

West Lanham Hills Citizen

February 2016

Next Meeting Wed. Feb. 3, 2016 8 p.m.

Honoring Michiko Campbell

One of our outstanding neighbors, Mrs. Michiko Campbell, is leaving us. After



40 years in West Lanham Hills, she is moving to Texas in February to live close to her daughter's family.

Since moving to our neighborhood in 1975, Michiko has worked hard for the community. While raising her own daughter, and working as a registered nurse, she helped others constantly.

You have probably seen her in action, organizing the activities of our many Community Clean Ups. Your children may know her from receiving the free school supplies she researched, purchased and distributed, as a project of the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association.

Teens gained their community service hours through her efforts as a volunteer coordinator for numerous events. She organized the monthly delivery of the newsletter, and arranged the help needed for the community events such as the Family Fun Day.



She was a tireless supporter of the SHARE program, bringing youth to the warehouse to do much of the food

packaging work, and arranging the distribution of dozens of low-cost food boxes to participants.

Later, when we were able to distribute food from the Capital Area Food Bank, she helped sign people in and organize volunteers.

Michiko has always supported efforts to keep the community safe. She helped with the Neighborhood Watch efforts, and the National Night Out. She represented our community at the monthly "Coffee Club" meetings of the county police for District 1, and reported relevant information to the community through the newsletter and meetings.

She served as president of the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association



(2004-2007) and on the Hospitality committee. She visited neighbors each year to invite them to sign membership, and helped create the lists and directories for the community. She also headed the nominating committee, encouraging people to run for the Board positions and implementing the election procedures.

Without her help, many of the regular events of the Association would have been impossible, including The Family Fun Day, Santa's Workshop, Senior Citizen events, National Night Out,



Community Clean Ups and many other activities.

But more than anything, she was a real neighbor to everyone. She could be seen walking her dogs, every day, often picking up trash and chatting with neighbors as she went.

She encouraged youth in their academic careers, and helped them access opportunities for various types of educational or career advancements.

She connected with people facing difficulties, finding information and even driving them to the agencies that could help.

She never sought recognition for the good and helpful things she did, preferring to work quietly and behind the scenes. However, many neighbors knew that if they had a problem, she would be the person they could go to.

It's not surprising that she is being nominated as the Great Neighbor of the Month, for which she will receive a \$25 gift card and our thanks. But also, the Citizens' Association will give a formal thanks at the February monthly meeting, honoring her 40 years of service to the community. All those who wish to show their appreciation for Michiko are encouraged to attend Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. at the Park Building.

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Great Neighbor of the Month

I would like to nominate Michiko Campbell as Great Neighbor of the Month.

Michiko and her family moved to West Lanham Hills in 1975. The major concern for moving here was so her daughter could walk to our elementary school on Garrison Road and 78th Avenue.

Michiko worked as a Registered Nurse, retiring from the USDA in 2004. She also worked part-time as a school nurse.

However, Michiko always wanted to give back to our community. Boy, did she ever!

She let students use her computer to do their homework. She was active in the Share Food Bank. She was president from 2004-2007.

Now, what else did she do? She worked with student volunteers for community service hours, helped with Santa's Workshop, Community Clean Up, District 1 Coffee Club Police meetings, Back-to-School Supply distribution, Family Fun days, and membership drives. Did I miss anything? Probably!!

Michiko is moving to Texas to be with her daughter. She has been an asset to this community, and we will miss her greatly.

-Kay Rager

We will miss you, Ms. Michiko! Thank you so much for your huge efforts in our neighborhood. Also, being a great mentor to me as I became the Secretary of the Association and the new Volunteer Service Coordinator. Thank you for keeping us in order. Thank you for all the donated items. Thank you so much for your help in our many community activities; Community Clean Ups, Back to School, Santa's Workshop, Food Bank, Newsletter delivery, representing our neighborhood at the Community Partnership Meetings and the Coffee Talks, Volunteer Service Coordinator, Hospitality Committee, and Nomination and Election Committee.

- Sarah Tsubata

Winter Storm Tips:

Before the storm: Make sure you have plenty of fuel for your hearing unit. Have flashlights, extra batteries, battery operated radio and fresh bottled water on hand. Pick up any required medications. Keep a stock of packaged foods that do not require refrigeration and may be prepared without electrical power.

Don't park on snow emergency routes. Park on the even-numbered sides of residential streets or in driveway.

Wait for 12 hours after snow stops falling before calling the Snow Information Center at (301) 350-0500 or 311.

Clear your sidewalks within 24 hours. Use rocks, salt, cat litter or sand to make slippery areas safe for walking.

Shovel driveways after the road has been plowed if possible, to avoid shoveling twice.

Don't drive, except when absolutely necessary. If you must travel, please use extreme caution, good tires, and bring sand and a shovel. Keep a blanket and safety items in your car.

COFFEE CLUB REPORT for January 2016

New Commanders announced: District 1

Commander: Major Bill Alexander

(C) 410-310-1297 email: waalexander@co.pg.md.us

Assistant Commander:

Captain Guixens

(O) 301-699-2957 email: rmguixens@co.pg.md.us

Commanders can help address problems and concerns that are more difficult than the COPS officers normally handle.

A new computer program is being installed for **crime statistics**. Every agency will have a suffix number on case number. It makes organizing and tracking the cases easier in the future.

Young adults, age 18 to 27, can participate in **Citizens Police Academy**. You can be nominated by Officer Hammond (lwhammond@co.pg.md.us) or Officer Black (jjblack@co.pg.md.us). You learn in depth what is policing at the academy. Many older citizens also attend the academy. The scheduled start date will be Monday, March 21, 2016 and end on Monday, June 13, 2016. Each District station will be allotted seven (7) spots. You can receive the application by contacting Sgt. Erica Johnson via email ELJohnson@co.pg.md.us or call 301-333-7009.

Teens, age 11 to 20, with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, are eligible to become **Police Explorers**. They meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Youths can join by calling Officer Black at 202-669-7800.

From now on, **speed limits** may be different on opposite sides of the same street where there is a center divider. The speed limit is determined by amount of traffic. Watch for posted speed limits in each direction.