

Welcome to Lake-Evesham Neighborhood

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As a new neighbor, we want to share some important information we hope will make your transition to our neighborhood smooth and enjoyable.

The NEIGHBORHOOD:

Baltimore City has over 200 distinct, named neighborhoods. Lake-Evesham is comprised of approximately 250 homes, the majority of which are owner-occupied. We have a distinctive mix of families, singles, professionals, seniors, and students who attend one of local colleges or universities. The neighborhood also has two apartment complexes and several rental homes. Our borders are York Road to the east, Bellona Avenue to the west, the south side of Lake Avenue and on the north side of Lake Avenue from Blackburn to York Road, to the north and Northern Parkway to the south. There are many shops north on York, and to the south anchored by Belvedere Square Market. We are also within walking distance to the Historic Senator Theater.

ACTIVITIES:

- In addition to our many restaurants and shops in the area, the market area called Belvedere Square Market (just south of the corner of Northern Parkway and York Road) hosts Friday night concerts from May until October. The streets are closed to automobile traffic during these concerts.
- Beginning in early June until mid-September, there is the Govanstowne Farmers' Market on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 5104 York Road.
- The Historic Senator Theater is located just south of our neighborhood on York Road. It is one of few remaining large screen movie houses on the East Coast. This popular theatre is built in the art deco style and has maintained a cherished reputation in Baltimore's long history.

HISTORY:

The neighborhood known as Lake Evesham, (f.k.a. Kenneth Square) was a major part of the 1877 Estate of Samuel Brady. The neighborhood does not have a lake in it, but rather the name comes from the Evesham Mansion that was demolished in 1961. The first houses of the neighborhood were built in the first decade of the 20th century. By the 1930's all the present streets were in place and most of the lots were improved. In 2004, the neighborhood was designated a Historic District in large part due to the design of the homes and roads.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

Once you have settled in, we hope you join the Lake Evesham Community Association, (LECA). An active Community Association improves the quality of life in our neighborhood for all residents.

- The Lake Evesham Community Association holds community meetings and other events throughout the year.
- The Community Website <https://www.lakeevesham.org> is a thorough site for all community activities.
- The Community also communicates by postings on the social media network www.Nextdoor.com. It is very easy to sign up with this network; it just asks you several questions about your address and privacy requests. This private, secure network will allow you to communicate with your neighbors and the surrounding neighborhoods. *There is even a smartphone app where you can set alarms to be notified of urgent issues such as crime, classified, lost, and found, and even free items.*
- Annual dues are \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per household. The dues supplement the cost of neighborhood events, meetings, and social events.

- To join the Community Association: please provide your name, address, telephone, and email address with a check made payable to *Lake Evesham Community Association*. Drop off the check and requested information to Melina Turtle, Association Treasurer, at 212 East Melrose Avenue.
- If you want to pay electronically, the Association has a pay pal account, www.paypal.me/lakeevesham. If you pay by pay pal, please let Melina know that you are sending in payment. Her email is melinaturtle@gmail.com
- The Board of Directors is elected each year in November for the coming year. The Board plans events and creates solutions to local problems. If you are interested in helping create and improve your community, drop a note to Theresa Furnari, community president. TAFurnari10@gmail.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KEEP HANDY:

CITY COUNCIL:

You are a Baltimore City resident, 43rd Legislative District, 4th Councilmanic District. We are in the Northern Police District, at 410-396-2455. The city website can be found at <http://www.baltimorecity.gov/>. Our Councilman is Mark Conway, 410-396-4830, 410-659-1792 (fax), 100 Holliday Street, Room 550, City Hall. Mark's email is Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov

SAFETY & SECURITY:

Call 911 if you need police immediately, or for a crime or concern in progress — or just ended.

If you don't feel comfortable calling 911, you can use the **Anonymous Reporting of Crime**, 1-866-7LOCKUP or Text: You may text "MCS" plus your tip to CRIMES (274637),

Online: <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=629>

More Info: <http://metrocrimestoppers.org/>

CRIME WATCH NUMBER & APPLICATION

DON'T FORGET- Register for a Crime Watch Number for priority call-in of crime or suspicious activity in the area. More Info: <http://crime.baltimorecity.gov/ReportCrime/CrimeWatchNumberApplication.aspx>

Here are some hints to keep you and your property safe:

- **Call 911 immediately if you see *any* suspicious people or activity.** Baltimore is still a city, even if the neighborhood is more peaceful than downtown areas; there are strangers who may use our neighborhood for their own criminal activities. We all need to be vigilant to keep our community safe. Remember that you are helping neighbors who are helping you.
- Once you have signed up on Nextdoor.com, please notify your neighbors of the incident through the Crime and Safety section of the Nextdoor website or app.
- Do not approach any suspicious people or activities. Call 911 to let the police investigate.
- There is a detailed document on Nextdoor on keeping yourself and your property free from crime. This document is located in the "Documents" section of Nextdoor.
- Always remove all valuables from your vehicles, or completely hide them in your trunk. *Don't tempt thieves.*
- Do not warm up your car with the keys in the car. *Leaving keys in the car is against the law - because it encourages theft of the car.*
- Always lock your vehicle, house, garage, shed, even first-floor windows of your house. *Thieves love opportunities to steal.*
- Always lock up your bikes, lawn/garden equipment, and tools - any object which can be removed from your property. *Thieves have been known to go into yards to steal, even when a lawn mower is sitting on a property.*

- Tell a neighbor when you will be out of town so they can bring in your mail and newspapers. *Don't let thieves know that no one is home for an extended amount of time.*
- Etch your soundex (driver's license number) on all your valuables, especially your laptops, flat screen TV's, GPS devices, stereo equipment, lawn mowers, and other valuables. *If your property is stolen, the police would have no way to return it to you if it is not marked.* Your local police district has engravers....just ask.

LAWFUL BEHAVIOR:

In the summer of 2015, Baltimore City enacted a "Nuisance Law" to protect residents so all can enjoy a peaceful lifestyle. The Law applies to neighborhood nuisances in both residential homes and commercial facilities. A. neighborhood nuisance is defined as "any privately owned premises on or in which an owner, operator, tenant, or occupant of or the holder of any possessory interest in [the] those premises 1) acts in a disorderly manner that disturbs the public or 2) creates or maintains conditions that [lets] let others [to] act in a disorderly manner that disturbs the public peace.

The law applies to property owners, tenants, occupants of a property AND to owners, whether or not "... the owner, operator, tenant, or occupant knew of the existence of the neighborhood nuisance."

Therefore, if gatherings are loud or unruly enough, residents can call police who are required by law to issue citations for the following behavior:

- Underage drinking is the first attention of the citation
- Other citable accounts are public urination, trespassing on neighbors' property, blocking of public roadways, extreme loudness, and disruption of the general peace of the neighborhood
- The people cited are the host of the party *and* the landlord/property owner
- The first citation is **\$500 for both the host *and* property owner**
- **The second citation is \$1000 for the host *and* property owner** if under a year since the last citation. Citations will continue to accumulate at the \$1000 fee *for each and every* disruptive event for party host *and* property owner/landlord.
- If you are a property owner and you experience a disruptive party at a neighbor's property or in the streets, **call 911 immediately** to report the address or the block number and street. Please be specific so that the police can find the correct house(s). Police will investigate and make citations for the criteria that are met. In the event that Police are unable to respond, the call to 911 is still important as it provides a record for necessary documentation.
- Then contact Tymoteucz Kajstura at tkajstura@gmail.com. He is the community liaison between the neighborhood, schools and police

TRASH AND OTHER REFUSE:

TRASH collection begins at 6:00 am on Tuesdays

- Trash must be placed inside a trash can with a lid. Avoid rats & other scavengers by making sure lids are CLOSED. Please do not overload cans.
- Trash left in plastic bags is a Baltimore City violation carries a minimum of a \$50 fine.
- Trash should be placed at your curb no later than 6am.
- Trash cans are allowed to be put out the evening before...after 6pm.
- Each residence is limited to 3 cans per week.
- Do not block alleys or sidewalks with cans.
- Do not pile bags on street corners or in alley.
- If there is a holiday on a trash day, generally the makeup trash day is the following Saturday. Call 311 to verify.
- Return your trash can to your own property after pickup: do not leave it in the street or sidewalk.

- Baltimore has a strict LEASH LAW for your dog. Picking up after your pets is polite to your neighbors and is also required by law.
- Christmas trees will be picked up with regular trash in late December and early January. Call 311 or go to <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/> for more information.

YARD WASTE:

Yard waste is picked up on Tuesdays with your trash:

- Limit yard waste bags (PAPER BAGS PREFERRED) to maximum 10 bags per week.
- If more than 10 bags, the city may not be able to take all in one pick up. Return any bags not picked to your yard until the following trash pickup day.
- Autumn: When the leaves fall in the autumn, Baltimore City makes special arrangements to pick up bags of leaves with additional pickup times. The approximate leaf-collection dates start in late October. Call 311 to schedule leaf-bag pickups.
- More information can be found at: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/YardWaste.aspx>

RECYCLING: begins at 6:00 am on Every Other Thursday

- “Single-Stream Recycling”: Baltimore City’s recycling program mixes all recyclables in one container, so you do not have to separate the different recycling objects. *This type of recycling pickup makes it easy to recycle.*
- Place your recycling in the blue cans provided by the City.
- PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE for recycling. Do not put out your recycling in plastic bags and all recycling products should be clean and dry.
- Return your recycling can to your own property after pickup: do not leave it in the street or sidewalk.
- There is no limit to the number of recycling containers you can put out.
- If weather conditions are windy, secure loose recycle paper so it does not get carried by the wind and onto the streets and other properties.
- To learn more about what to recycle, visit the website: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling.aspx>.

STREET SWEEPING:

Baltimore has a program where streets are swept to keep grease, grime, and materials from being swept into the Chesapeake Bay. This important street sweeping program is being overseen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to protect the water resources.

- **Addresses with odd ending numbers:** street sweeping occurs on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
- **Addresses with even ending numbers:** street sweeping occurs on the 4th Wednesday of the month
- **Car removal requirement:** Remove your automobile from the curb on these sides of the streets beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. *You can move your car across the street during the sweep-sweeping days.*
- **Note:** Streets without curbs (such as several of our old streets with brick gutters) do not have sweeping

BULK ITEMS:

If you have bulky large items, Baltimore City may be able to pick up these objects.

- Please call 311 to schedule pick up of three (3) bulk items (sofas, mattresses, appliances, etc.).
- The operator will give you a date when the bulk-trash truck will come to pick up your object(s).
- Do not place these items outside of your yard until your scheduled pickup.
- More information on bulk items and other materials can be found on the City’s Bureau of Public Works website: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Home.aspx>

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

- Mow your grass on a regular basis; grass over 8” is a violation of city code. Some residents have participated in the “No Mow May” movement which began in the upper Midwest to provide a habitat for bees and other pollinators, It is the homeowners’ choice as to whether they wish to participate.
- Do not sweep or blow your grass cuttings into the street, eventually they end up in the Chesapeake Bay due to runoff and further pollute our treasured Bay. Grass cuttings can be left on the grass if you cut your grass frequently, so that 4 inches of height remains. This will allow the grass to maintain its moisture for the dry days of summer. And leaves can be cut by your lawn mower and placed as a mulch in your garden beds. If you choose to dispose of your cuttings or leaves, you need to bag them for disposal.
- Please consider not using pesticides on your lawn. It is bad for the environment, kills beneficial insects and bees and eventually seeps into the soil and then our waters.
- Keep all walkways clear of plant, tree, or grass overgrowth, or any debris.
- Remove all litter on your property, including gutters and storm drains; keep area by fire hydrants clear.
- Please consider joining our neighborhood clean ups (notices will be posted on the website, on Nextdoor or community signs posted in the neighborhood around the neighborhood).

RATS:

- Rats can become a problem due to unkempt yards and poorly managed trash. Rats carry diseases, spread trash, and make new little rats which perpetuate the cycle.
- If you see any evidence of rats...**call 311 immediately**. The City will come out to bait your property free of charge.
- Ensure your trashcans are in good condition (no holes in bottom) with tight fitting lids.
- Do not overload cans so that lids can be securely closed, please make sure lids are closed.
- Put all trash inside trashcans; do not allow trash/garbage to remain on the ground outside of trashcans.

WILDLIFE:

- We have wildlife in our neighborhood: foxes, rabbits, raccoons, ground hogs, opossums and the occasional deer. We live in harmony with our wildlife and they pose no threat to our safety.

SNOW REMOVAL:

- **Shovel all sidewalks on your property.** Your walkways must be cleared within 48 hours of a snow event, or you will be subject to a fine. Our streets are narrow, and it is dangerous to walk in the streets.
- The interior roads of our neighborhood do not get plowed. Please join your neighbors when there is a significant snow event. “All shovels on deck”: joining your neighbors to shovel snow makes for a great social experience.
- Cat litter or sand clog our ancient pipes and should not be used. If other gritty products are used for traction for your automobile, clean it up after every snow event. All of these materials will end up in the Chesapeake Bay when storm water flow into the Bay, which is dangerous for our entire region. We want you to have safe traction for your vehicle, but we request that you clean the material immediately after the snow or ice go away.

PARKING:

- Please do not park in front of your neighbor’s driveway.
- If you have a driveway, use that space for your car.
- Please ask your guests to be considerate as well.
- During a snow event...do NOT park in someone else’s cleared spot. Make the time to clear your own parking place. *The person who cleared his or her spot generally lives at that location, so by taking the spot you have not only taken the resident’s parking, but you have taken the efforts that they made for their family.*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

LECA is zoned for Roland Park Elementary/Middle School for grades Pre-K through 8. There are no zoned high schools in Baltimore.

TRANSIT:

Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) has several routes that serve our community. The general website is: <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/> The site also has info for other modes: Lite Rail, MARC, etc. Phone numbers: (general) 1-866-743-3682 or 410-539-5000; (Customer Service) 410-767-3999

For MTA Buses that serve LECA, go to “Local Bus”,

See: <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule>, THEN, See:

- “CityLinkRED” (via York Rd.), To: DOWNTOWN↔TOWSON/LUTHERVILLE: <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule/red>
- Route 51 (via Bellona & N. Charles), To: TOWSON↔DOWNTOWN
<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule/51>
- Route 33 (via Northern Pkwy), To: MT WASHINGTON LIGHT RAIL↔OVERLEA
<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule/stops/33>

FARES: <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/regular-fares>. Fares may increase June 26, see website.

DISCOUNTED STUDENT & YOUTH PROGRAMS:

<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/students-and-youth-programs>

MOBILITY: *MobilityLink* service is for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the *MTA* fixed route system. <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/mobility>

USEFUL NUMBERS:

General City Services: Dial 311

The line is open every day from 6am – 10pm.

Call this number to report or inquire about the following: abandoned vehicles, BGE emergencies, Board of Elections, street & sidewalk repairs, animal control, bulk trash, tree trimming, streetlights, housing complaints, transportation, graffiti removal, snow removal, recycling, drainage problems, and any other city services.

There is also a free 311 App for your smartphone or digital tablet which allows you to make requests (with pictures) for services, as seen above.

311 Android Mobile App: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.baltimorecity.baltimore311>

iPhone Mobile App: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/baltimore-311/id455865821?mt=8>

Website: <http://311.baltimorecity.gov/>

Twitter: @Baltimore311

Legal Services

Legal Aid – 410-539-5340

Legal Aid for Elderly – 410-396-1322

Community Law Center – 410-366-0922

State’s Attorney’s Office – 410-396-4000

Youth & Children

Youth Works – 410-545-1820 (summer work for 14–21-year-old)

Child Support Enforcement – 410-951-8000

Healthy Start – 410-396-7318 (pregnancy & infant support)

Seniors

Commission on Aging & Retirement – 410-396-4932

Senior Assisted Housing – 410-396-4932

Health

Health Department – 410-396-4398

Medicare – 1-800-772-1213

Poison Control – 1-800-222-1222

Baltimore Substance Abuse System – 410-637-1900

Drug Abuse Counseling/Alcohol Treatment – 410-637-1900

Employment

City Employment 410-396-3879/ 410-396-3860

State Employment Services 410-368-5300

Unemployment 410-949-0022

Office of Employment Development 410-396-1910