

The Lake-Evesham Telegram

News & notes from the quiet neighborhood bordered by Lake Avenue, Evesham Avenue, Belona Avenue, and York Road

FROM THE PRESIDENT GREETINGS ALL!

It is my pleasure to serve as President of the Lake-Evesham Community Association! And my thanks to Sam for his 6+ years of leadership in the role.

Donald and I have lived in Lake-Evesham since spring of 2001 and what a wonderful neighborhood this is! Prior to moving here, I lived in Lake-Walker for almost 20 years, so I'm well acquainted with the ebb-and-flow of this area. I remember Belvedere Square from the first time that it was re-developed. And when I was a child, my mother brought me to Van Dyke and Bacon to buy my school shoes; they were red leather with buckles.

Neighborhood associations are the heart-beat of Baltimore. One of the reasons that this city "works" is because so many of us are committed to doing what needs to be done to maintain and improve the quality of our lives. I hope that each and every one of you will find a little bit of time in 2006 to help out with community association activities. I also hope that you will take the opportunity to share your concerns and priorities with the association. Feel free to e-mail me directly at leslie410@verizon.net or call me at 410-323-0680 to let me know what matters to you.

The website is a fabulous source of information and updates – visit it often at www.lake-evesham.org. My thanks to Sam for agreeing to continue to maintain it.

–Leslie Rehbein Marqua
President

NEW STATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED

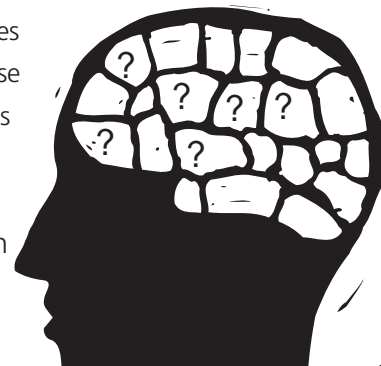
A new slate of neighborhood offices was voted in at a Lake Evesham community meeting on January 11, 2006. Many thanks to outgoing president Sam Stevenson, who has served so effectively in that position for the last several years. **Leslie Marqua** was voted in by a landslide as the new association president and we are grateful to her for offering to step up in to this important role. **Kevin Kern** was elected to the office of association secretary and **Macky Ayers** was reelected as our treasurer. At large members of the board include **Theresa Furnari, Bobbie Smith, Sam Stevenson, and Monica Reinagel.**

The President would like to know

Newly elected association president Leslie Marqua has asked for your thoughts on the following issues:

- 1. What do you consider to be the "top 3" pressing issues that you would like the association to deal with?**
- 2. What community activities would you like to be involved in, and for which ones would you like to have some leadership?**

On the next page, we've outlined many of the current neighborhood projects and noted which ones can use some additional help. Feel free to use this as a guide and/or to add your own ideas to the list. Please contact Leslie by email at leslie410@verizon.net or feel free to make notes on this newsletter and drop it off in her mailbox at 6001 Bellona Ave.



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Volunteers are stepping up to the plate...

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

In response to an urgent plea from outgoing president **Sam Stevenson** for new people to help with various neighborhood projects, many neighbors have offered to pitch in. As Sam has always stressed, it is this sort of broad-based involvement that makes our association strong, effective, and fun to be a part of. Many hands make light work!

Here's a run-down of some of our current projects and those who have agreed to take on some organizational responsibility for them. We still need people to help but you will be in good company... see what might appeal to you and jump on board by contacting the appropriate point person.

Beautification committee. This group, energetically spearheaded by **Theresa Furnari** organizes neighborhood clean-ups, plantings, landscaping, tree watering, fire plug painting and other tasks. Theresa also organizes our biannual (and extremely popular) dumpster day. The great thing about working on the beautification committee is that Theresa always arranges coffee, doughnuts, and bagels for her helpers. To help Theresa with the Beautification committee, email her at tafurnari10@aol.com.

Social committee. Our association enjoys several really fun annual social events, including the Father's Day Ice Cream Social, a Crab Feast, Halloween Parade and Party, and the upcoming Mid-Winter Potluck. In addition to serving as Treasurer, **Macky Ayers** always works very hard to coordinate these events. Macky knows what needs to be done (so you don't have to figure it out yourself) but really needs more help. **Kevin Kern** has stepped up to be the point person for the Mid-Winter Potluck party. To help Kevin and Macky with the Mid-Winter Potluck (or to add your name to the list to help with future parties) email Kevin at Kevin.kern@verizon.net or Macky at mayers50@aol.com

Public safety committee. Our neighborhood enjoys a very low crime rate but is not immune to occasional property and nuisance crimes. We have a large (although loosely organized) safety patrol that keeps an eye out for suspicious activities while out walking, running, or driving through the neighborhood throughout the day. The neighborhood newsgroup is also a very effective way to share information regarding actual or suspected

criminal activities. Take a moment to join the group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lakeevesham> and stay informed.

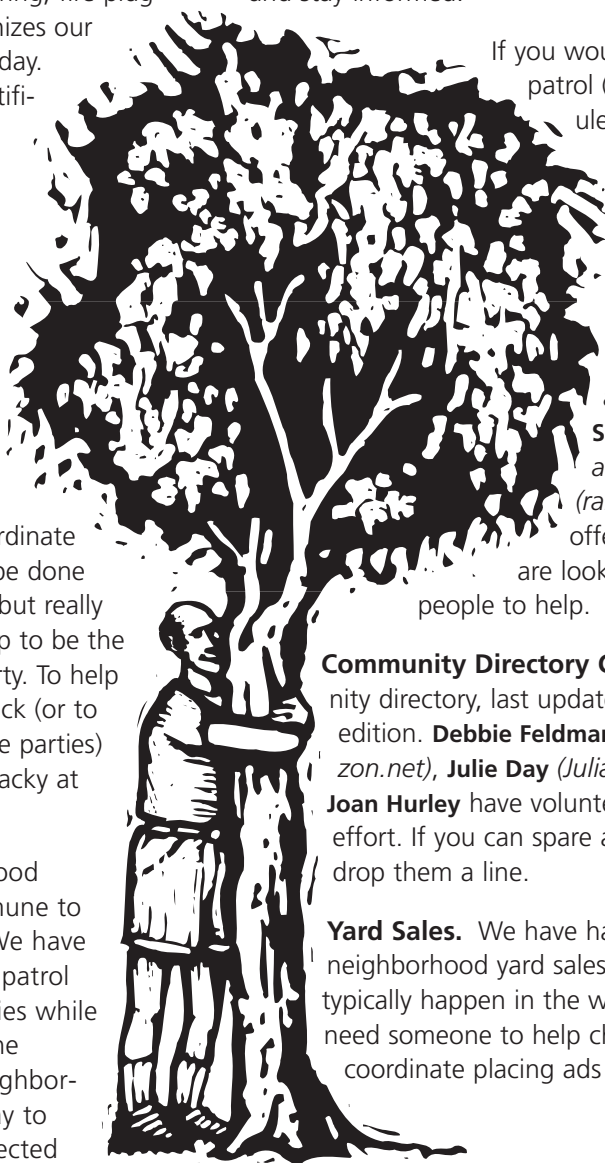
If you would like to join the safety patrol (there are no regularly scheduled patrol hours required), send an email to Monica at monica@reinagel.com. In addition, we're looking for 2 or 3 volunteers who would take turns attending Northern district police meetings, which happen about every 6 to 8 weeks.

Sam Stevenson (sjsandmt@abs.net) and **Richard Price** (randgprice@aol.com) have offered to help cover these and are looking for one or two more people to help.

Community Directory Committee. Our community directory, last updated in 2003, is due for a new edition. **Debbie Feldman Jones** (Feldman.jones@verizon.net), **Julie Day** (Julia.day@baltimorecity.gov) and **Joan Hurley** have volunteered to spearhead this effort. If you can spare a little time to help with this, drop them a line.

Yard Sales. We have had some very successful neighborhood yard sales in past years. The yard sales typically happen in the warm weather months. We need someone to help choose the date and then coordinate placing ads and signs up. Any takers?

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS & NOTES

Welcome to our new neighbors:

Lisa and Mark Costello moved into 302 Evesham Avenue in August and **Greg and Maureen Galli** moved into 410 Evesham last May. **Jenny Ritter** moved into the Melrose Avenue apartments in August and **Stacey Ishman and Jim McCarthy** moved to 434 Kenneth Square in June. Welcome as well to all the other new families that have joined us in the last year.



Farewell to **David and Heather Williams**, who moved from their home on Melrose Avenue to Maplewood Road (in Idlewylde).

Long time Henderson Avenue resident **Regina Miller** passed away on January 13th and is deeply missed by her neighbors.

Congratulations!

to **Ben (Feldman) Jones** of 6017 Sycamore Ave, who started as a freshman at Friends School this year.



Stacey Ishman and Jim McCarthy of 434 Kenneth Square welcomed their new baby **Benjamin** in November.

Lee and Christine Gedansky at 412 Evesham Avenue had a baby boy, **Dean Alexander**, on December 20, 2005.

This just in from Lee and Christine Gedansky

We run a ballroom dance company, Beginning Ballroom (www.beginning-ballroom.com), with group dance programs offered through different community based organizations in the area including the Towson YMCA and Roland Park Country School. We teach private lessons at our studio downtown, and in our clients homes. We are currently renovating our home and will soon have our own home-based studio for private lessons. Once it is finished, we will be having an open house.

Dates to remember

On **February 11th**, there will be a book release party for Monica Reinagel's new book (The Inflammation Free Diet Plan), at Breathe Books at 810 West 36th Street in Hampden. Please stop by between 5 pm and 8 pm and say hi!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the upcoming Mid-Winter Potluck, tentatively scheduled for **March 4th** at the Church of the Nativity, on the corner of Cedarcroft and York Road. A flyer with more details and a sign up sheet will be distributed in February.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is **April 29th** at Polytechnic Institute (Falls Road and Cold Spring) from 9 am to 3 pm, and April 30th from 11 am to 4 pm. You can dispose of batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, paint, cleaning supplies and other hazardous trash here.

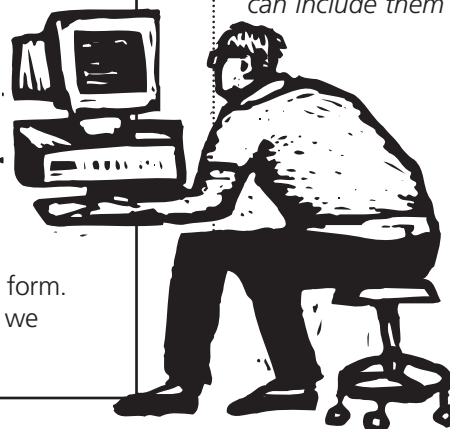
Our next Dumpster Day is scheduled for **May** (actual date TBA). The dumpster will be parked at the intersection of Sycamore and Evesham. Please, no building materials, hazardous waste, or large appliances.

PLEASE FORGIVE US if we've failed to welcome you by name or mention your special news. Please send your notices and announcements to Monica (monica@reinagel.com) so that we can include them next time!

How to stay in touch

The Lake Evesham Telegram is published four times a year and delivered to your mailbox. In addition, you can keep up with neighborhood news and events by subscribing to our newsgroup at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/lakeevesham> and by visiting our neighborhood website (maintained by Sam Stevenson) at www.lake-evesham.org

Also, be sure to send in your membership dues and membership form. (See page 4) The membership form is one of the chief ways that we gather information for our community directory.



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YRP representatives. The York Road Partnership is a large consortium of developers, city agencies, merchants, and neighborhood associations that works together on the ongoing development and improvement of the York Road corridor. **Ginny Snead, Julia Day, and Debbie Feldman Jones** have volunteered to make sure that Lake Evesham is always represented at these meetings. Thank you. For more information, you can also visit: <http://www.evergreen.loyola.edu/~hperry/yrp/>

Publications Committee. This committee sees to the publication of the Telegram and other print communications. **Monica Reinagel** (monica@reinagel.com) and **George Kibler** (gkibler@verizon.net) work on writing and designing the Lake Evesham Telegram. **Andrew McLoughlin, Lisa Costello,** and **Josefina Pizarro** have also generously offered to pitch in with publications. We can always use extra help to get the Telegram and flyers delivered into everyone's mailbox. If you are willing to help with that, please email Monica.



Lake Evesham Community Association 2006 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the form and attach annual membership dues of \$10 per adult. Please also note that only association members are eligible to vote in elections.

Make checks payable to Lake Evesham Community Association. Drop off at 6025 Pinehurst Road; mail to P.O. Box 4692, Baltimore, MD, 21212; or bring to an association meeting.

Name(s): _____

Other Members of Household (including ages of children): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Concerns and/or Interests: _____