

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

September 2020

Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 2, 2020 7:30 PM

Monday: Yard Waste Pick Up | Thursday: Recycling & Trash Pick Up |
Bulk Trash: Pick Up by Appt Only call 301-883-4748, or dial 311, Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

I hope that you are doing well during this COVID-19 shutdown. Please stay safe.

Our September meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 PM outside the park building using social distancing precautions. Please wear masks. Bring a chair or blanket to sit upon.



Back to School Supplies Distributed Safely

On Thursday, August 20, volunteers distributed Back to School supplies to 122 students, at the Park building, following social distancing precautions.

Under the direction of Wanda Brooks, families could either walk up or drive by to pick up the supplies, as masked and gloved volunteers loaded their car trunks or brought the boxes to them. Kay Rager, Juana Gonzalez, Michael Driggers, Prince Rosario, Fulvia Guerra, Kate and Kazuo Tsubata, Lan Tsubata Lee, Mie Smith, Sarah Tsubata, and Rick and Ann Chilcoat helped out.

The supplies were provided by the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association, to support area families in education.



In Memoriam: Janice Pickett Crawford Brock

Sadly, we have lost one longtime neighbor to COVID-19. Janice Marie Pickett was born in 1945 to Melvin Pickett and Alpha Pole, followed by four siblings: Cathy, Marlene, Melvin, and Sharon. The family moved to Silver Spring, Maryland when she was two, and she grew up there, graduating from Montgomery Blair High School. After some college, she married Robert Crawford and in 1967, they moved to West Lanham Hills. They had two children who grew up here: Barbara Crawford Berned (married to Joseph Berned), and Robert Crawford Jr. (known as Bobby.) Janice later married Richard Brock.

A career waitress, Janice worked in the Hot Shoppes, Bob's Big Boy, Shoney's, Italian Inn and IHOP. She was active in community projects, helping in the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association events, and was a frequent participant in the meetings. After becoming infected with COVID-19, she was at Crescent Cities Rehabilitation Center when she suddenly passed away on July 15, 2020. She was pre-deceased by her son, Bobby, and one niece and one nephew. Surviving her are Robert Crawford, Sr.; her siblings, Cathy Lison, Marlene Miller, Melvin (Mike) Pickett, Jr.; and her daughter, Barbara Berned (Joseph) and grandchildren, Brady and Faith; and 12 nieces and nephews. Janice will be missed by all her neighbors and friends, as she was a warm and caring helper to all around.

Parking Problems

Nearly every month, we receive reports or complaints about the issue of parking. Here, we will try to explain some of the problems, in hopes that neighbors will be able to resolve some of their concerns.

1. If you have a driveway, you may park on the paved surface, but not blocking the sidewalk to pedestrians or extending into the street.
2. You may park in front of your house, on the street, but not within 3 feet of a private driveway (unless it's your own) or you can get a citation and \$50 fine.
3. If you live on the Metro side of West Lanham Drive (on Garrison, Emerson, or 78th Avenues) you must register all vehicles that park there, or get a \$50 fine. You can register the car online at: princegeorgescounty.md.gov/2448/residential-parking-permit
4. Many people are trying to reserve on-street parking by putting out orange cones. This is not legal and can cause danger as motorists may swerve to avoid these, or they may create other hazards.
5. It is not legal to park vehicles in your yard. This can get a citation from DPI.
6. Repairing cars as a business on a private residential property is not permitted. You can fix cars you own, but not other's cars for money.
7. If you are fixing your own car that is parked on the street, PLEASE BE CAREFUL. We have seen many people lying down, next to or under a car, with other cars driving by, and sometimes visibility is poor. Try to find a place like a private driveway in which to work.
8. The speed limit here is 25 mph, and we have many children, pets, elderly, and handicapped people in our area. Please drive slowly and with caution.
9. Motorcycles, ATVs, and other vehicles should follow correct DMV rulings. Noisy, speeding and dangerous operation of such vehicles should be reported to the police.
10. Double parking, or blocking access to fire hydrants or others' driveways, is highly illegal and very dangerous if any emergency takes place.
11. Parking in the wrong direction will earn you a ticket. Don't park with the driver's side next to the curb—passenger's side always.
12. If you are inviting guests to your home, it's a good idea to let your neighbors know, and to let your guests know where they can park without causing bad feelings.

We have a number of "free" spots for people to consider using, such as the parking lot near the former Radio Shack, 77th Avenue (near the fire department), the area near the church, the far side of Decatur Road (towards Ellin Road), sections of Emerson place (toward the metro). During the day, there are usually free spaces in the parking lot of the Park. You could also make arrangements with the property owners of the Pancake House, or Garrison Road Building, to park with their permission.

Reminder! Fill out the Census!

Being counted is so important in order for our area to ensure political representation, access to public services and other essential social needs. If you have not yet filled responded to the Census questionnaire, please do so!

3 ways to respond to the Census:

Online: www.my2020census.gov/login

Phone: English (844) 330-2020. Spanish (844) 468-2020.

Mail: Send your completed form to:

U.S. Census Bureau
National Processing Center
1201 E 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Food Deliveries:

Food donated from various restaurants is being provided to those who are in need. Please alert Lan Tsubata, Fulvia Guerra, Wanda Brooks, Kay Rager, Juana Gonzalez, or Kate & Kazuo Tsubata, if you wish to be included.

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