

# WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

February 2025

Next Meeting: Thursday February 06 at 7:00 PM at Park Building  
(7700 Decatur Rd, Landover Hills, MD 20784)

## President's Corner:

Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with loved ones and have been staying warm during these cold winter days!

Councilman Eric Olson is coming to our next meeting on February 6. We will be discussing opportunities and support in response to actions under the new presidential administration that may directly impact our residents. Please join us to learn about resources and raise any concerns.

I am also excited to share that the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association Board election is coming up in May. The positions of President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian positions are open for those interested in running. Terms are three years.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please contact me (Lan Tsubata, [lantsubata@gmail.com](mailto:lantsubata@gmail.com)).

## BEWARE AND LOCK YOUR VEHICLES!

There have been recent reports of car intrusions in the neighborhood. Please remember to lock and remove any valuables from your vehicle.

Thieves may be looking for: money, electronics (phones, laptops, tablets, etc.), purses or wallets, and anything else of value they can sell.

## February Board Game Night

Tuesday, February 11

7 PM – 8:30 PM at Park Building

Join us to play fun games or bring your own games to play with others. Refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome. We hope to see you there!

## December Holiday Movie Event Success!

On December 14, a small crowd of neighbors joined together to watch "The Muppet's Christmas Carol" at the park building. Neighbors enjoyed popcorn, hot cocoa, and took photos in front of a holiday display. Thank you to our volunteers who made this event possible!

Event Volunteers: Patrick Willis, Isaiah Willis, DoJoon Lee, Seiji Lee, Kensei Tsubata, Michael Driggers, and Smith Family

Event Coordinators: Deanna Echanique, Michael Chodos, and Sarah Tsubata



**Photo Descriptions:** Neighbors gathered enjoying watching the movie (**top**), taking selfies with the holiday backdrop (**bottom left**), and coloring and enjoying holiday activities (**bottom right**).

## West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association Board

President: Lan Tsubata ([lantsubata@gmail.com](mailto:lantsubata@gmail.com))  
Vice President: Jose Machuca ([moises1120@yahoo.com](mailto:moises1120@yahoo.com))  
Secretary: Sarah Tsubata ([sarahtsubata@gmail.com](mailto:sarahtsubata@gmail.com))  
Treasurer: Mike Driggers ([driggers.michael@gmail.com](mailto:driggers.michael@gmail.com))  
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## Annapolis Road Corridor Planning Session

Councilman Eric Olson is co-hosting with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Committee (MNCPPC) a forum that focuses on shaping the future of Annapolis Road.

The Annapolis Road forum will focus on the areas along MD 450 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Beltway (I-495).

These sessions are an opportunity for us to work together to:

- Shape redevelopment along these critical corridors
- Advocate for the infrastructure improvements we need
- Attract the amenities that will make our community even better

### Event Information: Annapolis Road Corridor Session

Saturday, February 8, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

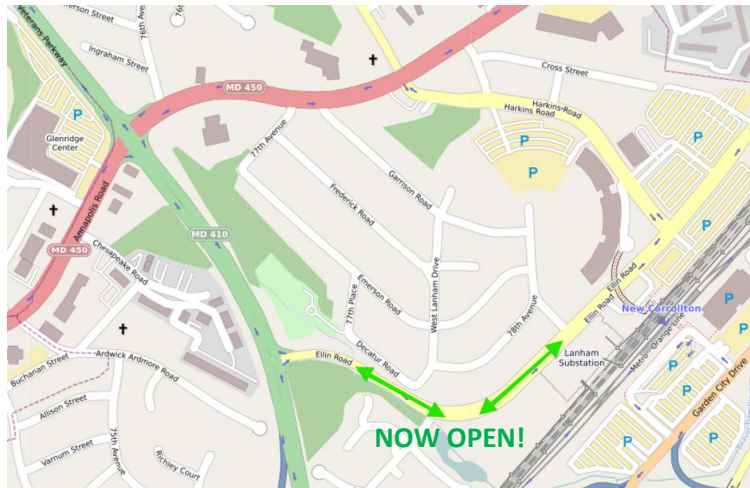
At the park building

Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Karen Guzmán ([keguzman@co.pg.md.us](mailto:keguzman@co.pg.md.us))

## Ellin Road NOW OPEN Between Emerson Place & Veteran's Parkway

Ellin Road has been opened to local traffic between Emerson Place and Veteran's Parkway (MD 410). Some neighbors have experienced construction vehicles blocking lanes. If you encounter this issue, send information and photos of the issue to Councilman Eric Olson at [el Olson@co.pg.md.us](mailto:el Olson@co.pg.md.us).



## Stay Safe this Winter

It's important to stay prepared for winter conditions. Keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow, dress in warm layers, and check on neighbors who may need assistance. If driving, slow down on icy roads and keep an emergency kit in your car. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe and cozy all season long!

*Reminder to call 311 if your street is not plowed after snowfall!*

### Prevent Frozen Pipes

Cold weather can cause pipes to freeze and burst, leading to costly damage. Keep your pipes safe with these easy tips:

- Insulate exposed pipes and seal drafts.
- Keep heat on (at least 55°F) and open cabinets to let warm air circulate.
- Let faucets drip to prevent freezing.
- Disconnect hoses and cover outdoor faucets.
- Check pipes for leaks and know where your shut-off valve is.
- Service heating systems and use heat tape on vulnerable pipes.
- Stay prepared when freezing temperatures are forecast.
- Review home insurance to ensure coverage.

**Report broken water pipes to WSSC by calling 301-206-4002**

## Know Your Rights & Immigration Resources

Everyone in our community deserves to feel safe and informed. If you or someone you know has concerns about ICE or immigration matters, reliable resources are available. Know your rights, stay informed, and seek legal assistance if needed. For local support and legal aid, visit:

- <https://wearecasa.org/>
- <https://probonomd.org/>

**Call CASA's raid tip hotline to report ICE encounters: 1-888-214-6016**