

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

October 2022 Next Meeting: Thursday, October 6 at 7 PM at Park Building

President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

We will hold our twice yearly **"Clean up, Green Up"** on **Saturday, October 15**, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please meet us at the park to get vests, bags, tools and gloves, and help clean the public areas (streets, sidewalks, wooded areas, etc.) Refreshments will be provided for all volunteers and community service hours will be given for students.

Back to School Distribution Report

On a hot afternoon of August 26, two dozen volunteers came to set up and assemble the school supplies into muslin reusable "backpack-type" bags. About 150 bags were packed with paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, lined paper, pencil sharpeners, erasers, zipper cases and more. Families came to pick them up a few hours later, for their school-age students.

The supplies were purchased by the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association, as a way to support excellence in school for the youth of this community. Thanks goes to the board members (Lan Tsubata, Sarah Tsubata, Michael Driggers, Michael Chodos, Jose Machuca) and to the volunteers: Misty Wilkes, Randolph and Leah Dupree, Kay Rager, Juana Gonzalez, Maria Morales, Smith Family, Lee Family, Jennifer Garcia, Cinthia Ferman, Kimberly Torres, and Brandon Martinez

Kudos to Sarah Tsubata for handling the coordination and purchasing, as well as managing the applications and lists.

New Meeting Time!

Reminding you that the monthly meeting is now taking place the first THURSDAY of the month at **7 PM** to enable more people to attend. Join us **on Thursday, October 6**.



Reduce your Property Tax

If you own your own home, and your household income is less than \$60,000 a year, you may qualify for a reduction in your property taxes with the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program at (maryland.gov). Apply now for the next tax filing!





Halloween Safety

Many families may choose to Trick or Treat this year, and many people enjoy seeing the creative costumes that are made or worn. Just a few reminders to keep everyone safe:

- 1) If you are accepting Trick or Treaters, keep your exterior porch or door light on. Keeping it off that night means you are not welcoming those young visitors. If you run out of treats, turn your light off.
- 2) Parents or responsible adults should accompany kids, with at least one adult in each group of children.
- 3) Bring a flashlight or lantern.
- 4) Don't walk into the streets without checking both ways. Drivers may not be able to see you.
- 5) Don't give unwrapped or homemade treats, for health and safety reasons.
- 6) Parents should check the items before children eat any.
- 7) Eat a healthy meal before trick or treating.
- 8) Brush teeth, floss twice a day to avoid dental problems.

Woods Partner Meeting

A number of residents weighed in on the proposed apartments planned to be built on Ellin Road near the entrance to Hanson Oaks, directly adjacent to our community by Wood Partners. Concerns were raised about having transient neighbors, little attention paid to building community relations, and increase demand on the public roads, infrastructure and traffic. Flooding and environmental impact were also discussed. Another lacking point was the absence of units provided as affordable housing. We have requested a follow up meeting to discuss these and other points, and we encourage residents to contact directly the attorney representing Wood Partners with your own concerns:



The illustrations of the **Wood Partners Alta project** can be viewed on our website.:

<https://www.westlanhamhills.com/new-developments>

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Riders and Drivers!

Know a senior or adult with a disability who needs a ride? Want to be a volunteer? Please call 301-255-4212. A special thanks to all of our amazing community partners in Prince George's County who are helping in this effort—Helping Hands of University Park, Hyattsville Aging in Place, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and Greenbelt Gives.