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The Baltimore Salt Box Craze

BY JIM PICKETT

As you walk or drive around town with spring just around the corner, it's hard, if not impossible, to find an undecorated salt box. With encouragement from the Department of Transportation, the mania has caught on with artists of all persuasions throughout the City. What's really remarkable is that it all started right here in Lake Walker!

Juliet Ames of Weidner Ave. decorated the first one (in Hampden, hon!) with the word "SALT BOX" formed with pieces of broken plates. You may know that Juliet is the proprietor of the Broken Plate Co. and a long-time contributor to our Block Party. When she posted a photo of her box on Facebook, I decided to do the salt box at Cedarcroft & Yorkshire with a Christmas-y theme. Then Block Captain **Gayle Maxwell** of Hollen Rd. caught the bug and began doing it, as did many others around town, often employing very sophisticated art work and creative designs. The movement has been featured in *The Baltimore Sun* and in *Baltimore Style* magazine, as well as on local TV programming.

If you want to learn more, and see some of these incredible boxes beyond the confines of Lake Walker, you really should visit Juliet's website:
<https://ibreakplates.com/pages/salt-box>.

Calendar
OF events

MARCH 24

LWCA General Meeting

7:30 p.m. This meeting will take place virtually. Please see page 3 for details. Upcoming meetings on 6/7 and 10/26.

NOTE: All meetings are subject to Maryland's Roadmap to Recovery.

APRIL

4/7 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: 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, and 9/1.

4/24 LAKE WALKER WALKING BOOK GROUP – 4:00 p.m. Bring good walking shoes and prepare to discuss *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. Meet at the intersection of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire. Please see page 2 for details. Rain date, 4/25 at 4:00 p.m.

DUMPSTER DAYS – Dates will be posted on the LWCA website when available.

Save the date!
**LAKE WALKER
BLOCK PARTY**

SEPTEMBER 11 – 4:00 P.M.

Check lakewalker.org
for the full 2021 schedule and for updates to listed events!

Meet Mark Conway!

The Fourth District has a new City Council representative! In 2020, Bill Henry was elected to the position of City Comptroller, and Mark Conway won his open seat. Councilperson Conway has a strong background in the preservation of the environment, working for the Baltimore Tree Trust, Chesapeake Conservancy, and the Environmental Protection Agency. He has solid experience working in Baltimore City government as well. You can learn more about Councilperson Conway at conway4baltimore.com/meetmark. You can also sign up for his e-newsletter on his website.



- Contact his office at (410) 396-4830.
- See brief bios of his staff and their email addresses in a recent newsletter: <https://tinyurl.com/conway-staff>.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

Based on the results of last fall's survey, we're establishing some new committees. Please consider joining!

GREENING COMMITTEE – Gearing up soon! We are looking for a chair and for members. Interested? Email greening@lakewalker.org. Events will include monthly clean-ups and networking with master gardeners.

WELCOME COMMITTEE – LWCA president Kyle Engler is gathering volunteers who will organize a meet and greet for new neighbors and students in college houses. Email welcoming@lakewalker.org if interested.

EVENTS COMMITTEE – Events may include block-wide potlucks and monthly local business support. This committee is looking for more volunteers to brainstorm events for when we can safely gather. The block party committee is separate from this committee. Marie McSweeney is leading this for now. Contact events@lakewalker.org if interested.

GOODBYE LAKE WALKER FORUM

Long-time residents will recall that, many years ago, we launched a password-protected, residents-only forum within our website (www.lakewalker.org). At the January General Meeting, we asked for input on a proposal to retire the forum, and no one opposed the suggestion.

We will retire the forum on Saturday, April 17. If there's information on it that you'd like to keep (e.g., vendor reviews), please make sure to log in and copy it before that date.

How can you stay in touch with Lake Walker?

- We send out infrequent email alerts about important news and reminders. If you don't already receive these email alerts, please email communications@lakewalker.org to sign up.
- Whenever we send out an alert, we post the same information on Nextdoor and in the Lake Walker public Facebook group.

Our website will continue to include an updated events calendar and other information.

Lake Walker Walking Book Club FAQ

Did you know that Lake Walker has a book club? Our third book selection, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond, continues the discussion on how we can be good neighbors.

How does it work? Prepare for the club by reading the book. Then meet up at the intersection of Cedarcroft and Yorkshire at 4 p.m. on April 24 (rain date: April 25). The organizers will provide questions and discussion prompts and people can walk in pairs or small groups to discuss at their own pace. We will walk in a large group, spread out so people have enough space for social distancing. The route will vary, but prepare to walk about 1 or 2 miles at a casual pace around the neighborhood.

How do I join? Just read the book and meet us at the corner. No preregistration needed. All are welcome! If you have mobility issues, please email newsletter@lakewalker.org and we can develop a walking route that allows you to participate.

Is it safe? Please wear a mask (whether or not you've received a vaccination) and avoid touching. The discussion prompts will be distributed with gloved hands, and you can wear gloves if you will feel safer that way. We will move to the sidewalks when cars are coming.

What are you planning to read? Our books tend to include diverse perspectives and ways of being in the world or to provide an actionable challenge to injustice. The selections include fiction and nonfiction, and part of every discussion will be about our own roles in creating a welcoming community and being better neighbors. Past selections include *Not In My Neighborhood* by Antero Pietila and *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi Durrow.

How will I know about the next book selection? Keep up to date with announcements in the newsletter, through Lake Walker email alerts, or on the calendar on the Lake Walker website: lakewalker.org. Questions? Email newsletter@lakewalker.org.

Being a Good Neighbor in a Pandemic

Over the last year, the rules and guidance on social distancing and public safety have changed many times, and neighbors may feel different levels of safety when interacting outdoors. (It may even be that guidance has shifted again between the writing of this article and the distribution of the newsletter, so please follow local and national official guidance if it appears to contradict information here.)

Maryland guidance is that “all persons two (2) years and older, living within or entering the geographic boundaries of Baltimore City are required to wear a Face Covering” when not at home. Most commercial establishments enforce this rule in some way or another, so you’ve probably gotten comfortable with this ordinance. There are a few exceptions to the order for health and logistical reasons.

HERE ARE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE:

Do I need to wear a mask while walking? In short, yes. The current order from the Baltimore City health commissioner states that masks are mandated “...in any other public space not otherwise delineated in this Order.” This would indicate that masks should be worn on sidewalks or streets.

What if I already got the vaccine? According to the CDC, you can still spread the virus even if you’ve gotten the vaccine. The safest action is to continue to practice the key methods to stopping the spread: washing hands, wearing a mask, and staying more than 6 feet apart.

Do I need to wear a mask in my car? Yes, if you are ride-sharing or carrying passengers you don’t live with. Otherwise, no, you do not need to.

Stay up to date with Baltimore’s COVID-19 guidance at <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/>

RESOURCES: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
<https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/covid-19-myths-and-misconceptions>
<https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/executiveorders>

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

LWCA’s dues year starts September 1.

Pay your dues with PayPal! Look for it on the lakewalker.org website. If you haven’t paid your dues, please do, \$10 per household and \$5 for seniors. Dues help provide many benefits to our community. They help fund our newsletter, the block party, and other celebrations. They also support information-sharing and neighborhood promotion and advocacy with the city. Households who pay dues are entitled to receive the community directory. If you send a check, please note if you’d like to receive a directory.

Mail to: Lake Walker Community Association, P.O. Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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LWCA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 24
7:30–9:00 p.m. ET

Like with our January meeting, we will use Zoom. 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.
- 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.

AGENDA

- › Updates from City Council Representative Mark Conway
- › Updates from the Department of Public Works



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