

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

October 2024

Next Meeting: Thursday Oct. 3 at 7 PM at Park Building

President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

October is going to be a jam-packed month full of events and opportunities to connect and serve in our community. Please check out our events below. If you would like to volunteer to help or organize an event, please come connect with us at the monthly association meetings.

Important announcement: November meeting will be the **2nd Thursday, November 14th at 7 pm.**

Speeding in our neighborhood is a consistent fear for many. Children, Elderly and adults alike are being put in danger by speeding vehicles. It must stop. We ask everyone in our community to do their part and be part of the solution not the problem.

Orange Cones littering the streets have not solved our parking issues. The police will be confiscating and disposing these cones. Please stop using them and be respectful of your neighbors. No commercial trucks or vehicles are permitted on these residential streets. Please ensure they are parked elsewhere. Please let us know about the parking issues on your street as we are researching different ways to solve this problem. QR code to survey below.

At our next association meeting, October 3rd, our County Councilman Eric Olson, will be in attendance and available to take questions and address any of your concerns. We look forward to seeing you then and hopefully at many of the events this month! Please come to the monthly meeting, Thursday, Sept 5 at 7 p.m. We want to see your lovely faces and hear your ideas!

Fall Clean Up: Sat. October 19th, 10 AM- 12 noon

Please join us in beautifying our community, earning community service hours and getting to know your neighbors! Two dumpsters will also be made available for approved items. Meet at the West Lanham Park entrance at 10 am to receive clean-up supplies and safety vests. Lunch is provided for all volunteers. Event will be cancelled in case of heavy rain.



Purple Line Update

On or about October 4, 2024, crews working with the Purple Line will close Emerson Place at Ellin Road for approximately one month to install tracks and complete roadway reconstruction. You will have to exit or enter the community from Rt. 450, at 77th Place or Garrison Road. Once the track installation is complete, Ellin Road will open from Emerson Place to Hanson Oaks Drive. Work is scheduled 7 AM to 7 PM, 7 days a week. Drivers and pedestrians should follow signs and be cautious near the construction areas.

Membership Drive Info!

We have a new membership system! For the first time, we are providing a **digital** way to pay for your membership. The program is called Zeffy, a no-cost donation platform built specifically for non-profits. To donate, simply scan the QR code with your phone. Note: If you've already paid through the drive, no need to pay again as you're in our system. If you have multiple adults in your household, you'll need to join separately for each member. Have any questions about the new program or having trouble? Reach: driggers.michael@gmail.com.

Use the QR code to sign and pay for membership (\$2 per adult per year) for the West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association.





Parking Survey! Please respond!

Parking has been an issue for nearly all our community. Here is a survey in English and Spanish to voice your concern of the parking permitting, parking solutions, and testimonial what you are experiencing with the parking. Use the QR code above to take the survey by cell phone.

Board Game Nights!

TUESDAYS at 7 PM at the West Lanham Hills Park Building: **October 8! November 12! December 10!** Bring your own games or play with others! Refreshments will be served!

On June 27, 2024, **Stephen Faasen** passed away unexpectedly. Born June 27, 1946, his family moved to West Lanham Hills in 1954. He served in the Vietnam War, and was a familiar figure walking his dog, Jack, up and down the hills several times a day. He will be sorely missed.



Fall Seed, Bulb, & Roots Exchange:

Join us on October 9th at 7 PM at the park building. Come and get some seeds, bulbs, or roots or bring ones that you have. Come learn about different plants and gardening!

Your Vote: Your Voice

It is so important to exercise your right to vote as an American citizen. Voting is more than choosing those with whom we entrust the work of the nation. It is also our chance to tell those officials what issues are important to us. Many people died to safeguard your right to vote. Please be serious about exercising your rights. Please see the QR codes to register to vote, find your voting locations, Maryland voter lookup, request a mail-in ballot, election day questions and more. Let your neighbors know if you need a ride to the polls.



On August 10, 2024, **Esfandiar (Essi) Karam** passed. Born October 11, 1955 in Iran, Esfandiar moved to West Lanham Hills in February 2012. Essi is survived by his two children, Amanda and Jordan.

Amanda says, "Thank you to all of my neighbors who have extended condolences and checked on my brother and I during this difficult time".