

# LakeWalker

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

## Keep Up With Neighborhood NEWS on the LWCA Forum

**A**re you curious about what's going on in the neighborhood? Do you have something to buy or sell? Do you need to spread the word about a missing pet? Do you have gardening tips to offer? Can you recommend a good repair person?

You can find all this and much more on the LWCA Forum, an online bulletin board and discussion platform available at the LWCA web site. If you haven't used the Forum before, just go to [www.lakewalker.org](http://www.lakewalker.org) and click "Forum" in the top menu. Then at the Forum home page, click "Register" in the top right corner of the screen. Click "I agree to these terms" to promise that you won't post anything offensive or illegal, and this will take you to the Registration page. Here you will create a username and password and enter some basic information including your name, email, and street address. Hint: The answer to the quiz question to prove that you are human is "Giant."

Click "Submit" and your information will be sent to the forum administrator, who will approve your access within a

day or two. Once you are approved as an active user, log in and click on any forum to open it. You can read other neighbors' posts, reply to a post, or create your own post. See tips under the forum "Helpdesk".

Go ahead and explore some of the other features of the Forum, such as the Search feature (which allows you to search posts for a particular word or words) or the Members feature (which shows a list of active Forum members). You can set Notifications (upper right corner of the screen) to be notified by email when someone creates a post that you might be interested in, or replies to one of your posts. You can even send a Private Message to another neighbor.

The LWCA Forum is a great way to stay connected to your neighbors and keep up with what's going on in the community! 🐾

Calendar  
OF events

FEBRUARY 8

### LWCA General Meeting

2/8 LWCA General Meeting – 7:30 p.m., Arbor Oaks Meeting Room. Please see page 2 for the agenda and location. Please bring a non-perishable food item for CARES. (Meetings occur quarterly; upcoming meetings on 3/29, 6/29, 11/2.)

JANUARY

1/18 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, they can call Officer Doug Gibson @ 410 367-8491. Recurring mtg on third Wed. of every OTHER month, 3/15, 5/17.

FEBRUARY

2/26 Mardi Gras – 4:00-7:00 p.m at Zen West! See page 2 for details.

MARCH

3/4 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: 2/1, 3/1, 4/5.

3/12 Daylight Savings Time Begins

3/20 First Day of Spring

Check in at [lakewalker.org](http://lakewalker.org)  
for the full 2017 schedule!

### EMAIL ALERTS

We supplement forum notices for special or urgent situations. If you're interested in receiving email alerts, please email [communications@lakewalker.org](mailto:communications@lakewalker.org) to be added to the email list.

# LWCA General Meeting Agenda

February 8

Please attend the spring meeting at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 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

- Welcome
- Minutes Review
- Committee Reports
- Mardi Gras
- Guest Speaker: **Allie Busching with Retrofit Baltimore Retrofit Baltimore** partners with workplaces, neighborhood

associations, faith-based institutions, and community-based organizations to help their members realize the benefits of going solar and upgrading the energy efficiency of their homes. Through these partnerships, we make it easy and affordable for members to lower their utility bills, while improving the health, comfort, and sustainability of their homes. ☺

## Mardi Gras

Mark your calendars for our annual winter get together! This year the MARDI GRAS is back! The date is **Sunday, February 26th, 4 p.m.** at Zen West. As in the past, everyone is welcome, and everyone is also responsible for their own food and drink. Cake and kids' activities will be provided. We will be collecting dues and selling Lake Walker stickers.

**COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!** ☺



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## Notable News About Our Neighbors

Lake Walker is home to many creative individuals, such as filmmakers, designers, artists, teachers, activists, teachers, and many other interesting folks. We want to know what you're up to in 2017! If you have something to celebrate or want to share news about the recent accomplishments of a neighbor, **drop us a line at newsletter@lakewalker.org.** ☺



# Neighbors in Need of Assistance



This spring Towson University will be holding their “**Big Event**” on **Saturday, April 22** — it is a day of service for students in the local communities. Since we have so many TU students as neighbors, it would be a great opportunity for our students to assist community members in need of help. If you know of a neighbor who is elderly or disabled and could benefit from help with a simple household repair or yardwork, please **contact Martha Palmer by February 1** at [president@lakewalker.org](mailto:president@lakewalker.org). 🐾



## Keeping Animals Safe in Winter

ADAPTED FROM *THE HUMANE SOCIETY*

**Lake Walker is home to many animals. During cold snaps, use these tips to keep our furred and feathered friends warm and safe.**

**K**ee your pets inside with you and your family. Under no circumstances should pet cats be left outdoors, even if they roam outside during other seasons. Dogs are happiest when taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but kept inside the rest of the time. Don't leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops.

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Make sure your four-footed family members stay safe and warm by following these simple guidelines.

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh

and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls outside; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

No matter what the temperature is, windchill can threaten a pet's life. Exposed skin on noses, ears, and paw pads are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps. For this reason, short-haired dogs often feel more comfortable wearing a sweater — even during short walks.

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Rock salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.

Dogs are at risk of salt poisoning in winter due to the rock salt used in many areas — often when licking it from their paws after a walk. Store de-icing salt in a safe place and wipe your dog's paws, even after short walks. If your dog ingests rock salt, call a veterinarian immediately.

Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up any antifreeze spills immediately and keep it, like all household chemicals, out of reach. Coolants and antifreeze made with propylene glycol are less toxic to pets, wildlife, and family.

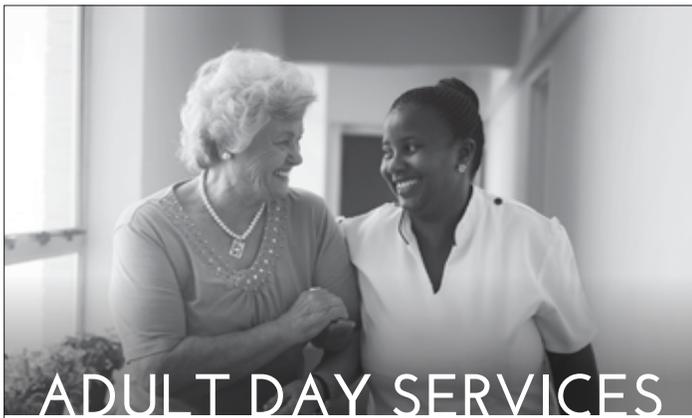
If there are outdoor cats, either owned pets or community cats in your area, remember that they need protection from the elements as well as food and water.

Cars are one of many hazards to small animals — warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

If you encounter a pet left in the cold, politely let the owner know you're concerned. Some people genuinely don't know the risk that cold weather poses to their pets, and will be quick to correct any problems you address. 🐾

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## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES?

**Pay your dues with PayPal!** Look for it on the [LakeWalker.org](http://LakeWalker.org) website. If you haven't paid your 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, the Winter Fiesta/Mardi Gras party. Dues also support information sharing, neighborhood promotion and advocacy with the city. Households who pay dues are entitled to receive the community directory.

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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