

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Plant Exchange

BY DEB PICKETT

The Plant Exchange took place on May 3 in our backyard. It was a beautiful, yet somewhat chilly morning. I probably say this every year, but I think it was the biggest turnout we've had! Our picnic table and the lawn around it were covered with plants to share. Energetic seed starters brought their young vegetables ready for planting. For those who are new to gardening, the Plant Exchange is a great way to pick the brains of those who have been digging in the dirt for years and everyone is welcome.

There are often some plants leftover (usually hostas and lilies) and I was certain they were doomed for the compost pile. Fortunately though, every plant managed to find a new home! Thank you to all who participate in gardening and making Lake Walker the beautiful community it is!



Kathryn and Scott Knight have offered to host our summer gathering. This is an informal opportunity for residents to connect with one another. Join us at 719 Cedarcroft Rd. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. An 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.)

calendar
of events

JUNE

THURSDAY 6/25

LWCA Summer Gathering –

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Details in upcoming LW email alerts.

SATURDAY 6/27

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

TUESDAY 6/30

Greening Committee Meeting –

6:30-7:30 p.m. Email [greening@](mailto:greening@lakewalker.org)

[lakewalker.org](mailto:greening@lakewalker.org) for details. Last Tues.

of month until Oct. Upcoming meetings:

7/28, 8/25

JULY

WEDNESDAY 7/1

York Rd. Partnership Mtg –

7:15-8:15 p.m. Recurring mtg on first

Wed. of every month. Upcoming mtg:

8/5 *Details on website.*

AUGUST

TUESDAY 8/4

National Night Out – *Details in upcoming LW email alerts.*

SATURDAY 8/29

Lake Walker Community Block Party –

4-9 p.m.

CHECK LAKEWALKER.ORG
for details and all upcoming events.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY HOPE JORDAN, LWCA PRESIDENT

Welcome, June! As the weather warms up, our community is buzzing with outdoor activities, seasonal celebrations, and ways to connect.

In addition to upcoming events in Lake Walker, this month we also recognize and celebrate several important observances across our community:

- **Pride Month:** Celebrating and supporting our LGBTQIA+ community members.
- **National Ocean Month / Environment Month:** Highlighting sustainable practices and taking care of our local green spaces and waterways.
- **Juneteenth (June 19):** This federal holiday commemorates the 1865 emancipation of the last enslaved people in Texas and is an important day of awareness, education, and reflection.

As we transition into peak summer weather, please keep these quick tips in mind:

- For worker safety, trash/recycling pickups start early in summer months. Be sure your can is out by 6 a.m. on pickup days.
- Make sure your HVAC systems are serviced before the heat hits.
- Keep an "eye-out" when your neighbors are away.
- Stay safe during outdoor activities, keeping hydrated, and wearing sun protection.
- During an electrical storm, be sure not to seek shelter under a tree.

Lastly, if you are a dog walker, please remember to curb your dog. Guide them to use the grassy area between the sidewalk and the road for their bathroom needs. Allowing your dog to use a neighbor's front lawn or garden bed as a bathroom is a health risk and is also against the law.

See you around the hood!

Good Thoughts, **Hope**

Thank You, Laura!

Laura Sawczuk has served as our treasurer for several years. She's been responsive, patient, and diligent in keeping track of our finances. Under her tenure, we got set up to use Zelle for payments and reimbursements. All in between making the gorgeous decorative wreaths that grace so many of our front doors. We're so grateful to you, Laura!

Contact **Hope** at president@lakewalker.org if you're interested in either of our open positions: VP or treasurer.

THIS YEAR'S BLOCK PARTY WILL BE IN AUGUST!



BY CY GOVERNS

Due to Labor Day weekend and Rosh Hashanah, we've moved up the Lake Walker Community Block Party to **Sat., Aug. 29**. We know it may be hot and, because of that, we are not changing the start time despite feedback that people prefer an earlier start. The event will take place from 4-9 p.m.

If you'd like to join the planning committee, email me at blockparty@lakewalker.org.

Compassion in Action

BY OLIVIA KEITHLY & SUE MA



In February 2025, volunteers founded **The Baltimore Community**

Fridge Network (BCFN) with the aim of making nutritious food more accessible to all members of the Baltimore community while reducing food waste. It didn't take long for a group of Lake Walker folks to get involved and become a part of the solution. Beginning last summer, a group of cooks, including several Lake Walker residents, prepared and delivered over 2,000 meals to three local fridge sites in the Govans and Waverly neighborhoods. Thanks to neighbors with 4-wheel drive vehicles, we were even able to deliver during the various winter weather events earlier this year.

Neighborhood cooks include **Rebecca Hill, Olivia Keithley, Elizabeth McDonnell Belli, and Sue Ma**. Donations from community members make this possible. Neighbors donate food, clean take-out containers, pet food, clothing, and toiletries. Sue Ma distributes donated food items to a team of up to seven area cooks who turn them into delicious meals that are delivered to the community fridges. Other items are donated to local food pantries.

If you are interested in donating containers, food, or anything else (we work with any kind of foods!), or know of any restaurants or businesses that have food that might otherwise go to waste, please email **Sue Ma** at catgre2157@aol.com. Together, we can help reduce food waste and fight food insecurity.



Spring Cleanup

BY JIM PICKETT

As you drive by the Lake Walker sign in our community garden near Walgreens, we hope you'll notice how clean and beautiful it looks. A small but industrious crew of volunteers, including **Lydia Robinson** and **Meg Zimmerman**, gleaned loads of fallen branches and trash from the entire area. Three other volunteers — **Bill Burnham**, **Tony Gioia**, and **Spence Holman** — were dispatched to a chronic problem area on Woodson Rd. near the intersection of Cedarcroft Rd. and Highwood Dr. **Deb** and **Jim Pickett** weeded, pruned, and edged the garden, assisted by DPW worker **Isaiah Robertson**. Thank you to everyone involved and stay tuned for the Fall Cleanup.



**FREE
STUFF
DAY**

Saturday, May 16, was a beautiful day for the 2nd annual "Free Stuff Day" in Lake Walker. Similar to a yard sale but where everything is free, many Lake Walker neighbors participated and were able to both recycle their excess items as well as pick up free, useful ones. Thank you to **Sue Ma** for organizing this highly successful event!

If you're currently looking for places to rehome items, consider the **Buy Nothing Facebook** group, the **Green Drop** trailer in the Giant parking lot (open every day and benefits the Red Cross), or **The Wise Penny** resale shop on York Rd. More information on recycling, drop-off centers, and bulk trash pick-up can be found on Baltimore's DPW website: <https://www.baltimorecity.gov/publicworks>.

Directory Update Deadline: TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Anyone who pays dues at (or after) the Block Party will receive a new directory. Email directory@lakewalker.org with updates or questions by **Tues, June 30**.

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



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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.

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