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The Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc. publish The VILLAGE CRIER monthly (except August). We also have a web site, an association answering service, block captains, and monthly meetings where you can find out what is happening in your community.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 102 of the former Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Boulevard. They are open to the public. Residents are encouraged to attend, and to help in our ongoing work “to protect, maintain, and enhance the property values of Loch Raven Village homes, and the quality of life of Loch Raven Village residents.”

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President's Message

The calendar says that summer is almost over, but the weather is telling us something different. I trust that everyone had a nice, if not hot summer, and that vacations have left you ready for another year of work and family.

As we look forward to fall and a new school year I thought I'd tell you what I did on my summer vacation as it relates to Loch Raven Village. Surrounding myself with the Vice President, Gretchen Sarkin, the past president Kim McGavin, and the attorney for the Village, we met with Mr. Schlessinger and his group to begin a process to renew our covenants concerning Towson Market Place. We are just beginning but we are hopeful an agreement will be reached. If we don't establish new covenants the current ones will expire in 2007 and he will be free, within the limits of zoning, to move in many directions without neighborhood input.

With the help of David Nielson we sent a letter to the current owner and site manager of the Loch Raven Village Apartments with suggestions on how to eliminate or at least reduce the parking problem on Aberdeen Road and many adjacent streets. I have still not heard back, even though I requested we meet, but will stay on top of this until we exhaust all avenues. Hopefully I will have some information by the September board meeting. Initially many residents were in favor of permit parking but I have received many calls asking us to find another solution. We are trying.

Councilman Wayne Skinner's office and I have become friendly as I have made many calls to check on complaints from residents about neglect of properties in the neighborhood. Most of the complaints involved overgrown grass/weeds/bushes, trash in alleys, illegally parked cars, illegally blocked alleys (you may NOT block your alley for the children to play - this is a HAZARD to emergency vehicles, and inconsiderate of your neighbors accessing the alleyway). His efficient staff have responded on many issues and with their assistance most have been resolved or are in the works.

I have also made many calls to Baltimore County Zoning about matters such as abandoned cars, illegal advertising signs placed on County property within the Village, noise violations, etc. Rather than call me about these issues, if you see something amiss in the Village, please pick up the phone and call the County. This will expedite the resolution. What I have found is that most of the County offices are extremely helpful even when I have called the wrong one for the problem at hand. If it is an emergency, please call 911.

It has also been my pleasure to provide a copy of our binding Village covenants to sellers, new buyers, and real estate agents. If you are selling your home, please mention the covenants to your agent and to the new owner. We have enclosed a copy of the general covenant guidelines with this issue of the *Crier*.

President's Message *(continued)*

On a much less pleasant topic, I have also spent many hours this summer dealing with issues relating to covenant violations. As an owner of a Loch Raven Village home, you are required to request approval from the Architectural Review Committee for all changes to the exterior of your home. This would include the addition of or changes to fences, sheds, windows, decks, roof, wood trim, etc. Darrell Krushensky is the committee chairman and his phone number can be found within the *Crier*. In addition, if you see a change being made to your neighbor's home that doesn't look like it meets the criteria set forth in the covenants, please notify Darrell and he can follow up with the owner.

As fall approaches many of us will look to inside and outside cleanup. We are pleased to announce two LRV Association-sponsored events to help you purge your belongings and clean up your property...Annual Fall Flea Market and Fall Dumpster Day. Please see the related articles in this issue.

Have a great fall and don't forget that the Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Loch Raven Center. Please feel free to attend, express your opinions, and get INVOLVED in your neighborhood.

Peg Kloes
President

P.S. Although I am happy to take your calls and help direct you to solve your questions, I would ask that you not call before 10 a.m. or after 9 p.m.



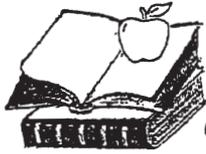
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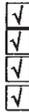
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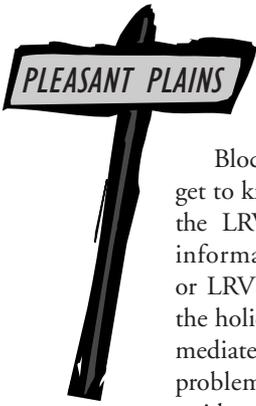


Our second and final mailing of the 2002 Annual Membership Dues Drive was completed and mailed in June. I am pleased to report that the additional efforts to remind residents of the Dues drive brought in quite a few more checks. If you are a current or new resident of Loch Raven Village, and did not get a notice in the mail, it's never too late to send your \$40 dues (\$30 for seniors) to our PO Box listed inside the front cover of this issue. At this writing we are still slightly under the total expected contributions budgeted for Dues in 2002.

I received a few questions regarding what the dues are used for in the Village. The Board of Directors of the Loch Raven Village Association establishes a budget each year which is funded by your dues contributions, *Crier* advertising fees, as well as various grants awarded to our neighborhood for different projects. Some of our basic expenses include utilities, insurance, PO Box rental fee, photocopy fees, and office supplies (letterhead, envelopes, etc.) In addition, your Association sponsors events such as a Fall Dumpster Day event, an annual Fall Yard Sale, Winter Holiday party, a Spring Bowling party, and an Annual Summer Golf Tournament. In the past years, we have been fortunate enough to be able to cosponsor roller skating parties with the ever-loyal Loch Raven Kiwanis.

Less obvious, but extremely important are the expenses incurred by the Association to support our involvement in the Towson Marketplace zoning issues, and others that may arise in our immediate area...the fees to have an independent party advise us on the potential renovations issues at the Loch Raven High School site...legal fees necessary to support and uphold the binding Covenants of Loch Raven Village...the maintenance of the Village Community gardens (plantings, mulch, labor)...the maintenance contract and replacement of worn colorful LRV banners...installation of new LRV signage throughout the Village...landscaping at the Loch Raven playground...LRV website development and maintenance...advertising...and finally, the printing and delivery of the monthly *Crier* to all households in the Village.

WOW! Did you ever imagine how your contribution could support all those activities? Believe me when I say that it is money well spent to continue to insure that the Board of Directors has the funds available to them to help make Loch Raven Village the thriving, vibrant community that is/has become over the past few years. A few residents sent notes complaining that our Dues are higher than those of some other community associations in the area. Possibly true, but I defy you to find a more active and involved community! We should all be proud of where we live, and your support, both financially and in your individual contributions to the neighborhood, will continue to make this a desirable place to call home.



Block Captains Needed

Block captains are an important part of our community. They get to know their neighbors, bring their concerns to the attention of the LRV neighborhood association, and, occasionally, deliver information to residents on their street regarding community or LRV association issues. Most also decorate street signs during the holiday season. Block captains are *not* required to collect dues, mediate neighbor disputes, enforce covenant issues, or directly solve problems. They are there mainly to serve as liaisons between the residents and the neighborhood association.

The Village needs block captains for

- Barksdale
- LaSalle
- Clyde Bank
- Kennoway

We need co-captains for

- Glen Keith
- Putty Hill
- Pleasant Plains

Remember that block captains do not need to live on the street that they are a block captain for, and that there can be more than one block captain per street.

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ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

General residential household items including appliances (refrigerators, dishwashers, dryers, washers, etc.) air conditioners, lawn mowers, hot water heaters, furniture (beds, including box spring and mattresses), TV's, etc. Metal items will be separated at the site.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Controlled hazardous waste and liquids of any type (caustics, pesticides, chemicals), explosive materials, flammable materials, propane tanks, medical/special medical waste, radioactive waste septic or sewage waste, paint, asbestos, drums or tanks (unless empty and flattened, or crushed with tops removed, or empty with holes in the top, animal carcasses, vehicle tires, vehicles or large vehicle parts, pieces of concrete curb or gutter, tree stumps greater than 12" in height and more than 36" across the roots, wire and steel cable, campers, pick-up caps, etc.

As in prior years, we request that you utilize curbside recycling for glass, paper, plastics, and metals, and patronize the weekly refuse collection for acceptable trash and garbage. In order to eliminate any misunderstanding, community volunteers will be stationed at the site to monitor refuse being placed in containers to ensure compliance with the guidelines and regulations set by the Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management. We reserve the right to reject loads of materials that in our sole opinion, appear to be commercial in nature or material unacceptable under the program.

This Clean-Up Day is supported by LRV Association and limited to residents only. Legitimate ID must be presented and will be checked. We appreciate your cooperation and hope that the community will take advantage of this event.

In order for this program to be successful, we need your help!! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jerry Heilman at 410-823-3427 and assist on that Saturday morning.

2002 Loch Raven Village GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

*Congratulations to the following winners of the
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The Jennings have moved to Oak Crest. Bob has been a tremendous asset to Loch Raven Village through his representation of our community with Loch Raven Kiwanis. Our sincerest best wishes for a continued enjoyable retirement. We'll certainly miss them!

Welcome to Jean Rollins, our new neighbor on Doxbury Road!! We're sure you'll enjoy your new home and community!!

Welcome to our new neighbors Jeffrey and Kathleen Norris on Putty Hill Avenue, Sandra Roberts on Pleasant Plains Road, Katharine Lewis on Glen Gary Road, and John Walsh III on Pleasant Plains Road. If you are new to Loch Raven Village, please let us know. We'd like to meet you and help you become part of our association. Everyone has something to contribute and we'd love your help and input.

Village residents Kevin Dillon and Tara Seib of Glen Keith Boulevard were married on Saturday, June 22 at the Loyola College Alumni Memorial Chapel. Both are alumni of Loyola (Kevin in '93 and Tara in '99) and Kevin works in Loyola's Development Office. Tara is a Religion teacher at Calvert Hall.

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