

# LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

LAKE WALKER

## Garden Tour

Garden lovers, save the date for our third annual garden tour! We'll feature seven amazing new gardens. Bring friends — \*all are welcome!

**Saturday, June 15 | 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Tickets will be available for \$5 that morning at the corner of Yorkshire and Cedarcroft. You will receive a map of the route with your ticket. Proceeds support Greening Committee activities.

*\*All humans that is. Though we love them, pets are not welcome.*



## 2024 Directory

We update the Lake Walker directory in even-numbered years — like this one! You can receive a new one at the block party (in Sept.) when you pay your dues.

Email [directory@lakewalker.org](mailto:directory@lakewalker.org) to:

- Verify the information we have for you.
- Update your information.
- Let us know that someone moved — even if you don't have info for the new residents.



APRIL 18

### LWCA GENERAL MEETING

7:30 p.m. (hybrid). Please see page 3 for details.  
Summer meeting is 6/5.

Calendar OF events

#### APRIL

**4/27 SPRING CLEANUP** — 10 a.m. Meet at the community garden at York and Walker.

**4/30 GREENING COMMITTEE MEETING** — 6 p.m., email [greening@lakewalker.org](mailto:greening@lakewalker.org) for details. Last Tues. of month from Feb-Oct. Upcoming mtgs: 5/28, 6/25.

#### MAY

**5/1 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: 6/5.

**5/18 DUMPSTER DAY** — Near the corner of Hollen and Yorkshire. Get important info about this event on our website.

#### JUNE

**6/8 COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

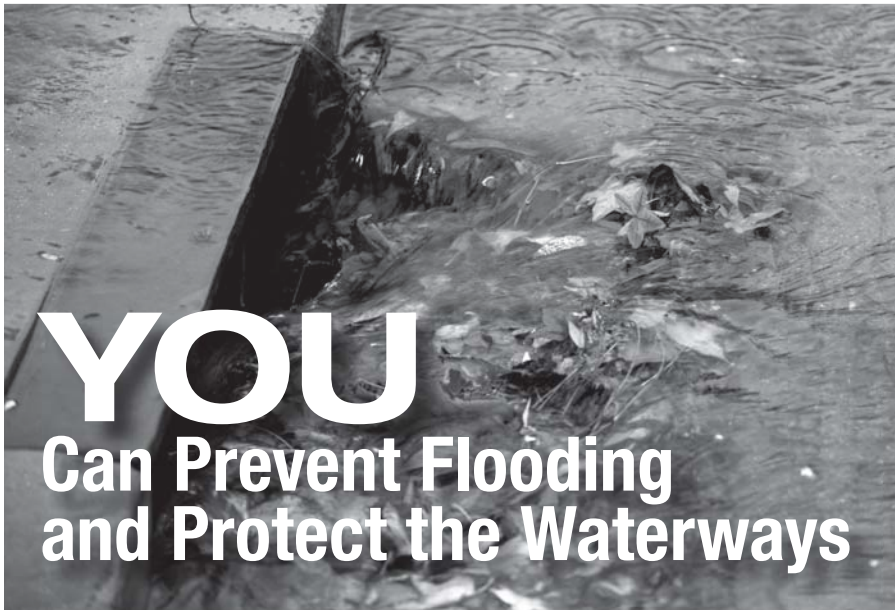
**6/15 LW GARDEN TOUR** — See this page.

**Check [lakewalker.org](http://lakewalker.org) for the full 2024 schedule and for updates to listed events!**

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We invite you to submit your art for the cover. Artwork should be in black and white and no more than 4.5" tall and 4" across.

Drop off your submission to **Cy Governs** at 705 Gittings Ave. by no later than June 1. Include your name so we may credit you!



# YOU

## Can Prevent Flooding and Protect the Waterways

**W**e all enjoy the bright colors of Fall and the green of Spring. But how many of us connect that leaves and yard waste impact stormwater systems and the health of local waterways, including our beloved Chesapeake Bay? All of Baltimore's storm drains lead to the Bay.

During and after rainfall, stormwater pushes debris into storm drains. This can cause trouble for homeowners, stormwater systems, and our waterways. We need your help to keep our streets clean and our storm drains unblocked!

When debris blocks a drain, the water backs up and, if there's enough rain, can damage properties. Several Lake Walker residents recently experienced terrible flooding.

Biological debris — leaves, sticks, etc. — contains phosphorus. When it rains on this debris, phosphorus quickly leaches out (imagine a tea bag in water) and makes its way to our local waterways through the sewers and waterways — like the streams Jim writes about in “Around the ‘Hood” (at right).

Too much phosphorus causes unsightly and potentially dangerous algae blooms. Water turns green and smelly, and its oxygen level decreases. This is bad for plants and animals (including people!) that live in and near our waterways. Including people! Especially if the waterway is used for the public water supply or for recreation. Our local fish and crab populations can't thrive when nutrient-fueled algal blooms choke the waterways.

### What can you do?

**1** Use leaves, lawn clippings, and other biological debris for mulch around gardens and borders. While not good for the Bay, plant debris is excellent for your soil and builds a rich, nutritious soil for flowers and vegetables.

**2** Don't push leaves or other biological debris into the street. Pack it up (ideally in brown paper bags) and set the bags out for trash pickup.

**3** Add plant debris to your compost bin or pile.

**4** If you see trash, pick it up and dispose of it properly. Thank you to the many residents who regularly do this to keep Lake Walker's streets and green spaces clean!

Together we can keep the neighborhood beautiful, prevent property damage, and protect the health of the streams, harbor, and Chesapeake Bay.



## Around the ‘Hood

BY JIM PICKETT

Did you know that there are three streams running through Lake Walker? As you drive along Walker Ave. from York Rd. to the Alameda, they form the three low points you encounter.

**Clearspring:** This is the former name of the smallest. It is what's known as a “phantom” stream because it's completely piped underground. It originates west of York Rd. near Pinehurst Rd. and flows behind the houses along Schwartz Ave. It passes under York Rd. near Wells Discount Liquors, then by the Walgreens entrance. It crosses under Walker Ave. at the lowest point behind the Edge of Charm Airbnb, flowing behind the houses along (what else) Clearspring Rd. It is pretty easy to follow its underground path down to where it empties into Chinguapin Run south of Northern Pkwy.

**Walker Run:** This is probably the most familiar for many of you. It drains much of Anneslie, comes above ground at Walker Ave., and flows two blocks down to Cedarcroft Rd., where it becomes a phantom again and goes underground. It eventually empties into Chinguapin Run at Northwood Dr. You can see it at the dead end of Hollen Rd. This waterway is a big reason why we've invested in cleaning up Hollen Woods.

**Chinguapin Run:** This largest of the three streams drains much of Stoneleigh, Anneslie, and a bit of Idlewylde. It comes above ground at Walker Ave., then flows behind our neighbors on the east side of Northwood Dr. It empties into Herring Run near Morgan University.

# Volunteer with Mercy Court Learning Center

BY REV. JOHN ITAPKE, REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD, MERCY COURT

Lake Walker, we are thrilled to share some exciting news! RCCG Mercy Court is embarking on a new journey to bring joy and education to the youngest members of our community with the opening of Mercy Court Learning Center, our brand-new daycare facility.

We are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for Lake Walker children. Our team is dedicated to fostering a love for learning, creativity, and social development in our little ones.

If you're passionate about making a positive impact in children's lives and want to be a part of this wonderful initiative, we invite you to volunteer with us. Your time, enthusiasm, and support will play a crucial role in creating a warm and enriching atmosphere for the kids.

For more information or to express your interest, reach out to us at 410-900-9111.

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*We look forward to building a community where every child feels loved, supported, and empowered to thrive.*  
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## Hybrid LWCA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday  
April 18  
7:30 p.m. ET

We hope to see you at our next general mtg, which will be hybrid. Join:

**IN-PERSON:** Mercy Court Church (at Weidner and Walker Aves) allows us to use 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 receive Lake Walker email alerts, you'll receive the access information within an alert ahead of the meeting.
- If you don't receive Lake Walker email alerts, please email [communications@lakewalker.org](mailto:communications@lakewalker.org) to sign up or to get a one-time email with the meeting access information.

## AGENDA

We invite these groups to attend our general meetings to share updates and field your questions:

- › LW Officers and Committees
- › Department of Public Works
- › Baltimore City Police: Northeastern District
- › City Councilperson Mark Conway's office

Send questions in advance to [president@lakewalker.org](mailto:president@lakewalker.org).



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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?**  
LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

Dues are \$10 per household and \$5 for seniors. Dues 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](http://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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