

LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER



Best Block Party Ever!



We say this every year...but this year, our 25th, was really special! The weather was perfect, the food superb, the children's activities fun and engaging, the raffle very successful...and a wonderful time was had by all. A number of die-hards, young and old, even lingered until the wee hours singing around a campfire.

Mike Boardman's voluminous photo display of the past 24 Block Parties was widely appreciated. **Bruce Ziman's** Chili Cookoff boasted 12 entries, the most ever, and was won by **Dominick Murray**, who walked off with the \$25 prize and a year's custodianship of the coveted Chili Trophy. This impressive trophy was fashioned years ago by talented neighborhood artist **Juliet Ames** of the Broken Plate Pendant Co. Other neighbors who donated raffle items

were **Diana Bersani** with her exquisitely crafted greeting cards, **Charlie Dorsey** with 3 jars of honey produced right here in Lake Walker, **Larry Schumacher's** plumbing expertise, **Mary Landon** The Home Coach, **Scott Donnelly** of Little Havana with a generous gift certificate and the loan of its super grill, and **Erin Hans**, Licensed Massage Therapist.

Fun children's activities, organized by **Kathryn Knight** and **Bruce Ziman**, included the ever-popular face painting, tie dying, The sidewalk chalk art

NOVEMBER 2

LWCA General Meeting

11/2 LWCA General Meeting – 7:30 p.m., Arbor Oaks Meeting Room. Please see page ? for the location. Please bring a non-perishable food item for CARES. (Meetings occur quarterly.)

OCTOBER

10/28 Mayor's Fall Cleanup – 10 a.m. to 12 noon – Bring work gloves and come beautify the neighborhood!

NOVEMBER

11/1 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: 12/6, 1/3/2018.

11/5 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Time to turn your clock back 1 hour.

11/15 Northern Police District Meeting – 7 p.m. @ the Northern District Police Headquarters, 2201 W. Cold Spring Lane (just west of I-83 on your left). If anyone has any questions, call Officer Doug Gibson @ 410 367-8491. Recurring mtg. on third Wed. of every OTHER month, 1/17/2018, 3/21/2017

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competition (see story below for more details) and other interactive games.

An incredible array of homemade side dishes, salads, and desserts complemented the rotisserie chicken, burgers from Ceriellos, and hot dogs which were expertly grilled as always by **Jim Bersani** and **Rob Bowen**. **Scott Knight** once again provided the sound system and an eclectic variety of music. Of all who RSVP'd, **Paula Sykes** won the drawing of 10 free raffle tickets.

Expenses for this event came to \$1,236. The raffle and donations totaled around \$1,024. So even though the block party cost the Association a little over \$200, the collection of dues brought in

\$720. Not bad. By the way, now is the time to pay your LWCA dues for the coming year if you weren't at the block party.

Many thanks to all the folks who helped set up and take down tables and chairs... and especially to these tireless members of the planning committee for making it all happen: **Kathy Brohawn, Bill Burnham, Barb Dent, Jan Dykacz, Judy Gemmill, Cy Governs, Kathryn Knight, Marita Manna, Martha Palmer, Deb & Jim Pickett, Kathy Scholl, Cyndi Ross, and Bruce Ziman.** 🐾

Right: LWCA President, Martha Palmer, thanks Jim Pickett for all his neighborhood service!



Winning Sidewalk Chalk Artists

A highlight of the Block Party is the ever-popular Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, ably conducted again this year by Scott Dombrowski, which featured themes and characters from favorite books.

In the 5-12 age category, the winners were:

1ST PLACE

Simone Frasier (Age 6) and Quincy Frasier (6) —
“Panda Lives”

2ND PLACE

Will Dombrowski (7) —
“Magic School Bus”

3RD PLACE

Gabrielle Cassini (11) and Casey Bittner (10) —
“The Cat in the Hat” and “The Lorax”

In the 13+ age category, the winners were:

1ST PLACE

Margot Gilroy-Scott (9) and Jasmine Liebe (19) —
“Beautiful Disasters”

2ND PLACE

Grace Donnelly (12) and Lucy Burnham (14) —
“Percy Jackson”

3RD PLACE

Moral Pearl (15), Noah Benham (14), and Benji Benham (13) — “Life of Pi”



THANK YOU!

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LWCA GENERAL MEETING

Please attend the fall meeting at 7:30 p.m. on November 2 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. 🐾



FALL CLEANUP: Saturday, October 28

We're going to **need a lot of help** for this one because, in addition to picking up litter, there are plants and shrubs in the community garden which have died and need to be replaced. Meet at the Lake Walker sign at 10 a.m. with work gloves. 🐾

Parking Do's & Don'ts By SUSAN PATRY

To avoid fines and citations, please heed the following rules about parking in Baltimore City:

- **Don't park on your lawn.** The city has a rule about parking on a parking pad or street. Parking on the lawn can possibly break pipes and kill the grass.
- **Park your car in the same direction as others on your street.** Code enforcement has come around to some neighborhoods this summer and issued fines for people violating these rules.

Should you have any questions call 311 or Legislative Reference at 410-396-3100.

PREPARE for FALL

With chilly months right around the corner, now is the perfect time to prep your home and yard for the months ahead.

- Inspect and clean your furnace (or boiler) and change any filters
- Replace batteries in smoke and CO detectors
- Remove or wrap air conditioner units with a cover or heavy duty plastic
- Seal gaps and cracks around windows and doors
- Reverse ceiling fan direction to the clockwise position
- Check outdoor lighting fixtures
- Clear gutters of any debris
- Cover and store your outdoor furniture in a protected area
- Empty the soil from summer pots and planters
- Clean your mower and other power equipment before storing for winter
- Plant bulbs (daffodils, tulip, hyacinths, snow drops)
- Seed a new lawn or overseed your existing
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Get yours now while supplies last! Contact a member of the LWCA board or email: treasurer@lakewalker.org.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

Pay your dues with PayPal! Look for it on the LakeWalker.org website. If you haven't paid your 2018 dues, please do so, \$10 per household and \$5 for seniors. Dues help support many activities and provide many benefits to our community. Dues help fund our Newsletter, the Block Party, and the Winter Fiesta. Dues also support information sharing, neighborhood promotion and advocacy with the city. Households who pay dues are entitled to receive the community directory; a new edition is now available.

Please send payments to Lake Walker Community Assn, PO Box 11391, Baltimore, MD 21239-1391. **Please make sure checks are made out to LWCA.** \$10 per household, \$5 for seniors.

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