

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER



APRIL 18

LWCA GENERAL MEETING

7:30 p.m. (hybrid) This meeting will take place in a hybrid format. Please see page 3 for details. Upcoming meetings on 6/5 and 10/25.

APRIL

4/25 **GREENING COMMITTEE** – 6:00 p.m., contact greening@lakewalker.org if you'd like to attend. Upcoming meetings on 5/30, 6/27.

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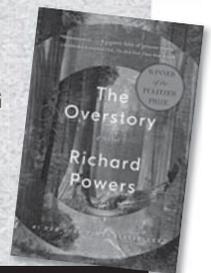
5/3 **YORK ROAD PARTNERSHIP MEETING** – 7:15 p.m. This meeting will take place in a hybrid format at Govans Presbyterian Church and online. Please bring non-perishable food items for the CARES pantry. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every month: 6/7, 7/5.

5/7 **SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE** – 10:00 am at 801 Cedarcroft (backyard). Questions? Contact Jim or Deb Pickett 410-433-5257. See page 3 for details.

5/20 **DUMPSTER DAY** – est. 8:00 am, near Hollen and Yorkshire. Also 8/26 and 11/18.

JUNE

6/17 **LAKE WALKER WALKING BOOK CLUB** – 4:00 pm. Meet at the intersection of Yorkshire and Cedarcroft to discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.



Lake Walker Night at Belvedere Square

BY CY GOVERNS

Our inaugural "Lake Walker Night" at Belvedere Square (March 14) brought around 50 residents out for dinner and socializing. Brand new residents got to meet and mingle with those who have been around for decades. Many folks took advantage of generous discounts from **Pizza Trust** (thanks, Scott Donnelly!), **Prigel Family Creamery**, and **Atwater's**. We might make this a regular occurrence – subscribe to Lake Walker's infrequent email alerts at communications@lakewalker.org for updates!

THE MAYOR'S

Spring Cleanup

APRIL 22

Celebrate Earth Day by joining neighbors to clean up the beloved piece of Earth we call home. Meet at the intersection of York and Walker. Depending on the turnout, the group may divide to tackle cleaning up more areas around Lake Walker. Bring work gloves, family members, and/or friends. We'll have bags and trash grabbers.

Check out the **lakewalker.org**

for the full 2023 schedule and for updates to listed events!

Lake Walker Natural Habitat

BY HOPE JORDAN

The LWCA is taking on a big project to rehabilitate and preserve our neighborhood's riparian forest buffer, a natural habitat at the east end of Hollen Road that runs to the intersection of Cedarcroft and Highwood. We need your help.

If you're unfamiliar with the easement, take a look at the 2.5 acres of forest buffer that was once home to an abundance of native trees, plants, wildlife, and a healthy vibrant stream. The land has become a convenient dumping ground for trash, the stream is unhealthy, and the forest canopy is all but gone. Non-native vines are suffocating the last of our mighty sycamores, oaks, and maples. With few trees and a polluted understory, our owls, foxes, and possum, natural predators to rats and ticks, are leaving.

We have a natural gem in our neighborhood that begs for our attention. Now is our time to rally around our neighborhood asset. Together, we can pick up the trash, cut the vines, plant trees and native plants, revitalize the stream, and create a less desirable home for rats.

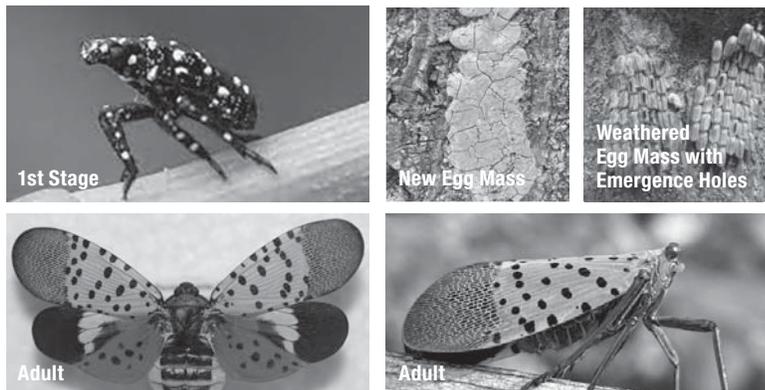
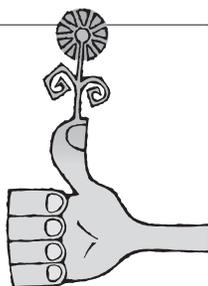
INTERESTED IN CUTTING VINES? CLEANING UP TRASH? PLANTING TREES?

Meet at 727 Hollen Saturday mornings in April from 8-10 a.m. to trim vines and collect trash. Bring trimmers and loppers, and protective clothing, footwear, and gloves.

Contact the Greening Committee with questions: greening@lakewalker.org.

SEEKING GREEN THUMBS!

The Greening Committee is preparing for another Lake Walker Garden Tour the weekend of June 10. Last year, 10 gardeners participated throughout the neighborhood. We are looking for gardeners who are interested in hosting neighbors and visitors to their gardens during the event, which will likely run from the late morning to early afternoon. Please reach out to **Marie Anderson** at greening@lakewalker.org with your name and address if you wish to have your garden included in the tour.



The Spotted Lanternfly

BY LAURA SAWCZUK

The spotted lanternfly (SLF) continues to be a destructive invasive species that has negatively impacted the region's agricultural industries. SLF is invasive and can be spread long distances by people who move infested material or items containing egg masses. Egg masses can be found on a host tree, on flat surfaces such as buildings, fence posts, and vehicles or trailers. Host plants on which SLF has commonly been found to feed on are grape, black walnut, red maple, silver maple, Eastern white pine, weeping willow, black willow, black cherry, sycamore, and the tree of heaven (Ailanthus). Please keep in mind that this is not a complete list because they feed on over 70 plant species.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has expanded its SLF quarantine to several Maryland counties including Baltimore City. Management of this species includes killing the SLF by the following methods:

- Make a homemade trap*;
- Stomp or squish adult SLF or eggs;
- Thoroughly coat a plastic bag in hand sanitizer, scrape SLF eggs into it, seal it, and dispose immediately;
- Spray undiluted white vinegar from a spray bottle (do not use on plants, trees, or shrubs you want to keep alive);
- Apply neem oil or a few drops of tree tea, lavender, or peppermint oil mixed with water to live SLF. (The strong smells of the oils make it difficult for the lanternflies to survive.)



* In a mason jar, combine 1 ounce of dishwashing soap to 7 ounces of apple cider vinegar. Place the unsealed jar on the ground or hang it in a tree where there are SLFs. It will kill insects for a long time if left alone. The vinegar's odor attracts the SLF and the dishwashing liquid is sticky, so once inside, the soap will smother them.

Additional resources and up-to-date information:

- Maryland Department of Agriculture - Spotted Lanternfly
- Insect Identification - Spotted Lanternfly (insectidentification.org)
- To filter by State and status: NYSIPM Interactive Spotted Lanternfly Map (google.com)

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Lake Walker History

BY JIM PICKETT

Bob and Phyllis McClung bought and moved into their Cedarcroft Rd. bungalow 58 years ago in 1965. Are there any other neighbors who have lived here longer? If so, please let me know. Bob informed me that his and several others like his on the south side of Cedarcroft Rd. just below Yorkshire Dr. were built in 1922, pre-dating the 1924–28 construction of the York Park development mentioned in the previous newsletter. My guess is that these were experimental models. BTW, you can Google your address and find out when yours was built. If you live on Highwood Dr. it turns out that it was originally called Hillcrest Dr. but later changed to Highwood Dr. in 1928 according to the MD Historic Trust. Speaking of Highwood Dr., on the right is a recent photo of a rather spectacular steel sculpture of a dragon in the front yard of its creator, the gifted sculptor, **Karl Saar**, with the loving support of his wife **Amy**. For more history watch for the next newsletter.



BLOCK CAPTAINS, NEW & OLD

BY JIM PICKETT

Long-serving Walker Ave. Block Captain, **Meredith Ormsby**, who was active in the anti-Burger King campaign, is now retiring. We are most grateful for her many years of service, and are happy to announce that she will be replaced by **Russell Kirk**, serving the Walker Ave. houses (south side) from 521 to 703. Thanks to Meredith, and also to you, Captain Kirk.

PLANT EXCHANGE

BY JIM PICKETT

The annual Plant Exchange will take place on Sunday, May 7, from 10 a.m.–noon in the backyard of the Picketts at 801 Cedarcroft Rd. Bring plants to share, or just come and enjoy the company of other avid gardeners.

There are plenty of plants available for the taking. Questions? Call **Deb** or **Jim Pickett**, 410-433-5257.



Lake Walker WALKING Book Club

The weather is warming up, so get out walking with us! We will meet and walk on June 17 at 4:00 pm to discuss the Pulitzer prize-winning novel, *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. The rain date Sunday, June 18. Can't make it? Our next book will be *The Black Butterfly* by Lawrence T. Brown. Contact **newsletter@lakewalker.org** for questions or to get more info.

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Hybrid LWCA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 18
7:30–9 p.m. ET

Our next general meeting will be hybrid:

IN-PERSON: Mercy Court Church (at the Weidner and Walker Aves) has generously offered us the use of one of their basement meeting rooms. You may park in the parking lot. Enter via the Weidner Ave. entrance. The meeting room is directly across from that door once you enter.

ONLINE: For security purposes, we are NOT publishing the online access information here because the newsletter is posted publicly on the Lake Walker website.

- If you are already signed up to receive 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.
- We are not checking the vaccination status of attendees, nor are we requiring masks.

AGENDA

- › Welcome
- › Officer and Committee Updates
- › DPW updates
- › BCPD Northern District updates
- › Updates from Councilman Mark Conway's office
- › Neighborhood updates
 - Conservation Easement project
 - Garden Tour
 - Mayor's Clean-up
- › Live Baltimore



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