A stop sign and a sign on the side of a road

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**President’s Corner:**

Many in our community may be feeling fearful and anxious after this current election. I would like to share as your neighbor, friend and Association President, I will stand with you and for you. We will support each other, help one another and continue to build a safe and loving community.

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A new development is coming to where the Lincoln Dealership used to be on Annapolis Rd. RST Development is proposing a new development that will include over 300 apartments. Danny Copeland from RST Development will be attending our meeting to answer questions and to listen to concerns.

Councilman Eric Olson, Senator Malcom Augustine, attended our October meeting where issues like the Purple Line construction, residential development, trash on streets and walkability for pedestrians were discussed.

**Fall Clean Up Report**

On a beautiful, warm, fall day, neighbors gathered to beautify the neighborhood. Volunteers picked up trash as well as pruned, weeded, mulched and planted new plants the public areas of our neighborhood.

Neighbors were also able to dispose of bulky trash items in the two dumpsters provided to our neighborhood. Our streets looked spotless and both the West Lanham Hills entrance and the triangle on Emerson Pl look so welcoming and beautiful.   
  
A big thank you to our Garden Committee and all the volunteers for their hard work: Guana Gonzalez, Lucinda Toliver, Jessica Jackson, Lee Rowe, Kate Tsubata, Kazuo Tsubata, Seiji Lee, Alanna Lee, DoJoon Lee, Patrick Willis, Jillian Nowlin, Emily Kauhn, Michael Chodos, Sarah Tsubata, Kensei Tsubata, Isaiah Tsubata, Kelli Thomas, Scott Condren, Jason Finley and many more.

A group of people loading a garbage truck

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**Board game night report**

A small crowd enjoyed fun games and snacks. The next game night is **November 12th** at **7 pm**.

**Leave the Leaves This Fall!**  
Did you know fallen leaves provide vital winter habitat for insects and other wildlife? Insects like caterpillars rely on leaves for shelter, supporting birds that return in the spring. As insect and bird populations decline worldwide, we can help by leaving leaves in our own yards.

Here’s how to “leave the leaves”:

* Leave leaves on your lawn until spring if possible.
* For sidewalks or storm drains, collect and pile leaves in a corner of your yard, or use them as mulch in garden beds.
* If you must dispose of leaves, use compostable bags for curbside pickup or contact the West Lanham Hills Garden Committee for community distribution.
* Avoid plastic bags for yard waste.

For questions or tips on creating a healthier ecosystem, email the West Lanham Hills Garden Committee at wlhca.gardening@gmail.com.

Article by Jillian Nowlin

**Membership Drive**

Thank you to all our volunteers that helped with the membership drive. Lan Tsubata, Jose Machuca, Kay Rager, Ann Chilcoat, Kazuo Tsubata, Nanythe Talani, and Kelli Thomas.

Through both door-to-door outreach and online sign-ups, many people were able to join. Remember you can become a member at any time throughout the year!

**Winter Community event?**

If anyone in our community would like to lead a community winter event, please attend our next meeting or contact Sarah Tsubata if you have any questions. [sarahtsubata@gmail.com](mailto:sarahtsubata@gmail.com)

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