

WEST LANHAM HILLS CITIZEN

January/February 2023 Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 PM at Park Building

President's Corner: Lan Tsubata

I hope 2023 has started well for you and your families! We are excited and hopeful that this year will be a great one for our community. We hope you can attend our February meeting to hear your ideas of what you would like to see happen in our neighborhood this year.

For those in our neighborhood that have permitted parking there is a new website to manage your parking permits and visitors parking. The new website is <https://princegeorgescountymd.cmrpay.com/> You can call 301-955-0787 and 301 955 0678 for help setting up your new online account as well as transfer over any existing parking permits to your new account. Please make sure you call or go online soon and get your account set up. We don't want anyone to receive any unnecessary parking tickets.

Last year we had encountered multiple issues reserving our park building for community events. We have been able to work out many of those issues with the Parks and planning permit department and confirm the dates our community will use this year. We are hoping that we can plan some wonderful events for our community without encountering any more issues with the park building.

Let's have a great start to this new year and we hope to see you all at our upcoming February meeting!

Santa's Workshop report

Neighbors saved the day when a glitch in the system doublebooked the part building on the day for our Santa's Workshop. Volunteers scrambled to change the time to 5 p.m., and to prepare the many items to be set up in the center and prepared to allow the event to go on. It was "better late than never!" and some 100 people were there to make Friendship Soup jars, Cookie Mix jars, and wood crafts.

Many people donated housewares, appliances, clothing, toys, to be shared with others who might need them. Even computer equipment and monitors were donated!

Despite the confusion, the event went smoothly. It was inspiring to see every person helping to clean up at the end, and to help store the extra items in the shed. What a great community we have! Thank you!



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In Memoriam: Diane Canter

We are sad to say goodbye to a beloved neighbor, Diane Faye Canter, who passed away November 30, 2022. She was born December 18, 1957, in District Heights to Howard Roland Sr. and Anna (Bobak) Canter. Diane grew up in West Lanham Hills and graduated from Fairmont Heights High School before attending the University of Maryland. She worked for the University of Maryland as an administrator in the Chemistry Department for 45 years, retiring in June of 2021. Diane was an outgoing, positive person with an infectious laugh. She enjoyed cats, sewing, taking care of others, especially her family members, and she volunteered for many community events. Diane is survived by her son Kyle Koltko, brothers Donald (Beverly), George (Lynne), Howard (Marge) and Gary Canter, and nieces and nephews Adam, Meghan, David, Ryan, Amber, Alex, and Anna. She was preceded in death by her niece Katrina.

Winter Weather

We are in the winter season and though it has been a somewhat mild winter we want to remind residents that in cases of snow fall please follow the following Prince Georges county guidelines.

- Don't drive except when absolutely necessary.
- Don't park on snow emergency routes.
- Park only on even-numbered sides of residential streets or in driveways.
- In big storms, understand that our Phase 1 plowing operation is intended to provide passable conditions only. This permits us to provide all communities with a passable way out as early as possible. If necessary, we then return during Phase 2 to clear most of the traveled way.
- If possible shovel driveways after the road has been plowed to avoid having driveways blocked by snow plowing operations.
- Wait for 48 hours after precipitation has stopped to call the Snow Information Center at 301-350-0500.

Get Needed Repairs done on your house!

West Lanham Hills residents who occupy your home and have need for repairs—especially for accessibility or for weatherization—can qualify for funds for those repairs. Check this link TODAY to see if you qualify!

<https://habitatmm.org/how-to-apply/home-repair-services-for-homeowners/prince-georges-county-homeownership-preservation-program-pg-hopp.html>