

West Lanham Hills Citizen

August 2016 | Monthly Meeting Wednesday, August 3, 2016 - 8:00 pm

Library House Sponsorship and Progress



Our very own neighbor, Roberto Gato, has received funding from the Citizens Association to create five “Book Houses” or “free tiny libraries” to put up in different locations around the neighborhood.

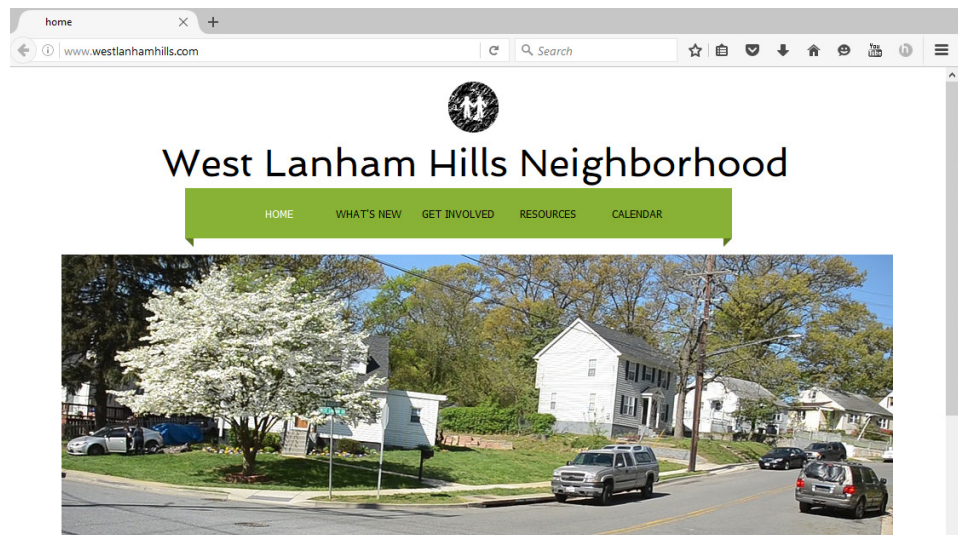
These “Book Houses” are a great place to donate books you no longer want or need as well as take or borrow books! The first Book House is now mounted at 5004 West Lanham Drive.

If you would to offer your property to place one of the five Book Houses please contact Sarah Tsubata at 301-577-1094. Happy Reading!



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WEBSITE IS UP & RUNNING!

Come and visit our new website for the neighborhood.
www.westlanhamhills.com

Thursday Evening Power Sessions!

Beginning in August, Thursday evenings will be a time in which various experts will present valuable information for our neighbors (and others).

Presentations and materials will be in English and Spanish, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The presentations will all be held at the West Lanham Hills Park Building, 7700 Decatur Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784. Call 301-577-1094 for details.

Thursday, August 4 - 7 PM - Benefits of solar panels to reduce energy bills at no cost to you! Mr. Pablo Rivera of Solar City will be on hand, and you can sign up for inclusion in this free program!

Thursday, August 11 - 6:30 PM - Making a great resume for job or academic success

Thursday, August 18 - 6:30 PM - CASA: Introduction to the free (and low-cost) training and services of CASA, Plus an important presentation "Know Your Rights." Find out how YOU can be trained for skilled, well-paying jobs, or even be able to develop your own business. Applications and opportunities to speak with experts on programs relating to OSHA, Child Care, Housing, Vocational training, Citizenship, Taxes, Insurance, and more!

Thursday, August 25 - 6:30 PM - CASA: Training for Leaders. This presentation helps prepare you to take an active role in your community, to develop strengths and communicate issues.

June 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association
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Board Members Present:

Greg McNair, President
Lan Tsubata, Vice President
Sarah Tsubata, Secretary
Deanna Echanique, Treasurer
Lee Rowe, Parliamentarian

Delegate District 47A, Malcolm Augustine, gave a report about the Safe Travel project that will be going on the Metro during the summer.

Invocation: Kate Tsubata

Minutes were read. Kate Tsubata made the motion to accept the changes of Krystal Greene is a representative from State Delegate, Jimmy Tarlau's office not a representative from Senator Vicator Ramirez's office in the minutes. Seconded by Roberto Gato. Motion carried.

Roberto Gato made a motion to accept the changes of "Also, one County inspector reported on property violation discoveries found during a recent county inspection of residential properties on April 7, 2016" should read "Also, Inspector List Tate, from the Department of Permitting Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE), reported on property violations discovered during the 2016 Comprehensive Community Clean

Up, which included an inspection of all residential properties on April 7, 2016" in the minutes. Seconded by Wanda Brooks. Motion carried

Financial Report was read. Kate Tsubata made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Roberto Gato. Motion carried.

Report from Delegates Danielle Glaros and Diana Fennell were given.

Old Business:

Audit report was given by Greg McNair. From the previous meeting we approved Mr. Tamba Maya to do our audit, the next step for Deanna Echanique to communicate with Mr. Tamba Maya.

Financial report was given by Deanna Echanique, Treasurer. The CDs were located. On June 11 and June 18 to get names on the CDs' accounts. Deanna still needs to go through the bank account. She is planning to report developments at the next meeting.

PO Box report was given by Greg McNair. Sarah Tsubata has gotten a new PO Box for West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association. It is now PO Box 2256 Landover Hills, MD 20784.

Website report was given by Deanna Echanique and Lan Tsubata. It was researched that Squarespace is the best

option for a website. It is \$10 per month. Kate Tsubata made the motion to have \$10 per month for Squarespace to be the neighborhood's website. Seconded by Roberto Gato. Motion carried.

Book Library Report was given by Roberto Gato. Roberto brought a finished project of the book library. We will need to find five streets to put the houses on. All neighbors can put any donated book in them. Kate Tsubata made a motion to have \$200 sponsored for 5 Book Libraries to be made. Seconded by Paula Taylor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Wanda Brooks made the motion to accept \$13,500 for the budget. Seconded by Roberto Gato. Motion carried.

Modifying By-Laws report was given by Greg McNair. It was suggested that the by-laws be sent to our Attorney, Mike Herman. Greg McNair will be sending that document to Mr. Herman.

It was decided to not have National Night Out. People can join New Carrollton's National Night Out.

Kensei Tsubata made the motion to adjourn for July but to continue in August. Seconded by Roberto Gato. Motion carried. Roberto Gato made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kensei Tsubata. Motion carried.

Family Fun Day and 75th Anniversary of West Lanham Hills



Family Fun Day and 75th Anniversary of West Lanham Hills will be held Saturday, September 10, 2016. From 11 AM to 4 PM.

This year's celebration is going to be big, but we need you help to make it happen! West Lanham Hills is Rolling Out!

Since this is such a special celebration we will be having a big parade! In order to make this parade really something amazing and special we need you! If you have got anything on wheels (skateboards, strollers, dirt bikes, motorcycles, four-wheelers, go carts, bicycles, tricycles, scooters, wheelchairs, etc.) you can decorate it in the most amazing, spectacular way and be a part of the parade! We will be offering prizes for the best and most creatively decorated so make sure you go all out!



Please register what you will be decorating and sign up for participating with the Parade with Lan Tsubata, 301-442-3517.

History of West Lanham Hills

Our neighborhood has 75 years of history and we want to make sure that as much of that history is represented at this awesome anniversary event. During the event are creating a showcase of our history in the park building during the festivities. If you have any articles, pictures, artifacts, or you want share personal stories and experiences, please contact Sarah Tsubata, 785-341-5042.

Beautification of the Hills Competition

We are a small, unique, diverse community and in preparation for the 75th Anniversary we want to make a real effort to be a beautiful community as well! We want to extend

a challenge for each household to polish and shine your house and yard, to celebrate our awesome neighborhood. This would include cutting vines, grass, getting rid of junk, fixing fencing, planting flowers, landscaping in general, refreshing exterior paint, or adding flags and decorations. Prizes will be awarded to the houses that best reflect neighborhood pride!

Adult Volunteers needed!

For the Park activities, we will be having competitions, exhibits, and plenty of activities. We are looking for sports coaches, dance instructors, game leaders, DJs, food servers, decorators or anyone who would like to offer any of their talents or skills to add to this event are needed and wanted! Please contact Mie Smith at 240-353-8234 to volunteer or for more information.

How to reduce mosquitos

It is summer time and with summer comes seeing more of our favorite insect, the mosquito! Mosquitos are known for transmitting numerous diseases, including Zika Virus. There are already 35 confirmed cases of people infected with the Zika Virus in Maryland. This is especially dangerous to pregnant women, as it affects the unborn child. In order to stave off the spread of diseases carried by mosquitos, here are a few things you can do! Mosquitos need only a table spoon of water to lay their eggs in. So, it's important to remove and dump water from any place

it can collect. This will help eliminate their breeding and multiplication.

Dump water from:

- play buckets
- Kids Toys
- Trash cans
- Grills
- Empty pools
- Swings
- Tarps

Tips to Avoid Mosquito Bites

- Avoid areas of high mosquito infestation.
- Avoid unnecessary outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt and hat when outdoors.

- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET (Check with doctor before using on children)
- Keep children and elderly inside if mosquitoes are active.
- Anyone with a weakened immune system should take special precautions.
- Drain all water-holding outdoor containers around the home.
- Check basements and crawl spaces for flooding, and drain quickly

Contact the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 410- 841-5870, for additional assistance and advice.

Neighborhood Reports

Crime Report:

There have been reports of vehicle break ins and our Community Officer, Officer Hammond, has advised in order to deter breakins to do the following

1. Take in your personal items from your car, packages, bags and purses.
2. Ensure doors are closed and locked at all times
3. Invest in a security system or at least a club for the car wheel.

Danielle Glaros Report:

Purple Line update:

She reported in the fall a Concession will be coming to the area of the construction to give a report. Construction for will start at the end of this year. Operation of the Purple Line will start 2022. She mentioned there would be opportunities for work with doing the construction and maintenance and other jobs.

New Garbage Bins:

New garbage bins will be sent out soon. She wasn't sure when actually. Our area is first on the list to receive them.

Back-to-School Report

On Wednesday, July 13th the West Lanham Hills Citizen's Association held its Annual Back to School sign up night. Parents signed up and 163 neighborhood children will receive supplies for the beginning of the school year. Parents are reminded to pick up their children's school supplies on August 12th at the community center from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Special thanks to Victor Gil, Omar Hernandez, Za'Marri Brown-Rivers and Terry Williams. These young men for helped me distribute the back-to-school flyers.

KID'S CORNER



Pokemon Go Safety

By: Dojoon Lee

Pokémon Go is a game on phones. You use your phone to catch Pokémon characters.

Be aware of your surroundings because people aren't looking where they are going when they are playing Pokémon Go. Look

around when you are crossing the street. Put your phone in your pocket because a car might hit you if you're not paying attention. When I was playing Pokémon Go, I wasn't paying attention when I was crossing the street with my aunt, so she held onto my shoulder so I wouldn't get hit by a car. Be Safe!

PG County Back-to-School Fair

Saturday, August 6, 2016 - 10 AM - 1 PM
Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro
Free Back to School materials and immunization registration.

Please call 301-952-6095 or email clan-dis@pgcps.org for more details.

Back to School Distribution:

Friday, August 12 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM
7700 Decatur Rd (Park Building)

All residents who have signed up for the back to school give-away will get their back to school items for FREE!

Most required items from your back to School List will be provided to your student so be sure to set this date on your calendar! Get ready for a great school year!

Buy your Ad!

A new directory for our neighborhood is being developed. If you would like to buy an advertisement to support the directory and West Lanham Hills Citizen's Association, please call the Tsubata Residence, 301-577-1094.

It's Time to Celebrate!!! Delegate Diana Fennell 5th Annual Community Birthday Give Back

Sat., August 6, 2016 - 6:30 PM- 12:30 AM
Invited Special Recording Artist - Free Food – Music by DJ "Tango"
Colmar Manor Municipal Center
Diana Fennell Room
3701 Lawrence St., Colmar Manor, MD
RSVP to Ms. Wanda Gorham
301-814-3967

Save the Date!

District 47 Cookout
September 10th, 2016
More details to come.