

Lake Evesham News

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For new Lake Evesham Residents

For recent information go to <https://www.lakeevesham.org> for past newsletters and event updates. We also are on Facebook at the [Neighborhood of Lake Evesham, Baltimore City](#) group, as well as on [NextDoor](#). To join, see the registration form at the bottom of the newsletter.

From the President

I just want to introduce myself as the new Lake Evesham Community Association (LECA) president. I have big shoes to fill after Theresa Furnari's leadership for the past 5+ years. My wife and I have been in the neighborhood since 2016 on the corner of E Lake and Pinehurst. We really enjoy living in Lake Evesham amongst such interesting neighbors so much so our daughter and her family moved in the neighborhood last last year.

I envision the community organization as a way to keep the community together by social events (e.g. neighborhood clean-ups, maintaining the community garden and pot luck dinners) and making sure the community is safe by addressing infrastructure and other safety issues by presenting them as a community. This is accomplished by coordinating with the city council and other organizations such as the York Road Partnership and the Northern District. We have representatives on these groups and we receive routine communication giving us a "heads up" on issues that effect our community.

Having served on the board for the past couple of years, I have been really impressed with the talented board members and look forward to working with them in the future.

Steve Lingsch



4-Way Stop Sign at E Lake & Pinehurst

The long awaited 4-way stop sign at E Lake & Pinehurst was installed 26 January. This initiative was started several years ago by several LECA members. This was also accomplished in conjunction with the Cedarcroft Community Association and would not have happened without the persistence of Mark Conway and his staff (District 4 City Council) working with DOT.

Clean-up Day and Community Pot Luck Slated for Saturday, 25 March

We have 3 events scheduled for Saturday, 25 March. First is cleaning up and replanting the Native Species Community Garden at the corner of York Road and Northern Pkwy. Concurrently, we will have a group picking up trash on the road verge between Northern Pkwy and Evesham Ave up to Bellona Ave. Later in the afternoon starting at 4:00, we are having a Community Pot Luck at the Church of Nativity in Cedarcroft. Additional details will be posted on our website, Facebook, NextDoor and neighborhood signage.

Upcoming Events

LECA is planning for the following events. Details will be communicated through our website, Facebook page and NextDoor.

May - Community Yard Sale and Dumpster a week after the yard sale. The idea is you can easily dispose of items not sold at the yard sale.

June - Ice Cream Social

July - Garden Tour

September/October - Shrimp & Chicken Feast

November - Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Corner

Disbursements and Deposits for the period from November 9, 2022 to March 7, 2023:

Deposits:

- \$155.00 dues
- \$5.00 for the community garden fund

Disbursements:

- \$60.00 Mulch for the community garden
- \$34.57 Printing of welcome packets

Checking account as of 11/9/22: \$1,455.56, of which \$33.01 is for the community garden fund

Checking account as of 3/7/23: \$1,480.99, of which \$5.00 is for the community garden fund

Joining the Association

To become a member of the association there are annual dues, due in January of each year. The dues allow the association to host events, rent venues, and pay for honorariums and supplies. If you wish to join the association (or renew your membership) and pay your dues now, your membership will be effective for the next year. Annual dues are \$15 for one person, or \$25 for a family. To join, please provide your name, address, names of other family members, telephone number, email address, and any concerns or interests you have for the neighborhood. Make checks payable to **Lake Evesham Community Association**. You can drop off your information (see the membership form at the end of this newsletter) and check or cash to Melina Turtle at 212 E. Melrose Avenue or mail it to P.O. Box 4692 Baltimore, MD 21212, or bring it to a LECA event and give it to a current board member. When paying your dues, please consider a donation for the Native Community Garden. The funds are used to buy native plants and amendments to the soil as non-native invasive plants are removed and replaced with native plants.

Department of Public Works

Representatives

Raquel Robbins (raquel.robbins@baltimorecity.gov) and Lakeisha Laury (lakeisha.laury@baltimorecity.gov) are the new DPW representatives for our district. Contact either Ms. Robbins or Ms. Laury if you have any questions or requests about DPW tasks, which include collection of trash and recyclables, street sweeping, water and sewer issues, and street repair after work performed by DPW. They spoke at our annual meeting and stressed that reporting any issues in the neighborhood to 311 first is the most efficient way to get requests routed to the correct agency and addressed promptly.

Neighborhood Representatives Wanted

There are a number of ongoing activities that the Association is involved in. For many years a handful of residents have consistently participated in the activities. But they want a break, and it is necessary to recruit new residents to fulfill the roles. You do not have to be a member of the Lake Evesham Community Association to be a representative at these meetings. The following roles are requested:

City Meetings

At least three residents who are able to represent the community at two city meetings. We are looking for multiple people so that they can rotate attendance.

The meetings are tasks are:

- Commander's Meetings of the Baltimore City Police Department's Northern District (ND)
 - Attend the monthly Commander's Meetings, held on the second Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 8/8:30pm, usually at the ND Headquarters at 2201 W Cold Spring Ln. Currently, these meetings are hybrid in-person and Zoom, but in-person attendance is encouraged. The purpose of these meetings is to keep the community informed of the events and activities going on in the Department and the ND. Crime statistics and trends are discussed.
 - Bring up any issues that Lake Evesham residents or community association officers have raised.
 - Prepare a written summary of the discussion, with emphasis on what is of special interest to the residents of the Lake Evesham community.
 - Post the notes on NextDoor in a timely manner.
- Northern District Community Relations Council Meetings
 - At this time, it is not yet determined if these meetings (resuming as hybrid in August 2022) will occur every month or every other month. Is it also uncertain what week and day of the month they will take place. The ND CRC president,

Christopher Forrest, will work with the ND officers to set a schedule. These meetings are run by the community and deal more specifically with community concerns.

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York Road Partnership.

Lake Evesham is one of approximately 26 neighborhoods who have representation on the YRP. The neighborhood has always had a primary and alternative voting members attend the meetings which occur on the 1st Wednesday of each month. With Theresa's departure, a new representative is needed.

If you are interested and able to serve as the Lake Evesham representative(s) for these very valuable meetings to the community, please email Steve Lingsch at stephen.lingsch@gmail.com

Community Native Pollinator Garden



Our neighborhood is home to a Native Pollinator Garden. Where was once a garden installed by the State of Maryland approximately 22 years ago has been transformed over the past 7 years. The Garden is now home to a variety of native plants to attract and provide food and shelter for native bees, birds, butterflies, specifically the monarch and swallow tail and most recently a bunny has taken up residence. The Garden does not permit the use of any pesticides. The Garden is located on the northwest corner of York Road and Northern Parkway, adjacent to two very busy transit stops.

Since its inception, Theresa Furnari has worked in the garden and led groups to maintain the garden during periods in the year. The latest work was completed on November 12, 2022, when members of the Loyola Swim Team removed invasive shrubs, grasses, and pruned evergreen trees. David Barrett, a master gardener who lives in Homeland will continue to work in the garden and provide his expertise as a master gardener.



With Theresa's departure, the neighborhood needs to have a resident who can take on the role of assisting Mr. Barrett, representing the community and participating in events at the garden.

If you are interested in learning more about the Garden, or volunteering, contact Stephanie Seipp at saseipp@gmail.com.

2022 Community Association Membership Form

Please attach annual membership dues of \$15 per adult, \$25 per family. Pay by check, made payable to *Lake Evesham Community Association*. You can drop off your check to 212 East Melrose Avenue; 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 MAINTENANCE 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 Joel Carlin at joel.carlin77@gmail.com Ryan.