

# WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

November 2019

Next Meeting: Wed. Nov. 6, 2019

Monday: Yard Waste Pick Up | Thursday: Recycling & Trash Pick Up | Call 311 to schedule bulk trash pickup

## Park Movie Night of “Aladdin”

On Friday, Sept. 13, an outdoor movie night was held at the Park building, organized by the West Lanham Hills Citizens’ Association and the Prince George’s County police department, with the support of Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning.

Corporal S. Vitko, Officers Chabla, Nguyen and Nunez were there to set up the screen and projector and sound system. Corporal Vitko approached the AMC movie theater who donated freshly popped popcorn and candy for the evening event. The Association provided beverages and volunteers to help set up chairs, organize the snacks into bags and coolers, and help out.

The film was the new “Aladdin” movie, with Will Smith in the role of the Genie, and a live-action version (rather than the 1992 animation). It was so much fun to see the neighborhood kids interact with the movie in the outdoor setting, singing along, playing, sitting on picnic blankets with family and friends.

Our Vice President, Fulvia Guerra, coordinated the event, with the support of the other Board members. As always, neighbors all pitched in to help set up and clean up after. This was a great event, and let’s hope we have more of this kind of gathering!

### West Lanham Hills Citizens’ Association Board

President:	Lan Tsubata (lantsubata@yahoo.com)
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## Welcome to ESL!

Between 8 and 14 people have been regularly attending the ESL classes on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m., led by Paulina Ali. Several other volunteers have also been joining in to help with practice and pronunciation. The class is learning both basic phrases, vocabulary, sentence structure, and how to ask questions and give answers. It’s fun, and we are all learning together!

Vice President Fulvia Guerra is the central contacting point for the classes. Please contact her if you have questions or would like to join.  
([fulviaguerra11@gmail.com](mailto:fulviaguerra11@gmail.com)) 301-335-4214



Above, police officers brought popcorn and snacks, for neighbors to enjoy an outdoor movie together, below.



### **Santa's Workshop:**

This year's Santa's Workshop is going to be a little different.

It's going to be a "Giving and Receiving" event. We will have craft project supplies used previously in Santa's Workshops which you can take home to create projects together as a family at home.

Also, if you have any items you don't need anymore, you can bring them to give away. Also you can receive things that others are giving. (Examples; clean and usable clothing, bikes, toys, appliances.)

Santa will be there, so families can take photos with their own cameras or phones.



Anyone who would like to can sing Christmas songs, or play instruments, or lead a game or dance.

We would like to invite you to make and bring some food to share with neighbors. We will have some basic items (hot dogs, etc.) but feel free to bring your cooked foods with a small description of ingredients (in case of allergies.)

This year we want on focus on the gathering and fellowship

This Santa's Workshop is Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12 noon to 3 p.m. Photo with Santa from 1 to 2:30. Volunteers are needed for set up from 10 a.m. Call Kate, 301-257-4243 for questions.



### **Halloween Fun and Safety Tips**

For those new to the neighborhood, Halloween is usually a time for meeting neighbors. Children and parents travel house to house in their costumes to greet neighbors with the traditional "Trick or Treat!" and residents give out whatever treats they wish. It's fun to see the costumes and makeup and guess the identities of the kids, and families get to know their neighbors. Here's a few suggestions:

- Turning on your porch light is the signal that you are receiving visits and distributing treats. Turn off your light if you don't want any more visitors.
- Sadly, homemade snacks are discouraged, because of health codes. Wrapped candies, cookies or other snacks are best.
- Parents and adults should accompany kids. This is for safety.
- Anything that damages property or creates danger is not acceptable.
- Please be courteous!
- Families, check the treats when you get home to make sure nothing is open, torn or unwrapped. Throw away anything that is suspicious.
- Be careful with lit candles inside Jack o' lanterns, because of a fire hazard.

### Great Neighbor: Marsha Da Bolt

Our neighbor, Marsha Da Bolt was a saint. She cleaned up the entrance sign in the blazing heat. We are in the process of getting a new sign installed, but it's the work of neighbors like Marsha that keeps our community great! Thank you so much for your hard work, Marsha! A gift of \$25 is given each month to the Great Neighbor.

Nominate someone you see doing good things:  
Sarahtsubata@gmail.com.

### Join the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association!

Membership drive and new directory to be produced soon! All residents can join the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association for \$2 per year—the most inexpensive dues for the most value ever! Members can vote, volunteer, propose new projects and create great community events.

If you missed the visit from a volunteer who brings the membership form and cards, you can call Sarah Tsubata, 301-577-1094.

The newsletter, website and directory are ways to reach your neighbors.

You can also advertise your service or business for just \$50 for a full-page ad. Send your text and photos to Kate at [katestsubata@gmail.com](mailto:katestsubata@gmail.com) to advertise in the new directory.

### Important Dates in September:

Wed. Nov. 6:

Meeting, West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association

Thursdays (Nov. 7, 14, 21)

ESL Classes

Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day

Sat. December 7:

Santa's Workshop

### Sign Updates:

Our West Lanham Hills sign is undergoing a renovation. We hope to have a clearly-lit, easy-to-read sign back in a few weeks.



### New Playground

We are excited to announce that in January 2020 (depending on the weather) ground will be broken for our new playground. In May 2020, we will hold the opening ceremony, in conjunction with MNC-PPC.

### Special Thanksgiving

One of the things that makes me so grateful are my wonderful neighbors. Since 1986, we have lived here, and our children grew up here, and now they have their own homes and children here. Thanks to the hard work, goodness and care of so many good neighbors, our family has been so blessed.

As we thank God for all the wonderful things we have—a free country, freedom to worship, freedom of speech, and a good environment—I also want to thank everyone who makes this community so great.

Please have a Happy Thanksgiving, together with all your loved ones, and thanks for being our neighbors.

Kate Tsubata