

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Welcome to another year in Lake Walker with COVID and all that it means to our lives. I hope that everyone has stayed healthy and happy. We are all trying to figure out how best to make connections while maintaining our own comfort with masks, vaccines and restrictions. We were able to do a modified Block Party, National Night Out, and all four Dumpster Days last year and hope to bring back other events for the community as safety permits.

Our community has welcomed a new Pentecostal Church in the former Theological Seminary on the corner of Walker and Weidner. There have also been several home sales and new families joining us this year. Perhaps you have seen the chalkboard welcoming them to the neighborhood? Thanks to **Kim Munchel** and **Emily Perl** for their very neighborly idea!

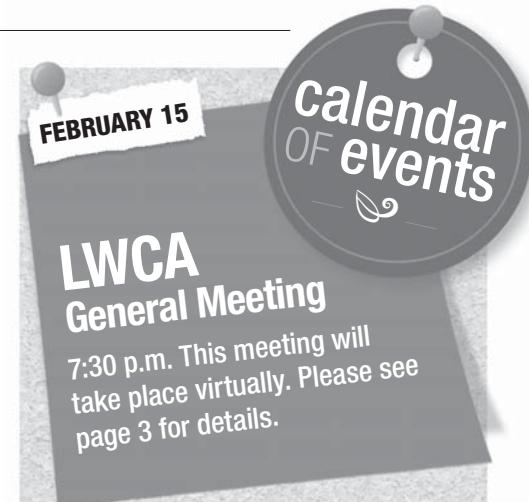
The very real problem with the Omicron variant has caused some delays with trash and recycling pickups. Please be patient with the Department of Public Works (DPW) during this fraught time. They are experiencing a shortage of workers and must sometimes prioritize trash over recycling when they do not have an adequate workforce. (*See p. 3 for more information on DPW service interruptions.*)

I will continue to work with the five community organizations (Lake Walker, Evesham Park, Cedarcroft, Bellona-Gittings, and Lake Evesham) to plan a spring clean-up, yard sale, and other events. We also keep in contact with York Road Partnership to work on action items that impact all of the communities along the York Road Corridor.

Please continue to share concerns with me or any member of the board or committees. We will do what we can to rectify problems and speak with our elected officials on behalf of the community.

I wish us all a peaceful and healthy winter and look forward to a spring we can all celebrate.

– Kyle Engler



LWCA General Meeting

7:30 p.m. This meeting will take place virtually. Please see page 3 for details.

NOTE: Please honor social distancing guidelines and use the provided contact information to ensure that the listed meetings will take place in person.

JANUARY

1/25 GREENING COMMITTEE – 6:00 p.m., contact greening@lakewalker.org if you'd like to attend. Upcoming meetings on 2/22, 3/29, 4/26.

1/29 LAKE WALKER WALKING BOOK CLUB – 4:00 p.m. Meet at the corner of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire (see page 2).

FEBRUARY

2/2 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: 3/2, 4/6.

MARCH

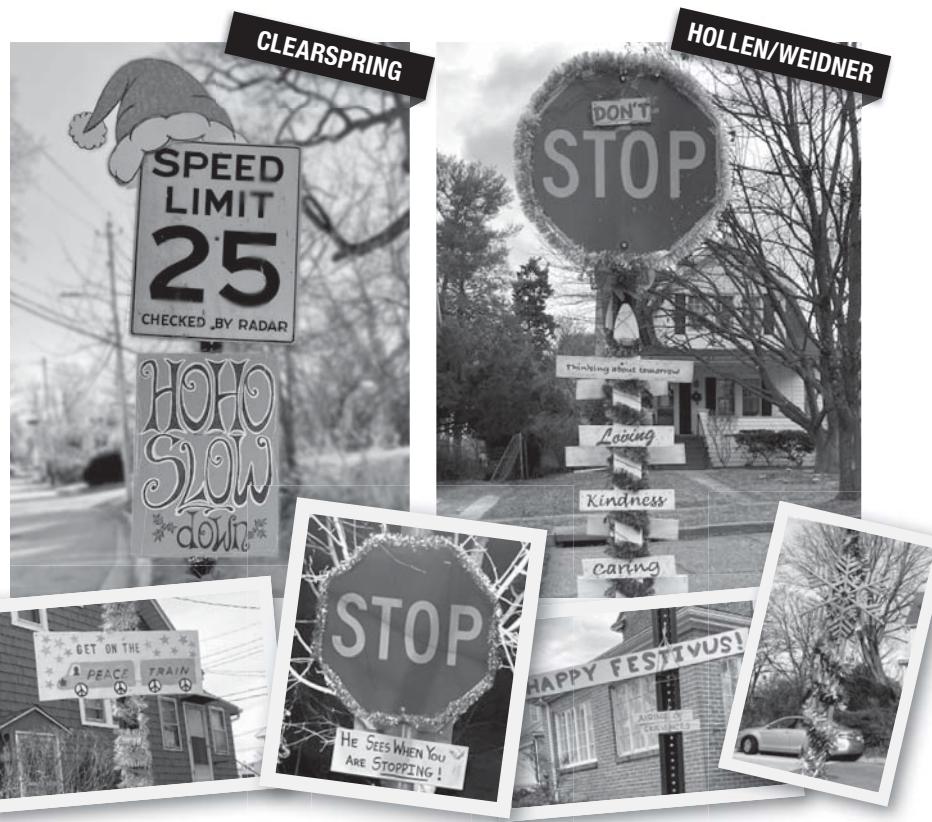
3/12 DUMPSTER DAY – near 700 Hollen Road. Also 6/4, 8/27, 11/19.



Check lakewalker.org for the full 2022 schedule and for updates to listed events!

Lake Walker's First Annual Holiday Street Sign Decorating Contest

The contest added lots of cheer to our neighborhood. Some embellishments are beautiful, some are funny, some inspirational. Thanks to the folks who took the time to make Lake Walker even more festive! And this year's winter winners are the sign on Clearspring (just south of Gittings) and the sign at the intersection of Hollen and Weidner. THANK YOU to everyone who participated! ☺



Are You a Spider-Woman or Spider-Man?

We have an abundance of superheroes of many varieties in Lake Walker. But what we really need is a new web master. Current web master **Scott Dombrowski** has done a fantastic job for many years, but is beyond ready to pass the mantle. If interested, please contact **Cy Governs** at **communications@lakewalker.org**. ☺

A CLEAN SWEEP!

During the Mayor's Fall Clean-Up last October, Lake Walker residents cleaned up the community garden (including removing a large dead tree!) and along Walker Avenue and Northwood Drive. Thank you to the following folks for helping out: **Bill Burnham, Cy Governs, Phyllis Jackson, Spence Holman, Darby & Steve Lassiter, Deb & Jim Pickett, Erica Summers, Christy Wooten, and Bruce Ziman.**

Last year we placed a trashcan on Walker, as well as signs encouraging people not to litter, to reduce trash. A handful of residents have signed up to monitor the trashcan, emptying it when full. THANK YOU to these folks! We still need more people to help out. (Many hands, lighter work!) If you're willing to join them, please sign up here. Be sure to click the "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the form.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAFAF2BA3F8C34-lake> ☺

LWCA

Lake Walker Trash Cleanup

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Location: Walker Ave.

Created by: Darby Lassiter

Already signed up? You can change your sign up.

Date (mm/yyyy EST)	Available Slot	Calendar View
12/01/2021 (Wed.)	Monthly Volunteer	Darby Lassiter

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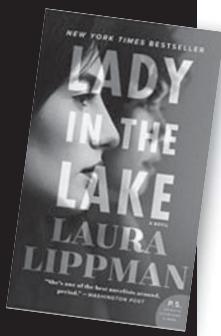
12/01/2021 (Wed.) Monthly Volunteer Darby Lassiter

Empty Trash Can on Walker Ave; when full. Usually only requires once every 2 weeks. LWCA will provide trash bags. Trash can be thrown in Walgreens dumpster. Thanks for pitching in!

Lake Walker WALKING Book Club

Lake Walker's walking book club will meet on January 29 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss *Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman while staying outside and socially distanced. All are welcome! Meet at the corner of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire by 4:10.

If you can't make it on January 29, please look for an announcement of the next book on the Little Library on Yorkshire, or write to newsletter@lakewalker.org.



PICTURE This!

DO YOU NOTICE SMALL BEAUTIES AS YOU WALK AROUND IN LAKE WALKER? Maybe a neighbor's hedges look lovely right now. Maybe a beautiful leaf is framed in ice. Did you spy an animal's tracks in the snow? Whatever strikes your eye as noteworthy, snap a photo and send it in! We will publish each quarterly winning photo in that season's newsletter, along with a small prize.

Please email photos to secretary@lakewalker.org. We can't wait to see what you capture! *Photo by Angela Benam*

What's Up with Recycling?

Thank you to everyone for your patience with the recent recycling challenges as the Department of Public Works (DPW) was understaffed due to COVID-19 (plus weather issues). When we become aware of delays, we do our best to get the word out quickly in three ways:

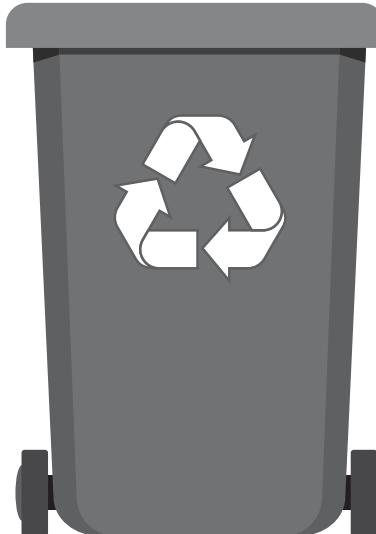
- In the Lake Walker, Baltimore Maryland Facebook group
- By email (subscribe to infrequent email alerts by contacting communications@lakewalker.org)
- On Nextdoor

You can also follow Baltimore City DPW on Facebook or check DPW's website for daily updates: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/collectionupdate> We don't have an answer on when recycling carts will be delivered to those who haven't received them yet. (Perhaps Germaine will have an update at our February general meeting!)

A COUPLE REMINDERS ABOUT RECYCLING NO-NOS:

- Do NOT put recycling in plastic bags. They mess up the sorting equipment.
- Do NOT put Styrofoam in recycling.

You can also drop off recycling at the York Road substation or at the Sisson Street Drop-off site. Learn more about what is and isn't recyclable:
<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/recycling-services>



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Virtual LWCA GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, February 15 7:30–9:00 p.m. ET

Again, we will use Zoom for our meeting. 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 receive Lake Walker email alerts, you'll receive an email with the access information within a week of the meeting.
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AGENDA

- City updates from DPW, BCPD, and Mark Conway's office
- Neighborhood updates
- Treasurer update
- Annual community donation
- Committee updates
- Community appearance initiatives

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