

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

June 2022

Next Meeting Wed. June 1, 7:30 p.m.

President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

Our May annual association meeting went wonderfully and we elected a new board:

- President – Lan Tsubata
- Vice President- Jose Machuca
- Treasurer- Michael Driggers
- Parliamentarian- Michael Chodos
- Secretary- Sarah Tsubata

Very grateful to be on a board so ready and willing to serve our community!

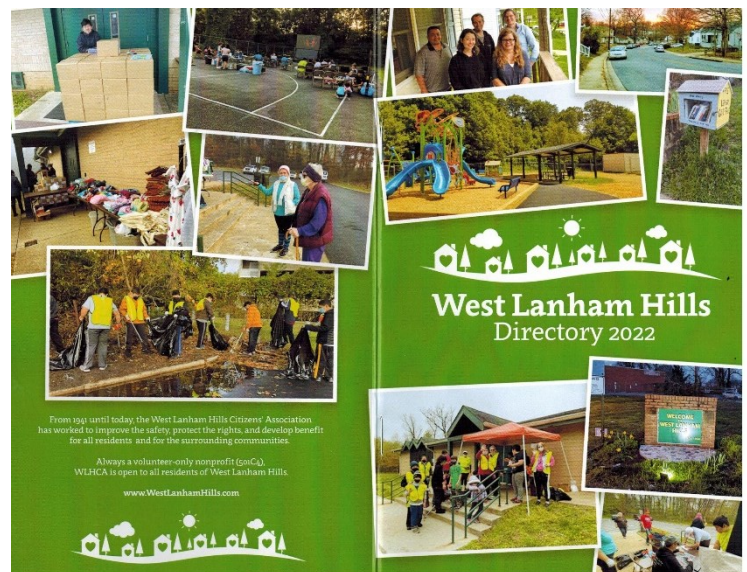
At the annual meeting, I was very excited that several members took the initiative to create a committee to investigate and research mosquito control options for our neighborhood and will share their research at the June meeting. Members also voted to change the day and time of the meetings, (starting in September) to "the first Thursday of the month" instead of "the first Wednesday," and changing the time from 7:30 to 7 p.m. For years, many residents said that Wednesdays are busy and a difficult day for them to attend the association meetings. We hope this change will allow neighbors who could not attend in the past, to participate more fully.

As we return to in-person gatherings, we encourage all residents to become active in projects that serve our community. Several events are planned for this summer so make sure you attend our next meeting (Wednesday, June 1st) to find ways you can get involved!

Welcome Back Community Fun Day! July 7th 5-8 p.m.

We are so excited to hold our first community fun day in more than two years! Together with MNC-PPC organizers and the Parks Police, we will have games, activities, and food. County agencies will have displays sharing helpful information. The event will culminate with a movie screening! We are excited to connect and be together again! If you would like to help with this event, contact lantsubata@yahoo.com.

New Carrollton metro station closed from May 28 to Sept. 5. Free shuttle bus will take you from NC metro station to Stadium Armory Station, every 20 minutes. Check www.wmata.com/schedules/timetables for bus or other route options.



If you would like to receive news via email, contact sarahtsubata@email.com to be added to the email list.



Itchy Problems

As summer brings us all outdoors, watch out for **poison ivy** growing on your property or sidewalk. Poison ivy causes itchy and painful rashes that can last for weeks. If you see a three-leaved plant (see picture), dissolve one cup of salt into a gallon of vinegar and spray it all over the plant. In a few days, the leaves will fall off and the plant will die. Don't touch it to pull it out.

Mosquitos: A committee is researching how we can stop the spread of mosquitoes in our community. A few tips:

- 1) Don't let any water stand in containers, puddles, toys or swimming pools. Mosquitos lay their eggs and their larva grow in standing water.
- 2) Wear mosquito repellant if you're working outside. They can carry different diseases.

Summer Playground is Back in West Lanham Hills!

For many years our park building was a site for the summer playground program but for several years, the program was not available. We are excited that this year they are starting the program back up in our community! This program includes outdoor and indoor fun activities, with supervision from Parks personnel. The Summer program is for 6 weeks (June 30 – August 12) for ages 6-12 years old, from 9am-3pm with lunch provided. Sign up and pay at:

<https://www.pg parks.com/2355/Class-Registration> for [#28201-354CC](https://www.pg parks.com/2355/Class-Registration)

The 2022 Community Directory is Here!

With the hard work of all the volunteers who knocked on your door, signed you up for the Citizens' Association, and input all the data, we have created our traditional address and phone directory for you to know your neighbors.

The directory has been a way for people to connect and help each other since the early 1940s, when it was typed by hand and reproduced by mimeograph machines.

This year, in addition to the map and resident listings we have included sections on county, state and local agencies, information on trash pick-up, parking permits, and permits for new driveway construction.

The officers of the Citizens Association are listed, to enable you to voice your concerns. Also, you are all welcome to our monthly meetings (which are soon being changed to THURSDAY nights starting in August, rather than the traditional FIRST WEDNESDAY.)

A bit of the history and volunteer tradition of the community is included in the Welcome section too.

Please keep the directory in a safe place and use it frequently. Studies show that when you know your neighbors, and frequently interact, it results in improved safety and better outcomes for everyone in a community. So many times, a fire, an urgent medical condition, or a serious need, has been handled speedily and effectively thanks to our very close-knit community.

Finally, please notice that our community depends on great volunteers to constantly improve situations and address the public benefit. We hope you will feel inspired to use your talents to help our community! Thanks to all those who made the directory, including the membership drive captains, our secretary, Sarah Tsubata, the newsletter editor, Kate Tsubata, the designer, SunJae Smith, and our printer, Landover Printing.

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