

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

NEW BOARD VOTED IN Exciting events planned

At the May meeting, which is the Annual Meeting for the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association, a new slate of candidates was voted in, and three hardworking officers were able to step down and turn over their responsibilities to the newly elected persons. Some 30 members expressed their gratitude and admiration for those who served for several terms in some very challenging times. President Greg McNair, Treasurer Deanna Echanique and Parliamentarian Lee Rowe graciously pledged to help the new board members inherit the information and practices that will enable them to smoothly continue the operations of the association.

In other business, the voters passed motions to publish a new community directory, and to consider a new meeting time schedule which would allow more people to attend and contribute ideas to

the association. A new committee was formed to research starting English as a Second Language classes.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

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| President: | Lan Tsubata (lantsubata@yahoo.com) |
| Vice President: | Fulvia Guerra (fulviaguerra11@gmail.com) |
| Secretary: | Sarah Tsubata (sarahtsubata@gmail.com) |
| Treasurer: | Mike Driggers (driggers.michael@gmail.com) |
| Parliamentarian: | Mike Ferrete (m.ferrete88@gmail.com) |

For June, we will hold the meeting at the existing time (First Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m.)

CLEAN-UP DAY A SUCCESS

Some 40 residents came out on Saturday, May 4 to remove trash, tires and broken glass from the streets and public areas of our community. Trucks provided by the Prince George's County Solid Waste division picked up the bags filled with trash. Tires were also piled up and picked up. Afterwards, professional caterer (and neighbor) Greg McNair grilled a veritable feast of burgers, hot dogs and other delicious foods, while Fulvia Guerra provided Shrimp Ceviche and Kate Tsubata provided baked macaroni and cheese. Chips and drinks were provided as well, and all the workers enjoyed a great meal together.

The County loaned safety vests, gloves, trash grabbing tools and the trucks to remove the bags of garbage. T-shirts were also provided to some volunteers. A follow-up celebration was held at Watkins Park, hosted by the county, for volunteers who could make it there. Many thanks to all those who helped make our community shine again!



FAMILY FUN DAY UPDATE

This year's Family Fun Day will be at the West Lanham Hills Park on Thursday, July 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. With the help of the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning department, and various County agencies, there will be many exciting activities for families to enjoy. The WLHCA will provide food, and we need lots of volunteers to make this an evening of fun and value for everyone. Please let the board members know if you can volunteer! (Students can receive community service hours through this!) 301-577-1094

A NEW DIRECTORY IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE COMMUNITY: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AN AD, CONTACT KATE TSUBATA, 301-257-4243:

FULL PAGE: \$50

HALF PAGE: \$25

Service Listing:

If you offer a service neighbors can use, you can have a free listing in the newsletter. Send us your information: 7752 Decatur Road, Hyattsville, Md 20784. Include name, phone, email, website and services you can offer (lawn mowing, roofing, tree surgery, etc.)

Want to study English as a Second Language?

If you have interest in attending classes, or if you can help teach, please contact our committee:

Kate Tsubata, 301-257-4243

Greg McNair, 703-217-7598

Fulvia Guerra, 301-335-4214

Dead Tree Update:

Yasha Magarik, a ISA-certified Arborist from the Neighborhood Design Center, inspected 14 trees on 10 neighbors' properties on May 8. Several of those who wanted inspection were not at home. He reported five dead trees, one poor, six fair and one good. He recommended to eliminate the 5 dead and remove or prune the 7 trees in poor condition or also. The full report is available: contact Secretary Sarah Tsubata to get all the details.



Great Neighbors: Rick and Ann Chilcoat

Mie Smith nominates Rick and Ann Chilcoat for the "Great Neighbor of the Month." "My car was not starting, and I had no way to get it working. Our neighbor, Rick, came and helped to jump start it, and checked our oil, which was really low. He went to the store and bought us 4 quarts of oil and filled the oil level up. He came later, to find out whether we needed more help. I felt so lucky to have support during a difficult moment. Rick and Ann are such a blessing to our family, and we're grateful to them for all their support. They are really Great Neighbors!"

Rick and Ann have been active in serving our community for many years. Thanks to Rick, brighter streetlights were installed to increase the safety of our residents. Ann has volunteered at Santa's Workshop, Family Fun Day and numerous other projects. A gift of \$25 will be given to the Chilcoats in thanks for their outstanding service to our community.