

Lake Evesham News

December 2022

Board Members

Theresa Furnari, *President*
Tymoteusz Kajstura, *Vice President*

Ryan Ahearn, *Secretary*
Melina Turtle, *Treasurer*

Members at Large

Jack Fishman
Malik Jordan
Charlotte Walters
Amena Fine

Stephanie Seipp
Steve Lingsch
Darnell Henderson

A Fond Farewell from the President

With both excitement and sadness, I am resigning from the board of the community association. And after 24 years, I am moving from our beautiful neighborhood.

It has been a tremendous honor and rewarding experience to live in Lake Evesham and to serve on the board. The success I have had as president has been made possible by a strong board and I have been fortunate to have that during my entire tenure. I want to especially thank Ryan Ahearn for his invaluable organizational skills. Ryan is also resigning after serving as secretary for many years and editor of our quarterly newsletter. I know I am leaving the board in very capable hands. I do hope that someone in the neighborhood takes over the management of the community native garden and more residents actively participate in the work of the Association. It has been a rewarding experience.

Some of the accomplishments I am most proud of, include creating the community native pollinator garden and greening of our neighborhood by planting native trees, hosting a councilman debate, bringing back the community newsletter, and reconnecting with the surrounding neighborhoods. During my tenure, the Association successfully stopped the placement of cell towers in our neighborhood, prevented zoning changes to allow additional college housing by irresponsible landlords and created a process with the police and universities for responding to unruly students and irresponsible landlords.

Thank you all.

And The Results Are In

At the annual meeting on November 14, 2022, a new slate of Directors was unanimously approved for the year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. A tremendous thank you to those board members who served, who continue to serve, and a welcome to new members. The incoming board are:

President: Steve Lingsch

Vice President: Tym Kajstura

Treasurer: Melina Turtle

Secretary: Joel Carlin

Members at Large: Malik and Charlene Jordan (who will share a vote), Stephanie Seipp, Amena Fine, Darnell Henderson (who will share a vote with Joel Carlin), Charlotte Walters, and Mike Fielder

Treasurer's Corner

Disbursements and Deposits for the period from June 8, 2022 to November 9, 2022:

Deposits:

- \$45.00 dues
- \$10.00 for the community garden fund
- \$960.00 tickets for the Shrimp and Chicken Feast held on October 22, 2022

Disbursements:

- \$85.00 for ice cream and cones for Father's Day Ice Cream Social
- \$932.17 chicken, shrimp, drinks, rental of tables and supplies for Shrimp and Chicken Feast

Checking account as of 6/7/22: \$1,457.73, of which \$23.01 is for the community garden fund

Checking account as of 11/9/22: \$1,455.56, of which \$33.01 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.robbsins@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. 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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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

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.

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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 Theresa Furnari at tafurnari10@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 \$ _____.

Join the Lake Evesham listserv on www.nextdoor.com and visit the website at <https://www.lakeevesham.org>

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.ahearn@hey.com