

West Lanham Hills Citizen

September 2016 | Monthly Meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2016 - 8:00 pm

Celebrating **75** Years of Great Community!

West Lanham Hills Day

Established 1941

West Lanham Hills Day - Saturday, October 22, 2016

Due to a date conflict, the new date of our 75th Anniversary event, which we have decided to call "West Lanham Hills Day", will be Saturday, October 22, 2016. The Parade will travel the length of West Lanham Drive turning at Decatur Road and ending at the Park.

After an opening ceremony, the day's events will continue in the park with exhibits, games, sports, food and fun, starting at 12 noon. The history of West Lanham Hills will be featured in a variety of activities. Our neighbor, Oscar Romero, of Emerson Road, has kindly volunteered to help orga-

nize the soccer activities for West Lanham Hills Day. He coaches youth in soccer after school at Charles Carroll Elementary School. Guest coaches will also be running basketball games and competitions.

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Jonathan Johnson, a Multi-year Junior Olympian, lives on Frederick Road. He has represented Maryland for several years. He is the son of Anne Marie Anderson. Our community is proud of the determination, hard work, and accomplishments of this local athlete! Congratulations Jonathan!

Thursday Evening Power Sessions!

The new Thursday night Power Sessions included presentations from SolarCity, CASA, Capital One Bank have proved to make the August power sessions a great success.

On August 4th, Pablo Rivera of Solar City, shared the history of Solar City, how you can save energy, and the solar panel installation process.

On August 11th, Kate Tsubata talked with several residents to help them create powerful resumes as well as inform and educate them about career training opportunities.

On August 18th, Lindolfo Carballo from CASA presented some opportunities available to residents. They offer classes for HVAC, child care, building maintenance, computer repair, nursing, CPR, and OSHA training. He also explained the rights all individuals have pertaining to health, safety and welfare whether you are an immigrant or U.S citizen.

To learn more about your rights, go to www.wearecasa.org.

On August 25, Ifeoma Mbanefoh and Miguel Dominguez of Capital One Bank shared with us some great tips on managing money.

-Your credit usage should be about 30% of the total line of credit. If you are eligible for a \$1,000 credit line, keep spending below \$300. Otherwise, the companies see you as a higher risk, and your credit score

goes down.

-Banks will work with you to help consolidate your debt if you have financial hardship. Contact them earlier, not later.

-Your credit score needs to be 660 or above to qualify for good interest rates.

-Many companies and government agencies consider your credit rating and financial history in considering hiring you. Poor financial management is considered a risk by employers.

(For more financial tips, go to westlanhamhills.com under the "Money Matters" Session report)

What neighbors are saying about the Power Sessions:

Kim: "The workshops have been very informative. I just wished that more neighbors could participate. Because I know that without a doubt, that they would benefit a great deal. Neighbors, I encourage you to get more involved, you won't regret it!"

LaShonda: "The last meeting was based on finance and budgeting and I found it to be extremely beneficial. What I found most useful, was the importance of establishing credit, and how to maintain my credit/credit cards and or loans without owing interest. These community enrichment workshops are very useful to everyone, no matter your age or how established you are! Those who are most successful know that knowledge and experience are infinite! I strongly encourage everyone to

September Power Sessions:

(All start at 7 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 8 -

New Carrollton Metro Development

Thursday, Sept. 15 - OSHA training part 1

Tuesday, Sept 20 - OSHA training part 2

Thursday, Sept 22 - OSHA training part 3

Thursday, Sept. 29 - Jobs in Residential management and Boutique Hotel Industry

come out and bring a friend. Tomorrow, our community can be much greater than today because everyone will have a hand in OUR future!"

Amazing Training Opportunity:

CASA is offering free 10-hour OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) training.

The OSHA Outreach Training Program provides training for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety and health hazards in workplaces. The program also provides information regarding workers' rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint. OSHA training is becoming mandatory in more states and industries and this course usually costs \$600, but is provided completely free. You must register online at the www.westlanhamhills.com website or by calling 301-577-1094.

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Businesses and agencies from our local area and all over MD have been invited to participate, including our Community Police Officers, Fire Department, Sheriff Department, County and State representatives and many more! West Lanham hills day will include music, dancing, games, competitions, food, and prizes!

We want every resident of West Lanham Hills to be involved in this special day. For our creative youth out there you are invited to either help with special arts and decorations for floats in the parade or to learn and perform in the parade! Come to the Park building Thursday afternoons in September, from 3-4 p.m and be a part of making this event amazing and earn your community service hours at the same time!

Important announcements for West Lanham Hills Day:

Parking – All residents living on Decatur Road and West Lanham Drive must relocate their vehicles from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM on October 22, 2016 to make space for the parade, starting at 11AM.

Flags – To honor the diversity of our neighborhood, all neighbors are encouraged to display flags from home country, either in the parade or on your house.

Safety issue: four wheelers and dirt-bikes are prohibited on public roads, and therefore will be excluded from the parade.

Can you help with?

- A School Marching Band

- Any Tents or Canopies you might be able to lend us?

If you'd like to help, or have questions, please call Lan Tsubata, Parade Coordinator- 301-442-3517 or Mie Smith, 240-353-8234 for the Park events.

Back To School Supplies Distributed

By Wanda Brooks

On Friday, August 12th, Kay Rager and 14 young people assisted me with coordinating and distributing the school supplies to 164 students. We organized it through "Kits for Kidz". We would like to thank you to the following volunteers: Madaly Vargas, Diego Vargas, Katherine Ferman, Katie Ferman, Olivia Pope, Elisa Pope, Stanley Iwah, Peter Iwah, Lesley Saravia, Edward Saravia, Keilyin Irahera, Emely Machuca, Maria Machuca, and Victoria Majano. The volunteers were able to gain valuable community service hours. They did a great job!! Special thanks to each of them.

Kind Reminder:

A neighbor would like report there has been furniture being left out on curbs. These items are NOT picked up on our Thursday trash pickup day. Please call 311 to schedule a bulk pick up. Please put the items out the night before the scheduled pick up; don't leave them out for weeks to become a health hazard for people and animals..

Prince George's County code requires all houses to have identification. Approved address numbers should be placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street. The numbers should contrast with their background. Numbers should be at least 4 inches tall. This will help the fire department or ambulance find you in case of an emergency.

Parkdale High School's 2016 College and Career Fair

Thursday, Sept 29
6001 Good Luck Road
Riverdale, MD 20737

All Maryland resident are invited to meet with colleges, trade and technical schools

Parents have the opportunity to attend 30 minute sessions on Paying for College, Getting Ready for college, and Resume and Interview Skills.

Neighbor of the Month: Saturnino Reyes

Nominated by Sarah Tsubata

I would like to nominate Mr. Saturnino Reyes as the Great Neighbor of the Month. He is an amazing person. He has been working on our house for past few months. Recently, he has cut down a tree near our house, and was careful not to endanger our house, our neighbor's house, or the power lines. He is currently doing an incredible job constructing the front walkway to our house, and discovered dangerous rotting wood within our front pillar. Also, when we had a water main leak, he came to cut away the thick roots wrapped around both water and gas lines which could have caused a gas leak! Thank God for Mr. Reyes. He has really been a great neighbor!

Noise Control:

If you are having a party, please be considerate of your neighbors with the level of the noise. Many people have to get up early, or may have young babies, or may be dealing with illness. If you are having a party or celebration, please turn down the music or noise by 9 or 10, out of kindness for all those living around you.

FYI - Pepco Opportunities:

Pepco is offering amazing opportunities for Pepco customers. With its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) you can apply for energy assistance which provides critical home heating and cooling assistance.

There are numerous programs which Maryland residents can qualify for to help with your utility bills. To find out more about these programs, go to westlanhamhills.com

To apply for any of these programs, contact the Local Home Energy Programs Office in your area, call 1-800-352-1446 or visit dhr.maryland.gov/blog/office-of-home-energy-programs.



Introducing Abel Olivo

Hello! I'm Abel Olivo, father of two Prince George's County Public School students and an active school and community volunteer. I'm running for PGCPs Board of Education in District 4 because I'm committed to working for you and with you for all of our children. My wife, Aimee, and I are the proud parents of Lucas (5th grade) and Nathaniel (1st grade). As an engaged parent, I have witnessed many good things happening in our schools, with the administration, teachers, and most importantly, the students, and I want to continue that momentum.

I graduated from Ohio State University and have worked in government relations for a variety of clients and organizations, including many years with a nonprofit organization that helps promote home ownership. Now I am proud to be a "stay-at-home Dad," which enables me to serve actively with the schools.

Like many of you, I am outraged and heartbroken about the tragic abuses that have occurred under the watch of our current Board of Education representatives. The safety of children is my top priority. I am committed to being present, responsive, and engaged with all our families. I am asking for your vote.

It is very important that our communities support and get involved with our neighborhood schools, like the West Lanham Hill Citizens' Association does with its annual school supply give-away. Special thanks to Wanda Brooks and all those involved for leading the charge.



West Lanham Hill Day! DATE CHANGE

75th Anniversary / Family Fun Day (Now "West Lanham Hills Day") will take place Saturday, October 22nd. Parade begins at 11 AM. Park events from 11:30 AM until 3 PM.

[More info here](#)

Next Association Meeting: Wednesday, September 7 - 8PM
West Lanham Hills Park Bulding

Check out the new design of our website!

- Connect and share with neighbors
- Stay updated and sign up for email updates
- Nominate a neighbor of the month!
- Get involved with State and Delegate's activities
- Have a skill or own a business? Check out the neighborhood business directory
- Enjoy and access pictures, videos, and newsletter.

www.westlanhamhills.com



**New Carrollton Metro
Development Community
Meeting Sept 8th, 2016**

Please join Urban Atlantic Development and Councilperson Danielle Glaros on September 8th to discuss the future of the New Carrollton Metro Station and our plans for a vibrant, mixed use, transit-oriented development. Date: September 8th Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: West Lanham Hills Park Building at 7700 Decatur Rd RSVP: Please respond to ncinfo@urban-atlantic.com