

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we continue our new lifestyle of social distancing and virtual communication, I have become even more grateful for our neighborhood and our neighbors. Lake Walker is always a beautiful place to spend the springtime, as so many yards burst into dazzling floral displays.

But Lake Walker is beautiful not just for its flowers and shrubs. **OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS I HAVE RECEIVED WORD OF NUMEROUS ACTS OF KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, AND SACRIFICE IN THIS TIME OF WORRY AND SICKNESS.** Some have joined forces with the York Road Partnership's COVID-19 initiative, connecting with vulnerable neighbors to offer needed services. Others have sent encouraging messages to front-line workers through letters, sidewalk art, and even signs taped to garbage cans. Still others have donated their time and financial resources to relief efforts in Baltimore City and beyond. I have been impressed as always by our neighbors' passion for helping others. Several neighbors have been sewing and selling cloth face coverings. (This includes **Angela Benam** on Hollen Ave. Contact her at angela.benam@gmail.com if you're interested in purchasing one.)

Our neighborhood is home to many healthcare workers and other essential employees, who are working hard each day to support the city's needs. And as the economic impacts of the crisis continue to unfold, we also know that at least some of our neighbors are currently struggling under a reduced capacity to perform their jobs as normal. Other neighbors are suddenly finding themselves wearing many hats each day, from de facto schoolteacher to 24/7 childcare provider to elder care specialist. And at least some of us are in mourning, as the crisis has already claimed so many lives.

In light of these diverse challenges, let us remember to lift each other up this spring with compassion and mutual understanding. By working together as a community, we can make each day a little easier for everyone.

— **Ian Anson, LWCA President**



Calendar OF events

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO

MARYLAND'S ROADMAP TO RECOVERY.

Please honor social distancing guidelines and use the provided contact information to ensure that the listed meetings will take place in person.

Check lakewalker.org for the full 2020 schedule and for updates to listed events!

CANCELED

The 2020 Lake Walker yard sale – CANCELED

JUNE-SEPTEMBER

6/2 LWCA General Meeting – 7:30 p.m. The summer meeting will be virtual! Please see page 3 for the access details. Next meeting on 10/26.

6/3 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: 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7.

6/6 Dumpster Day – Near 500 Hollen Road. (Visit lakewalker.org for details—we'll announce cancellation on the website, if needed. Also, 8/29, 10/10.)

7/16 Northern Police District Meeting – 7 p.m. @ the Northern District Police Headquarters, 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, 9/17.

8/4 National Night Out – 7:30 p.m., @ the corner of Cedarcroft Road. and Yorkshire Drive for FREE ice cream, glow necklaces, and other toys. Contact Ian Anson at president@lakewalker.org for more details.

9/12 Lake Walker Block Party – 4 p.m. @ the corner of Cedarcroft Road. and Yorkshire Drive.

Support Those Who Supported Us!

Local businesses need our support more than ever. Each year, many of them donate to the Lake Walker Block Party raffle. Now it's our turn to support them! Buying gift certificates is one way to help. Here are other some ways you can support the businesses that have donated to our raffle:

NOTE: We encourage you to visit the business' websites to verify their operational status and get details.

- Support the historic **Senator Theatre** by attending virtual screenings.
- **Science Guys** of Baltimore offers live-stream and follow along videos to teach kids about science. They also offer VIRTUAL birthday parties!
- Consider our artist residents who have online sites: **Sachs Design** and **Broken Plate Pendant Co.**
- Open for curbside pickup:
 - **Ayd Hardware**
 - **Green Fields Nursery**
 - **Pinehurst Wine Shoppe**
 - **Pooles Island Brewery**
 - **Wells Discount Liquors**
- Many restaurants are operating in a carry out capacity (*this site lists some of them*). Please consider picking up your order as delivery services eat into restaurant profits.
 - **Atwater's**
 - **Clark Burger**
 - **Neopol Savory Smokery**
 - **Swallow at the Hollow**
 - **The Pizza Trust**
 - **The Charmery**
 - **Woodrow's BBQ**
 - **Zen West**

Block Party 2020

Mark your calendars for our 28th annual Lake Walker Block Party: **Saturday, Sept. 12 (4-8 p.m.)**



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE? Contact **Cy Governs** at blockparty@lakewalker.org or **410-433-1309!** We'll begin (virtual) meetings in June.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

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Spring Dues Challenge Match

An anonymous LW neighbor has offered to contribute \$1 for each LWCA dues payment made between **March 1 and May 31**. If you haven't paid your September 2019–August 2020 dues yet, this is a great time to act.

Pay your dues with PayPal! Look for it on the lakewalker.org website. If you haven't paid your dues, please do, \$10 per household and \$5 for seniors. Dues help provide many benefits to our community. They help fund our newsletter, the block party, and our Mardi Gras celebration. They also support information-sharing and neighborhood promotion and advocacy with the city. Households who pay dues are entitled to receive the community directory. If you send a check, please note if you'd like to receive a directory. LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

Mail to: Lake Walker Community Association, P.O. Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

New Lake Walker BOOK CLUB

Lake Walker's new book club will hold its first meeting in July or August. The focus of the club is not completely settled, and all suggested topics are welcome! If you are interested in participating, please email newsletter@lakewalker.org, sharing your name, email, and ideas for the group.

Join a
**VIRTUAL
MEETING**

&

**HAPPY
HOUR!**

The Lake Walker Community Association's General Meeting on June 2 will be VIRTUAL! Join us by phone or online for some brief updates, and then we'll have a happy hour for anyone who wants to stay on.

You have two options for participating in the meeting:



JOIN BY PHONE:

202-860-2110

- When prompted, enter the following code: 645 690 729 #.
- When asked for your user number, enter # to indicate that you have not been assigned a user number. Webex will automatically assign you a number.



JOIN ONLINE:

LWCA President Ian Anson is allowing us to use the secure online meeting room he uses for classes.

- Go to this URL: <https://umbc.webex.com/meet/iganson>.
- Enter your name and email address.
- Select "Run a temporary application." This will avoid you having to permanently download software.
- In the lower left corner of your browser, you'll see a temporary

download: **webex.exe**. Click on it and a screen will pop up.

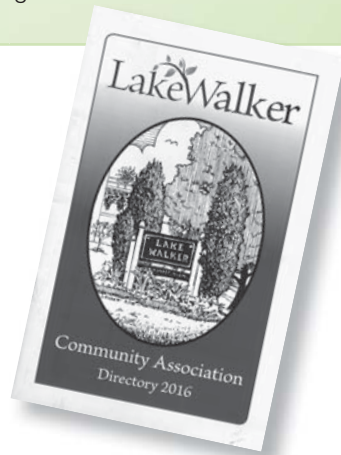
- If you have a webcam, it may automatically turn on, but you have the option to turn it off by clicking on the camera icon at the bottom of the popup screen.
 - Please mute yourself by clicking on the microphone icon at the bottom of the popup screen. It's important to mute yourself when you're not talking because background noise can make it difficult for others to hear. You will have the option for unmuting during discussions.
 - Once you have your webcam and audio settings selected, click the Join Meeting button.
- We'll provide additional guidance about meeting logistics at the start of the meeting.

NEW DIRECTORY THIS YEAR

We're publishing an updated Lake Walker directory (plan to get your copy at the block party)! We're looking for a Lake Walker artist to produce the cover art. Artwork should be in black and white and no more than approximately 4.5" tall and 4" across.

Please send submissions to the Lake Walker post office box: P.O. Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391, or drop them off to **Cy Governs** at 705 Gittings Ave. by no later than June 1. Please include your name so we may credit you!

Email questions or directory updates to directory@lakewalker.org. Feel free to let us know that someone moved—even if you don't have contact info for new residents! If you do 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.



COVID-19 UPDATES

The Baltimore City dashboard provides important updates. Or send a **subscription request** to get daily briefings sent to your inbox.

If you need support...

- The Italian Cultural Center's **Be a Chef for a Day (BACFAD)** project is providing hot meals at this time. Please call 410-547-9934 to schedule one.
- **Baltimore City Schools** are providing breakfasts and lunches. Closest meals for Lake Walker kids and families in need:
Mon-Fri 10-2 @ Yorkwood Elementary
Mon-Fri 12-6 @ Northwood and Dewees Rec Centers
Wednesday 10-2 @ Walter P. Carter Elementary School

If you have resources to donate...

- **GEDCO/CARES** is in dire need of money and food donations. They support several food pantries.
- The **BACFAD** project needs people to sign up to deliver or bag food. Please follow the links if interested. Visit their website to donate.

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Keswick Wise & Well Center Has a YouTube Channel!



Explore healthy lifestyle tips, fitness, art techniques, nutrition and more! Start a healthy journey today with the Wise & Well Center. New videos are uploaded to our YouTube channel weekly.

**Check us out, and
don't forget to SUBSCRIBE!**

<https://bit.ly/3bsog6t>

The Wise & Well Center is providing resource assistance. Contact Program Manager, Nakia Mack for more information: **410-246-7223**.

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700 W 40th St. Baltimore,
MD 21211

Lake Walker Stickers for Sale



Show your community spirit with a Lake Walker sticker on your car, bike or wherever you would like to stick one!

Only \$3 each or two for \$5.

Get yours now while supplies last! Contact a member of the LWCA board or email: treasurer@lakewalker.org.

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