

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

August 2022

Next Meeting Wed. Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.

President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

Due to bad weather, our **Welcome Back Fun Night** at our park was postponed, and will instead be on Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m. It will include informational tables, some grilled burgers and franks and soft drinks, and at dusk, the outdoor movie showing of a recent Disney movie at the Basketball court.

Please come, meet your neighbors, and find out about important county services and opportunities. A committee that has been researching mosquito control will have samples and literature to share with you. Check the article they wrote on Page 2.

Our **Back-to-school supply sign up** is urgent: Can you please remind neighbors to register their children to receive the supplies for the coming year? The distribution is Friday, August 26, from 4 to 7 p.m.

There is news about the **Purple Line**, reported by neighbor Deanna Echanique. It is summarized on Page 2.

We are disappointed to continue to hear **fireworks** being exploded in our community. This is dangerous and disturbs neighbors, especially children and pets. [Fireworks are illegal in Prince George's County](#). If you have some and want to set them off, please go to a legally acceptable area, and set them off using safety precautions.

Two of our Board members, Jose Machuca and Michael Chodos, are preparing a **Services Listing** for the community. If you have a business or provide a service that neighbors may need, please sign up. We can have a free general listing on the website, and you can get an ad in the newsletter for a modest fee.

Our **August meeting** will be the last one at the current time and day (**Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m.**) Beginning in September, the meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month (eg. Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.) and half an hour earlier. This is by popular request, as many residents have conflicts with meeting on Wednesdays and at the later time.

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Purple Line Updates

Compiled from report by Deanna Echanique

Our neighbor, Deanna Echanique, has thoughtfully been attending and representing our neighborhood in the meetings about the Purple Line. Here are some of the latest developments.

The newly signed builder is Maryland Transit Solutions. At this moment, 77 percent of the utility relocation work has been done. Ellin Road will remain closed until the Spring of 2023. The New Carrollton Bus loop will be closed from the end of this year into 2023. Pedestrian traffic will still be open.

There will be interruptions of traffic as the rails are installed in various places, including closing off Emerson Place (the Road linking 78th Avenue to Ellin Road, and the intersection of Rts. 450 and 410. It is now scheduled for test service to be taking place from New Carrollton to Riverdale in 2024.

Empty cars and testing will be running in 2025. Full operational service is expected in Fall of 2026.

The new cars are quite attractive, and are believed to be more safe than the cars now being overhauled in the Metro system.

For Deanna's full report, with links to the slide presentation and visuals, please go to our website: www.westlanhamhills.com. Also, check our facebook page West Lanham Hills Neighborhood.



Point cell phone here to access Back to School registration form.

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



Don't Let Mosquitoes Ruin Summer Fun

By Kensei Tsubata, Jason Finley, Emily Kuehn

With mosquito activity peaking in the summer months, many residents have noticed unwelcome visitors—mosquitoes! Not only do they bite and cause itchy bumps, but mosquitoes also transmit Zika virus, Chikungunya virus, West Nile virus, and a host of other diseases. Luckily, there are easy steps we can take to protect ourselves and our neighbors.

Stop the breeding cycle:

First priority is to prevent breeding. Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water, where the larvae hatch, and then mature into the flying adult. Emptying places where water may pool can reduce the number of mosquitoes in the area. Clean out gutters, empty water from pots, containers, trash bins, or children's toys after a rain. Replace the water in pet bowls and bird baths a few times per week. Dump out children's wading pools each time.

Kill Larvae

For intentional pools of standing water, like rain barrels and garden ponds, BTI Mosquito Dunks are highly effective. Each donut-shaped pellet contains naturally occurring bacteria that are safe to humans, pets, and plants. The bacteria in the dunks feed on mosquito larva specifically. Simply add to standing water where the dunks will slowly release product to the surface where eggs have been laid.

Deter Biting

To prevent adult mosquito bites:

1. Cover skin with loose-fitting and light-colored long sleeves and pants
2. Apply EPA-approved repellents to exposed skin: picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and DEET. When used as instructed on the label, these products are safe.
3. Mosquitoes are weak fliers. Electric fans pointed at the people sitting or standing can keep mosquitoes away.

A committee of neighbors who have been researching mosquito control will be at the Outdoor Movie Night on July 28th to share information, hand out BTI Mosquito larvae-killing dunks, and to discuss their proper use.

We can all enjoy this summer more safely with these simple mosquito prevention measures. Let's pull together as a community to do our part!

VOTE! Tuesday, July 19, 2022 is Primary Day

Your vote matters! We need good representatives in our County, State and Federal legislatures, courts and councils! Our voting location is: **Community Bible Baptist Church, 7309 Riverdale Road, Lanham, MD 20706.**

The polls will be open from **7 a.m.** to 8 p.m. If you need a ride, call 301-257-4243 (in advance).

Interviews with many of the candidates for our area are viewable on **www.cleanslatepeople.com**.

Throughout the month, new announcements and useful information are posted on our website . (www.westlanhamhills.com) and on our facebook page (West Lanham Hills Neighborhood) and on NextDoor.