

# West Lanham Hills Citizen

June 2016

Next Meeting: Wed., June 1, 2016 at 8 p.m.

**NEW! Household Trash and Recycling pickup is Thursday. Yard Waste pickup is Monday. For bulky trash items, schedule a pickup; Call 311. Put items out the night before.**

## Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Phillip Yeldell, Jr. (PJ), son of Lucinda Tolliver, 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is graduating from Washington Mathematics Science Technology Public Charter High School this June. He has been on the Honor Roll for all 4 years, a member of the National Honor Society, and received scholarships and awards.



Antoine Brooks Jr. is graduating from Duval High School. He is the grandson of Maxsean Brooks, of 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

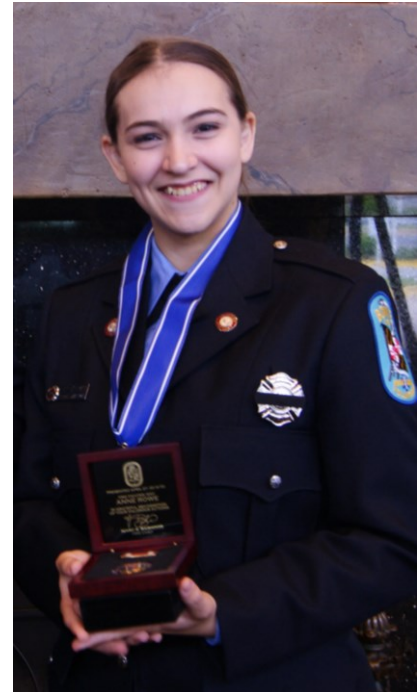
## Young Neighbor Saves Lives: Gets Awards

A young resident of West Lanham Hills has been awarded for helping save several lives. In the early morning hours of Sunday, August 30, 2015, Bowie Fire Station 839 was called to a home where the father did not have a heartbeat and was not breathing.

Upon arriving, the volunteer unit found family members performing CPR. The medics took over, using an Automated External Defibrillator to “shock” the heart muscle, but was unable to find a pulse. Additional help came with the arrival of the Glenn Dale Fire Department 818. After 25 minutes of nonstop CPR, a faint pulse was detected. The units transported the patient to the hospital where the ER staff successfully resuscitated the man.

The Bowie Fire/EMT unit had finished their shift and was returning to the station to restock when they heard that Glenn Dale Fire Station 818 was called to help people trapped inside a rolled-over vehicle. They needed medical assistance, but their med team was still caring for the CPR victim. The Bowie Fire Station EMT unit immediately responded, helped free the victims from the wreckage, tended to medical needs, and transported them to the hospital.

One of the medic team is a young neighbor of ours, Ms. Anne Rowe, daughter of Lee and Helen Rowe. Anne graduated from her high school course of study in 2014, and was trained and licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician in 2015, also earning a license for national-level EMT service. Anne works with Ambulatory Services in Washington, D.C., transporting patients. She also works at the Washington Nationals baseball games. She grew up in our community, and was an active and creative participant in WAIT (Washington AIDS International Teens), teaching HIV/AIDS prevention and performing in venues all over the area.



Anne and the other members of her crew were awarded the Bronze Medal for Excellence in Emergency Medical Services in April, by the Prince George's County Fire Department; previously, in September, 2015, they had received the Certificate of Appreciation. They were also recognized with a Certificate of Commendation from the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department.

Anne's mom, Helen Rowe, reminds us “CPR really does work and people in the fire department really do want to serve our community and help us when we need them. They even respond to a call when they are out of service!”

**Congratulations to Anne Rowe: We are naming her the “Great Neighbor of the Month” with a gift of \$25 and the thanks of our community for her public service.**

**County News**

What to do when you need to get rid of a piece of furniture? **Call 311 and schedule a pick-up.** Please do not place your items at the curb **until the evening before your pick-up date.** Your cooperation with keeping our community looking good is greatly appreciated!

...As the weather gets warmer please be aware that noise levels must be controlled. If noise seems detrimental to health, safety, or welfare and the use, enjoyment and protection of property; it is interfering with the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of the County.

...When having parties, please keep in mind that your music or amplified sound

may disturb your neighbors. If reported, police will make you reduce the volume, and can also fine you for disturbing the peace. Please be considerate of others in your celebrations and family events.

*Thanks to Wanda Brooks, Constituent Services, County Council office of Danielle Glaros. 301-952-3060*

**Community Clean Up: Update and Opinion**

*By Lan Tsubata*

Our neighborhood was long overdue for a good Spring Cleaning--and on April 30<sup>th</sup> it got one! The morning was cold, cloudy and dreary-looking, but some 17 hardy volunteers removed the trash that had collected on the streets, sidewalks, drainage areas and shrubs. It was hard work, and we were a small group. Many of the volunteers lifted heavy items from difficult-to-reach places and filled multiple bags of trash that were all picked up by the county. The volunteers worked all morning and had worked up an appetite so they were rewarded for their hard work with a pizza lunch including snacks, desserts and drinks! I am extremely thankful and amazed by those who came out to beautify our community!

My children love our neighborhood, so they love to come out and participate in the community clean-up. However, they still ask me, every time, "Why do people litter?" I can only answer "I don't know." I hope we can make the effort to keep our neighborhood beautiful all the time, so our children don't have to ask those questions. I think all parents would like their kids to be proud of this awesome neighborhood that we all call home.

**Mosquito Control**

If you notice an increase of mosquito presence in your yard or anywhere in the neighborhood, please contact our Mosquito Control Liaison, Lee Rowe, 301-577-5190 or [skipper20784@yahoo.com](mailto:skipper20784@yahoo.com)

**Business Closed**

Sadly, the Italian Inn on Annapolis Road, near Capital Plaza, closed its doors on May 4, 2016 after 60 years in business. They will be sorely missed.

**Vehicle Fire on 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Neighbors were surprised to see a burned out vehicle with Virginia plates at the intersection of 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West Lanham Drive last week.

According to Officer Lawrence Hammond, a Virginia resident, the owner of the vehicle, told police that he was driving in the area and his car suddenly caught on fire so he stopped and exited the vehicle, calling the fire department. Fire fighters put out the fire, but no police were called to the scene.

The owner left the damaged vehicle there for several days, returning to the area only when the tow truck arrived to take it away. He showed his title and registration to Officer Hammond, and said his reason for leaving the vehicle abandoned on the street was to contact his insurance company, find a service station nearby, and to arrange the towing. Had officers been on the scene, the owner would have been informed that the vehicle needed to be towed right away, as it was a danger. Officer Hammond will give an updated report and answer questions at the next meeting.

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***West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association Annual Meeting, May 4, 2016***

Meeting started at 8:11 PM.

Board Members present:

Greg McNair, President

Lan Tsubata, Vice President

Sarah Tsubata, Secretary

As the quorum of 25 voting members was assembling, a number of representatives from local officials spoke: Delegate Diana Fennell, (MD House of Delegates), and Krystal Greene, (representative from State Senator Victor Ramirez's office), and Officer Lawrence Hammond (PG Police). Also, one County inspector reported on property violation discoveries found during a recent county inspection of residential properties on April 7, 2016.

**Invocation:** Greg McNair

**Election:** Committee Chairman, Lucinda Toliver, and Kate Tsubata facilitated the election of new officers.

Lucinda Toliver introduced all the candidates that were running for election. The Election Committee asked if there were any other nominees. Roy Allums made a motion to accept the candidates as a single slate, seconded by Roberto Gato. Motion carried. The slate of candidates was voted on by a show of hands. According to the official count, the results were 25 in favor and 0 opposed. Lucinda Toliver announced that the new officers were therefore instated:

President: Greg McNair

Vice President: Lan Tsubata

Secretary: Sarah Tsubata

Treasurer: Deanna Echanique

Parliamentarian: Lee Rowe

**Minutes** were read. Kay Rager made the motion to accept the minutes of the monthly meeting, April 6, 2016 and Special Meeting, April 18, 2016, seconded by Roberto Gato. Passed by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report** was read. It was noted that the report was not official but was reconstructed from information available from bank and other sources. It was not, therefore, an official Treasurer's Report. Kate Tsubata made a motion to table the discussion of this Treasurer's Report until the new Treasurer could examine and present a full report. Motion seconded by Roy Allums. Passed by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

Greg McNair, President, reported that we have access to bank records, but that records of the monthly financial statements were not yet found. He explained that all records were to be prepared for an audit by the accountant, Mr. Tamba Mayah, CPA. Also, he reported that a new Post Office Box would be rented for Association business. Roberto Gato made the motion to have a financial audit, seconded by Roy Allums. Passed by voice vote.

Kensei Tsubata made the motion to retain Attorney Mike Herman for current activities relating to the status of the association; seconded by Roy Allums. Passed by voice vote.

There was a report on the status of the proposed book house art project, now planned to be set up in various locations around the community, to be built by artist and neighbor Roberto Gato.

It was reported that Back to School, Family Fun Day, Fall Community Cleanup, and Santa's Workshop will be happening this Fall and Winter.

**New Business:**

Kate Tsubata made the motion to create an updated directory, seconded by Roy Allums. Passed by voice vote.

Roberto Gato moved to adjourn, seconded by Kay Rager. Passed by voice vote.