

**Community Directory is Going to Print!**

One of the ways that our community has built strong bonds has been by producing a directory with neighbors' names, phone numbers (and now, emails, if available.) The value of this has been inestimable over the years. Being able to call a neighbor, when you have an emergency often means getting help fast. If someone is acting suspiciously around your property or car, or sees a pet running loose, neighbors can alert you. Also, those who have professional services can make those available to neighbors too.

In the new edition, we are including information on the parking permit process, how to get a driveway put in, and about recognizing a dead tree that might be a risk to your house and property. A list of helpful agency numbers will also be provided. A map of all the houses is always there. And there's a little history about the community's origins and traditions too.

We hope to have the directory ready for distribution by the end of May. We want to thank all those who knocked on doors and invited people to become members of the Citizens' Association. We also want to thank SunJae Smith of LightSmith Productions for doing the design and formatting of the booklet.

We hope the directory will welcome new members, and acquaint all the neighbors with each other, and be a reference and resource to you for years to come.

**Noise disturbances**

As the weather gets warmer many will want to have BBQs, parties or other get togethers. I would like to remind everyone of the county noise & party ordinances. The noise ordinance in Prince Georges County is no longer a time-based law. The noise ordinance is now in effect 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK and within 50 FEET of the residence! This ordinance does carry a substantial fine (up to \$1,000) for the owner of the home. Please be courteous of your neighbors and mindful of your music/motorcycles/noise. If you need to report a noise disturbance to the police, please call 301-352-1200.

**BOARD ELECTIONS**

It is election time! The West Lanham Hills Citizens Association Board is made up of 5 volunteers who are elected to the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Secretary. The purpose of the board has been to support the needs, desires, and safety of our neighborhood. Listed below are those who are running for positions on the association board. Please be sure to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30pm and vote!

**President**

Lan Tsubata has served one term as vice-president and one term as president of the association. She grew up in West Lanham Hills, and together with her husband, bought a house and now raise their 3 children here. She is happy to continue serving this neighborhood and is excited to do more to advocate for and support this community.

**Vice- President**

Jose Machuca was born in El Salvador, has lived in West Lanham Hills for 7 years, where he raises his 3 children. He has worked for WMATA (Metro) for 22 years and now would like to serve his community as Vice-President.

**Treasurer**

Michael Driggers has served as the Treasurer for the WLHCA for the past three years. Since moving to the neighborhood in 2016 with his wife and three daughters, Michael has been an active participant in the community cleanups and annual events.

**Secretary**

Sarah Tsubata has served two terms as secretary of the association. She has lived in the neighborhood for 12 years with her husband and son. Sarah consistently shares important announcements, resources, and opportunities to our website and other online forums, as well as performing the recording and reporting tasks of her position as secretary.

**Parliamentarian**

Michael Chodos is a proud two-year resident of West Lanham Hills. He loves helping his wife Emily around the garden and going on runs through the many beautiful parks in the DMV area. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for community building, he's excited to run for the position of Parliamentarian!