

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

Directory Update ACT NOW!

BY CY GOVERNS

We print an updated Lake Walker directory in even-numbered years. When you pay your dues you'll receive a new directory.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UPDATE YOUR INFO?

Lake Walker Community Association (LWCA) board members use the directory to contact residents. Your neighbors may want to reach you about lost, found, or misdelivered items. The directory info helps us verify residency for residents-only content, like admission to the private Facebook group.

HOW DO I CONFIRM MY INFO OR PROVIDE UPDATES?

Email me at directory@lakewalker.org if:

- Your info changed, you'd like to verify your info, or you'd like to make sure your info does NOT print.
- You know that someone moved. You don't need to give me the details for the new residents but knowing that there's been a change is good. If you give me details for a new resident, I will ask if you have their okay to include the info.

DIRECTORY ART AND ADVERTISING

We are ahead of the game and already have cover art for the 2026 directory. If you'd like to submit artwork for the inside or back cover, drop it off to 705 Gittings Ave.

If you'd like to advertise your business in the directory, I can pass along that info to the group who puts it together. Email directory@lakewalker.org.

GET YOUR NEW DIRECTORY AT THE BLOCK PARTY

We'll distribute the directories to dues-payers at the Block Party. We shifted this event up to avoid a conflict with Rosh Hashanah. See you on **Saturday, August 29**. Put it on your calendar now!



calendar
OF events

APRIL

SATURDAY 4/25

Mayor's Spring Cleanup –

10:00-11:30 a.m.

See page 2 for details.

TUESDAY 4/28

Greening Committee Meeting

6:30-7:30 p.m. Email greening@lakewalker.org for details. Last Tues. of month from April-Oct. Upcoming meetings: 6/30, 7/28

THURSDAY 4/30

LWCA Spring Gathering – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Details below.

MAY

SUNDAY 5/3

Spring Plant Exchange –

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

WEDNESDAY 5/6

York Rd. Partnership Mtg –

7:15-8:15 p.m. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every month. Upcoming mtg: 6/3, 7/1 Details on website.

SATURDAY 5/16

Free Stuff Day – 10:00 a.m.

See page 2 for details.

JUNE

SATURDAY 6/27

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

AUGUST

SATURDAY 8/29

Lake Walker Block Party

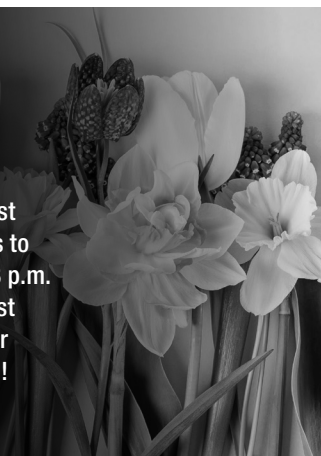
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for details and all upcoming events.

Sign up to receive our infrequent email alerts at: <http://eepurl.com/jd-2G2>

Spring Gathering: Thursday, April 30

Renee Russell and Luke Brackett have graciously offered to host our spring gathering. This is an informal opportunity for residents to connect with one another. Join us at 833 Cedarcroft Rd. from 6-8 p.m. A LWCA board member may give a few high-level updates; the rest of the time will be unstructured. Consider bringing an appetizer or dessert, but it's certainly not required — we just want to see you! (Just for awareness, there will be a friendly dog at this event.)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY HOPE JORDAN, LWCA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has arrived, and with it comes longer days, blooming trees, and a renewed sense of possibility. As a 23-year resident of Lake Walker, I am delighted to welcome this vibrant new Spring season alongside the wonderful neighbors, friends, and volunteers who make our community such a special place to call home.

A thriving community is built not by a single person, but by all of us — neighbor-by-neighbor, block-by-block. Over the past year, we have witnessed remarkable acts of kindness and cooperation: from residents shoveling driveways for neighbors during winter storms, to the rally of neighbors contacting Walgreens about noise and trash, to our steadfast volunteer, **Meg**, organizing helpful dumpster days, to our 31 intrepid Block Captains who delivered the winter newsletter in snow and icy conditions, to **Sue Ma** organizing neighbors to grow vegetables and make meals for others in our community, and to volunteers like **Cy** for keeping us informed. The list of "Awesome Neighbors" is long.

As we head into this new season, I encourage everyone to look for small opportunities to connect and contribute. Whether it is attending a neighborhood meeting, joining a committee, picking up litter on your morning walk, or simply waving hello — every action, no matter how small, strengthens our community.

If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas you would like to share with the Board, please reach out to us at **president@lakewalker.org** or attend our next gathering in April!

Thank you for helping to make Lake Walker a wonderful place to call home.

Enjoy!

Hope Jordan

Lake Walker Night at Belvedere Square

BY CY GOVERNS

Thanks to everyone who showed up for our spring Lake Walker night at Belvedere Square. For those who may not know, we try to arrange one of these in the spring and in November (for holiday shopping). It's fun to connect with one another and to support businesses that contribute to our Block Party and make living here so great!



Spring Clean-Up

BY JIM PICKETT



Join us for the upcoming Spring Clean-up on **Saturday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m.** We'll meet at the Lake Walker sign in the park near Walgreens. In addition to tending to the community garden, we'll pick up trash in the area, along York Rd. and Walker Ave. and (if we have enough folks) in other parts of the 'hood. 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 today!

Update on Baltimore Tree Trust Initiative

BY EMILY GREENE

Last year, in a complementary effort to the Hollen Woods reforestation, **Emily Greene** and other members of the Greening Committee worked with Baltimore Tree Trust to improve Lake Walker's tree canopy. A healthy canopy cools the area (lowering energy costs), absorbs rain, buffers noise, cleans air pollution, and provides wildlife habitat.

Committee members collected interest from residents and identified suitable planting sites for new trees. With spring here, they're continuing this effort.

If you are interested in getting a tree, contact **greening@lakewalker.org** to sign up. New trees may go in city street tree-planting wells

or in front yards. The Baltimore Tree Trust's arborists will consult with you on suitable species, even for small spaces. The Greening Committee hopes to continue this initiative with a new wave of tree planting in the fall.



PHOTO BY MARTHA JOHNSTON

Hollen Woods Reforestation

BY LAURIE ELSEROD, GREENING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

What started with a nature-loving, tenacious neighbor and a proactive community association is now a city-funded reforestation project right here in Lake Walker!

When **Hope Jordan** returned to Lake Walker after living in Colorado for six years, she was dismayed: The thick canopy of trees she remembered as buffering the stream at the end of Hollen Rd. and enshrouding the apartments beyond were run down. The remaining trees suffocated in vines, which she worked to remove.

Hope asked for help from the city, the apartment complex, and local representatives to restore the woods, but they initially declined. When Hope turned to the LWCA, led at that time by **Ed Chupein**, they made restoring the Hollen Woods a priority! With the LWCA on board, the city agreed to fund an official project to reforest Hollen Woods.

Today, the area may look more like a meadow now that the non-native plants have been removed but when the baby trees grow to their full potential, the Hollen Woods will once again live up to its name. Reforestation is a long process, and it's very exciting that Lake Walker residents can witness this project from its inception. Stop by the end of Hollen Rd. to check it out. However, we ask that you look from afar! The trees and plants will need years to grow, and **the best way to help is to avoid walking in the area.**

Once the trees and native plants grow, they will provide homes for foxes, deer, owls, and other animals that need places to live. Wild animals and native plants do not have enough space to roam and grow, so it's very important that these woods stay wild — so we can all enjoy nature in our lives!

You may see volunteers in the woods helping with the reforestation. Keep an eye out for Hollen Woods community weeding days, hosted by the Greening Committee. E-mail **greening@lakewalker.org** if you'd like to get involved. Thank you for your help protecting the Hollen Woods!



PHOTOS BY BRIAN WINDLE

FREE STUFF DAY

Sue Ma has planned another Lake Walker Free Stuff Day. It's easy: Put your free stuff out by **10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16**. Then, wander about to find treasures or just visit with neighbors. Rain date is Sunday, May 17. Many folks will post about their participation (often with pictures) in the Lake Walker Facebook Group, which is a private group for residents only.

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Streetlight Changes in Lake Walker

Several Baltimore City neighborhoods have had concerns over the disabling glare caused by high-impact LED streetlights being installed on residential streets.

Upon request, the LWCA is partnering with other area neighborhood associations to address this matter. The LWCA filed complaints and notified Baltimore leadership about the issue and requested remediation. If you have any thoughts or insights, contact our **Councilperson Mark Conway** at **mark.conway@baltimorecity.gov** and the LWCA board at **president@lakewalker.org**.

DPW OOPS Tags to Reduce Recycling Contamination

The City's Department of Public Works (DPW) launched a program to improve recycling. DPW workers will place OOPS tags on recycling bins that contain materials that could contaminate a truckload of recycling. Learn more on DPW's Facebook page or in their press release: **tinyurl.com/dpw-oops-tags**.



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LWCA's dues year starts September 1.

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. Please supply the info below with your check.

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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____