

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

First, I would like to start by thanking the previous administration of LWCA for their tireless work during this unprecedented time. My first connection to this organization began when I helped to fight the building of a double drive-through on Walker Avenue. No matter how you feel about the issue, you must agree that the struggle brought many of us together in a neighborly way. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 restrictions, I acquired a quarantine puppy and got to know several neighbors from my many walks through the neighborhood with an overly friendly and playful puppy. Bix is always excited to meet people, dogs, cats, and especially children.

My hopes for the future of our organization is to bring folks together and further our shared agenda. We may all have different ideas about specifics, but I choose to focus on the things that we can agree on and that make us a stronger community. Our biggest shared concerns seem to be safety, cleanliness, and quality of life. With a new administration in the Mayor's Office and a new Council Member, I hope to stay front of mind in all these areas.

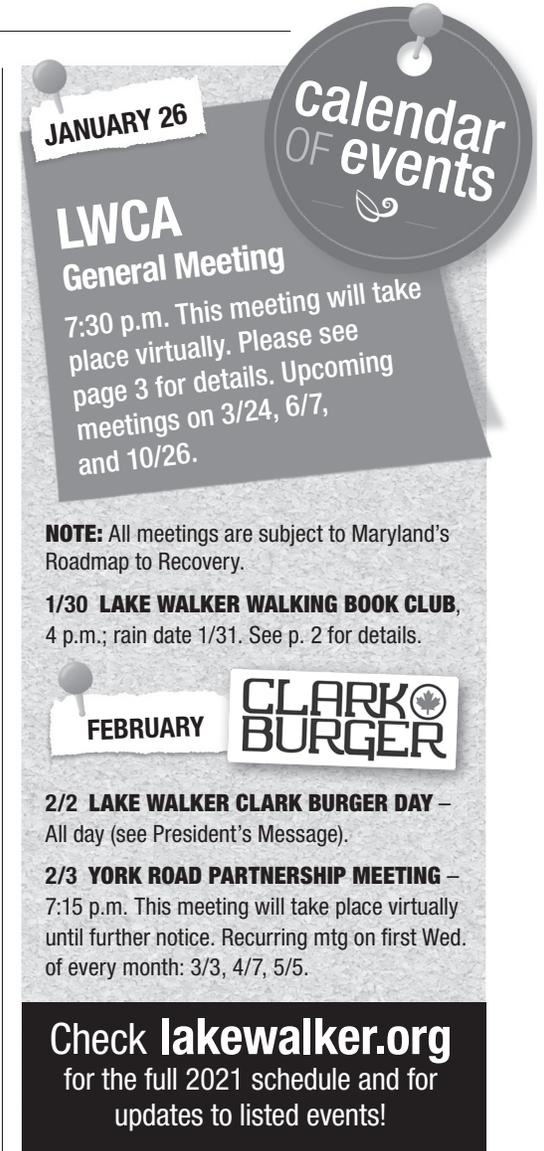
Some of our neighbors are struggling as this pandemic continues. Things are not getting easier as the weather gets colder and heat and food become more expensive. We have contributed money to the GEDCO CARES on behalf of LWCA and will provide drop sites for food drives at the next Dumpster day. I strongly encourage anyone who can to donate money to the food charity of their choice. The need is great!

There will be calls or emails going out to folks who contributed to the poll last spring asking about interests in committee work. We are specifically interested in recruiting for the Greening, Welcoming, Events, and Safety committees. Please contact me directly (president@lakewalker.org) if you are interested in serving. Block captains, please make note of neighbors who may need help with sidewalk shoveling or food delivery. I would like to have able-bodied folks help those who cannot do such things for themselves.

Our desire to support our local merchants and artists leads me to remind you to continue to order carry-out from any of our many great local restaurants. We will feature Clark Burger in February: The first Tuesday of the month is Lake Walker day! Let's all order from Clark Burger on February 2 and keep a great local restaurant in our consciousness. We hope to have as many of our neighbors support Clark Burger as possible to keep the restaurants we love around.

Please reach out, support one another, and offer grace and kindness during this most stressful time. We are collectively frustrated that our lives have been put on pause and many of those around us are suffering, but the kindness of a neighbor often be just the remedy for a terrible day.

— Kyle Engler



JANUARY 26

LWCA
General Meeting
7:30 p.m. This meeting will take place virtually. Please see page 3 for details. Upcoming meetings on 3/24, 6/7, and 10/26.

NOTE: All meetings are subject to Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery.

1/30 LAKE WALKER WALKING BOOK CLUB,
4 p.m.; rain date 1/31. See p. 2 for details.

FEBRUARY

CLARK BURGER

2/2 LAKE WALKER CLARK BURGER DAY –
All day (see President's Message).

2/3 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: 3/3, 4/7, 5/5.

Check lakewalker.org
for the full 2021 schedule and for updates to listed events!



Around the 'Hood

In case you haven't noticed, Lake Walker now has a **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**, and it's loaded with a wide variety of interesting books for readers of all ages. Jim Pickett and Bob McClung recently constructed it, locating it in the middle of the 6100 block of Yorkshire Drive, where the Block Party has always been held. Check it out... and take a book.

CARES –

A NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE

Located in and serving members of our community, CARES operates a food pantry and is a resource for those seeking financial assistance or searching for employment. CARES is supported by the 55 member organizations of GEDCO (Govens Ecumenical Development Corporation) – churches, synagogues, schools, corporations, government agencies, and community groups – and individuals. CARES helps our neighbors in need.

WHO is served by CARES: Individuals and families living in zip codes 21210, 21212, 21218, and 21239. However, there is no zip code restriction for individuals applying for energy assistance or seeking employment.

WHAT services are provided: Emergency food packages and financial assistance for utility cut-offs, eviction prevention, and prescription drugs as well as assistance to those who are seeking employment.

WHERE is CARES located: St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 5502 York Rd., Baltimore 21212, in the rear of its rectory building. Call 410-532-2273 or 410-532-7117 for more information.

WHEN are services provided:

Food Pantry:

- Mondays & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Financial Assistance: During the coronavirus pandemic, financial assistance applications may be taken from Mondays through Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Job Search Assistance: CARES Career Connection operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

HOW are services provided:

• **Food assistance**

applicants must bring a photo ID and proof of their address (such as a recent bill mailed to the address). They must also present a Social Security card for each child, and proof of address for all those 18 years of age and older.

• **Financial assistance**

applicants must bring their utility or water bill. During the coronavirus pandemic, CARES may assist clients with the completion of a Maryland Energy Assistance application or with an application for the Fuel Fund of Maryland. Those seeking rental assistance must bring an eviction notice or a statement from their landlord showing their arrearage.

• **Job seekers** should call Joe Santamaria at 410-532-7117 to make an appointment.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

CARES is possible because of the 100+ volunteers who conduct food drives; donate food; store and bag food; screen and interview clients; raise money; and do whatever needs to be done.

- Join us! We need volunteers for bag packing. To limit the number of people and allow for social distancing, please use the signup sheet here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ld6pan>.
- Food donations may be delivered during pantry hours or on Wednesday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- Tax-deductible financial contributions may be made by check payable to GEDCO with “CARES” written on the memo line and mailed to GEDCO at 1010 E. 33rd St. Baltimore, MD, 21218.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Go to www.gedco.org and click on the “What We Do – Community Services” links. 🐦



Lake Walker WALKING BOOK CLUB

Lake Walker's walking book club will meet on January 30 at 4 p.m. to discuss *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* by Heidi Pitlor while staying outside and socially distanced. Meet at the corner of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire. All are welcome! If you can't make it, please email newsletter@lakewalker.org, and Meri will add you to the list for the next book club.

Lake Walker Stickers for Sale



Show your community spirit with a Lake Walker sticker on your car, on your bike, or wherever you would like to stick one!

Only \$3 each or two for \$5.

Get yours now while supplies last! Contact a member of the LWCA board or email: treasurer@lakewalker.org.



Fall Cleanup is In the Bag!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to the fall clean-up: **Kathy Brohawn, Bill Burnham, Capella Fahoome, Cy Governs, Kathryn Knight, Darby & Steve Lassiter, Deb & Jim Pickett, Lydia Robinson, Joe Sugarman, and Meg Zimmerman.**

The group efficiently cleaned up the green spaces at York and Walker, and trash along parts of York as well. In just about an hour, they even chopped down and removed a dead tree. (No, they are not for-hire for landscaping!) Look for an opportunity to join in the fun for the next clean-up in the spring, although it's never a bad time to do a little sprucing up, especially around storm drains and after big winds. 🍃



SUPPORT THOSE Who Supported Us!

Local businesses need our support more than ever. Each year, many of them donate to the Lake Walker Block Party raffle. Now it's our turn to support them! Buying gift certificates is one way to help. Here are some other ways you can support the businesses that have donated to our raffle:

Please visit the businesses' websites to verify their operational status and get details. The online version of this newsletter (available on lakewalker.org) will include hyperlinks to vendor websites.

- Support the historic **Senator Theatre** by attending reduced-capacity live and completely virtual screenings.
- Consider our artist residents who have online sites:
 - **Sachs Design**
 - **Broken Plate Pendant Co.**

- Order from these businesses using curbside pickup or other delivery options:
 - **Ayd Hardware**
 - **Green Fields Nursery**
 - **Pinehurst Wine Shoppe**
 - **Pooles Island Brewery**
 - **Wells Discount Liquors**
- Order in a meal from one of these dining establishments (and consider picking up your order as delivery services eat into restaurant profits):
 - **Atwater's**
 - **Clark Burger**
 - **Neopol Savory Smokery**
 - **Swallow at the Hollow**
 - **The Pizza Trust**
 - **The Charmery**
 - **Woodrow's BBQ**
 - **Zen West** 🍃

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LWCA GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, January 26
7:30–9:00 p.m. ET**

Our next general meeting will, again, be virtual. Please plan to join us online.

Unlike with previous meetings, we will use Zoom. For security purposes, we are NOT publishing the access information here because the newsletter is posted publicly on the Lake Walker website.

- If you're already signed up to received 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 to either sign up or to get a one-time email with the meeting access information.

AGENDA

- Introduce New Board Members
- Form Committees: Greening, Welcome, College Housing
- Mardi Gras / Winter Fest
- Lake Walker Clark Burger Day



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To Learn More Visit Us at

ChooseKeswick.org or email us at
Admissions@ChooseKeswick.org
or call us at 410.235.8860

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

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 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.

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