

Lake Evesham News

February 2020

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Welcome to **Andy McNeely**, who joined the board as a member-at-large after the November 2019 annual meeting

Treasurer's Corner

Disbursements and Deposits for the period of Aug 15 - Dec 12, 2019:

Disbursements:

- \$195.00: Church of the Redeemer for the rental of the hall for the 9/21/2019 talk by Antero Pietila
- \$6.55: refreshments for the service project with Loyola University Students and Mayor's Clean Up on 10/26/2019
- \$132.00: contribution to The Baltimore Station, a non-profit for homeless veterans, on behalf of Antero Pietila
- \$43.02: Refreshments for Tree Planting project in the neighborhood on 11/2/2019
- \$218.84: Refreshments for Community Fall Festival on 10/26/2019

Deposits:

- \$75.00: dues
- \$132.00: voluntary contributions from attendees at Antero Pietila's talk on 9/21/2019

Interest earned: \$0.04

Checking account as of 8/14/19: \$1509.44

Checking account as of 12/12/19: \$1121.07

Dues are Due:

Annual dues are due for 2020. If you have not yet done so: \$15 for one person or \$25 for a family. To join, please provide your name, address, telephone number, and email address. Make checks payable to *Lake Evesham Community Association*. You can: drop off your information and check to Macky Ayers at 6025 Pinehurst Road, mail it to P.O. Box 4692, Baltimore, Maryland 21212, bring it to a LECA event, or pay by [Paypal.me/lakeevesham](https://www.paypal.com/merchhost/details/lakeevesham). If you pay by PayPal, send Macky an email to let her know. If possible, try to pay in person or by check so the community can avoid PayPal fees.

Proposed Schedule of Events for 2020

1. March 12, 6:30pm: 4th District City Council Candidates Forum. Church of the Nativity. We're in an election year. Come and hear from the candidates seeking to represent our neighborhood on the City Council.
2. March 21, 10am-12pm: Service Project with Master Gardeners and Loyola University Students. We will be pruning the native community garden.
3. April: A neighborhood plant and book swap. An exact date will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, begin your growing season inside.
4. May: Community Yard Sale. An exact date will be forthcoming
5. May: Dumpster in the neighborhood, date to be scheduled once the yard sale is scheduled.
6. June 28, 3pm: Garden Wine Crawl. Visit your neighbor's gardens with a tasty beverage. All who wish to participate please let the board know.
7. July or August: Lake Evesham Summer Olympics. Details to follow
8. October 3, 4pm: Community Crab Feast, rain date on October 4.
9. November: The 2020 Annual Meeting. Exact date to be decided.

Please be on the lookout for additional information for each event.

Northern District Police Community Relations Council

These meetings are where the Northern District Police Department and communities in the North East section of Baltimore meet to discuss issues and exchange information. A big thanks to **Charlotte Gerczak** and **Blanche Coady** who agreed to continue to represent the neighborhood at these meetings. In addition to attending the meetings, a post reading report is drafted and posted on Nextdoor for the benefits of all residents in Lake Evesham. Both have done so for many years and without fail, one or the other or both are present at the meetings which are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the odd-numbered months from 7pm to 8:30pm at

the Northern District Headquarters, 2201 W. Coldspring Lane, Baltimore, 21215. Phone: 410.396.2455. The next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2020. All residents may attend.

York Road Partnership

Another thanks to **Andy McNeely** and **Anna Kasko** who appear on behalf of our neighborhood to the York Road Partnership Meetings. As president of the association, **Theresa Furnari** also attends, and it is good to have robust representation at the meeting. The meetings bring together the 26 or more communities of the York road corridor to discuss issues that affect the corridor and find a collective voice for positions taken. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at St. Mary's Church at 5502 York Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to all residents. A post meeting summary is posted on Nextdoor.

Gardening Service Projects

A big thanks to Loyola University College Students and Master Gardeners for Baltimore City. For several years, and several times during the year, students

from Loyola University through the York Road Initiative Program volunteer with residents from Lake Evesham and Master Gardeners from Baltimore City to work on greening projects in the neighborhood.

It is without a doubt

that the neighborhood would not be able to keep up with the maintenance of our community garden and green spaces without the assistance of the students and master gardeners. The dates and times for the services projects are posted on Nextdoor and all residents are welcome. No experience is needed. It is a win-win for the neighborhood and the students as the students are exposed to greening activities and residents are exposed to some terrific students.

Lastly, a big thanks to **Marie McSweeney Anderson**, the Assistant Director of the York Road Initiative, who coordinates the service projects.

Lake Evesham Tree Planting

On November 2, 2019 the community hosted a tree planting which was a huge success! We had a number of veteran tree planters as well as some new neighbors helping out. We planted 8

trees at the intersection of Melrose Ave and Bellona Ave, 2 trees along Kenneth Square at York Road, and one tree along Northern Parkway by the Community sign. The weather was crisp, the volunteers worked hard, and we all can't wait to see the new trees come to life in the spring. A special thanks to our homeowners who not only helped plant but agreed to water the new trees for the first year and our partner, TreeBaltimore for providing the trees.



Interested in more tree plantings? Be on the look out for more information on another planting in the spring time in combination with a Community Free Tree Giveaway!

Fall Festival

Under the stars on a brisk night, on 10/26/2019 the Lake Evesham community gathered for a fall festival and chili cook off on the alley behind Lake Avenue. In addition to delicious food there were games and pumpkin painting for kids along with beverages for adults. **It was great to get people out and we look forward to doing it again!**



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the community was held on November 18, 2019 at Zen West Cantina. A big thanks to owner, Po Chang, who hosts the event at no charge to the community and who has supported other events on behalf of the community.

In front of a large group of residents, Councilman Bill Henry, Major Richard Gibson and Sergeant Amy L. Street, who chairs the Neighborhood Coordination Unit for the Northern District, for the Baltimore City Police Department responded to reoccurring issues that arise with college housing in the neighborhood. The neighborhood is very appreciative that each could attend to respond to concerns by the residents. Despite efforts by residents, since Labor Day, 2019, there has been an increased display of poor behavior by tenants in some of the college housing in the neighborhood. Because many feel the student's behavior exceed the terms of the law in



Baltimore City, known as the Neighborhood Nuisances and Unruly Social Events, which is codified as Article 19, Subtitle 43B, the residents are seeking enforcement of the ordinance, which includes fines to tenants as well as landlords. Residents described incidents of parties with as many as 200 attendees, drinking, foul language, loud music and public urination. Although representatives for Towson University and Loyola University and the police were called, residents were frustrated as to why the students and or landlords were not fined under the nuisance ordinance. The residents were also frustrated by the lack of timely response by the police. The police responded that they are aware of the concerns. Sergeant Street described how she has sought to speak directly with the landlords,

which has not always been successful. As to the response time, the police stated that they arrive as soon as possible but if another more urgent call comes in, they must respond which may delay their response time. They added that their ability to respond is further hampered by the vacancies that still need to be filled. However, they stated that they have issued citations to some houses and they will share them with us. The community hopes to continue to work with the police toward addressing problems with college housing. For the future, residents need to continue to contact the police at 911 and the universities when they believe that a party by the students that disturbs the public peace of the neighborhood.

2020 Community Association Membership Form

Please attach annual membership dues of \$15 per adult, \$25 per family. Pay by PayPal at www.paypal.me/lakeevesham or by check, made payable to *Lake Evesham Community Association*. You can drop off your check to 6025 Pinehurst Road; mail to P.O. Box 4692, Baltimore, MD, 21212; or bring to an association meeting.

Name(s) _____ Dues attached \$ _____

Names & ages of children _____

Address _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Concerns and/or Interests _____

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL DONATION TOWARD THE PRUNING OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN \$ _____.

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The neighborhood newsletter is distributed electronically on a quarterly basis. If you have something that you wish to communicate with neighbors, please submit it to Ryan Ahearn: ryan.c.ahearn@gmail.com