

# LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

## A WRAP ON WINTER WONDER

By Cy GOVERNS

I'm writing this as we face single-digit temps and with hope for spring. Last December, neighbors connected for holiday cheer during our second annual Winter Walk. We're so grateful to **Audrey Hopkins-Hale** for organizing the event with support from others, especially **Ed Chupein**. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who hosted! From the edible to the audible, your generosity, and thoughtfulness spread delight throughout the 'hood! Anyone who is interested in helping organize this year's event, email [vicepresident@lakewalker.org](mailto:vicepresident@lakewalker.org) to let us know.



FEBRUARY 25

### LWCA GENERAL MEETING

7:30 p.m. (hybrid). Please see page 3 for details.  
Spring meeting is 4/22.

Calendar  
OF events

#### MARCH

**3/5 York Road Partnership Meeting**  
– 7:15 p.m. This is a hybrid meeting; join in-person at Govans Boundary United Methodist Church, 5210 York Rd. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every month: 4/2, 5/7.

**3/18 LW Night at Belvedere Square**  
– Subscribe to email alerts for details ([communications@lakewalker.org](mailto:communications@lakewalker.org)).

#### APRIL

**4/29 Greening Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m., email [greening@lakewalker.org](mailto:greening@lakewalker.org) for details. Meets last Tues. of month from April-Oct.: 5/27, 6/24.

**CHECK  
LAKEWALKER.ORG**  
for the full 2025 schedule and for updates to listed events!



# President's Message

BY DAN RICKS

**L**ake Walker community members, I am honored to be your Lake Walker Community Association (LWCA) president for 2025. I want to acknowledge and thank Ed Chupein for his leadership as president during the last two years. Ed will continue to serve, this time in the vice president role. We accomplished a lot during Ed's tenure: installing the Lake Walker welcome sign at the corner of east Lake and York, launching the Winter Walk event, the storm drain stenciling project, and many greening efforts — his efforts with the Hollen Woods project continue.

As a renter myself, one thing that I would like to focus on is that the Lake Walker Community Association is just that: a *community* association, as opposed to a homeowner's association. A good portion of our community is made up of long-time renters and shorter-term renters, like students. One of my immediate goals is to figure out ways to further engage this demographic. If you have suggestions or ideas, please email me at [president@lakewalker.org](mailto:president@lakewalker.org).

How can you get involved with the LWCA? Join by paying your dues and attending our meeting on Feb. 25. The cost is \$10 per household (\$5 for seniors). These funds cover the cost of things like our website, newsletters, and events. (Visit [lakewalker.org/lwca/join](http://lakewalker.org/lwca/join) for how to join.) Members receive a copy of the directory, which we update in even-numbered years, and may participate in the LWCA elections held in October.

In closing, I am truly honored to have been selected for this role. I welcome questions, comments, and suggestions that you may have. I look forward to serving you, our cherished community members.

— Dan

## Stay in Touch

As Dan said in his message, we are a community organization and we invite everyone in this community to receive our updates. Regardless of whether you're a homeowner or a renter: If you live in Lake Walker, here's how you can find out the latest.

- Visit the Lake Walker website, [lakewalker.org](http://lakewalker.org) for upcoming events.
- Sign up for infrequent email alerts by emailing [communications@lakewalker.org](mailto:communications@lakewalker.org).
- Join the Lake Walker Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/LAKEWALKERBMORE](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LAKEWALKERBMORE). This is a public group, though, so sometimes we limit the details for security.



## SAVE THE DATE: Lake Walker Night at Belvedere Square

Our twice-yearly gathering at Belvedere Square is a way to meet new neighbors, while supporting small businesses that make living here great! We've planned our spring gathering for the evening of Tuesday, March 18. We'll share more details soon.



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## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

Dues are \$10 per household and \$5 for seniors. They help fund our newsletter, the block party, information-sharing efforts, neighborhood promotion, and advocacy with the city. **Pay with Zelle or Paypal! Visit [lakewalker.org/join](http://lakewalker.org/join)** for instructions. Or send a check to: Lake Walker Community Association, P.O. Box 11421, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391

Households who pay dues are entitled to receive the community directory. Please note (with your check or in the memo for online payment) if you'd like a directory, and include this info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# NEW YEAR, NEW LOCATION for General Meetings

If you attended the fall meeting, you heard about proposed changes to the General Meeting schedule. We will continue that important discussion at our first General Meeting: **7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25.** Our agenda will allow City officials to share timely updates, but also for us to informally catch up with one another over dessert.

Many of you have said that you would like these meetings to be more of a social gathering. With that in mind, the LWCA Board changed the location to a more comfortable space: the **Kadampa Meditation Center Maryland**, 900 E. Northern Pkwy.

**TO WALK THERE:** At the intersection of E. Lake and Highwood/Lenton (which are across Lake Ave. from one another), walk about two blocks east on Lenton (to the left) to the T-intersection with Dartmouth Rd. The temple is visible from that intersection. Follow the paved sidewalk/stairs to the rear of the building adjacent to the parking lot.

There is a parking lot; we encourage you to consider carpooling. If you need transportation, contact **Dan** at **president@lakewalker.org**. We will provide an online option for the “business” portion of the meeting. See the “Stay in Touch” article on page 2 for how you can make sure you get the link.

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## Thank You, BLOCK CAPTAINS!

The lifeblood of this wonderful community is its block captains who deliver this newsletter to you year after year. We extend special gratitude to **Deb Weinberg** in the 600 block of Cedarcroft as she retires from 25 years of service. Longtime resident **Tony Gioia** has volunteered to take her place. We have two brand new block captains in the 900 block of Lake Ave: **Shannon Corr** at 906, and **Meredith Jones** at 922. A heartfelt thank you to all 32 block captains!



## Fall Cleanup

**THANK YOU TO THE NEIGHBORS WHO SHOWED UP FOR THE OCTOBER CLEANUP:** Priscilla Brown, Ed & Stephanie Chupein, Tony Gioia, Cy Governs, Kathryn Knight, Darby Lassiter, Deb & Jim Pickett, Lucy Sarris, Brian Wingoe, and Meg Zimmerman.

We did a lot — cleaning up the community garden area near Walgreens, as well as one of the Parkway alleys. Kathryn Knight led the installation of our temporary wishing tree art project. We hung all of the wishes neighbors submitted at the Block Party on the tree that commemorates former LWCA president **Eileen Gwin**.

We hope to see you at the spring cleanup! It's typically planned for the last Saturday in April. Stay tuned to LWCA communications for the official announcement.