

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



Lake Walker Night at Belvedere Square

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

Our third Lake Walker Night at Belvedere Square (March 18) brought around 30 residents out for an evening of dinner and socializing. Many folks helped support several of our Lake Walker neighbor-owned restaurants including Pono Taco and Pizza Trust, as well as several other businesses in the Belvedere Market.



Spring Gathering

BY DAN RICKS

Those present at the February Lake Walker Community Association (LWCA) General Meeting discussed and agreed with a proposal the board made last fall: We will shift the aim of two of our General Meetings (spring and summer) to be less formal and more focused on offering neighbors an opportunity to meet and connect — a desire we've heard from many of you over the past year or more.

If needed, the board can pivot, scheduling ad hoc meetings/opportunities to engage with City officials.

Ed and Stephanie Chupein have graciously offered to host our first such gathering.

Thank you, Ed and Stephanie, for opening your home to us! Join us:

**500 E. Lake Ave.
7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22**

I'll open the gathering with some high-level updates and important information; the rest of the time is unstructured. Consider bringing a dessert, but it's certainly not required — we just want to see you!

TUES. APRIL 22

LWCA SPRING GATHERING

7:00-9:00 p.m.

See this page for details.

Summer Gathering date: June 9

calendar
OF events

APRIL

Sat. 4/26

Spring Clean-Up – 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Lake Walker sign in the park near Walgreens. See page 2 for details.

Tues. 4/29

Greening Committee Meeting – 6:00-7:00 p.m. Email greening@lakewalker.org for details. Last Tues. of month from April-Oct. Upcoming mtgs: 5/27, 6/24.

MAY

Sun. 5/4

Plant Exchange – 10:00 a.m.-noon. in the Picketts' backyard, 801 Cedarcroft Rd.

Wed. 5/7

York Road Partnership Meeting – 7:15-8:15 p.m. Details on website. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every month: 6/4.

JUNE

Sat. 6/28

Dumpster Day – Near the corner of Hollen and Yorkshire. See important info about this event on our website.

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

SPRING CLEAN-UP



Join us for the upcoming Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m. We'll meet at the Lake Walker sign in the park near Walgreens. Jobs will include: picking up trash in the area, and along York Rd. and Walker Ave. (and, if we have enough people, other parts of the neighborhood); tending to the community garden; and starting repair work on the fence along the south side of Walker Ave. If you know of a trash problem in your part of the neighborhood, send an email to greening@lakewalker.org and we'll try and help you deal with it. We'll have some grabbers and large paper trash bags. Bring work gloves and add the date to your calendar right now!



The Annual Plant Exchange

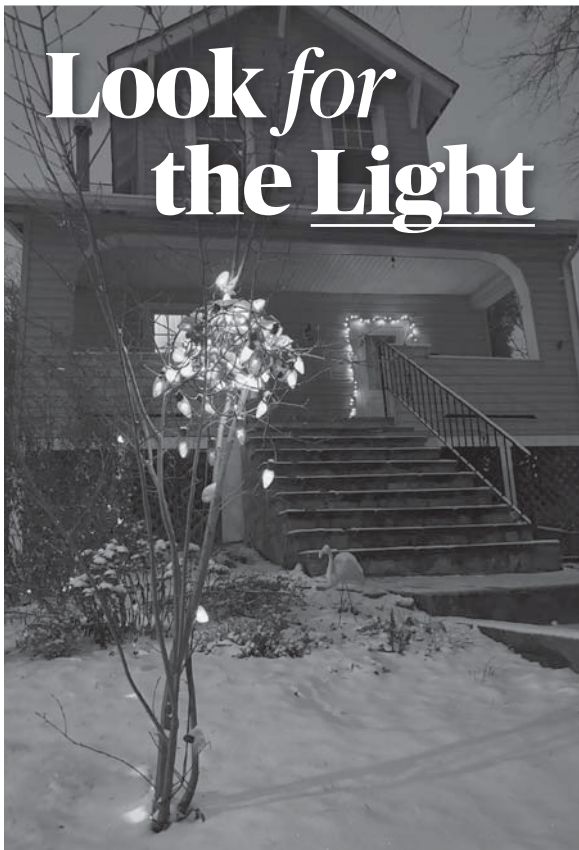
Sunday, May 4 | 10:00 a.m.-noon
801 Cedarcroft Rd. (The Picketts' backyard)

Bring plants to share or just come and enjoy the company of other avid gardeners. There will be plenty of plants available for the taking.

Questions: call **Deb or Jim**, 410-433-5257.

WANTED: York Road Partnership Liaison

York Road Partnership (YRP) is an important partner for the LWCA. Being involved with YRP not only helps support the city as a whole by stabilizing neighboring communities but protects Lake Walker from urban deterioration. For more than a decade, we've had a liaison representing us at YRP's monthly meetings. We are seeking a new volunteer to take this on. Meetings are monthly, typically at 7:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Govans Boundary Church, 5210 York Rd. Contact **Dan Ricks** if you are interested, or would like to learn more: president@lakewalker.org.



Look for the Light

BY J. SPENCE HOLMAN

As 2024 rolled into 2025, I was feeling uncertainty personally, professionally, and globally. Yet the longer I kept up my holiday lights, the more I heard from friends, neighbors, and family that the lights brought them cheer and hope in the winter grayness. These unexpected comments started conversations about how joy and beauty can be resistance — against darkness, against fear, against sadness, against uncertainty.

With that in mind, I applied for and received a Pava! Grant, a series of micro-grants for fostering community, joy, and connection in memory of Baltimore tech entrepreneur Pava LaPere who was tragically murdered in 2023. These grants honor her “infectious joy and unwavering passion for creating meaningful connections across people and places.”

My proposal was to give away strings of colored lights to neighbors, free, to hang wherever and however they like. Later this spring I'll send an email through the LWCA to organize distribution (first come, first served), and to plan a day we can hang them as a community.

I'm excited to bring some simple joy to Lake Walker and will be in touch. Remember to look for the light!



VISIONING SESSIONS

Planned for vacant lot across from The Senator

Adapted from the York Rd. Improvement District newsletter

The Belvedere Improvement Association (BIA) is planning a series of visioning sessions to gather input for the future of the long-vacant lot known as the “old diner site,” located at 5837-5841 York Rd.

The BIA has “no agenda about what it gets used for,” said Anna Evans-Goldstein, the group’s president. Options include “anything from keeping it as a parking lot [to] turning it into a farm or a park or a green space.”

BIA acquired the land in January thanks to a capital grant that was pursued by State Sen. Mary L. Washington, who represents District 43. The open visioning sessions will be April 3 (at Govans Library)* and May 1.

The property, which is in the 5800 block of York Road, is currently used for parking by patrons of the Senator Theatre and other local businesses. But that usage may soon end due to liability issues.

**Editors for the Lake Walker newsletter don’t have further details on the sessions. Read the full article: <https://tinyurl.com/three-visioning>.*

Lake Walker Babysitter Survey

Neighborhood parents are creating a call list for ongoing childcare needs like date nights and after school care. If you have experience babysitting or know someone who does, please share this form: <https://tinyurl.com/lw-babysitters>. The Lake Walker Families Committee connects parents via a WhatsApp chat. Contact families@lakewalker.org to join.

Opportunity:

Yard Sale Coordinator

The LWCA Board and the Greening Committee recently changed the schedule for two recurring events: the Community Yard Sale and the Garden Tour. These events will no longer be annual but will occur every other year. The yard sale will occur in odd-numbered years (like this one!) and the Garden Tour in even ones.

The board also seeks a volunteer to coordinate the yard sale. We think there’s a benefit to having someone focus on organizing participant information. They might even connect with other neighborhoods for a joint event. If you are interested, please get in touch — talk to any board member or email **Dan** (president@lakewalker.org) or **Ed** (vicepresident@lakewalker.org).

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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 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:

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