

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER



The Loveliest Day in Lake Walker

BY CY GOVERNS

What an outstanding Block Party we had this year! So much to love:

- Terrific music by both **Lights in the Attic** and **Scott Knight**.
- Fantastic food from grill guys **Rob Bowen** and **Patrick Calligan**, all the chili cooks (congrats to **Jeff Mendel** on winning the Chili Cookoff), and everyone who brought something to share.
- Fabulous raffle prizes gathered by the members of the Block Party Committee: **Bill and Vanessa Burnham, Kathryn Knight, Marita Manna, Martha Palmer, Deb and Jim Pickett, Kathy Scholl, Joe and Sonya Sugarman, Bruce Ziman, Meg Zimmerman** and the door prize donated by **Renee Russell**, financial advisor with Edward Jones. Thank you to Renee and **Eli DonnMendel** for helping with the raffle.
- Fun kids' activities courtesy of **Kathryn Knight** and **Katie Couyoumijan Strong** — thank you to the volunteers who helped with face painting. And congratulations to Royce, Abbi, and everyone else who created amazing entries for the Chalk Art competition!

But the thing I love the most is **all of you** who made the day such a success. Those listed above, yes, and so many more! At least a dozen people showed up mid-afternoon to set things up, and just as many helped at the end of the night to stack tables and chairs and un-pop pop-ups. If I didn't say it on the day, I am SO grateful for all the help!

Thank you to **Eddie, Ed, and Gloria Wertz** for their support (we will miss you!). Thank you to **Emily Green** who, again, ensured that our event was greener by laundering the tablecloths and to **Kyle Engler** and **Dan Lau** for storage.

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calendar
of events

TUES. 10/20

LAKE WALKER
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION (LWCA)
GENERAL MEETING

7:30-9 p.m.
Kadampa Meditation Ctr. Maryland,
900 E. Northern Pkwy.
See page 3 for details.

OCTOBER

Saturday 10/24

Fall Clean-Up — 10 a.m. Meet at the
Lake Walker sign in the park near
Walgreens. See page 3 for details.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 11/4

York Rd. Partnership Mtg — 7:15-8:15
p.m. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every
month. Upcoming mtgs: 12/3.
Details on website.

Tuesday 11/17

LW Night at Belvedere Square —
See page 2 for details.

DECEMBER

Saturday 12/12

Lake Walker Winter Walk —
See page 3 for details.

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for details and all
upcoming events.

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infrequent email alerts at:
<http://eepurl.com/jd-2G2>

Thank you also to the wonderful businesses who contributed raffle prizes.

Raffle and dues revenues covered the cost of the event with \$20 to spare! We encourage you — especially as the holidays approach — to support these vendors as they supported us. Those with an asterisk are Lake Walker-owned businesses.

24/7 Entertainment*
Anahata Wellness Collective
Atwater's
Dustin Majewski (The Balcerzak group)*
The Broken Plate Co.*
Charlie's Honeybee*
Clark Burger*
Clavel*
Eddie's on Charles
Eliza Graney Dog Walker*
Gilman School - Summer Camp
Green Fields Nursery
In Watermelon Sugar
The Ivy
Kenilworth Wine & Spirits
Lawrence Plumbing & Heating*

Maggie Moore Studios* (Becky Barnard)
Ann Martz, digital art*
Motive Strength & Fitness
Neopol Savory Smokery
Pillar to Post Home Inspection*
The Pizza Trust *
PONO*
Laura Sawczuk Wreaths*
The Seasoned Olive*
The Senator Theatre
Sherwood Auto Service
SMYTH Jewelers
Starbucks
Stoneleigh Lanes Bowling
Swallow at the Hollow
Wells Discount Liquors

If you missed the block party and would like to pay your dues for 2026-27 and receive a brand new LWCA directory, see p. 4 for details.

Save the Date: LW Night at Belvedere Square

Join your neighbors for a fun social gathering and maybe knock out some holiday shopping early. We'll provide more details in our email alerts (subscribe here: <http://eepurl.com/jd-2G2>), but for now, save the date: **Tues., Nov. 17 Gather at or after 5:30.**



LWCA Election Ballot

Dues payers will vote for 2027 officers during the Oct. 20 General Meeting (details on next page). We're seeking volunteers for President and Secretary. Contact a board member to learn what's involved or volunteer: lakewalker.org/lwca/board-members/.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can mail an absentee ballot to: LWCA, P.O. Box 11421, Baltimore, MD 21239. We must receive it by October 18. **YOU MUST BE A CURRENT DUES PAYER TO VOTE.**

The LWCA dues year runs from Sept. 1–Aug. 31, though dues paid at this year's Block Party were applied to this year. See the back page for details on how to pay dues.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PRESIDENT

☐ Write-in _____

VICE PRESIDENT

☐ Dustin Majewski ☐ Write-in _____

SECRETARY

☐ Vacant ☐ Write-in _____

TREASURER

☐ Tony Barnard ☐ Write-in _____



LWCA General Meeting: Oct. 20

Please join us for the fall LWCA General Meeting:

Tues., Oct. 20

7:30-9 p.m.

Kadampa Meditation Ctr Maryland

900 E. Northern Pkwy

We invited Councilperson Mark Conway and our DPW liaison, Terrance Brown, to join the meeting so they can address your questions and concerns and provide updates. *As mentioned on page 2, we will also vote for 2027 Board members.*

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 opposite side of the building adjacent to the parking lot. If you'll be driving, we encourage you to consider carpooling.

In Memoriam

BY JIM PICKETT



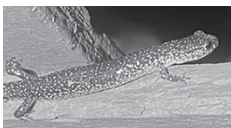
Tabor, a widely known and beloved neighborhood cat, died suddenly and sadly this past July. A little history: Eleven years ago, two Lake Ave. residents, Erin and Kelly, were vacationing in Ohio on Lake Tabor when a stray kitten adopted them. They brought him back to Baltimore, but soon realized he needed a permanent home, so they stopped by the

house of their Cedarcroft Rd. friends, Anne Mileham and Kenny Lawton, who happened to be hosting a Cinco de Mayo party. Tabor happily mingled with guests and made himself at home. An inveterate outdoor cat, he began to roam the entire neighborhood. One day when Block Captain Maria Jigoulovia was walking her two daughters, Sasha and Anna, in their stroller, Tabor hopped in, and from then on, it was a daily ritual for Tabor to ride with them throughout our community. One time, the gregarious Tabor jumped into a delivery truck, unbeknownst to the driver who was embarking for Frederick. Two days later, Anne and Kenny got a call from the Frederick SPCA wanting to know if Tabor belonged to them. On another occasion, two TSU students took him to their Drumcastle apartment and kept him for two weeks until they happened to see a lost cat poster near Walgreens and called the owners. Many neighbors have stories and memories of Tabor and we certainly miss him! RIP, Tabor.

Leave the Leaves

BY LAURIE ELSEROAD

Did you know that fallen leaves actually provide critical habitat for many wildlife species? Lake Walker is home to many wild animals that require fallen leaves for survival, and in today's climate, wildlife need all the help they can get!



Eastern red-backed salamanders rely on deep layers of decomposed leaves for food and to survive harsh winter weather. Eastern red bats drop into a layer of fallen leaves to survive freezing temperatures. Many fireflies begin life in the moist environment created by layers of

leaves on the ground. These are only a few of the hundreds of little lives that depend on fallen leaves.

If you'd prefer not leave leaves all over your yard, no problem! You can help wildlife by raking your leaves into piles around your yard or using them as mulch. Salamanders, bats, fireflies, and many more species will benefit, and you won't have to bag the leaves!

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BY JIM PICKETT

Our autumn cleanup will take place on **Sat., Oct. 24, from 10-11:30 a.m.** Put it on your calendar now so you won't forget. We'll meet at the Lake Walker sign in the community garden next to Walgreens. The garden needs weeding, and there are branches and trash along both sides of Walker Ave. and along York Rd. If you know of an area in our community that needs attention, contact greening@lakewalker.org. We'll provide bags and some grabbers. Bring work gloves.

Join Us for the Lake Walker Winter Walk!

BY DUSTIN MAJEWSKI

Wanted: People with holiday spirit! The Families Committee needs you! LWCA is planning our fourth annual Winter Walk, a festive winter-themed walk with stops at specific neighbors' yards (porches/driveways, as applicable) for fun, wintery activities. We might even attract a special guest again! We're planning this event for the afternoon and evening of **Sat., Dec. 12!** If you're interested in hosting a stop, email families@lakewalker.org. We're happy to provide guidance and brainstorm activities with you.

"Welcome to Wellness" Open House

Visit the Cedarcroft Center, located across York Rd. next to the Church of the Nativity, for an open house on **Sun., Nov. 1, from 1-4 p.m.** This fun, relaxed social event will feature two Block Party raffle donors, Anahata Wellness Collective and Motive Strength & Fitness, along with other wellness practitioners. Stop by to meet them, check out the space, and see what's going on in the upcoming months! Scan QR code for more information:





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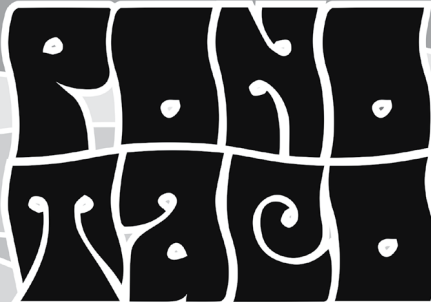


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LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

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** 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 2026 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: _____