

# LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



## Shining in the Rain

By Cy Governs, Block Party Committee Chair

**F**ortunately, the rain made an early and BRIEF appearance at this year's block party! Congratulations to Annie Marshall for winning the Chili Cookoff contest! And congratulations also to all the young chalk contest entrants who reminded us that Lake Walker, 100 years ago, was full of dinosaurs and vibrantly colored houses!

### What a cast and crew!

Rain wasn't the only challenge for this year's block party. Like any outstanding production, this was a lot of work for a lot of folks.

*Thank you to*

**EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS:** Lake Walker Community Association (LWCA) president **Ed Chupein**, Councilperson **Mark Conway**, and members of his office went to extraordinary lengths to ensure we could hold our event. Other LWCA board members were responsive throughout the process — and many of them showed up to collect dues and greet attendees!

**PRODUCERS:** The Block Party Committee did a tremendous amount of work ahead of and on the day of the event — some of them even AFTER it. **Rob Bowen, Bill and Vanessa Burnham, Barb Dent, Cy Governs, Kathryn Knight** (who oversaw the kids' activities), **Marita Manna, Martha Palmer, Deb and Jim Pickett, Kathy**

**Scholl, Katie Couyoumijan Strong, John Henry Strong, and Bethany and Bruce Ziman** (who also runs the Chili Cookoff)!

**CRAFT SERVICE:** **Patrick Calligan** and **Rob Bowen** ensured we had the meats (or the faux meats)!

**SOUND:** **Scott Knight** set the soundtrack to a great night.

**FINANCE:** The raffle was a smash hit thanks to **Martha Johnston, Sherry Frick, and Eli Donn**.

**WARDROBE:** **Angela Donn** and **Stephanie Chupein** offered everyone an opportunity to be fashion forward with a Lake Walker T-shirt (contact [president@lakewalker.org](mailto:president@lakewalker.org) to purchase one for yourself!).

OCTOBER 25

## LWCA GENERAL MEETING

7:30 p.m. (hybrid) This meeting will take place in a hybrid format. Please see page 3 for details.

Calendar  
OF events

### OCTOBER

**10/21 FALL CLEANUP** — Meet at the Lake Walker sign in our garden near York & Walker at 10 am, and will be finished well before noon. Bring work gloves.

### NOVEMBER

**11/1 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: 12/6.

**11/14 NOVEMBER BELVEDERE SQUARE GATHERING.** Please see page 3 for details.

**11/18 DUMPSTER DAY** — Meet near the corner of Hollen and Yorkshire.

### DECEMBER

**12/9 LAKE WALKER WALKING BOOK CLUB** — 4:00 p.m. Meet at the corner of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire to discuss *Hestia Strikes a Match* by Christine Grillo.



Check  
**lakewalker.org**

for the full 2023 schedule and for updates to listed events!

*Thank you*

TO THE VENDORS ON  
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## Thank You TO THESE VENDORS WHO DONATED PRIZES FOR THE BLOCK PARTY RAFFLE!

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## Block Captains

By JIM PICKETT

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **John Swivel**, a Block Captain and community activist of long standing on Northwood Drive. His duties have been ably assumed by **Tommy and Krissy Ventre**. Longtime Block Captains for York Rd. and the western end of Hollen Rd., **Peter & Anita Hammerer**, have retired and **Rick Doty** has generously stepped up to fill this post. Also, after many years of service, Lake Ave. Block Captain **Terre Patrick** is stepping aside and will thankfully be replaced by **Claire Rhinehart**. Sincere thanks to these outgoing volunteers and to our new recruits! One of the reasons we experience so little crime in our community is surely the strength and vitality of our neighborhood association bolstered by our effective network of 31 dedicated Block Captains. Thank you!



## Lake Walker General Election Ballot

Voting will take place at the General Meeting on **October 25**.

*If you are a dues-payer and cannot attend, you can mail the ballot below to LWCA P.O. Box 11421, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391. It must be received by Tuesday, October 24.*

**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). To be eligible to vote, pay your dues electronically via Zelle or PayPal. You can visit [lakewalker.org/lwca/join/](http://lakewalker.org/lwca/join/) for instructions, or send a check to Treasurer, P.O. Box 11421, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391. You'll see that several of our officers are running for a second term. **We are still looking for someone to serve as Secretary.** To nominate yourself or to learn what's involved, contact [president@lakewalker.org](mailto:president@lakewalker.org).

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☐ Ed Chupein ☐ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Laura Sawczuk ☐ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY

☐ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_





## NOVEMBER BELVEDERE SQUARE GATHERING

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, November 14 at 6 p.m., LWCA is planning another social gathering at Belvedere Square. Like our event last March, we'll gather informally in the Grand Cru seating area to kick off the holiday season. Residents will be eligible for a door prize that feature many of the great products from the Belvedere Square vendors. Hope to see you there!!



## LakeWalker

LAKE WALKER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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### OFFICERS

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## Lake Walker History

By JIM PICKETT

We have a new claimant to, and probably the ultimate holder of, the Lake Walker longevity title. Our earlier contenders, **Bob and Phyllis McClung** with 58 years, were preceded by **Howard Griffin** and his late wife **Chris** with 60 years. But now, as a result of my final call in the previous newsletter, I had the pleasure of meeting, in person at last spring's excellent Garden Tour, **Niki Alexis**, who lives in the 1000 block of Lake Ave. between Northwood and Parkway Drives. Her house was built in 1949 soon after Lake Ave. was extended eastward beyond Highwood Dr. Her mother bought it in 1951, and Niki was born in 1953, making her residency here exactly 70 years! Here she is.



## Deck The Halls ... and Street Signs!

'Tis the season of our third annual street sign decorating contest! Add whimsy and winter wonderment to Lake Walker by sprucing up some signs on your street with festive decorations. Lamp posts, stop signs, parking signs are all in play — just be sure no writing on signs is obscured by decoration.

Judging will take place on Saturday, December 16. Winners will be announced on Sunday, December 17, and year-long bragging can commence. There may even be a trophy!

Reach out to **vicepresident@lakewalker.org** with questions or feedback.



## Hybrid LWCA GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, October 25 7:30–9 p.m. ET

**IN-PERSON:** Mercy Court Church (at the Weidner and Walker Aves) has generously offered us the use of one of their basement meeting rooms. You may park in the parking lot. Enter via the Weidner Ave. entrance. The meeting room is directly across from that door once you enter.

**ONLINE:** For security purposes, we are NOT publishing the online access information here because the newsletter is posted publicly on the Lake Walker website.

- If you are 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](mailto:communications@lakewalker.org) to either sign up or to get a one-time email with the meeting access information.
- We are not checking the vaccination status of attendees, nor are we requiring masks.

### AGENDA

- › Welcome
- › DPW updates
- › BCPD Northeastern District updates
- › Updates from Councilman Mark Conway's office
- › Neighborhood updates
- › Greening Committee projects
- › Treasurer updates
- › LWCA Board Election for 2024



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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?**  
 LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

**Pay your dues with PayPal or Zelle!** Look for details on the [lakewalker.org](http://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 other celebrations. 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.

**Mail to:** Lake Walker Community Association, P.O. Box 11421, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391

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