

# WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

September 2019

Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 4, 2019

Monday: Yard Waste Pick Up | Thursday: Recycling & Trash Pick Up | Call 311 to schedule bulk trash pickup

## Students Receive School Supplies!

On Friday, August 16, seven volunteers presented 120 West Lanham Hills students with a box filled with paper, pencils, pens, and notebooks—to start the school year right!

Organized by Wanda Brooks, the distribution is funded by the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association, to encourage educational excellence for the youth and families.

"The supplies didn't arrive on Monday, because the (shipping company) representative said they made a mistake..." Wanda posted, "They rescheduled delivery for today (Friday) by 1:00.

"The driver may have been 5 ft. tall at most. She got the supplies off the truck and helped load them into the building where two of the most committed volunteers helped me organize them for this evening's giveaway." Kay Rager and Florida Gonzalez were the adult volunteers. State Senator Malcolm Augustine and his daughter Grace were there to say hello.

Education opens doors. We're proud to be a community that prioritizes learning.



## Family Fun Day Success!

On July 11, neighbors gathered for our co-hosted Family Fun Day. Neighbor endured the heat and were able to enjoy skating, video game trailer, dodgeball, water activities, bike safety demo, and face painting. Representatives from the Parks and Planning exhibited possible designs of our new playground. Neighbors--young and old--could vote for which design they would like. Parents registered for Back-to-School supplies. Councilwoman Danielle Glaros came and spoke with community members. Greg McNair brought his professional barbecue rig and served delicious grilled items, and various neighbors brought a family favorite dish to share with others. Magic Man, a soft ice cream truck, served cones. Thanks go to all of our volunteers, especially the organizers: Lan Tsubata, Wanda Brooks, Fulvia Guerra and Greg McNair. Thanks also to those who prepared food to share, and to Parks and Planning, and Prince George's County officials, and police, who all helped make this a great event.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, Sept. 13, 7-9 PM

West Lanham Hills Park Building

Enjoy a family movie with neighbors. Hosted by PG County Police Dept.

### ESL classes to start!

Many neighbors over the past few years have been asking for an ESL class, and we are happy to announce that we were finally able to put one together! One of our very own Residents, Paulina Ali is volunteering her time to teach a 15-week, ESL conversation class starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held once a week on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm. We are also asking for English speaking volunteers to attend the class to help students practice English. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and serve your community! We look forward to seeing you all at the first day of class!

### Signs

We have wanted to have a large signboard where community announcements could be posted. At our Sept. 4 meeting, NDC (Neighborhood Design Center) Representative Allie O'Neil will discuss locations and other issues.

Also: the improvements to the West Lanham Hills Entrance Sign (near the Pancake House) will begin soon and be finished by the end of October.



Figure 1 The Tripp family cleans up! Thank you!

### West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association Board

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### President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

I am so happy to report we held our first Spanish-language meeting on August 14th. Association Vice President Fulvia Guerra organized this meeting after realizing there was a desire to ask questions and share concerns to our law enforcement officers. She asked Sargent Chabla, Officer Argeta and Officer Nunez to attend and speak to our community. She also prepared wonderful food for the participants to enjoy prior to the meeting! Below are some of the issues discussed:

1. Music Ordinance – many residents expressed a concern that neighbors have been holding events with very loud music, disturbing families and young children. The officers explained that if music is heard 50 feet away from the property it is in violation and that they can be ticketed and fined. This is a law that is effective 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The officers first suggested that if you are going to have a party with loud music first talk to your neighbors and see if an arrangement can be made that can make everyone comfortable. The general statement is be mindful of your neighbors and talk with each other so the issue can be resolved before the police need to get involved.
2. Speeding on Garrison Rd is a very big concern for all those that reside on that street. Sargent Chabla mentioned that he could put up a radar machine on Garrison Rd to deter speeding. Another suggestion was to ask the Department of Transportation to also look at this street to put in a long-term solution to the speeding problem.
3. A desire for a stoplight at the top of Garrison Rd and 450 was also mentioned. Though the Maryland Department of Transportation has done a study of our exit, and have determined we do not need a light, many residents don't feel that this is acceptable and would like to create a petition for a light.
4. Some residents mentioned problems with sidewalks being cracked and or sinking and pot holes/sinkholes in the road. If you see any of these please call 311 and report any sinkholes, potholes or county related questions or problems.



Free swing set with a slide and climbing wall. You will need a lot of WD-40 and tools to take it apart. contact Helen Rowe at 301-785-8119 if you are interested.



### Great Neighbor: The Arnold Family

Our neighbors, Deborah and Andy Arnold, have been a great help to so many. Deb has helped when a neighbor is sick or incapacitated, has driven them to appointments, and she and her husband Andy have helped arrange cell phone usage, and helped with errands, when there has been an accident or power outage. Both have been very active in the community, Andy producing the newsletter and taking photos. We are so thankful for their hard work and kindness, and a gift of \$25 and our gratitude will be given to them.

### Did you know?....

The Country provides one trash bin and one recycling bin to each house. Call 311 if you just purchased a house and bins are missing.

Bulk Trash Pick-Ups are arranged by calling 311 to schedule a date. Place Bulky items at the curb only on the night before the scheduled pick up day!

Remember: Yard waste pick up is Monday.  
Trash and recycle pick up is Thursday.  
Bins must be removed from the curb by midnight Thursday, or a violation notice and possible fine can be issued.

### Parking:

In Prince George's County, you may not park:

- on a lawn
  - within 3 feet of a driveway
  - blocking a sidewalk
  - within 30 feet of stop signs
  - less than 15 feet from a fire hydrant.
- These each carry a \$50 fine.



Wanda Brooks, one of our most active volunteers in our community, is taking on a new challenge: Raising funds to support the 2019 "More than Pink" Walk for the Susan G. Komen Foundation which helps those affected by Breast Cancer. Here is her story:

"I have supported Susan G Komen since 20013. I was diagnosed with a form of breast cancer that only had a survival rate of five years, 10 years ago. Due to the efforts of the Susan G Komen Foundation major strides have been made in treating breast cancer through research. Seventy five percent of the money raised in an area stays in that area. They provide mammograms, transportation to treatment, access to medication and even child care for women who cannot afford it. You will see names on two of the signs. They are the names of women who are survivors or those who have passed away as a result of breast cancer. This is why I raise funds."

Wanda will be walking on Sept. 7 in D.C., and we know many will want to support her with donations to help those dealing with cancer, and it's easy! Just go to [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org) and hit the Donate button. Then, you can search under "Participant" for "Wanda Brooks." Then donate. Good luck, Wanda!

### Important Dates in September:

#### Wed. Sept. 4:

Monthly Meeting, West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association

#### Thurs. (9/12, 9/19, 9/26)

Classes in English as a Second Language

#### Friday, Sept. 13:

Family Movie Night!

Membership drive and new directory to be produced soon! New Residents: You can join the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association for \$2 per year, come and vote, volunteer, and create great community improvements.