

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER



Same Block, Different Year

This year was certainly different—but at least not as different as last year. Around 150 neighbors gathered for this year's block party. Though there was less food and fewer people, there wasn't a decrease in fun! We welcomed new neighbors and recognized those who've lived here for more than 20 years.

Thanks to **Larry Schumacher**, we had a ping pong table for the first-ever Lake Walker ping pong tournament. **Peter Gilroy** won that tournament, along with several raffle prizes!

Chalk artists young and not-so-young focused on pets. Soon pictures of cats, dogs, and Halloween(?) decorated Yorkshire sidewalks.

The Chili Cookoff was more heated than usual. This year we had a tie: Congratulations to co-winners **Rob Bowen** and **Annie Marshall/Meridith Sandherr!**



All the THANKS

...to **Deb and Jim Pickett, Bethany and Bruce Ziman, Rob Bowen, and Cy Governs** for all their help ahead of and after the event. They were aided during set-up/clean-up by a cadre of other volunteers and we are grateful to them as well!

...to the Block Party committee. This year, they had an unusual challenge, given the emergence of the Delta variant after planning was underway. Thank you to them for their thoughtfulness and patience and for their tenacity in getting the raffle prizes: **Bill and Vanessa Burnham, Barb Dent, Scott Dombrowski, Cy Governs, Kathryn Knight, Marita Manna, Martha Palmer, Marah Rutski, Lisajoy Sachs, Kathy Scholl, Deb and Jim Pickett, Bethany and Bruce Ziman, and Meg Zimmerman.**

...to **Scott Knight** for great music throughout! 🍷

OCTOBER 26

Calendar
OF events

LWCA General Meeting

7:30 p.m. This meeting will take place virtually. Please see page 3 for details.

NOTE: All meetings are subject to Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery, including health orders of localities.

OCTOBER

10/6 YORK ROAD PARTNERSHIP MEETING – 7:15 p.m. This meeting will take place virtually until further notice. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every month: 11/3.

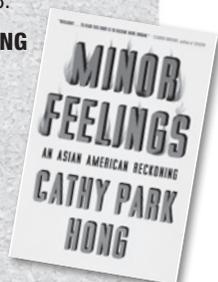
10/23 MAYOR'S FALL CLEANUP – 10 a.m. Meet at York and Walker and bring work gloves—and a neighbor!

NOVEMBER

11/5-7 BALTIMORE CEASEFIRE/PEACE CHALLENGE – all weekend, citywide. Please see page 3 for details.

11/6 DUMPSTER DAY – 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Meet near the corner of Hollen and Yorkshire (NEW LOCATION), also on 12/18.

11/6 LAKE WALKER WALKING BOOK GROUP – 4:00 p.m. (NEW TIME) Prepare to discuss *Minor Feelings* by Cathy Park Hong. Meet at the intersection of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire. Rain date, 11/7 at 4:00 p.m.



Check **lakewalker.org**
for the full 2021 schedule and for updates to listed events!

Thank You

TO THESE VENDORS WHO DONATED PRIZES FOR THE BLOCK PARTY RAFFLE!

We encourage you to thank them in person when you stop by to support their business.

- 24/7 Entertainment*
- Ayd Hardware
- BaltAmourBlue (on Etsy)*
- Broken Plate Pendant Co.*
- Charlie's Honeybee Sanctuary*
- The Charmery
- Clark Burger*
- Clavel
- Green Fields Nursery
- Erin Hans, LMT*
- Kenilworth Wine and Spirits
- Lawrence Plumbing & Heating*
- Love That
- Neopol Savory Smokery
- Pizza Trust*
- Sachs Design*
- The Senator Theatre
- Sherwood Auto Service
- Stoneleigh Lanes Bowling
- Swallow at the Hollow
- Wells Discount Liquors
- Zen West

*Owned by a Lake Walker neighbor

Less Trash on Walker Avenue

BY KIM MUNCHEL

W as anyone else annoyed by the amount of trash being strewn on Walker Avenue by the Walgreen's? The situation has improved due to the "Please don't litter" signs and the placement of a trash can on the right of way.

Help is needed for maintaining and emptying this trash can. If you are willing to do so at least once every two weeks, please contact Kim Munchel at kimmunchel@gmail.com.



Updates on Vaughn-Greene Proposed Crematorium

BY KYLE ENGLER

The BMZA (Baltimore City Municipal Zoning Appeals) has now heard from Vaughn-Greene and their experts and the opposition and their experts in 2 extended hearings in September. The BMZA has asked each side to submit a final legal brief by October 5. The BMZA will reconvene for a public, open deliberation and vote on **October 19**. There will be a Webex link to watch the vote coming out shortly.

Both sides of this issue have put forth passionate arguments, and neighbors have strong feelings about the existence of a human crematorium in their neighborhood. If you are interested in joining the meeting online, you can contact the BMZA to register for a Webex invite.

Lake Walker General Election Ballot

Voting will take place at the General Meeting on **October 26**.

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT LWCA DUES PAYER TO VOTE. The LWCA dues year runs from September 1- August 31, to correspond with the Block Party and the October annual election of board officers. Dues are \$10/household (\$5 for seniors). You can pay via PayPal (visit lakewalker.org/join for the links) or send a check to Treasurer, P.O. Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391. We recommend that you send your checks soon. We'll check the P.O. box on October 26.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE, BUT CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BALLOT AND PUT IT IN THE DROPBOX AT 620 HIGHWOOD BY 4 P.M. ON OCTOBER 26.

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Kyle Engler Other _____

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Kim Munchel Other _____

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Write-in _____

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Mentorship Opportunity: iMentor Baltimore

BY DANYELLE MURRAY

iMentor Baltimore matches first-generation Baltimore City high school students with college-educated mentors who help them navigate the journey to and through college and other post-secondary career pathways. This upcoming fall, we will serve students at three city schools (Academy for College and Career Exploration, Baltimore Design School, Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women) and are looking for volunteers from a variety of career backgrounds and diverse social identities to mentor high school juniors. In order to support the success of the relationship, each pair is assigned a dedicated program manager and access to mentor workshops and resources.

WE ASK MENTORS TO

- commit to one high school student for a two- to four-year period, until your mentee has graduated and successfully transitioned into college and/or a training program,
- send at least one weekly online communication and attend one monthly, pair event*, and
- help their mentee identify their career interests, personal strengths and serve as a sounding board for post-secondary planning and decision-making.

* Note that all iMentor events are virtual until further notice.

NEXT STEPS:

Learn more about mentoring with us by attending an upcoming info session. To become a mentor, start your mentoring application and RSVP for an Orientation. Visit www.imentor.org or email baltimore@imentor.org for more information.

Baltimore Ceasefire/ Peace Challenge Weekend

BY MERI ROBIE-CRAVEN

Some of our own Lake Walker residents have recently signed up to be Peace Goons, or bringers of peace to Baltimore. Baltimore Ceasefire, organized by a collective of mediators and community activists, calls Baltimore residents to “vibrate higher” and rise to the challenge of interrupting the violence in our city and replacing it with love, light, and healing. Look out for a Peace Challenge near you on the weekend of **November 5–7**, and support the city, or become an ambassador or Peace Goon yourself! Ceasefire/Peace Challenge Weekends take place in February, May, August, and November each year. More information at baltimoreceasefire.com.

Welcome to the Welcoming Committee

BY KIM MUNCHEL

Did you know that Lake Walker now has a Welcoming Committee? We do! When new residents move into the neighborhood, Block Captains let us know. Then each new household receives a welcome bag including two small gifts from the community (tea towel and Old Bay hot sauce), along with a directory and a packet of useful information about our neighborhood. **Emily Perl** has been assembling and distributing these gifts for us. She does a great job of making everything look cute. There is also the opportunity to place our Lake Walker Welcomes sign outside the new household to let neighbors know the first names of the new residents and one fun fact about them. This way neighbors can greet the newbies by name and have a simple conversation starter. We hope this helps established Lake Walker neighbors be even friendlier!



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Virtual LWCA GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, October 26 7:30–9:00 p.m. ET

Like with our June meeting, we will use Zoom. For security purposes, we are NOT publishing the access information here because the newsletter is posted publicly on the Lake Walker website.

- If you're already signed up to receive Lake Walker email alerts, you'll receive an email with the access information within a week of the meeting.
- If you're NOT signed up for Lake Walker email alerts, please email communications@lakewalker.org to either sign up or to get a one-time email with the meeting access information.

AGENDA

- › Welcome
- › DPW updates (general and on the Chinquapin stream project)
- › BCPD Northern District updates
- › Fourth District updates from Councilman Mark Conway's office
- › Treasurer's Report
- › Greening and Welcoming Committee updates
- › Neighborhood decor and tidiness
- › LWCA Board Election for 2022

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