the Election Nomination Committee and meet the candidates (Note: anyone can run by attending the May annual meeting)
- Updates from active committees (parking, garden, outreach)

Invited Guests:

- Crystal Washington, MNCPPC

WLHCA Nominating Committee

At the March WLHCA meeting, Jason Finley (finleyj547@gmail.com) was selected to serve as the nomination committee chair, along with additional committee members, Scott Condren and Kelli Thomas.

REMINDERS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Loose Pets:** Help us stay safe - please keep pets, including dogs and chickens, safely contained or monitored at all times.
- **Dog Poop:** Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers, especially in shared spaces like the park.
- **Earth Day (April 22):** Small actions make a big impact – reduce, reuse, recycle, and show our planet some love.
- **Maryland Day (April 26):** Enjoy a day of learning and discovery at the University of Maryland's open house. marylandday.umd.edu

Stay Connected!

We want to ensure everyone stays informed about important updates, events, and emergencies. Please take a moment to update your contact information!

<https://mailchi.mp/8a3edf0b0595/wlhca>



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