

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

By
IAN ANSON

I write this as the winter holidays approach (though you won't read it until January). Many of us will soon pause to take stock of the ways in which we have experienced kindness and blessings throughout the last calendar year. As I reflect on this year, I am struck by how grateful I am for the Lake Walker community. Ours is a vibrant and welcoming neighborhood, and it's satisfying to experience that feeling upon coming home each and every day.

As the incoming President of the Lake Walker Community Association, it is my hope that the LWCA can work to further strengthen that spirit of civic



Art provided by Gayle Maxwell, one of our community's many talented artists. This illustration graces the cover of our 2018 directory. To get your copy, pay your dues (see back page).

engagement and neighborliness over the next year. To that end, the incoming LWCA board has been working hard to arrange new events and opportunities for neighbors to share in service and friendship. In the next calendar year we have big plans to look forward to, beginning in March with the annual Mardi Gras party. I can't wait to celebrate "les bons temps" with you all!

As a neighborhood, we have also been blessed by the work of many selfless individuals who have served the LWCA over the past calendar year (or even more!): Jim Pickett, who served us as President, stepped in during a crucial time of need and continues to be indispensable to the current Board. Mellisa Colimore took on a huge task as the new block party chairperson, and by all accounts, succeeded in ensuring the party was a huge success. Cy Governs juggled a variety of responsibilities as communications director and all-around source of neighborhood knowledge. And Peter Hammerer, along with Meri Robie-Craven, and Darby Lassiter worked tirelessly to produce the newsletter—a much bigger job than many folks realize. I have been awed by the work of these and so many other Lake

JANUARY 30

LWCA General Meeting

LWCA General Meeting –
7:30 p.m., Arbor Oaks Meeting Room
(The address is 813 Lenton Ave.).
Please bring a non-perishable food item
for CARES. Meetings occur quarterly;
upcoming meetings on 3/25, 6/4, 10/29

Calendar
OF events

FEBRUARY

2/6 York Road Partnership Meeting –
7:15 p.m. @ St. Mary's Church Hall, 5502 York
Road, parking and entrance in the rear of the
church. Recurring mtg on first Wed. of every
month: 3/6, 4/3

MARCH

3/3 Mardi Gras – 4:00 p.m.
Read more on page 3

3/13 Northern Police District Meeting –
7 p.m. @ the Northern District Police Head-
quarters, 2201 W. Cold Spring Lane (just west
of I-83 on your left). For questions, call Officer
Doug Gibson @ 410 367-8491. Recurring mtg
on third Wed. of every OTHER month, 5/15, 7/17

APRIL

4/27 Mayor's Spring Cleanup

Check in at
lakewalker.org
for the full 2019 schedule!

Walker residents too numerous to name, and I aspire to serve the neighborhood with the same level of dedication in 2019.

While the preceding examples speak to our neighbors' selflessness in serving the LWCA, I have also found that volunteering is a lot of fun! I encourage all of you reading this message to consider running for LWCA offices next year. Many hands make light work, and we are eager to receive new ideas from those who are yet to join. If the prospect of volunteer work is daunting to you, I also invite you to our general meetings—our first one is Wednesday, January 30. This is another easy way to be active in the civic life of the neighborhood. We can't wait to meet you!

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to commemorate the late Eileen Gwin, who served as LWCA president in years past. While I did not have much of an opportunity to get to know Eileen before her passing, I have been inspired by all the stories of her dedication to Lake Walker. I am grateful to have shared this community with Eileen, albeit far too briefly.

Happy New Year and may you all enjoy the blessings of our neighborhood—and our wonderful neighbors. 🍷

LWCA General Meeting Agenda

We hope to see you at our first General Meeting on January 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arbor Oaks Meeting Room (813 Lenton Ave., south of Lake Ave.; Lenton is opposite where Highwood ends at Lake. Bear left on Lenton.). The meeting room is at the far end of the apartments where there is a small parking area. We've invited the following organizations/speakers to share updates:

- Department of Public Works
- Councilman Bill Henry
- Baltimore City Police

We'll also continue Lake Walker's Got Talent. (If you'd like to show off YOUR talent, please contact Mellisa at vicepresident@lakewalker.org. We'd like to do a "gallery walk" of neighbors' artwork at a future meeting—let us know if you're "in!") 🍷



The graphic features a circular logo with 'LW' in large letters and 'Lake Walker 21212' in smaller text below it. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Lake Walker Stickers for Sale'. Underneath, it says: 'Show your community spirit with a Lake Walker sticker on your car, bike or wherever you would like to stick one! Only \$3 each or two for \$5. Get yours now while supplies last! Contact a member of the LWCA board or email: treasurer@lakewalker.org.'

WINTER TIPS

Be safe when shoveling. Take it slow: doing a little at a time, taking breaks and staying hydrated. Lift with your legs, not your back.

Car safety in snow. Make sure to clear snow away from your car's exhaust pipe before turning your car on to warm up. Be cautious about leaving your car running and unattended to warm it up.

Pipes and utilities can freeze when temps remain below 25°F. Let cold water drip from a faucet served by a pipe exposed to the outside. If an interior pipe is frozen, DPW recommends warming it with a blow dryer where it enters your house.

Turn on your porch lights at dusk. We all appreciate an illuminated walk. This goes for the rear or side areas as well.

Check on your neighbors, especially during bad weather and especially the elderly or sick. Give them a call or knock on their door. If you don't know your neighbors, maybe this would be a great time to reach out. A note card with a friendly hello and your contact information is always welcomed. It's great to live in Lake Walker and to be part of such a strong, connected community. Let's keep it safe! 🍷



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION – MARCH 3

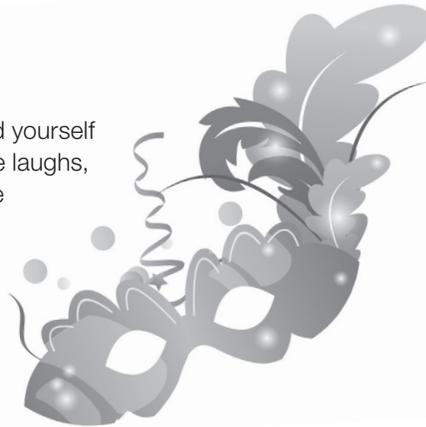
Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!
(Let the good times roll!)

Venture out from winter hibernation to remind yourself of who your neighbors are and share in some laughs, spirits, and food! We'll have a cake and some kids' activities. 🍷

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

When: Sunday, March 3, 4-7 p.m.

Where: Zen West



IN MEMORIAM



As Ian mentioned, we mourn the passing of Eileen Gwin of Hollen Rd. Here's an excerpt of remarks made on behalf of the LWCA at her memorial:

Eileen served as president of the Lake Walker Community Association in 2010 and 2011. She accomplished a tremendous amount during those years. Here are some examples:

- Eileen established the now-annual winter fiesta/Mardi Gras event, conceived to recognize volunteers and encourage community engagement. In the same vein, she hosted all of the block captains at her house to discuss evolving that role.
- Eileen worked tirelessly on "college house" issues, convening stakeholders from universities, city government, and our community to find solutions. She helped found the meet-and-greet program through which community members, landlords, and college student renters meet with the police to establish positive rapport and expectations.
- She helped residents of Clearspring Rd. and Gittings Avenue address major parking issues at city and state levels.

We'll join the York Rd. Partnership to commemorate Eileen at the Spring Clean-Up (Saturday, April 27) by planting a tree in the community garden at York and Walker. Stay tuned for more details. 🍷

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Mark Your Calendars Now!

Take a few minutes now to record dates for important LWCA events this year:



**GENERAL
MEETINGS:**

Jan. 30, March 25,
June 4, Oct. 29



**MARDI GRAS
CELEBRATION:**

March 3



**NORTHERN POLICE
DISTRICT MEETING:**

March 13



**MAYOR'S SPRING
CLEAN UP:**

April 27

Want to get email alerts about these and other important events (like Dumpster Days)?

Email communications@lakewalker.org. You can also find an updated calendar on the website. 🍷

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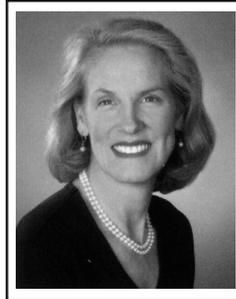
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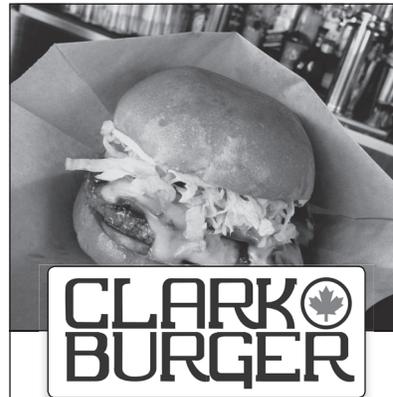
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