

Good evening neighbors,

As I sat on my patio and prepared this message to you earlier this evening, I found it hard to believe it is still the beginning of February. The forecast is calling for a rapid change in the weather overnight and we could wake up to some snow. ***The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory to be in effect from 1am until 9am tomorrow. Please remember to report any snowy or icy conditions to 311.*** For those traveling tomorrow morning, be safe and take your time.

The Ednor Gardens – Lakeside Community Association Board has had a busy few weeks. We've been working together to get various initiatives off the ground and ready to launch. I've had the opportunity to meet with a number of residents over the past month that are looking to get more involved in the neighborhood. It is refreshing and exciting to see so many people interested in being involved in our community! With the increased interest from neighbors, I believe we are going to be able to bring back a robust block captain program and have a number of social events to get to know one another in the coming months. If you're interested in getting involved, but not quite sure where or how to get started, feel free to send me a message and we can discuss ways for you to get involved!

Until we are able to get a newsletter out regularly, I'll be sure to send along email updates to keep you posted on Ednor Gardens – Lakeside business. I know not all of our neighbors are users of email, NextDoor or Facebook. Please share this message with other you know would like to be informed. Below are highlights on upcoming events and opportunities for you to be aware as they might be of interest to you:

- [Waverly's Love Fest – Sat, Feb 11](#)
- [Learn About Water Billing Portal – Sat, Feb 18](#)
- [Baltimore Education Coalition Annapolis Rally – Thurs, Feb 23](#)
- [Loch Raven Blvd Meeting Update](#)
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Waverly's Love Fest – This Saturday, Feb 11 at 12pm

Join "The Waverlies" (North and South) for Hot Chocolate & Cookies
Feb 11th Noon - 2. On the Median at 33rd and Old York
Hot choc, cookies, poetry, games with your Neighbors. FREE!
Dress to be outside and bring chairs

Baltimore Education Coalition Annapolis Rally – Thursday, Feb 23

Baltimore's kids need you to tell lawmakers in Annapolis that any loss of funding to our schools is UNACCEPTABLE! A group of neighbors are organizing a bus to the Baltimore Education Coalition rally in Annapolis for a return of \$43 million to the Baltimore City Schools budget. The group will meet up with hundreds of other Baltimore city parents, educators, advocates, and community members to demand additional funding for our children's education! The rally will take place on Lawyers Mall at 6:00 PM, in front of the State House. We will return to Baltimore by 9:00 PM.

The goal is to get 44 neighbors from this area to join the bus! Help us to reach this goal by inviting your friends and neighbors to join. An accurate headcount is needed, so please make sure to RSVP by clicking [HERE](#)! Additional information can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Learn About the Water Billing Portal at Waverly Branch Library 400 E. 33rd Street– Saturday, Feb 18, 10am – 1pm (make appointment)

DPW's new web portal allows citizens to view their water usage in daily, or hourly, increments. Knowing how to fully utilize the web portal enables customers to make better decisions when it comes to conserving water, and saving money.

Thousands of citizens have already registered to use the portal and are actively monitoring their usage to detect leaks, dripping faucets, or breaks in the service line or in interior piping that may need a plumber's intervention. The Department wants to increase use of the portal by as many customers as possible.

Any customer in the City who receives a bill for water service may register to view their account at <https://waterbillportal.baltimorecity.gov/> or by clicking through on the DPW website, [PublicWorks.BaltimoreCity.gov](https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/). A YouTube video is also available to guide customers through the process, at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BaltimoreDPW>. For first time access to the portal customers will need the access code sent to them in the mail. Those who need the code re-sent to them may request it by emailing DPW.Billing@baltimorecity.gov.

Those with basic computer skills should easily be able to use the portal and access all its features. For those who may need additional guidance, the Department of Public Works is conducting a series of training sessions at various branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. There will be a training at the Waverly Branch Library on Saturday, February 18th from 10am – 1pm. These will involve hands-on training. To ensure a time slot, it is strongly recommend that water customers make an appointment by contacting Mr. Larry Nunley, DPW Community Liaison: 410-396-8966 or Larry.Nunley@baltimorecity.gov.

Loch Raven Blvd Meeting

Over the past few months we have seen an increase in the number of car accidents happening on the 3600 and 3700 blocks of Loch Raven Boulevard. Many of the accidents are caused by cars driving too fast or racing through the neighborhood. Thanks to the leadership of Reba Bullock and Flo Valentine (block captains), a meeting was called for neighbors to come together with Baltimore City Police Captain Shorter, City Councilwoman Clarke and myself to discuss solutions to the increase of high speed accidents. Many ideas and potential solutions were discussed, including increased speed patrols, working with DOT to conduct a traffic study in the area and others. Another meeting will be held in March to review suggestions and evaluate progress on planning. Once a meeting date and location is confirmed, it will be shared for neighbors to attend.

Youth Committee

Are you passionate about working with youth? Do you have a skill or knowledge you'd like to share with young people in the neighborhood? If so, you might be a great fit for the Youth Committee. Amy Greensfelder is the chair of the committee and would love to hear from you if you're interested in getting involved with planning for the upcoming year. You can email Amy at amy.greensfelder@gmail.com to learn more about the committee.

Community Beautification Committee

We all play a role in maintaining our community as a welcoming and beautiful place for residents and visitors. The Community Beautification Committee is open to all who want to help plan and motivate

community residents to participate in community beautification efforts. This will include organizing regular community-wide cleaning days, bulk trash days, tree plantings, garden maintenance and block specific projects. If you're interested in becoming involved in the Community Beautification Committee or would like more information, contact Conrad via email at josephmconrad@gmail.com.

Always feel free to reach out with ideas, concerns questions or introductions. I look forward to working with you all to strengthen our community for all who calls Ednor Gardens – Lakeside home or who wishes to visit.

In service,

Shane Bryan
President, Ednor Gardens – Lakeside Community Association