

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2026 NEWSLETTER



FALL CLEAN-UP

BY JIM PICKETT

We had a very successful work party this past October. A hardy group of volunteers gathered many bags of sticks, branches, and trash from the areas around our community garden and along York Rd. and Walker Ave. We also attended to three other litter hotspots, namely: the 900 block of Woodson Road, the 6100 block of Northwood Drive, and one of the alleys off of Parkway. Finally, we pruned and prepared the community garden for its winter hibernation. Many thanks to workers **Tony Gioia, Claudia Gleason, Cy Governs, Ondrej & Valerie Klima, Kathryn Knight, Deb & Jim Pickett, Joe Sugarman, and Brian Windle**, and the **Baltimore DPW** for picking up the bags.



calendar OF events

TUE. 2/24

LAKE WALKER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LWCA) GENERAL MEETING

7:30-9 p.m.
Kadampa Meditation Ctr. Maryland,
900 E. Northern Pkwy.
See page 2 for details.

MARCH

WEDNESDAY 3/4

York Rd. Partnership Mtg –

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

SATURDAY 3/7

Dumpster Day – Near the corner of
Hollen and Yorkshire. See important
info about this event on our website.
Upcoming date: June 27

TUESDAY 3/24

LW Night at Belvedere Square –
See page 2 for details.

CHECK LAKEWALKER.ORG

for details and all upcoming events.

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

LAKE WALKER BLOCK PARTY SHIFTED TO AUGUST

Mark your calendars: This year's Lake Walker Block Party will be on **Saturday, August 29**. For decades, the Block Party has been on the Saturday after Labor Day. This year, that is Sept. 12, which is in the middle of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year). For that reason, we decided to move the event. We considered Sept. 5, but that's Labor Day weekend, which could mean lower attendance and higher rental costs for equipment.



A Very Wintry Winter Walk

BY CY GOVERNS

December's Winter Walk was a bit too much winter, which led to much less walking. Hosts supplemented their figurative warm welcomes with hot beverages and camp stoves. Attendees carefully traversed the tundra that was Lake Walker sidewalks and streets. Everyone sought out the sunny spots to exchange holiday greetings or sing a song. We're grateful to new organizer **Alisha Wolf** (pictured at the corner of *Yorkshire* and *Cedarcroft* with her family) and to everyone who hosted and attended. Let's hope for better weather this year!



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Lake Walker Nights at Belvedere Square

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

Our holiday season Lake Walker Night at Belvedere Square (November 11) brought many residents out for an evening of dinner and socializing. Many folks helped support several of our Lake Walker neighbor-owned restaurants including Pono Taco and Pizza Trust, as well as several other businesses in the Belvedere Market.

Mark your calendars for our next Lake Walker Night on **TUESDAY, MARCH 24, AT 6 P.M.** We'll share more details in an email alert closer to the day. Sign up to receive our infrequent email alerts at: <http://eepurl.com/jd-2G2>



LWCA General Meeting

We hope to see you at our first general meeting for 2026, which will be hybrid. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24. Our agenda will allow City officials to share timely updates, but also for us to informally catch up with one another.

JOIN IN-PERSON: at the Kadampa Meditation Center Maryland, 900 E. Northern Pkwy.

TO WALK THERE: At the intersection of E. Lake and Highwood/ Lenton (which are across Lake Ave. from one another), walk about two blocks east on Lenton (to the left) to the T-intersection with Dartmouth Rd. The temple is visible from that intersection. Follow the paved sidewalk/stairs to the opposite side of the building adjacent to the parking lot. If you'll drive, we encourage you to consider carpooling. We will continue to monitor the weather and street conditions. Please be sure to check the LWCA Facebook group or email alerts for updates.

JOIN 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 with an alert ahead of the meeting.
- If you don't receive Lake Walker email alerts, you can sign up at: <http://eepurl.com/jd-2G2> or email communications@lakewalker.org to get a one-time email with the meeting access information.

FROM THE BOARD: Seeking a Vice President

BY ED CHUPEIN

It hasn't happened in quite a few years, but the Lake Walker Community Association (LWCA) entered 2026 with both president and vice president positions vacant. We've recently learned and are pleased to report, that **Hope Jordan** has offered to serve as president! Therefore, we now have only the vice president vacancy.

Folks are busy and are naturally cautious about taking on too much — understood! With that in mind, we want to assure anyone that might be interested that the association only expects as much as you are able to offer and no more. All board members are volunteers and have a deep respect for one another's time and boundaries. If you have ideas for special projects beyond the basic responsibilities, that would be entirely up to you and you'll find plenty of support among the community and committees, but there is no obligation whatsoever.

Some of the advantages of serving on the board; it is a community association, not a homeowners association, so there are more opportunities to socialize and to get to know our neighbors. It's a rewarding way to serve your community in these challenging times and is a great way to discover the talents and gifts of so many across our neighborhood. Speaking of which, the board officers are supported by a dedicated group of individuals on committees that independently execute the programs. Anyone willing to lead the LWCA will be pleasantly surprised by the collaboration and group effort that continues to make Lake Walker an even better place to live.

The basic responsibilities are described below. Including aboard meeting (if there is one), the VP role asks for no more than five hours per month ...at the most! Here are the basic responsibilities:

- Logistics for the two General Meetings
- Establish hosts for Spring and Summer Gatherings (already established for 2026)
- Support President in addressing neighborhood issues
- Organize yard sale if there is no Yard Sale Coordinator

We sincerely welcome your vision, ideas, and talents. If you are interested but are not quite sure or have questions, please reach out to **Ed Chupein**, who has served as both President and Vice President, at 443-909-0014.

Thank You!

Thank you to several people who've made a REAL difference for Lake Walker:

★ Outgoing LWCA president **Dan Ricks** addressed pressing issues last year and shared his expertise in public safety along the way, including helping some residents become CPR-certified.

★ Outgoing VP **Ed Chupein** (who served as president for two prior years) was tireless in ensuring visibility for Lake Walker: Establishing contact with Towson Univ. personnel to address college house concerns and leading the charge to get our Lake Walker sign (at Lake and York). He also built the veggie shed and helped envision our twice-annual Belvedere Square outings. And those are just some examples!

★ **Stephanie Chupein** led the Greening Committee during a very active year, conceiving and initiating the Hollen Woods project and coordinating other reforestation efforts across the 'hood. We're excited that the new Greening Committee chair, **Laurie Elseroad**, has stepped up to continue this work.



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