

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Pictured here is landry Randriamandroso's Baltimore Oriole which is located on the side of Zen West next to a mural of a Raven.

B'MORE BIRDS

By
KATHY
BROHAWN

Public Art Takes Flight on York Road in Govans

Have you seen them? More bright bird murals are popping up along the York Road corridor in Govans. A 10-foot tall iron bird sculpture now graces the corner of Belvedere Avenue and York Road. The bird-themed public art is a homage to Baltimore as "Birdland," but also has a deeper meaning to this racially and economically diverse community. Thanks to a collaboration between York Road Partnership, Govanstowne Business Association, and Loyola University.

This public art project began with a 1 percent for Public Art Project, a collaboration between the Department of Transportation and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts. The first six B'more bird murals came to life on the York Road corridor between 42nd Street and Woodbourne Avenue in 2013. Artist landry Randriamandroso was selected for the project due to his innate understanding of the importance of the interconnection between environment and residents. He explains: "In ever-

changing urban landscapes, [the birds] represent adaptation, resilience, and the continuation of life. When changes occur in a neighborhood, it changes the dynamic make-up of the population—new inhabitants come; some leave; some stay and adapt with the new changes. Eventually, they represent us and our neighbors." All the birds in the murals are native to Maryland and were identified in the three local forest patches in our area, the Govans Urban Forrest, Springfield Woods, and Wilson Park.

Calendar
OF events

JANUARY 25

LWCA General Meeting

LWCA General Meeting –
7:30 p.m., Arbor Oaks Meeting Room
(The address is 813 Lenton Ave.).
Please bring a non-perishable food item
for CARES. Meetings occur quarterly;
upcoming meetings on 3/27, 6/27, 10/25

MARCH

- 3/11 Winter Fiesta at Zen West – 4:00 p.m.
3/21 Northern Police District Meeting –
7 p.m. @ the Northern District Police Head-
quarters, 2201 W. Cold Spring Lane (just west
of I-83 on your left). For questions, call Officer
Doug Gibson @ 410 367-8491. Recurring mtg
on third Wed. of every OTHER month, 5/16, 7/18

APRIL

- 4/5 York Road Partnership Meeting –
7:15 p.m. @ St. Mary's Church Hall, 5502 York
Road, parking and entrance in the rear of the
church. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every
month: 2/7, 3/7
4/28 Baltimore City Mayor's Spring
Cleanup in Lake Walker.

MAY

- 5/12 Spring Plant Exchange

Check in at
lakewalker.org
for the full 2018 schedule!

The same collaborators secured funding for the next round of bird-themed public art to take flight. The Baltimore City Anchor Initiative funded the six additional murals completed in October 2017 to be painted by landry Randriamandroso between Woodbourne Avenue to Northern Parkway. landry graduated from Maryland Institute College of Art in 2009 with an MA in community arts. He specializes in graphic and mixed media art-making that focuses on environmental and social subjects. His goal as an artist is to create art that is accessible and inclusive to

everyone and has been involved in such community projects around the country.

The Department for Housing and Community Development funded the York Road Gateway Art Project through a Community Legacy grant. Two gateway sculptures are designed by the Baltimore-based artist team of Rachel Timmins, Tim Schofield, and Kyle Miller for the project. The team is well-known locally for their "Light City Peacock" which has traveled nationally and internationally. One gateway art sculpture is located at York Road and Belvedere Avenue, the second will be located on



Pictured here is a 10' Iron bird by the Baltimore-based artist team of Rachel Timmins, Tim Schofield, and Kyle Miller

the new campus of Restoration Gardens 2 at 42nd Street and York Road, set to be unveiled in the Spring. Be on the lookout for these bright murals along the York Road corridor. 🐦

LWCA Election Taking Place at January General Meeting

According to the LWCA by-laws, the election for the following calendar year's officers takes place at the final general meeting of the year. Due to low attendance and an incomplete slate of officers, the Nov. 2 election was postponed until the Jan. 25, 2018, general meeting. **PLEASE** attend the Jan. 25 meeting. Dues-paying members may also submit their paper ballots as described below.

President-nominee Jim Pickett puts it best, "What Lake Walker really needs now is 'new blood' in its leadership. Having served in a variety of capacities over the past 26 years, I am not 'new blood.' If elected, I will make every effort to recruit and educate new people into the joys and rewards of community service."

In 2018, all board members and committee chairpersons will focus on engaging residents to foster new leadership. New to LW and wondering what's involved in being a board member? Perhaps you've been here for years, but have an idea that you've always wondered if we could try? Let's talk! Contact a board member or committee chair (email addresses are listed in this newsletter and under the "LWCA" tab of www.lakewalker.org).

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If you cannot attend the LWCA general meeting on **Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018**, and you are a dues-paying member, you may drop off your ballot at 800 Cedarcroft Rd. OR mail it to LWCA Treasurer, PO Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391. We will check the PO Box on Jan. 24.

- PRESIDENT:** Jim Pickett or write-in _____
- VICE PRESIDENT:** Ian Anson or write-in _____
- SECRETARY:** Cindi D'Angelo or write-in _____
- TREASURER:** Tom Piccin or write-in _____

President Jim Pickett has lived in LW for more than 25 years. He was a teacher at Towson High School, UMBC, and Towson University for a total of 51 years. He is tirelessly committed to serving his community: For the past 25 years, he served as block party chairperson. He and his wife, Deb, regularly lead clean-up efforts and host the spring plant exchange.

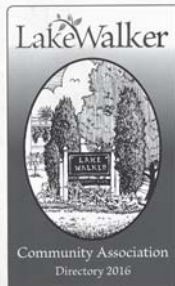
Vice President Ian Anson moved to LW in April 2017 with his wife Lucy and their pets Ellie (cat) and Gus (lab mix). He has worked as an assistant professor of political science at UMBC since 2015. In addition to his research on public opinion, voting behavior, and quantitative research methods, Ian enjoys backpacking, reading, swimming, and making music. For more information, visit Ian's website at www.iananson.com.

Secretary Cindi D'Angelo, an avid gardener, has been a LW resident since 1990. She lives on Hollen Rd. with her roommate Dave. Her son Andrew is a college senior. Cindi has long been active in the community, playing a key role in bringing curbside recycling to our community and hosting an annual Easter egg hunt for many years. This will be Cindi's second term as secretary.

Treasurer Tom Piccin has lived on Cedarcroft Rd. for almost two years. He moved to Baltimore six years ago and works as a project manager at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. He also enjoys teaching and community theater. This will be Tom's second term as treasurer. 🐦

WINTER FIESTA

Mark your calendars for our annual winter get together! This year the FIESTA is back! The date is **Sunday, March 11th at 4 p.m.** at Zen West. As in the past everyone is welcome, and everyone is also responsible for their own food and drink. Cake and kids activities will be provided. We will be collecting dues and selling Lake Walker stickers. COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!



New LWCA Directory This Year

We'll publish a new LW directory this year. Don't wait to update your info! Email updates TODAY to directory@lakewalker.org. Feel free to send updates about neighbors, (e.g., "The Smiths at XXX Cedarcroft moved.") If you send contact info for new neighbors, we will assume you've obtained their approval to publish that information. You may also encourage them to submit it directly via the email above. 🍷

Successful Fall Cleanup

By JIM PICKETT

Due to a mysterious, and suspicious, herbicide application in our community garden, it was necessary to replace \$300 worth of plants around the Lake Walker sign. They were purchased from Green Fields Nursery at a generous 20% discount. Also, numerous bags of trash and debris were collected by the following hard-working volunteers: **Jim Bersani, Dean Calahan, Cy Governs, Barbara Joellenbeck, Tom Piccin, Jim Pickett, John Swivel, and Meg Zimmerman.** A job well done. Stay tuned for an announcement of the spring cleanup. 🍷



Lake Walker Block Party Grant Award

By KATHY BROHAWN

I am pleased to announce that the LWCA is the recipient of the **MECU Neighborhood Grant Award**. The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA), John Hamilton, President, Municipal Employees Credit Union (MECU), and Michael Braverman, Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development, and the selection committee recommended that LWCA receive \$350 in funding for the 26th Annual Block Party scheduled

for **Saturday September 8, 2018**. In addition, we have a new volunteer Block Party Chair, **Mellisa Colimore**. Stay tuned this spring to hear more from Mellisa. 🍷



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Take a few minutes now to record dates for important LWCA events this year:



GENERAL MEETINGS:

Jan. 25, March 27,
June 27, Oct. 25



WINTER FIESTA:
March 11



PLANT EXCHANGE:
May 12



BLOCK PARTY:
Sept. 8

Want to get email alerts about these and other important events (like Dumpster Days)?

Email communications@lakewalker.org. You can also find an updated calendar on the website. 🍷

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Please send payments to Lake Walker Community Assn, PO Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391. **Please make sure checks are made out to LWCA.** \$10 per household, \$5 for seniors.

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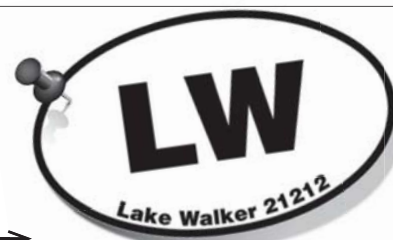
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