

West Lanham Hills Citizen

SEPTEMBER 2025

Next WLHCA Meeting:
Thursday, Sept 4 at 7pm
Park Building (7700 Decatur Road)

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Back to School Bash Brings Neighbors Together!

Over 120 students received supplies and an estimated 150 neighbors joined us for food, fun, and festivities at this year's Back to School Bash. From free haircuts and face painting to a garden seed exchange, the day was full of community spirit. **See page 2 for more highlights and photos!**



Tues, Sept 9

Game Night

Park Building
7-8:30 PM

Games & Snacks Provided

Join us in the park building for games and other fun activities. All ages are welcome! We continue to celebrate monthly birthdays and expand our game and activity offerings at this monthly event.

Sat, Sept 20

WLH Garden Tour 2pm at Park Building

Rain Date: Sun, Sept 21

Instead of a garden competition, the Garden Committee is hosting a **Neighborhood Garden Tour!**

Join us on Saturday, September 20 at 2 PM at the park building. We'll visit neighbors' flower and vegetable gardens, share garden ideas and tips, enjoy a fun scavenger hunt, spend time with neighbors, and enjoy the fall weather. Kids are welcome!

To sign up as a vegetable or flower garden stop on the tour, please email wlhca.gardening@gmail.com

Save the Date!

Upcoming WLH Events

September - October:
WLHCA membership drive
(see page 2)

Oct 18: Fall Green Up Clean Up Event

Nov 22: Dumpsters available for bulky waste

Dec 12: Neighborhood Holiday Lights competition

Dec 13: Holiday event
(interested in planning & coordination for this? contact westlanhamnews@gmail.com)

Additional Information Available at:

Website: www.westlanhamhills.com | **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/westlanhamhillsmid
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Back to School Bash: A Day of Community and Celebration

On August 22, West Lanham Hills came together for our 2025 Back to School Bash and it was a wonderful celebration!

Highlights included:

- Backpacks full of supplies to start the school year right.
- Free haircuts from the Hair Academy.
- Face painting courtesy of PG Parks & Rec.
- Yard games.
- Delicious food, including food pantry donations from the Capital Area Food Bank.
- Seed & plant exchange hosted by the Garden Committee.
- School uniform exchange.

This event would not have been possible without the energy of our volunteers and the thoughtful planning team behind the scenes (Ann Chilcoat, Michael Chodos, Scott Condren, Alicia Denning, Michael Driggers, Juana Gonzalez, Amanda Karam, Kay Rager, and Sarah Tsubata).

Thank you all for making West Lanham Hills a place where neighbors thrive together!



Free on-site haircuts from the Hair Academy.



Joe Mohr offered pawpaw samples and info.



Smiles at check-in.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Michael Chodos, WLHCA President

What a wonderful way to close out the summer! It was great to see such a fantastic turnout for our Back to School Bash—thank you to everyone who came out, volunteered, and helped make the event such a success. Seeing neighbors gather, kids enjoying themselves, and the community coming together is what makes West Lanham Hills so special.

As we move into the fall, WLHCA meetings are starting back up. We look forward to connecting with you at upcoming meetings and hearing from some of our invited county guests on topics that matter most to our neighborhood. Your voice and participation are what keep our community strong—so we hope to see you there!

On the Agenda: Sept 4, 2025

Topics of discussion at the next WLHCA meeting include:

- Delegate Diana Fennell will attend and provide brief updates.
- Proposed WLH logos will be presented for a vote.

WLHCA Membership Drive



Our West Lanham Hills Citizen's Association membership drive is starting now! Use the QR code to renew or begin your membership for 2025-2026.