

West Lanham Hills Citizen

OCTOBER 2025

Next WLHCA Meeting:
Thursday, Oct 2 at 7pm
Park Building (7700 Decatur Road)

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Garden Tour Highlights Beauty and Creativity!

On Sept 20, neighbors joined a walking tour of backyard gardens, showing that beauty can thrive even in small spaces. From raised beds of tomatoes and herbs to side yards of dahlias, zinnias, and sunflowers, each stop offered inspiration. Children enjoyed a scavenger hunt, while adults swapped tips on container gardening and trellising. The tour highlighted not just our green spaces, but also the creativity and resilience of city gardening—with plans already in motion to make it a semi-annual tradition. **So stay tuned for more this Spring!**

Tues, Oct 7

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!

Sat, Oct 25

Fall Clean Up

Park Building
10 AM - 1 PM

Love Where You Live: Join the Cleanup!

Join us to help tidy our streets and shared spaces. Gloves, litter pickers, and refreshments will be provided — just bring your energy and community spirit! Let's work together to keep our neighborhood looking its best. NOTE: date has changed from Oct 18.

Fri, Oct 31

Halloween Fun Run

Park Building
5 - 6 PM

Run (or Walk) Spooky, Run Silly, Run happy!

Oct 31: Get ready to run, walk, and have a spooktacular time when you join us on for our **Halloween Fun Run at 5 pm** at the Park Building! Costumes are encouraged!



**Other
Upcoming
Events**

Nov 22: Dumpsters available for bulky waste
Dec 12: Neighborhood Holiday Lights competition
Dec 13: Holiday event - email us if you are interested in helping!

Additional Information Available at:

Website: www.westlanhamhills.com | **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/westlanhamhillsmid
Email: westlanhamnews@gmail.com

Local Happenings and Reminders

Prince George's Philharmonic Concert

(by: Dave Cole)

Our very own local symphony orchestra will begin their 60th season on October 4. Sixty years of beautiful music is impressive. The concert will have works by Dukas, MacDowell, and Hindemith. Even once a year, hearing beautiful music is good for the soul.

When: Saturday, October 4 at 7:30pm

Where: Prince George's Community College

Info: www.pgphilharmonic.org | 301-446-3245

Shoppers Food Closing

(by: Ann Chilcoat)

The Shoppers Food on Riverdale Rd. in New Carrollton will be closing its doors for good on October 18th. This store has been part of our neighborhood for over 40 years, and it's truly sad to see such a longtime community staple go.

Halloween Safety Tips

Carry a flashlight, watch traffic, and wear visible costumes. Drivers, slow down! Candy-givers, keep lights on and paths clear. Let's make Halloween safe, spooky, and sweet for everyone!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By: Michael Chodos, WLHCA President

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Garden Committee's Garden Tour, and it was truly wonderful to see our neighbors' passion and commitment to enriching and beautifying our community. The pride they take in cultivating a lush environment is truly inspiring! It was a lovely reminder to never hesitate to reach out to your fellow residents as you never know if you'll get a hot tip on where to get mulch, a cutting from a productive fig tree, or a delicious cherry tomato straight off the vine!

Stay spooky and remember that Monday mornings are the pick-up time for yard waste, including all those colorful fallen leaves from the Hill's many trees. Enjoy the season!

Neighborhood News

New WLH Logo



We're excited to announce that our community has officially adopted a new logo! The chosen design proudly maintains the deep green color that has long identified our neighborhood while incorporating the Cape Cod style that reflects the character of so many of our homes.

This fresh look will begin appearing on newsletters, signs, and event materials in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process—your voices helped shape a logo that honors our history while celebrating our community's unique style and unity.

On the Agenda: Oct 4, 2025

Topics of discussion at the next WLHCA meeting include:

- District 3 County Council Member Staff Updates
- Upcoming event coordination

WLHCA Membership Drive



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