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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER



Above: York Road Partnership Fall Clean Up. Below: North Baltimore Public Safety Summit.

So, What Is The York Road Partnership Anyway?

By BARBARA DENT

The York Road Partnership (YRP) was established in 1995 to deal with issues including traffic, crime, drugs, neighborhood deterioration, trash, and liquor license violations. YRP's mission is to promote the vitality of Baltimore City's York Road community as a desirable urban environment in which to live, shop, work and worship.

AREA SERVED & MEMBERSHIP

YRP is bounded by the northern City/County line, North Charles St., 39th St., Argonne Dr., The Alameda, and Northwood Dr.

LWCA and 22 other community associations form YRP's core. In addition, the Partnership benefits from the membership of Loyola Univ., Notre Dame of MD Univ., the Greater Homewood Community Assoc., Govans Ecumenical Development Corp. (GEDCO), and St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Organizational membership is open to any neighborhood association, business, school, institution, religious organization, or non-profit organization located within the YRP area. In addition, individuals residing in or affiliated with an organization or institution in the area are eligible for Associate membership.

Different folks from the LWCA have been involved with YRP through the years. Our own Eileen Gwin is the current president, and Kathy Brohawn and Barbara Dent represent LWCA and serve on the Leadership Committee. Kathy shares, "I am always amazed by the commitment, knowledge, and enthusiasm for uniting all the communities along the >>>

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calendar
OF events

JANUARY

LWCA General Meeting

Thursday
January 31, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Arbor Oaks Meeting Room
See Page 3 for the location and agenda.
Please bring a non-perishable food
items for CARES.

February

2/6 York Road Partnership Meeting –
7:15 p.m. at 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, 5/1

March

3/20 Northern Police District Meeting –
7 p.m. at the Northern District Police Headquar-
ters, 2201 W. Cold Spring Lane (just west of
I-83 on your left). If anyone has any questions,
they can call Officer Doug Gibson at
410 367-8491. Recurring mtg on third Wed. of
every OTHER month.

TBD SPRING Fiesta at Zen West – Stay
tuned to the forum (lakewalker.org/forum)
for details.

3/28 LWCA General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.,
Arbor Oaks Meeting Room. Please see page 3
for the location. Please bring a non-perishable
food items for CARES.

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the full 2013 SCHEDULE!



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corridor displayed at the monthly meetings.”

YRP’s work is conducted through five active committees: Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, Land Use/Liquor, Transportation and Streetscape, Commercial Revitalization, and Public Safety and Youth Development. These committees work closely with city agencies (Planning, Housing, Liquor Board, Transportation, Public Works, and Police) and with our 4th District City Council Representative. They partner with organizations such as the Govanstowne Business Assoc., Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake, Live Baltimore, Rebuilding Together, and others.

SOME NOTABLE RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Heavy involvement with the project to reconstruct and beautify York Road between Glenwood Ave. and 43rd St.
- Organizing twice-yearly cleanups along the corridor—last fall, 90 people participated
- Active with housing redevelopment on McCabe Ave.
- The Land Use/Liquor Committee drafted a memorandum of understanding that is now used with liquor stores to encourage them to operate within community standards

- Sponsoring its first North Baltimore Public Safety Summit that drew 100 participants (the second Summit is being planned for this spring)
- YRP’s VISTA volunteer is working to strengthen block captain programs
- Along with Loyola Univ., YRP works to improve businesses along the corridor and has established the Govanstowne Farmers’ Market

WHY IS THE YRP IMPORTANT TO LWCA?

We think that most would agree that threats to the stability of LWCA come from the south. Involvement in the YRP is not only a service to the City as a whole by stabilizing neighboring communities, but it protects Lake Walker from urban deterioration.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Anyone is welcome to attend a YRP meeting on the first Wednesday of any month, 7:15 pm, at St. Mary’s Church Hall. Want more information? Go to yorkroadpartnership.org or contact Eileen, Kathy, or Barbara. ☺



Left to right: Charles Windeknecht and Marc Daemen.

A ROW TO ROAR ABOUT

By CY GOVERNS

On Oct. 20, 2012, Lake Walker resident Marc Daemen and rowing partner Charles Windeknecht (NY) won gold in the Senior Masters Double (age 50+) in the 48th annual Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. The two also set a new course record for the event, completing the course in 18 minutes, 5.008 seconds.

Marc has been rowing for almost 30 years and has been winning for much of that time. A regular workout is about 8-10 miles; sometimes he goes as far as 25 miles. He rows outside year-round, as long as the water is flowing at Middle Branch, where he volunteers as head coach of the Baltimore Rowing Club. Only ice makes him come inside to his ergometer. He’s rowed alongside dolphins and in ferocious thunderstorms.

Marc’s prestige as a rower landed him on the silver screen a few times—he’s trained actors on how to row (occasionally doubling for them) and worked with crews to coordinate rowing scenes. During the Beijing Olympics, he was featured in a Chinese TV segment about adult and master athletes.

Earlier this year, Marc medalled multiple times at the U.S. Masters National Championships and at the Canadian Masters National Championships. The Head of the Charles is the world’s largest two-day rowing regatta with more than 9,000 athletes from 28 countries (2012’s attendees included more than 100 Olympians, 60 from the London games) racing in 55 events. Crews start at 15-second intervals and race upstream for three miles on the Charles River.

Congratulations, Marc! May the water keep flowing so you can keep rowing. ☺



AROUND THE 'HOOD

Fall Work Party

Only three people showed up, but we managed to clean up the areas on both sides of Walker at York. Stay tuned to lakewalker.org for an announcement of the date for the spring clean-up and write it on your calendar.

FOUND: Big White Cooler

Someone generously lent a large white cooler for use at the Block Party, but failed to take it back. If it’s yours, please call Jim Pickett ASAP, 410-433-5257.

What NOT to recycle

Two things you should NOT put out for recycling: plastic bags and Styrofoam.

New Barter Program for Lake Walker Neighbors

By DAVE KLOID

The Lake Walker community is a diverse neighborhood with residents of many talents. I am proposing a barter system that would put those talents to use and benefit those willing to trade services. For instance, if you are a plumber and need an attorney, you would contact someone on the list in that category and swap time. Maybe your child needs a tutor; you could barter for tutoring sessions. Even if it is only to cook a meal or clean a room, everyone has a talent or ability. I would also hope that those that have a service that wouldn't work for bartering might instead offer a reduced fee to residents.

The exchange system should run itself without having someone on the board monitoring it; perhaps in a separate area on the Lake Walker forum (lakewalker.org/forum) where residents can publicize their trades and exchange messages. Those exchanging services should be able to work out what each feel is an adequate time exchange.

This is a way to help each other out, support truly local business, and strengthen our neighborhood by providing a way for people to make contact with one another. I am suggesting we try a pilot program and encourage input from all interested residents.

The LWCA is always looking for ways to improve the neighborhood we all call home. Please come to the general meeting Jan. 31 to discuss the barter system. If you have questions or comments you can also contact LWCA president Kathy Brohawn at president@lakewalker.org or 410-433-9169. 🐦

LWCA General Meeting Agenda

JANUARY 31

Please attend the winter meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **Thur., Jan. 31**, in the Arbor Oaks Meeting Room. The address is 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.

AGENDA

- Report from Northern District (at this time, the board is working to ensure someone can attend)
- Retrofit Baltimore will share tips on energy-saving measures (see article above)
- Proposed Neighborhood Barter System (see article above)
- Update from nearby community associations — Kathy Brohawn 🐦

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Retrofit Baltimore



Retrofit Baltimore is a project of the Baltimore-based nonprofit Civic Works. They serve as a resource to communities and provide information about the potential energy retrofits to reduce energy bills in your home. They help to improve the comfort and value of your home and connect homeowners with Baltimore City-based contractors who have agreed to provide job opportunities for underserved Baltimore City residents. Ben Legow of Retrofit Baltimore will be at our general meeting on Jan. 31, so please come to hear more about it. 🐦

Let's Keep Rats Out of Lake Walker

By KATHY BROHAWN

Rats are man's worst enemies among animals. They destroy millions of dollars of property each year, carry diseases and eat almost anything. They live in trash and drink rainwater that accumulates in empty containers, and they also eat dog waste.

TIPS FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS:

- > Use a durable trashcan with a tight-fitting lid
- > Remove leftover pet food and pet waste from your yard daily
- > Seal all cracks and holes around the house
- > Mow tall grass and keep weeds down
- > Raise stored materials like lumber, pipes, and other materials at least 18" off the ground
- > Remove old furniture, vehicles, and appliances from your yard—don't give rats a home

Everyone must help control rats. They can breed rapidly (about 7-12 per litter) and can multiply every three weeks. If you see one, you can guarantee there are more. Be a good neighbor and help control rats in our beautiful neighborhood. 🐦

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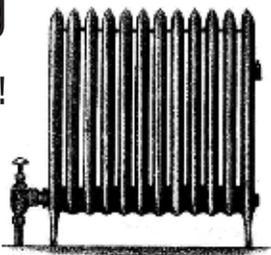
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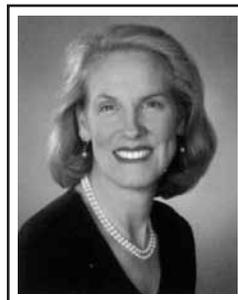
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