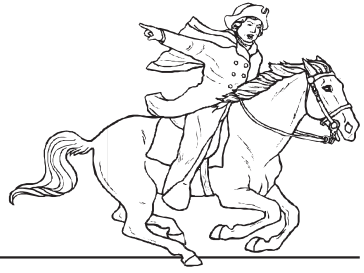


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The Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc. publish The VILLAGE CRIER monthly (except August). We also have a web site, block captains, and monthly meetings where you can find out what is happening in your community.

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

My sincere thanks to all those who called or wrote to express condolences over the past few weeks. I do appreciate all the kind words and support.

As we head into February and March when we often get blasted with snow, let's keep in mind our neighbors who might need an extra hand with snow shoveling or help getting supplies from the grocery if they can't get out safely. It's always a nice surprise when someone has cleared your walk or car for you...why not be that helper? It only takes a little extra effort to think of someone else, and it'll make you feel good about being part of the Village we share.

I contacted the new Manager at the Loch Raven Village Apartments and have confirmed that the sale was finalized on Dec. 9, 2002. The property is now owned by Habitat America & Osprey Management. You may have already noticed that they have begun trimming back some of the bushes and cleaning up around the area. They are also in the beginning stages of remodeling and painting the apartments, and expect this to be a lengthy project. We were pleased to learn that some of our local business owners have been contracted to do some of the work! Finally, they have confirmed that they no longer charge their residents for parking on the lots; each resident has been instructed to come to their office to get a parking sticker which will prevent their cars from being towed. We hope this will begin to alleviate the parking frustrations felt by Loch Raven Village residents on surrounding streets. We will continue to keep an open dialogue with the Manager and express our interest and willingness to work with them and be good neighbors. They certainly were enthusiastic about working with us so that is welcome good news.

Other topics of on-going interest: Preferred Realty Development...we have not yet confirmed this but have been led to believe that this group may not continue to pursue an extended stay hotel on the parking lot site. This does not mean there won't be any development on this site. We also believe that the Forbush School has decided not to pursue the development of the site on Taylor Ave. We will keep you posted as we learn of more details.

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At our recent Board meeting, we reconfirmed our intention to actively notify and work with residents to correct any Covenant violations. Each and every home in Loch Raven Village is subject to and bound by the Covenants of the community. If you are new to the Village, or are in the process of selling your home, please make sure you have a copy of the Covenants and make them available to your realtor and prospective buyers. Unfortunately, all too often, we find that new owners are unaware of our Covenants. Any changes to your property are required to be submitted to our Architectural Review Committee for approval prior to the start of any work being done. More details will follow in the coming months on this topic.

It's not too soon to start thinking about getting more involved in your Association. We are beginning to plan now for our ANNUAL Meeting for all residents to be held on April 8, 2003, 7 pm. (location to be announced). It is at this meeting that we hold elections for our Board Members, and we currently have open positions. If you are interested in making a commitment to your neighborhood, now is the time to step forward. We would like to be able to publish the ballot of candidates in the March Crier so that you are prepared to vote at the April meeting. Please call any of the Board members listed in the front of the Crier if you have questions about what it means to be on the Board. We would love to have you join us - it is certainly a great place to make some wonderful friends, and gives you the opportunity to make things happen in the Village.

- Peg Kloes

p.s. Watch for upcoming news about our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to be held in September.

Upcoming Deadline & Delivery Dates

	<u>Deadline - 3:00 pm</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
▶ March	2-19-03	3-1-03
▶ April	3-19-03	4-5-03
▶ May	4-16-03	5-3-03

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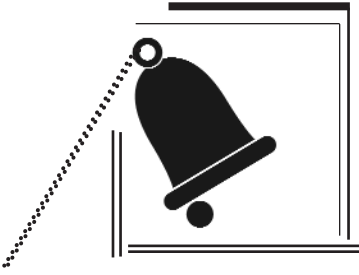
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Pleasant Plains Elementary to present “A Tale of the Hunchback”

The students of Pleasant Plains Elementary School will present the original musical “A Tale of the Hunchback” on April 3, 4, and 5, 2003. Performances will be at 7 pm in the school auditorium. A performance for the students at Pleasant Plains will be held on April 2, 2003 at 10 am.

Auditions were held during the week of January 7th. The director of the show is Mr. Keith Derrickson, vocal music teacher. Mr. Stewart Emmerich will be designing the scenery, and Mrs. Nancy Slavitt will serve as choreographer.

The show will feature students from grades 1 through 5. Tickets are \$3.00 for students of Pleasant Plains, and \$4.00 for all others. Ticket availability is limited. For tickets, call 410-887-3549.

Kiwanis Presents Annual Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, March 1, 2003
8:00am to 1:00 pm**

**At Loch Raven United Methodist Church
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The State of Real Estate for Loch Raven Village 2002

by Leslea S. Knauff, Realtor®

The second half of 2002 showed increased sales prices over the first half of the year. At the end of the year there was only one home available for sale with an additional four under contract pending final settlement.

In zip code 21234, nineteen inside-group homes settled in the second half of the year with an average price of \$128,161 with an average twenty-one days on the market. (Compared to nine sales with an average price of \$109,590 in the first half and an annual average of \$118,876 for 2002.) The lowest settled price was \$93,856 and the highest was \$138,007 for the year. The four end-of-group average sales for the second half of 2002 were \$133,641 with twenty-seven days average on the market. (Compared to nine average sales of \$129,150 for the first half and an annual average of \$131,395.) The lowest annual settled price was \$113,000 and the highest was \$149,900.

In zip code 21286, twenty-two inside-group homes settled in the second half of 2002 with an average price of \$139,303 with an average thirteen days on the market. (The first half year average was \$122,841 and the annual average is \$131,072.) The lowest settled price was \$110,000 and the highest was \$179,900. Eleven end-of-groups settled in the second half of the year with an average price of \$158,787 and average ten days on market. (The first half-year average was \$129,204' and annual average is \$143,995.) The lowest settled price for the year was \$110,000 and the highest was \$179,900.

*The first half-year average 21286 end-of-group is a corrected amount. (The unadjusted sales price was reported in the July report in the Crier.) All sales prices are adjusted for the addition of the capitalized value of ground rents, if applicable, and the deduction of any seller's contribution towards the buyers' closing costs. Only properties whose sales are reported on the real estate Multiple List Service are included on this report because ground rents, seller's contributions, and excess per-

real estate continued

sonal property conveyances are not available for “for sale by owner” sales when recorded in County land records. Reported prices are for general information purposes only. Prices vary due to the condition of individual properties and the amenities that are included. For example, some homes may have decks or other additions. Also, some ends-of-groups are the same size as inside-groups and do not have fireplaces.



The Loch Raven Tiny Tots are back in the classroom and in full swing after the break. We had a very exciting holiday party that featured the Kindersingers who put on a terrific show for us. There were treats and singing and jingling bells, and best of all, Santa! The jolly old elf himself arrived to take requests from all the Tots and their brothers and sisters — he certainly got an earful!

Our holiday raffle was a great success. The Jemallaro and Neal families took top honors for ticket selling and we can't thank them enough for their efforts. The Tots also would very much like to thank the following for their generous donations to our raffle:

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Jennifer Schott of Changes Hair and Body Studio

Ross Hewson of Record & Tape Traders

Teri Cohen for the Bob Evans girl certificate

The Boy Scouts

Panera Bread

Joe Bollinger

Tots families, please remember to check your radio and TV newscasts for inclement weather information. We follow Baltimore County - if they are delayed one hour, Tots is delayed one hour also. If Baltimore County is 2 hours delayed or closed, we are closed.

Community News



Loch Raven Mini Library is a great place to visit!

Located at 1046 Taylor Avenue just below Loch Raven Blvd., the shelves are well stocked and the staff is most helpful. Movies are available to rent and computers are there for your use.

Loch Raven United Methodist Church - 6622 Loch Raven Blvd. *Not sure how to dispose of your worn and tattered U.S. flags?* The Boyscout Troop 792 will dispose of flags in a proper and respectful manner. Please bring your flags to the church office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Towson Police Community Relations Council

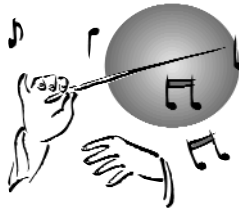
Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Towson Police Station located at 115 West Susquehanna Avenue. Please come and meet with the officers that patrol our area. Guest speakers and demonstrations about various aspects of police work are usually present. If you have problems or questions, this is the place to go. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2003. Simply go to the main desk and you'll be directed to the meeting room.

Be A Block Captain!

The Village needs block captains for the following streets:
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What do block captains do? They serve as liaisons between residents of the street and the neighborhood association, hand out the occasional flyer, and (most) put wreaths and ribbons on street signs during the holiday season. Block captains do not collect dues or directly settle neighbor disputes.

You don't have to live on the street you are a captain for, and there can be more than one captain per street. If you are interested, please call Kristi Birch at 410-821-7432 or email her at kbirc@yahoo.com before she resorts to knocking on doors and begging.



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Local School News & Events

Burger King Night

Pleasant Plains will again be sponsoring a "Burger King Night." This event will be on February 18, 2003 from 5-8 pm at the Taylor Avenue location, east of Loch Raven Blvd. A portion of all sales during this time go directly to the school. Thanks to everyone's support, the events held in October, November, December, 2002 helped raise about \$800.00 for Pleasant Plains. *All are welcome to attend these events.*

Calvert Hall football players named to Maryland Associated Press All-State Team

TOWSON, MD - Eight Calvert Hall football players, who helped lead the team to a 10-1 record and #3 ranking by the Baltimore Sun this season, were named to the Maryland Associated Press All-State Football team. Senior defensive back Nick Williams was selected Consensus All-State and Big School All-State First Team Defense. Senior defensive lineman Devon Douglass and senior defensive back Matt Eckerl were also selected Big School All-State First Team Defense. Senior running back Marques Thompson and senior wide receiver Dan Spriggs were selected Big School All-State Second Team Offense. Senior quarterback Andrew Goldbeck, senior offensive lineman Matt Janowski and senior defensive lineman Frank Curreri were Honorable Mentions.

The Maryland Associated Press High School All-State Teams are selected through a statewide survey of sports reporters. The Consensus All-State team is the Top 30 vote getters from the Big School and Small School All-State teams. The Big Schools are from the state's Class 4A, 3A and similar-

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sized private schools. The Small Schools are from the state's Class 2A, 1A and similar-sized private schools. Sheldon Shealer and Mark Thomas compile the All-State lists for The Associated Press.

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The Decorating Awards Committee was thrilled with all the gorgeous lights, garland, beads, figurines, etc. they witnessed as they drove through our beautiful Village in December. Thank you to all residents who participated and really brought the Village to life during the holiday season!

Here are the winning addresses for our 2002 Contest:

1st place - 1508 Glen Keith Blvd, Bob & Fran Gast

2nd place - 1563 Cottage Lane, George & Grace Brune, Jr.

3rd place - 1804 Glen Ridge Road, Derrick Barker

Honorable Mentions to the following - in alphabetical order by street

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1575 Cottage Lane
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1827 Deveron
1534 Doxbury
8528 Drumwood
8613 Drumwood
8622 Drumwood

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1622 Feldbrook
1604 Glen Keith Blvd
1605 Glen Keith Blvd
1725 Glen Keith Blvd
8157 Pleasant Plains
1426 Putty Hill Ave
1539 Putty Hill Ave



Over The Fence



Married 50 Years on Valentine's Day,

John and Peggy Watkins who have lived on Edgewood Road for 47 years. They can remember when the train trestle and trains ran over the intersection of Loch Raven Blvd., and Cromwell Bridge Road and there were Indian graves all along Joppa Road from Towson to Belair Road. Joppa Road is a lengthy Indian trail, hundreds of years old.

Recent Towson University Graduate

Frank and Kathie Menges proudly announce the graduation of their son, Dan Menges, from Towson University. Dan graduated Cum Laude with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Electronic Media and Film. We wish him a happy and successful future.

Lost and Found!!

Melissa Osborne writes she has recently found a women's watch on the sidewalk while walking her dog. Anyone who has lost a watch please call her at: 410-821-6621 or email The Village Crier editor at criereditor@lochravenvillage.com
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