



The Lake-Evesham Telegram

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

ASSOCIATION DUES ARE DUE

Community Association membership renews on the calendar year, so if you haven't yet sent in your 2007 dues, please take a moment to make out your check today and drop off or mail to Macky Ayers at 6025 Pinehurst Road. Because our usual mid-winter party and meeting was postponed this year (more on that below), the dues have been slow to come in and the association is feeling the pinch!

Dues are just \$10 per adult and help fund popular events like the Crab Feast and Mardi Gras celebrations, along with other important neighborhood projects such as public space beautification and publications.

WE NEED YOU!

Please also search your heart and conscience to see if you could find the time to help with any aspect of neighborhood functions or planning. We need at least two new board members as well as volunteers to help with various committees including social events, greening and cleaning, safety, communications, and liason with city agencies. Many hands make light work and a stronger community. Please consider this your personal invitation to do your part!

ASSOCIATION BOARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

The association board president stepped down in December and we are now (sadly) losing our secretary as the Kern family plans to relocate out of state. The remaining board members are struggling to keep all the neighborhood business and social activities running but we need more help. As a partial solution to dwindling participation, the sitting board has drafted a resolution that slightly restructures the way the board operates.

The text of the resolution appears on the back of this newsletter. Your comments are invited, either by email to any member of the board, via the neighborhood listserve (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lakeevesham>), or in person at the Cinco de Mayo festivities. Pending input from neighbors, the board plans to formally adopt the resolution as of May 6th.

IT'S SPRING AND TIME TO PARTY!

Mark your Calendar for a LECA Cinco de Mayo party on May 5th (of course!). It'll be a fun way to reconnect with neighbors after the indoor, winter months. We're also hoping to use the party as a way to reinvigorate the neighborhood association, which has been suffering a bit lately from a lack of participation.

An informal party-planning committee is meeting at Zen West to plan the event and divvy up the (minor) tasks involved in throwing our neighborhood functions. Join us April 4th at 7pm for a drink and help us pull it all together.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Due NOW!

2007 Association Membership dues

April 4, 7pm

Party-Planning Party – Zen West

April 21st, 9-12 am

Mayor's Spring Clean-up

Neighborhood coordinator: Theresa Furnari at TAFurnari@aol.com

May 5th, 2007

Cinco de Mayo

Location TBD



LECA RESOLUTION 2007-1
Trial Governance with a Simplified Board of Directors
Lake Evesham Community Association (LECA)

WHEREAS, the LECA currently operates under the Bylaws Of Lake Evesham Community Association, Inc. ("Bylaws"), adopted November 12, 1986, amended December 4, 2002.

WHEREAS, the Bylaws specify that the LECA be governed by an eight-member Board of Directors, comprised of four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer; and four "at large" directors, all elected annually.

WHEREAS, the LECA relies solely on volunteers to staff its Board, perform its duties, and assist the Lake Evesham community in maintaining its quality of life.

WHEREAS, throughout much of its existence, the LECA has regularly struggled to recruit sufficient volunteers willing to serve on the Board of Directors, and in particular the President and Vice-President positions. Serving in these officers' roles may seem prohibitively daunting to would-be volunteers.

WHEREAS, the effort to recruit volunteers may be improved by eliminating the President and Vice-President positions and transferring the Board's duties to a simple, democratically operated Board of Directors. Such a group-oriented structure may increase the willingness of potential volunteers to participate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the 2007 calendar year, the LECA will be governed with a simplified Board of Directors, consisting of a Secretary, a Treasurer, and up to five at-large directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of those 2006 officers willing to maintain their positions on the Board, plus new board members selected at the discretion of the remaining Board members as needed to replace officers that have stepped down and/or to fill the positions described in this resolution. The Board shall select a Spokesperson on an as-needed basis. The Board shall execute its duties by simple majority vote. If a majority vote on a given matter cannot be made, the matter under consideration shall remain unresolved.

At the end of 2007, the Board shall seek the opinions of the active LECA members regarding the perceived benefits or problems with this Resolution. The Board shall consider these opinions to determine if this simplified Board structure should be adopted via a revision to the Bylaws, if the previous Board structure (four officers and four at-large directors) should be reinstated, or if alternative proposals should be considered.

Lake Evesham Community Association 2007 Membership Form

Please complete the form and attach annual membership dues of \$10 per adult. Please also note than 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: _____