

West Lanham Hills Citizen

March 2016

Next Meeting Wed. March 2, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Community Celebrates Michiko Campbell

At our February 3rd Citizens Association Meeting, the community came out to thank and honor our long-time neighbor Michiko Campbell for her years of service to our neighborhood.

The Citizens Association Presented Ms. Campbell with a plaque commending her years of leadership along with a certificate of gratitude.

A half dozen Community Police officers including our own Officer Hammond attended and offered words of appreciation for her service as the community Liaison for West Lanham Hills and presented her with a gift.

Wanda Brooks from Council member Dannielle Glaros' office presented Ms. Campbell with a commendation of outstanding citizenship. When Ms. Campbell spoke, she made a call to action for all neighbors to get involved in bettering our community. She had the room laughing with her jokes and inspired by her words. After the meeting was adjourned, a delicious meal coordinated by Wanda Brooks was enjoyed, with contributions from several neighbors.. Kay Rager arranged for a special cake decorated with artwork listing the many ways Michiko has served our community.

During the meal, neighbors had a chance to say their individual thanks and goodbyes. Though Ms. Campbell is leaving this neighborhood and we will miss having her here she is a wonderful example what it truly means to be a good neighbor.

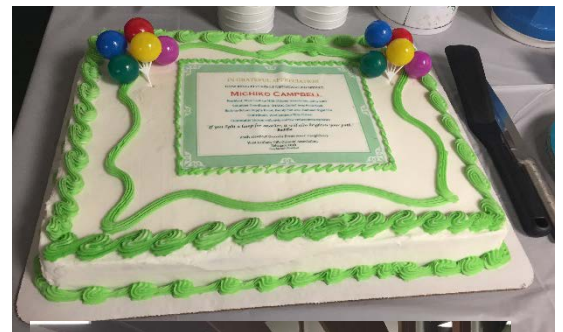


Michiko Campbell being honored by officers including Sgt. Shabla, Officer Nunez, Officer Arugeta, Officer Black, Officer Hammond, Officer Lobin. Top photo: Wanda Brooks presents proclamation from County Councilmember Glaros.

Calling all neighbors!

The upcoming election for the Citizens Association is in May. We need an Election Chairperson to talk to neighbors and find people to nominate for positions on the citizens board. This job only needs to be done once every 3 years, and is a great way to get to know your neighbors! Please contact Greg McNair (301) 731-7888 or email Lan Tsubata: lantsubata@yahoo.com.

West Lanham Hills is on Facebook! Connect to your neighbors, keep up with community events, and read up on recent happenings in West Lanham Hills. Share ideas and get involved in our community! Go to [west lanham hills neighborhood!](https://www.facebook.com/westlanhamhills)





Winter Heroes

I would bring to the editor's attention about the good neighbors on 78th Avenue during the blizzard of 2016.

The 78th Avenue is a main access route to the community especially during the snow fall. Unfortunately, the street become slightly more inclined and curved from my house to the split at Emerson Place. Some cars have difficulty driving out or into the community, slipping and spinning tires on packed snow and the icy street surface.

I am very proud to have so many good neighbors on my street who are community minded. They did not just shovel the sidewalks and their cars—they also shoveled the snow and ice from the street in front of their homes. Hence, cars could drive on it easily.

Please recognize the following good neighbors for making the 78th Avenue a "Livable Community:

- Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lemus,
- Mr. Edgar Diaz and family
- Mr. Charles Brooks,
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allums,
- Mr. Hyong Won Lee and family.

Mr. Allums and Mr. Brooks also cleared snow from the sidewalk of a vacant house, so that pedestrians could walk on the sidewalk along 78th Avenue. A little consideration of theirs for the neighborhood goes long way.

Michiko Campbell

Great Neighbor of the Month: Wanda Brooks

Wanda has been a tremendous help to our family. Wanda works in the County Council representative's office, as the

constituent services specialist. My husband and I had been in a stressful process to obtain a building permit for an addition to our house for months. Finally, we decided to contact Wanda. With her help, the permit process was successful.

Also, when our home was burglarized more than a year ago, important equipment was taken. Police located the equipment several states away, but it was kept in evidence for a very long time. The equipment was vital for our home business, but our efforts to get it back were unsuccessful for more than a year. Once again, Wanda Brooks turned the situation around. She contacted the responsible officer, and we received our equipment the next week! Wanda has helped many other neighbors dealing with foreclosure, losing their homes, and needing county services. She is really a true neighbor to us all, and we feel she should be the "Great Neighbor of the Month". (Mie Smith)

Wanda Brooks will receive a gift of \$25. Be sure to congratulate her for the recognition!

If you would like to nominate someone for "Great Neighbor," send the explanation to the newsletter editor: 7752 Decatur Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20784 or westlanhamnews@gmail.com.

Coming next issue: How to build your own raised plant beds! (by our own neighbor, Roberto Gato)

Kids' Corner: Clean Up by: Dojoon Lee, age 7
When I walk I see trash. So, we should clean up our neighborhood. Because littering is bad and it is bad for the environment and animals.