**Outdoor Movie Night**

More than 130 neighbors gathered in the park to enjoy an outdoor movie night sponsored by the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning, under the coordination of Park Police Officer Ford.

Community police officers Q Nguyen and Corporal Nunez also stopped by.

Snacks were prepared by the volunteers, contributed by the West Lanham Hills Citizens’ Association. Together, we enjoyed popcorn, chips, water, juice, and ice cream treats. People were able to pick up some free light bulbs, t-shirts and other items and get information about upcoming programs they could participate in.

Thanks to the Board of the WLHCA and all the volunteers, as well as to the MNCPPC and community Police who helped make this a lovely evening to share together.

**President’s Corner: Lan Tsubata**

What a busy and fantastic summer it’s been for our community!

Though we had no association meetings in July and August we had plenty of events! The outdoor movie night and Back-to-school supply give away had a huge turn out! We also had a meeting with Dominion & Urban Atlantic development groups attended by both Hanson Oaks and West Lanham residents. Our very own neighbor Joe Mohr also hosted another history talk for our resident history buffs. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to make all of these events happen!

To all our students, we hope you had a great first day back at school and we all wish you a fantastic school year! We are very proud of our West Lanham students and can’t wait to see them grow and learn throughout this year. To all our neighbors please remember with children walking and waiting at school bus stops remember to always DRIVE SLOWLY! We want to make sure our children remain safe!

Our September meeting will be this upcoming Thursday, September 7th at 7pm. Please come out and join us with any ideas you may have for our community! See you all then!

A group of people sitting in chairs in a park

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**Back-to-School Supplies Distribution event**

Nearly 150 students received bags filled with school supplies at the WLH Park building on August 18. The canvas bags held notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, erasers, folders and colored pencils. For those in 6th grade and over, a calculator, binder and other items were added.

The supplies were sponsored by the West Lanham Hills Citizens’ Association, in order to give our many young students a strong start for their school year. “We are investing in the success of our students,” explained Sarah Tsubata, Board secretary and co-coordinator of this year’s project. “We want them to know that we support them, and we encourage them to work hard and learn a lot, so they can give back in the future.”

More than 25 youth volunteers were on hand to carry in all the boxes of supplies, assemble the bags, and then participate in the distribution of the items. Several helped translate to the Spanish-speaking neighbors. They showed the families a table of extra items, allowing them to take what they needed in addition to their basic kits. They cleaned up at the end, putting away the tables and chairs and cleaning the facility.

Volunteers included: DoJoon Lee, Seiji Lee, Alanna Lee, Avi Smith, Emmy Smith, Adrien Martinez, Jayden Martinez, Christopher Viera, Kimberly Torres, Brandon Martinez, Kevin Garcia, Rodrigo Castillo, Brandon Ramirez, Henry Pineda, Mason Lacey, Leah Duprey, Jaelen Forjas, Alisha Washington, and Madelyn Lemus.

We are extremely proud of the fine young people who have not only received support from the community, but who serve and help others, showing a high standard of personal character. Thank you to all those who made this a success.

To see full report and photos, you can go to our website: [www.westlanhamhills.com](http://www.westlanhamhills.com).

**Computer Distribution Event**

A group of eight volunteers traveled to the campus of Johns Hopkins University SAIS to pick up used computers, printers and other accessories, which were then distributed to 29 neighbors. Another 4 signed onto a waiting list, for a future distribution.

The computers were given in order to give a second life to usable computers and printers, and to offer students and families a chance to have a reliable working computer in their homes.

This was arranged through Mr. Moe Elahi of Johns Hopkins University, and Kensei Tsubata, an IT staff member there.

President Lan Tsubata extended the thanks of the community in a letter of thanks. The volunteers who worked hard to pick up, load, distribute and communicate about the computers included: DoJoon Lee, Seiji Lee, Adrien Martinez, Jayden Martinez, Sarah Tsubata, Kate Tsubata, and Hope Christensen.