

West Lanham Hills Citizen

January Edition

Next Meeting: January 3, 2018, 8 p.m., Park Building

Santa's Workshop:

This year, our Santa's Workshop was decorated by a beautiful covering of snow outside, and inside, by the warm hearts of our neighbors.

While Santa discussed Christmas wishes with kids—and also, whether they had been naughty or nice to their families—neighbors crafted wonderful gifts at the project tables. They decorated plates and mugs, they folded origami paper into frames and stars, they created candles and soaps, and they made candy jars.

This year's coordinator (and superhero) was Wanda Brooks, who, with the help of a number of “elves,” provided plenty of projects and refreshments for everyone.

Our elves included Kay Rager, Fulvia Guerra, Dorothy and Mike Driggers, Greg and Ina McNair, Ann and Rick Chilcoat, Kazuo and Kensei Tsubata, and a large contingent of student volunteers.

A special thanks goes to John Connor, who arranged for a “special delivery” of gifts for Santa to give to neighbors, courtesy of the Dollar Tree.

We are blessed to have a community that is filled with loving and hard-working individuals and families; West Lanham Hills keeps the Christmas spirit alive, all year round!



Ann and Rick Chilcoat, Great Neighbors of the Month! (Story, page 2)



Great Neighbors of the Month: Chilcoat Family

Ann and Rick Chilcoat are December's "Great Neighbors of the Month." Since moving here in 1986, they have raised three children and have welcomed an increasing number of grandchildren to our community. Recently, when our beloved Walter Harris passed away, they helped organize, decorate and set up a beautiful repast for the family and friends of the Harris family, a fitting tribute to the immense amount of work that the Harris's have contributed to our community.

Ann and Rick also helped Wanda Brooks to pull together a great Santa's Workshop, when some of the usual helpers were unable to participate. Rick Chilcoat, it may be remembered, facilitated the replacement of street lights a few years ago, with a newer, brighter type of lights that greatly improved the visibility and safety of our community.

We are so grateful to have wonderful neighbors like the Chilcoats taking a key role in the community. They will receive a \$25 gift, and the thanks of all our neighbors!



Snow Removal

We have already had a few snowfalls, but here are some reminders:

- 1) When snow is predicted, residents should all park on a single side of the street. (Each street can decide which side they prefer, as long as everyone follows that.) This allows the plow to eliminate snow from most of the street, after which everyone can re-park to their normal spaces. If cars are parked on both sides, the trucks will only plow the center strip, meaning that everyone will have to dig themselves out and we'll have a narrow path that is plowed.
- 2) All residents are responsible to clear snow from their sidewalks (the public walkway in front of their house) within 24 hours. If uncleared, those homes can receive citations (tickets) with fines.
- 3) Reports of unplowed streets or uncleared sidewalks can only be made 24 hours after the snowfall ends.
- 4) If you can't shovel your walks, and are willing to pay someone to do so, tie a bright cloth to your doorknob.

Our Wishes for Your Holidays

Two thousand years ago, a baby was born to a poor family far from home~and a new hope was born for the world. We celebrate the birth of Jesus with gifts and fine meals, but we also celebrate by living as he taught us.

During this Christmas season, we hope that your hearts and homes are full of love, and that your hands are busy in the service of others. We pray that your family will be safe from accidents or loss, and that you will be a shining example of God's love to others.

We hope that the message sung by the angels, heard by the shepherds, will ring out today: "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All Men." May God bless you, your families, and may God Bless West Lanham Hills.

