

# LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



## 27th Annual Lake Walker Block Party

### Summer Fun

was the theme of the chalk drawing contest at the 27th annual Lake Walker Block Party—and an apt one as lots of fun was had during the successful event! Great weather meant a fantastic turnout as tenured and newer neighbors gathered to enjoy one another and delicious food.

**Congratulations to Lisajoy Sachs-Cahlander**, winner of the chili cookoff contest! **Bruce Ziman** (chili cookoff overseer) tried a new scoring methodology and is now a believer—for the first time in a while, his chili placed in the top three! (continued on pg. 2)



Above, left to right: Chili cookoff winners Meridith Sandherr (2nd), Lisajoy Sachs-Cahlander (1st) and Bruce Ziman (3rd). Right, left to right: grill masters Patrick Calligan and Rob Bowen.



OCTOBER 29

**LWCA  
General Meeting**

7:30 p.m., Arbor Oaks Meeting Room. Please bring a non-perishable food item for CARES.

OCT.–NOV.



**10/26 Mayor's Fall Cleanup** – 10 a.m. to noon – Meet at York and Walker (in the community garden) and bring work gloves—and a neighbor! Let's keep our neighborhood looking well cared-for.

**11/6 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.

Check in at  
**lakewalker.org**  
for the full 2019/2020 schedule!

## CHALK CONTEST WINNERS!

### AGES 5-9

- 1st Place** - Roman Kirk (*pictured is Royce Kirk*)  
**2nd Place** - Amelia McLean  
**3rd Place** - Molly Van Balkenburg

### AGES 10+

- 1st Place** - Hope Craven and Lia Worth  
**2nd Place** - Margot Gilroy-Scott, Hannah Miller, Molly Bittner, and Isa Morin  
**3rd Place** - Marco Manna and Evan Gilroy-Scott



*Thank You*

TO SO MANY PEOPLE WHO MADE THE DAY A SUCCESS! Here's a (likely-incomplete) list:

- Everyone who helped with kids activities: **Scott Dombrowski, Lisajoy Sachs-Cahlander, Kevin van Walkenberg, Tiffani Sanchez, Carolyn Anewich, Kathryn Knight, and Bruce Ziman**—special shout out to **Siena Trehy** and **Matt Simms** of **Science Guys of Baltimore** for the bubble activity.
- **Rob Bowen** and **Patrick Calligan** for grilling.
- **Bill Burnham, Scott Donnelly, Scott Knight, Deb and Jim Pickett, Bruce Ziman, and Meg Zimmerman** for their help with equipment, etc.
- Everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up—in both cases, a large turnout meant we were done super quickly.

A special thank you to our Block Party committee members who took the time to solicit donations from local businesses (see the list on the right) so that we could hold an amazing raffle. This year we had the highest raffle proceeds in many years! THANK YOU to **Kathy Brohawn, Bill & Vanessa Burnham, Barb Dent, Janice Dykacz, Kathryn Knight, Marita Manna, Martha Palmer, Deb & Jim Pickett, Lisajoy Sachs-Cahlander, Kathy Scholl, Bruce Ziman, and Meg Zimmerman.**

Treasurer **Martha Johnston** and Secretary **Laura Sawczuk**, with help from others, collected \$850 in dues\*. We had \$1381 in expenses; most of which was offset by raffle proceeds (\$1054). All-in-all, quite a success thanks to hard work from many people!

*\*If you weren't aware, our dues year begins on Sept. 1, aligning with the approximate date of the block party. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please see how you can on page 4. 🐾*

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING

and thank them for their generous contribution to the 2019 Lake Walker Block Party.

- 24/7 Entertainment
  - Atwater's
  - Ayd Hardware
- Baltimore Yoga Village
  - Brick Bodies
- Charlie's Honeybee Sanctuary
- Clark Burger, who not only donated a raffle prize, but half the burgers!
- Green Fields Nursery & Landscaping
  - Erin Hans, LMT
  - Jerry's Belvedere Tavern
- Lawrence Plumbing & Heating
  - Love That
  - Neopol Savory Smokery
  - Pinehurst Wine Shoppe
    - Pizza Trust
- Pooles Island Brewing Company
  - QDOBA
  - Sachs Design
  - SASS Salon
- Science Guys of Baltimore
  - Sherwood Auto Service
- Stoneleigh Lanes Bowling
  - Swallow at the Hollow
    - The Charmery
    - The Home Coach
  - The Senator Theatre
    - Uncle Wiggly's
- Wells Discount Liquors
  - Woodrow's BBQ
    - Zen West



## National Night Out

BY CY GOVERNS

Once again, Lake Walker participated in National Night Out, an annual tradition that encourages neighbors to come together to connect, build a safer and more caring community, and share safety and awareness information with each other.

Thank you to the dozens of residents who came—including some of our newest neighbors!—to socialize with neighbors and talk with one of our dedicated police officers. 🐾

**Lake Walker Election** At the General Meeting on **October 29**, we will elect officers to serve for the upcoming year. Please make sure to come to the meeting and vote.

**LAKE WALKER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

Voting will take place at the General Meeting on October 29. Absentee ballots should be mailed to **LWCA P.O. Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391 and must be received by October 28.**

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



**PRESIDENT**

Ian Anson  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**VICE PRESIDENT**

Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER**

Martha Johnston  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY**

Laura Sawczuk  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**President:** Represents Lake Walker in relationships/communications with external authorities and entities; engages visitors for Lake Walker events

**Vice president:** Provides logistics for General meetings and events; supporting the president

**Treasurer:** Maintains budget and list of dues-payers and manages payments to vendors

**Secretary:** Records meeting minutes and follows up on action items



**Burger King Zoning Hearing Update**

BY IAN ANSON



Many neighbors have recently expressed interest in the proposed Burger King to be constructed near the intersection of York and Walker. Over the summer, the LWCA, with the gracious assistance of many interested neighbor volunteers, collected feedback from the neighborhood. This feedback, while not unanimous, was overwhelmingly negative—prompting LWCA to act on the neighborhood’s behalf. The LWCA board appointed **Janet Abramovitz** to lead our efforts to get information and determine our course of action. We also retained the pro-bono services of the Community Law Center in order to oppose the development.

Last month, Lake Walker residents appeared before the Baltimore Municipal Zoning Appeals board. At issue was the question of whether the City would approve a variance to construct a drive-through on the Burger King property. Thanks to the efforts of our neighbors, the BMZA decision was postponed! The BMZA is now awaiting the results of a City traffic study (to be conducted on Walker Ave.) to determine whether to allow the drive-through.

We at the LWCA board are SO grateful to all of you who have taken the time to make your voices heard on this issue so far! And especially to Janet and others who did a tremendous amount of work to prepare for the September hearing. Stay tuned for updates via Lake Walker communications as we move closer to the completion of the City traffic study. ☺

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## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

**Pay your dues with PayPal!** 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.

Yes, I'd like a 2018 LW directory.

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