

# West Lanham Hills Citizen

December 2015

Next Meeting: Wed. December 2, 2015

## Come to Santa's Workshop!

On Saturday, Dec. 12, all residents of West Lanham Hills are invited to the annual Santa's Workshop, from 12 noon to 3 p.m.



This is an event in which kids and their families are able to make gifts for those they love. Projects which will be available include fleece ponchos, soaps, belts, cell phone cases, scented bath salts, ornaments, candles, and some take-home project kits.

We will have a photo corner, where the family can take a holiday picture. Refreshments will be served.

A few of our veteran volunteers will not be able to help this year, so we do need helpers. Adults and youth both are welcome to help out, and community service hours can be allotted for those who fulfill the responsibilities before, during and after the workshop.

If you can help, please call Kate or Sarah, 301-577-1094.

## Christmas Caroling: Sing a Joyful Song!

If you sing, play an instrument, or just like to visit neighbors and bring them some joy, please join us at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Park Building to go Christmas Caroling. We will go to a number of households, singing the beautiful songs of the season. If you would like the carolers to come to your home, or if you have a suggestion of a house that would appreciate caroling, please email us: [westlanhamnews@gmail.com](mailto:westlanhamnews@gmail.com).

## Great Neighbors of the Month:

This month, we were glad to have two nominations for this award. In the spirit of the season, we decided to award both with the "Great Neighbor" Award. Please let them know how proud you are of their efforts to help others! Each will receive a \$25 gift card, and the thanks of the people of West Lanham Hills!

### Charlotte Harris

I would like to nominate Charlotte Harris as a Great Neighbor of the Month.

Charlotte is the "silent and caring one" in our community.

She has lived here over 50 years. Charlotte provided food and transportation at a moment's notice for our needy neighbors, has been active in WLH Association meetings, and helped organize Santa's Workshops, Family Fun Days, and Community Clean Ups.

Charlotte is now the full-time caregiver for her husband, Walter, who served as Treasurer on the Association board for nearly four decades. (Submitted by Kay Rager)

### Lance Easley

I would like to nominate Lance Easley for the Great Neighbor of the Month award.

A few weeks ago, as a seven-months-pregnant woman, I was frustrated to find that my car was not starting. I tried to move it, and ended up in the middle of the street with no way to move my car to safety. I called my mom and sister-in-law to come help, but three women were not able to push the car.



Along came Lance with his wife, Edith, and son Adrian, as they were out walking their dogs. Lance kindly helped us push the car to safety on the side of the street, and hooked up my battery starter to start the engine.

I thought his kindness ended there, but one hour later, I was surprised to discover him and his wife knocking at my door to lend us a super battery charger to use overnight to recharge the car! They truly saved me in a time of distress and I am forever grateful for their neighborly help.

Thank you Easley Family! (Submitted by Mie Smith)

#### Thank You!

I wish to thank Ms. Campbell for nominating me for Neighbor of the Month. However, I would not have been able to do all those things without the support of my neighbors. They were always there for me. We live in a wonderful, caring community. -- Kay Rager

## Repair cracked or chipped concrete steps

(This was compiled from a video on youtube.com.)

- 1) Use a wire brush to remove dirt and loose bits of stone and concrete from the area to be repaired.
- 2) Using a hose with a pressure nozzle, spray clean the area well. Mop up all pools and puddles of water leaving the area damp but with no standing water.
- 3) In a container, mix "**Cement All Rapid Set**" cement with water (follow the instructions on the label for correct proportions of water to the mix.)
- 4) Use a trowel to spread the wet cement into all the cracks and chipped places, making sure it gets into every crevice. At this step, don't worry about the surfaces and edges, just make sure all the missing areas are filled.
- 5) About 4 minutes later, use a "sponge float" to level and smooth the surfaces, and to make the sides flat as well. Smooth the corners, making sure they have an even edge, matching the edges of the rest of your steps.
- 6) Let dry for about one hour, undisturbed.
- 7) The area can be painted within a few hours. (Follow product directions.)

## **West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2015**

Presiding: Greg McNair. Board Members present: Lan Tsubata Lee, Sarah Tsubata

Invocation by Andy Arnold

Minutes were read. A motion was made to amend the minutes to reflect that Malcolm Augustine is a State Delegate to Democratic Central Committee District 47, moved by Wanda Brooks, seconded by Kate Tsubata, passed by voice vote.

The financial report was read. There was a question about the difference in printing charges for different months. Andy Arnold made a motion to table the financial report acceptance until discussing with Treasurer Will Nathan who was absent about the question, seconded by Kate Tsubata and passed by voice vote.

### **Old Business:**

Wanda Brooks reported from a follow up from the last meeting that our neighbor Roberto Gato would like to request a sculpture in the area of the intersection of West Lanham Drive and Frederick Road.

It was reported that neighbor Roberto Gato, a professional artist, is proposing to design some possible sculpture for our public areas.

Greg McNair will be putting in a request to have the Berman Enterprises Development to come to an upcoming meeting to present updates on the New Carrollton Station development.

Lan Tsubata reported about the GreenUp CleanUp event that happened on Oct. 17.

### **New Business:**

There was discussion about the need for a website for our community, to relay county information, neighborhood activities, have pictures and archive newsletters. Sarah Tsubata has researched about a website domain and host with GoDaddy. She had found out prices for the Ultimate Plan that would be \$7.99 per year. This would be a free domain, unlimited websites, unlimited bandwidth, unlimited disk space. There is a need for one or more administrators to keep material current and to ensure good quality content.

There was a report that there is a parking issue on Frederick Road and 78th Avenue.

Several matters were brought up for discussion including elderly residents being targeted by scam artists, people needing information on avoiding foreclosure, and the need for workshops and help in repairing homes and walkways.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andy Arnold. Seconded by Ina McNair.