

# WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

December 2024

Next Meeting: Thurs. Dec 05 at 7:00 PM

## President's Corner:

Happy Holidays!

Last month, Danny Copeland with RST Development joined our community meeting to discuss and answer questions about the potential development on Annapolis Road at the site of the former Lincoln Dealership. The site is being considered for the construction of a 300+ unit apartment building with a commercial space on the ground floor.

A representative from the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) will be coming to our next meeting on December 5. They will discuss issues that impact our neighborhood like speeding, transportation studies, and roads.

Members of the board will also be attending the Prince George's County Virtual Community Partners Meeting on December 5 at 9-11 am. This meeting is held in collaboration with several County departments and is used to share information about programs, services, and new initiatives. This meeting is open to any community members interested in attending (QR code below).



## Board Game Night

Tuesday, December 10

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!

## Holiday Movie Event

Saturday, December 14

10 AM – 1 PM at Park Building

Come to watch a holiday movie (*The Muppet Christmas Carol*) and enjoy tasty popcorn and delicious hot cocoa. Take a family photo using a holiday backdrop. Join us!

We are also seeking volunteers to support this event. If interested, please contact Sarah Tsubata at [sarahtsubata@gmail.com](mailto:sarahtsubata@gmail.com) or 785-341-5042.



## New Outreach & Communications Committee

At the November Association meeting, an Outreach and Communications Committee was formed to engage more neighbors in activities and events and improve general awareness of opportunities across the neighborhood.

If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Emily Kuehn at [emily.d.kuehn@gmail.com](mailto:emily.d.kuehn@gmail.com) or 586-904-0100.

## West Lanham Hills Citizens' Association Board

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## Prince George's Philharmonic Concert on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Start your holiday season off by enjoying the beautiful music of the Prince George's Philharmonic. Their holiday concert will be on December 8th at 3pm at Prince Georges Community College in Largo, MD. Tickets are available for purchase for \$25-\$30 at the box office or online ([pgcc.edu/arts](http://pgcc.edu/arts)). Credit card only.

## Voice Your Concerns – Advocating for Safer Area Roads

By: Jillian Nowlin

Do you have concerns about the increasing traffic issues on Annapolis Road, Veteran's Parkway, and Ellin Road? Whether by walking, biking, or driving, many West Lanham Hills residents have experienced challenges with safety and traffic on these routes, recently made worse by Purple Line construction. With new local developments anticipated, it is important that we tell our elected officials that we want our roads to be safe.

If you share these concerns, please consider writing to our state representatives and officials. The collective action of many from our community has the power to change things for the better! Below are some suggested topics and information about where you can send your letter.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead*

### Suggested requests you can include in your letter:

- Greater oversight of intersections undergoing construction (for example, by stationing state police to direct traffic during busiest hours).
- Securely positioned barriers and bolsters to prevent driving obstructions during construction.
- A plan to be shared with local communities about how the state will address increased traffic at the intersection of MD 410 (Veteran's Parkway) and MD 450 (Annapolis Road) due to the new Purple Line stop.
- Improvements to sidewalks along Ellin Road and Annapolis Road (for example, more barriers between sidewalks and the road, bus shelters at all bus stops, and trees for shade).
- A study to determine the need for new and repositioned traffic lights.
- The removal of all slip lanes along Annapolis Road.

### Where to send your letter:

- State Senator Malcolm Augustine:  
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- County Councilor Eric Olson:  
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