

Lake Evesham News

September 2019

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

Disbursements:

Refreshments and food for July 6 multi-neighborhood cookout at Malik Jordan's home: \$300

Deposits (dues): \$100

Interest earned: \$0.03

Checking account as of 5/14/19: \$1709.41

Checking account as of 7/15/19: \$1509.44

Dues are Due:

If you have not paid your annual dues for 2019, please do. \$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/merchot/x-cmd=donate&x-item_name=lakeevesham). If you pay by PayPal, send Macky an email to let her know.

When paying your dues, please consider a donation for the Native Community Garden. We use the funds to buy native plants as we slowly remove the non-native invasive and replace them with native plants.

Upcoming Event on September 21



If you have not marked your calendars, please do and join your neighbors and other residents of the York Road Corridor on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer, for a presentation by Antero Pietila, the renowned journalist and author. Mr.

Pietila will talk about his two most recent works, *Not in My Neighborhood: How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City* and *The Ghosts of Johns Hopkins*. Admission to the event is free, but we will ask for a voluntary cash donation to the non-profit organization Baltimore Station. Mr. Pietila will be able to sign his books at the event and he asks that you buy local.

Helpful Information for the Upcoming College School Year

Non-Owner-Occupied Rental Dwelling Registration and Licensing: In April of 2018, a law introduced by Councilman Bill Henry was enacted that required Non-Owner-Occupied rental housing with 1 or 2 units to register with the City and obtain a license to operate. Prior to this law, only rental properties with more than 2 units were required to obtain the license to operate which left many, if not most, detached rental homes like those in Lake Evesham without any mechanism to hold owners accountable for their tenants and for maintaining quality rental housing within the neighborhood. Property owners must now register their rental units and each license is valid for 1, 2 or 3 years. Property owners are expected to keep their properties up to all City Building, Fire, Housing and related Codes and failure to do so or citations/violations that are not abated may lead to the Commissioner of Housing rescinding their license and/or not renewing it. This is an important check on accountability to the property owners who may have been less concerned with how they or their tenants respected the communities in which they lived. Violations, citations and such related to Building inspections (ie. Physical Conditions of the property), Zoning Laws (ie. more than 4 unrelated individuals living in a unit), and Neighborhood Nuisances (ie. Social Host Regulation adopted in 2015) are items that now have weight in whether or not a property owner may receive a license to operate their rental unit at all.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood filled with different types of housing and a great mix of owners and renters. We all want this neighborhood to continue to grow and with that, want to make sure we are respectful of one another. These new laws provide communities with the expectation that

owners will take more interest in how their property and their tenant treat the neighborhoods in which they live. In turn, when there is an unwillingness to work together, multiple violations and/or citations, there is now a mechanism in place to hold the property owners accountable and impact their ability to do business as a rental property at all. As we approach a new school year and potential new neighbors, let's remember to be friendly, reach out, and introduce one another to the beautiful Lake Evesham Community. Let's also remind ourselves and neighbors of the rules and the laws that may impact their enjoyment of the neighborhood. *For those interested, please reference City Ordinance #18-130 for the Registration and Licensing Law and Ordinance #15-389 for the Social Host Regulation Law.*

Lake Evesham Community Native Pollinator Garden

Yes, we do have a community garden and no it is not a vegetable garden. It is a garden generally full of native plants to attract and provide food and shelter to native bees, flies, moths, birds and butterflies. For those who are new to the neighborhood or have not had the experience to visit the garden, I hope this brief history will entice you to visit. The garden is an 85 by 58 feet plot of land located on the northwest corner of York Road and Northern Parkway, adjacent to two very busy transit stops. What was originally a

garden installed by the State of Maryland approximately 21 years ago was transformed into its present state 5 years ago, with grants from Parks and People and St. Pius the X. For several years, residents of the Lake Evesham Community, the York Road Initiative (Loyola University Students) and Master Gardeners for Baltimore City have contributed many hours and expertise planting, pruning and removing invasive species from the garden. The Garden does not contain any pesticides. Today the Garden is home to a variety of native plants and bees and birds, monarchs and swallow tails and most recently a bunny has taken up residence in the Garden. It is one of the first of its kind created by the Master Gardeners and currently one of many urban gardens for creating safe habitats and to help our pollinators. If you are interested in learning more about the Garden, drop me a note, tafurnari10@gmail.com and/or take a stroll to visit or volunteer for one of our projects throughout the year. Upcoming projects are always posted on Nextdoor.



Save the Date for These Upcoming Events!

October 26, 2019: Fall festival beginning at 3:15 p.m. Activities for children and adults.

November 18, 2019: Annual meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Zen West Roadside Cantina.

2019 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 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