



Lakeside Docksider Community Newsletter



You Are Invited To Fall Fling

By Thordis Boron

What: Fall Fling

When: Saturday, 15 October 2-5 pm

Rain date: Sunday, 16 October, same time

Where: Common Area between Lakeside and Docksider

Food: Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by our HOA
Bring your own beverage, chairs, and a dish to share!

Music: Provided by our neighbor-musicians: Cynthia Dillard of Broken Staff; Ralph & Ragnar Khadka of Docksider Lane, and other neighbors. If you want to entertain, please let us know!

Activities:

Pumpkin Decoration Contest for All Ages! 2-4pm

Pumpkins and some decorations will be provided by our HOA. Judging will take place between 4 and 4:20 pm. Winners will be announced at 4:30 pm. Prizes are donated by very generous neighbors.

Hula Hoop Cardio with Simin K. 3:30-4:30 pm.

Have fun and get in shape by learning to hula hoop with one of the top area cardio fitness instructors of Columbia. Check out her class schedules at hula hoopscardio.com. Hula Hoops will be provided by the instructor.

Meet and Greet:

Speak to current and future HOA board members. Don't forget to vote for your favorite candidates at the October 26 Annual Membership Meeting.

HOA Info Booth:

You have a question? We are here to help! Sign up for a committee to help improve our community!



This rain garden in the open space between Sweet Clover and Sea Change will protect our waterways by removing almost 90 percent of nutrients and chemicals and 80 percent of sediments carried in the stormwater coming off our roofs, sidewalks, patios and other impervious surfaces by collecting, absorbing, and filtering the runoff. It is much more effective than lawns.

REMINDER

2016 Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday: 26 October; 7-9 p.m.

Owen Brown Community Center at 6800
Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD

Becoming a Part of the Change

By Shelia Green



Perhaps it's nostalgia or maybe it's the sense of community you feel when you drive into a tree-lined neighborhood that boasts beautiful lawns adorned with lush gardens. House exteriors are refined, even immaculate, yards are photo shoot ready, curbside appeal is flawless and inviting, and owners are often spotted meticulously tending to their aesthetically pleasing masterpieces -- proudly boasting the coveted badge of "pride of ownership." The truth is, these are the neighborhoods that invoke memories of one's childhood, a sense of warmth and pride, a desire to want to take part in its surroundings. It's what inspires us to want to walk around our neighborhood and soak it all in. It's that quality of life we admire and want to enjoy.

Admittedly, it's not quite what I felt when I initially drove through the Lakeside neighborhood, early summer, pondering my options of living near the lake. On that day, I couldn't help but notice trash scattered about the curbs and remnants of what was once a prestigious community, centering one of Columbia's most coveted attractions: Lake Elkhorn. And, yes, that's what I wanted to be a part of. So I began to ask around...you know, talk to neighbors. And the resounding response [from most] was, "I've been living here for years, and I love it...it's a great community." Aha, pride of ownership certainly exists here, I thought. Upon further research, I found that there is a new and progressive HOA that's actively resolving to bring Lakeside-Dockside back to the beautiful community it once was, and *deserves* to be. So I thought, *Why not become part of the change?* I love people just as much as I love a beautiful neighborhood, so I zealously decided to embrace change and jump right in.

Since moving in, I've met some of the most wonderful residents: smart, friendly, dedicated individuals, who are invested in making our community a desirable location -- some even donating their own money to do so. Yes, it's "our" community. It's heart warming in fact. Whether we're picking up trash within our cul-de-sacs, meeting to plan a community event, or planting beautiful flowers to enhance our landscape, we're determined to restore the original luster of what was once a premier lakeside destination, and we invite you to be a part of this wonderful effort with us. We need you, and I promise you'll have fun in the process. The ladies and gentleman of Lakeside-Dockside (HOA), as I affectionately call them, are a riot -- a true pleasure to be around.

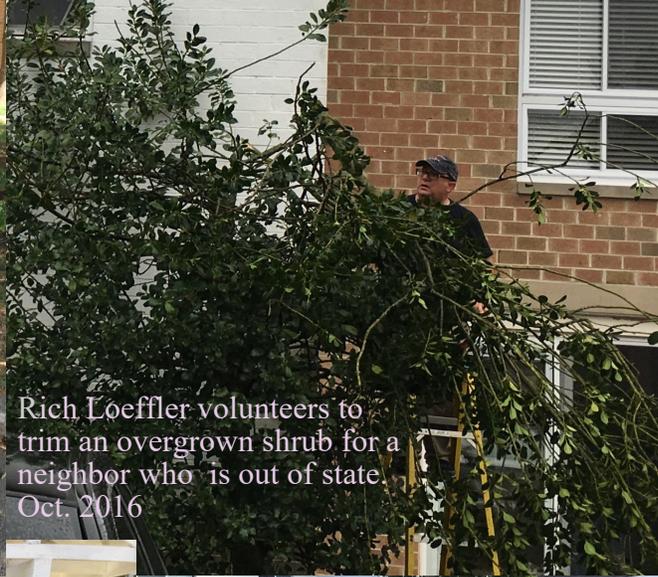
We'll continue to say "hello" or smile when we see you, offer to help spruce up the yards of those who can't physically do it themselves, pick up trash that we see sprawled out on the curbs, but we can do and be so much more with your help and engagement. We're looking for volunteers on several committees, i.e., landscaping and architectural etc. We're looking for neighborhood watch members, and the list goes on. What's for certain is that we'll stay in touch, we're a community of great people and, together, we'll eventually restore Lakeside-Dockside to a premier destination. Neighbors, we look forward to your participation, and beautiful spruced up exteriors along the way. Log onto Lakeside-Dockside.org to learn more about how you can help, and save the date for our fall fling on Saturday Oct 15. See you there!

Humbly,
New Resident
On Sea Change

A Growing Army of Volunteers at Lakeside and Dockside



Lena Duguid collects abandoned trash cans. Sep. 2016



Rich Loeffler volunteers to trim an overgrown shrub for a neighbor who is out of state. Oct. 2016



Robin Rynn picks up stray bottles and pieces of trash. Sep. 2016.



Shelia Green cleans up trash where bags may have been ripped open by animals. Aug. 2016.



To improve our community, we need volunteers to fill positions on the following committees:

Landscape committee: A chair person who can organize a large group of volunteers to beautify community landscape and appearance.

Architectural committee: Volunteers who can answer emails and help enforce Lakeside Dockside and Owen Brown covenants architectural guidelines.

Watershed committee: A chair person who can organize volunteers to help residents improve erosion and stormwater runoff issues on private and HOA properties.

Neighborhood watch committee: Block captains who can host meetings for residents in their own block and inform police of suspicious activities.

Welcome committee: Volunteers to visit new residents and provide community related information to newcomers.

Newsletter committee: A layout person who can use Microsoft publisher or PowerPoint and writers who can contribute original articles that are of interest to the Lakeside Dockside community.

Grant writing committee: Volunteers who are interested in preserving the water quality of Lake Elkhorn and watershed and who can research and apply for grants to help our community improve stormwater runoff management.



The "digging" committee in action in early October, 2016, working to beautify the common areas on Broken Staff (From left to right, Lam Chan, Jim Dillard, Keith Cross, Lorraine Ross, John Tatum, Connie Chan, and the junior volunteers.

The agenda for the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting of Lakeside Dockside Association on Wednesday October 26, 2016, 7 p.m., at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, is:

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1. Adoption of the 2017 Proposed Budget (15 minutes)
 2. Survey on Proposed Parking Policy Change (15 minutes)
 3. Election of Board of Directors (60 minutes)

Board Vacancies:

There will be three board positions, vacated by: 1) Gerard Amato, vice president, whose term will be completed; 2) Melissa Davey, secretary, who has resigned; and 3) Boniface Kyalla, treasurer, who has resigned.

New board members will be elected for a term of 3 years. To serve on the Board, you must be at least 21 years old, a homeowner (or affiliated with an owner), and able and willing to act in the best interests of the community to maintain, protect and enhance property values. You may nominate yourself or another homeowner with his/her consent.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Directors, please nominate yourself or have someone nominate you from the floor at the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 7 pm at Owen Brown Community Center.



Boniface Kyalla, a Broken Staff resident who served for almost 2 years on the board before resigning as treasurer at the September 28 board meeting. He contributed not only his time but also his skills as a professional CPA to help reduce HOA professional service expenses and balance the HOA annual budget. Thank you, Boni! Our community appreciates your service!

Meet Our Neighbors

By Marianne Eriksson



Meet Marilyn Yunk and her grandson!

Marilyn Yunk is a Sweet Clover resident who deserves our community's good citizen award! I recently learned from a neighbor that Marilyn walks her dog in the wee hours of the morning, and on her walks she brings along an extra-large trash bag to pick up any litter along the way. She does this without any recognition or praise. Marilyn has lived on Sweet Clover since 1996, and she has raised a son and daughter in our community. If you ever are up early in the morning and see Marilyn with her little Toy Spaniel dog, take a moment to thank her for helping to keep our community beautiful and for her dedication to our neighborhood.

Committee Status Reports

Landscape

Our volunteers have accomplished a lot in the past few months. Among them are

1. Our first rain garden installed.
2. Flowers and trees planted in common areas throughout our community.
3. Mailboxes and fire lanes freshly painted.
4. Abandoned trash cans collected and taken to the landfill.
5. First and second covenant violation notices delivered.
6. New fall annuals installed.
7. Two full rounds of trees pruned and removed.

Thank you for keeping our community beautiful!

Welcome

While always ready to welcome our new neighbors, our Welcoming Committee is especially busy right now putting together our big community Fall Fling on Saturday, October 15! We are very excited to share a few hours of fun, food, chat and music with all of you! Together we can make this Fall Fling an even bigger success than our Spring Fling!

You want to contribute or have a question? Contact us via our email address lakesid-edocksidewlc@gmail.com – we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Neighborhood Watch

Hopefully you all had a wonderful and safe summer! As the weather changes, summer projects come to an end, and the kids are back in school, some of you may be interested in getting more involved in the community. As luck would have it, we are recruiting block captains for the neighborhood watch!

You may be asking yourself, “What exactly is a neighborhood watch block captain?” Fortunately, they are not vigilantes.

Simply put, a block captain is an outgoing member of a cul-de-sac in our community interested in getting to know their neighbors and developing trust and good relationships between themselves and those

Cyanobacteria: Little Critters in the Lake

By Bill Cain (aka Bill on Sea Change)



“So the
green stuff
floating in
Lake
Elkhorn is
not ...
Algae?”

From time to time, biologists find excuses to juggle their classification schemes. That’s how the little plants we used to call “blue-green algae” became “Cyanobacteria”. Most—if not all—cyanobacteria produce toxins, and Lake Elkhorn harbors many of the more dangerous species.

To avoid making this sound like a Saturday night horror show, let’s leave it at this: “Contact with those toxins can injure people and their animals, and depending on the toxin, the injuries may be minor or serious—ranging from swimmers dermatitis to liver tumors and nerve disease.

In the blog version of this article, I summarize connections between Cyanobacteria and ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), Parkinsonism and Alzheimer’s. Those connections suggest that a Cyanobacteria toxin is part of a set of the very bad actors that are also involved in Chesapeake’s watershed problems.

There’s more, but there is also good news. The best news is that the levels of Cyanobacteria in Lake Elkhorn are relatively low. Better than that, we know how to keep them low.

Continued on our blog at billonseachange.com.

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neighbors. The block captains may accomplish this in many fun ways: Hosting get-togethers and regular communication with your neighbors is a great start! After all, trust and a strong sense of community are our best tools to make our neighborhood a safe and wonderful place to live.

In addition, block captains will have access to educational resources provided by local and national agencies and tools to make our homes, ourselves, and our neighbors less likely to be victims of crime.

If you are interested, please contact us at lakesidedocksidenw@gmail.com.

Thank you and remember: If you “see something, say something.” If you see an unusual activity in our neighborhood, please do not hesitate to call our friends at the Howard County Police Department at 410-313-2200. (For emergencies please dial 911).