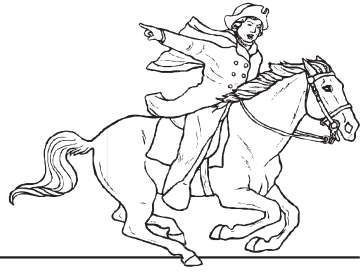
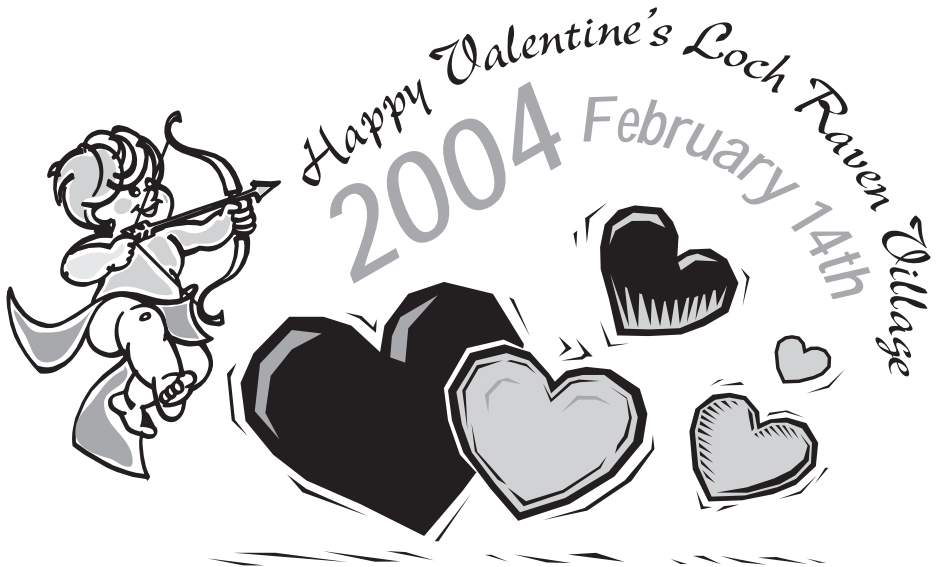


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Pleasant Plains Elementary Broadcast Studio

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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

I do hope everyone is keeping warm these days. Hooters is now hiring, so I would think that we will be seeing a Grand Opening soon. We do not see any problems with Hooters at this time, but we will keep an eye on them. I guess that most of you have noticed that the Wendy's is closed and the reason for the closing is that their lease was up. I will try to find out more information as to why they did not renew and what, if anything, is going to be done with the site now. As for Towson Market Place, we are just waiting for the covenant to be approved.

The Board is working on some ideas for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions as to what we can do as a neighborhood, please let us know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

I am still getting calls about people putting their trash out way before trash day. Remember that all trash must be put out the night before trash day and in cans, NOT BAGS.

If you have moved in the Village within the past few months and have not received a welcome package, please call me so we can get one to you.

We still have openings on the Board. If you are interested please call me. Remember that the Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. so please stop by and see what goes on, or give us some input. Thank you all very much. Keep warm.

Sincerely,
Francis Cullen, *President*



The Kiwanis Corner

By: Joe Maranto, *Community Service Chair*

The Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven has been serving The Loch Raven community for 54 years. While the club has had it's ups and downs since its founding in 1950, it has stayed true to its purpose: to provide service for the advancement of individuals, and the community. It does all of this with its current membership of 22 down from the original 74 members in 1969. It is the perseverance of our dedicated members that keeps us going.

This dedicated group will sponsor their **Annual Pancake Breakfast** from 8 am to 1 pm. at the Loch Raven Methodist Church, 6622 Loch Raven Blvd. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and children under three are free. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward providing flag distribution and fireworks on the fourth of July. Please refer to the attached flier for more specific details and as a reminder to attend.

This event is a fine way to start your Saturday and still be able to pursue and complete your chores without cooking breakfast for yourself and/or your family.

Reminder:

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month for our dinner meetings at Johnny D's Lounge on Joan Ave. at 6:30 pm.

On February 19, 2004 our guest speaker will be the Rev. Florence Ledyard, Pastor at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Come Join Us!

For Information on membership or any other inquires, please call Bob Marta, 410-560-1739 or visit our web site at www.lochravenkiwanis.org.

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Community News



Attention Loch Raven Golfers

Save the date: Saturday, June 12, 2004, begin 12:06 pm. For the 4th Annual Loch Raven Village Golf Tournament. To be held at Pine Ridge Golf Course

The event is limited to 60 players. You do not have to have a foursome - we'll be happy to pair you up. Plan now and watch for more details and an Entry Form in the March Crier. Remember, Dues Paying Members will receive a discount so get those Dues paid early!

Cub Scout Pack 792 would like to congratulate four of their scouts: **Ben Gordon, Donny Darrough, Zachary Janiak and Josh McLaren** who will be receiving the highest Cub Scouting Award, the **Arrow of Light**, on February 15th. All four boys have been involved with Pack 792 since they were in 1st grade. Congratulations boys, we are very proud of you!

Loch Raven BANNER Missing

If anyone along Pleasant Plains Road (across from the Elementary School) has seen or picked up the missing Loch Raven Village banner, please call Beth at 410-663-0851. We would like to have it rehung, repaired or replaced if necessary.

We need your HELP! Residents living near poles where we have Loch Raven banners hanging: if you notice any damaged or missing banners, or see one that is in terrible faded condition, please call the number above and give me the nearest address to the pole so we can have them repaired or replaced. Thanks!

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Community News continued

URGENT! The American Red Cross is warning that our blood supply is once again at a dangerous LOW. We need your help now.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004
1 pm-7pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary
downstairs in Cartwright Hall 8501 Loch Raven Blvd.



Please call 410-663-4357 to make an appointment so they can schedule their donations for the day.

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

On Friday, Dec. 26, the Judging Committee for our annual decorating contest made their rounds through the Village. It was a bitter cold evening and we were all glad to be driving instead of walking! The beautiful lights and decorations of all varieties certainly added to the holiday spirit of the season. Many thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to make our Village a little brighter!



The Winners awarded were:

- 1st Place1580 Putty Hill Ave**
- 2nd Place1508 Glen Keith**
- 3rd Place1622 Feldbrook**

Honorable Mentions were awarded to 1711 Kennoway and 8214 Loch Raven Blvd.

Congratulations to Everyone!



Troop 740 News

A.S.M., Walt C. Schmidt



Important Dates for 2004:

Feb. 6-8th 2004

Camp Horseshoe

Mar. 15th 2004

Food Bags, to be put out in the Crier area

Mar. 23rd 2004

Scout Troop will pick up Food Bags, filled with non-perishable items. Bags to be picked up from your front porches between 9am and 11:30am. Please help our Scouting For Food, be successful, as you've done in the past.

Camping Dates for 2004:

Mar. 26-28th 2004

Camporee at Broad Creek

Apr. 30th to May 2nd 2004

Camping at Camp Sinoquippe in PA.

June 12th 2004

Scout Annual Family Picnic in Parkville, MD at Double Rock Park at the Rich Pavillion. (12pm to 6pm)

July 11th to the 17th 2004

Troop 740 Summer Camp at Camp Sinoquippe in PA.

Any other questions please call S.P.L. Tim or Scoutmaster Jim.

Big Thank You(s) go out to the hearty bunch of scouts and scouter who safely took down the manger scene. You know who you are.

Welcome to Troop 740, Mr. Peter and his two sons Patrick and Stephen. And to any other potential scouts. Come and have fun and more with Troop 740 in 2004.

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Letters to the Editor



Dear LRV,

On 12/22/03, someone entered our back yard and removed a small metal animal trap. We do catch squirrels, but they are released into the woods. More importantly we catch rats. They are destroyed. Nothing would make us happier than to have the trap returned so that we may continue to eliminate the rat population of Loch Raven Village. This should be a community wide effort! Everyone needs to stop feeding the birds, clean up pet feces and remove debris from yards that are havens for rats.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Wendy & Jamie Murdock, *Glen Ridge Road*

Dear LRV,

50 year LRV homeowners John and Peggy Watkins of Edgewood Road will celebrate 51 years of marriage on Valentine's Day. "Best two business transactions we ever made."

Sincerely,

John B. Watkins, *Edgewood Road*

Valentine's Joke



Valentine Dreams

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

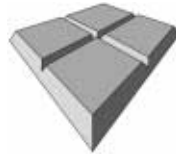
"You'll know on Valentine's Day." he said.

On Valentine's Day, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it - to find a book entitled.... "The Meaning Of Dreams."

Recipe to Share With Your Neighbor

Truffles

Prep Time: 45 min. Source: Ladies' Home Journal



Ingredients

FILLING

- 3/4 cup pecan pieces, toasted and finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons bourbon or rum
- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate squares, chopped
- 1 cup heavy or whipping cream

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- 8 ounces dark cocoa confectionary coating*
 - 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa

Directions:

1. **Make Filling:** Combine pecans and bourbon in bowl; set aside. Place chocolate in large bowl. Heat cream in saucepan until small bubbles appear at edge; pour over chocolate. Let stand 5 minutes. Whisk until smooth. Stir in pecan mixture.
2. Refrigerate filling 2 hours, stirring twice until thick enough to hold a spoon upright. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Refrigerate 10 minutes. Roll into 1-inch balls; refrigerate 10 minutes until firm.
3. Melt confectionary coating in medium microwave proof bowl on 100 percent power (High) 2 minutes; stir until smooth.
4. Spread sugar and cocoa on 2 separate plates. Line a jelly-roll pan with waxed paper. Drop two to three truffles at a time into coating chocolate, turning with fork. Lift out with fork and roll in cocoa or confectioners; sugar to coat. Transfer to jelly-roll pan. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes until coating sets. Makes 50 truffles.

Make-Ahead Tip: Prepare truffles. Cover and refrigerate in airtight container up to 2 weeks.

Nutritional facts per serving

calories: 80 , total fat: 5.5g , saturated fat: 3g , cholesterol: 7mg , sodium: 10mg, carbohydrate: 8g , protein: 1g

Pleasant Plains Elementary Broadcast Studio by *Laura Worzack*

On December 18, 2003, Pleasant Plains Elementary School held a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate its new broadcast studio, the **Gosey Sizemore Broadcast Studio**. This studio is named after Mr. Dave Gosey, a village resident and parent of former PPE student, Patrick Gosey, and Mr. Larry



R to L Dave Gosey, Larry Sizemore

Sizemore, a very dedicated teacher at PPE.

This venture could not have been accomplished without the hard work and commitment of many people. A grant request was written and submitted

by Mrs. Dara Williams, the school principal. Mr. Gosey and Mr. Sizemore decided what equipment was needed to get the studio up and running. Mr. Keith Derrickson, the music teacher at PPE, was in charge of fundraising events to help raise additional money for the studio. Ticket sales from the school plays, video sales and McDonald's and Burger King nights' proceeds were used to purchase some of the equipment such as the soundboard and televisions for every classroom.



Students working in the studio.

Every morning, the school announcements are broadcast live from the studio by both the administration and students. More than two dozen students currently assist with studio tasks, however the ones working during the ceremony

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Pleasant Plains continued

were Christina LaFon, Austin Perry, Brandon Cherry, Will Meister, Aaron Thomas, Khirhy Hayes and Eta Magambo. Mr. Sizemore oversees all broadcasts and along with fellow PPE teacher Mrs. Nancy Drussell has done an excellent job of teaching the students all aspects of broadcasting including anchoring, proper use of the cameras, monitors, sound equipment and lighting.

At the end of the ceremony, Mrs. Maureen Partilla, the assistant principal, presented a beautiful plaque to Mr. Gosey and Mr. Sizemore.

Recipe to Share With Your Neighbor

Valentine Berry Parfaits



Ingredients

- 2 1-inch thick angel food cake slices, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3/4 cup fresh strawberries, sliced, and/or raspberries
- 1 4-ounce container vanilla pudding
- 1/4 cup whipped cream or thawed frozen whipped dessert topping
- 1 drop red food coloring (optional)

Directions:

1. In a small mixing bowl, gently fold together the vanilla pudding and whipped cream or topping. If desired, stir in red food coloring.
2. Using 2 parfait or sundae glasses, place one-fourth of the cake cubes in the bottom of each glass. Add one-fourth of the berries and one-fourth of the pudding mixture. Repeat the layers. Serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving

calories: 266 , total fat: 13g , saturated fat: 7g , cholesterol: 45mg , sodium: 301mg, carbohydrate: 34g , fiber: 1g , protein: 4g

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▶ April	3-17-04	4-3-04
▶ May	4-21-04	5-8-04

Please note the deadline for all items to be put in the Crier is 3:00 pm on the date shown above. This deadline applies to all articles, classified, etc. No exceptions.

Real Estate Report for 2003 by Leslea Knauff, Realtor®

The past year has been an incredible year for buying and selling homes in Loch Raven Village as well as much of the greater Baltimore region. Low interest rates coupled with a low supply of homes on the market have motivated buyers to research neighborhoods they'd like to live in and be prepared to make quick—but informed decisions on properties as they come on the market. This has resulted in homes that are in tip-top condition to be quickly sold—with the very best frequently selling for more than list price—when the property is correctly priced to begin with. Homes that need TLC but are fairly priced have also been sold quickly. The days on the market range from one day to 117 days for properties sold at arms-length and reported on the Regional Multiple List System.

The following sales activity was reported on the Multiple List system with the following adjustments. The capitalized value of ground rents has been added to the total dollar amount of all sales so that we are not comparing “apples and oranges” when it comes to fee simple properties vs. those subject to ground rent. Additionally, the total dollar amount of all sellers' subsidies of the buyers' closing costs has been deducted to balance the equation of what the seller netted before the usual closing costs.

Inside-group homes in 21234:

23 sold with an adjusted average sales price of \$140,091
Lowest adjusted price= \$123,600 (one day on market)
Highest adjusted price= \$159,000 (21 days on market)

Inside-group homes in 21286:

33 sold with an adjusted average sales price of \$155,986
Lowest adjusted price= \$108,000 (4 days on market)*
Highest adjusted price= \$175,000 (2 days on market)

End-of-group homes in 21234:

14 sold with an adjusted average sales price of \$159,186
Lowest adjusted price= \$112,190 (101 days on market)**
Highest adjusted price= \$175,000 (4 days on market)

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End-of-group homes in 21286:

13 sold with an adjusted average sales price of \$168,312

Lowest adjusted price= \$130,000 (26 days on market)

Highest adjusted price= \$201,000 (0 days on market) * * *

* Property resold after rehab for \$149,000 in 2003.

** HUD home.

*** Listed and sold simultaneously.

The above information is believed to be accurate but should not be relied upon without verification. This sales activity information should not be used as a guide to pricing individual properties. The data has not been adjusted for condition, location, or amenities.

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74, 105 Pounds of Electronics Collected

excerpt from The Re-Source, Baltimore County newsletter, December 2003



Mother Nature must have known what was about to happen, so she did her part and provided us with a beautiful bright and warm fall day to conduct Baltimore County's fourth electronics collection event. On Saturday, November 22, in just four hours, 930 vehicles came

through the four collections lines in the parking lot of the Carver Center (High School) for the Arts & Technology in Towson.

Collecting more than 74,000 pounds of unwanted electronics at this event, Baltimore County now holds the record for a one day residential electronics collection event in the state of Maryland. According to Subtractions, LLC, the company that will process the collected material for recycling, the county broke the state record by more than 10,000 pounds. Sarah Manning, co-owner of Subtractions, described the 74,000 pound total as "incredible and unbelievable." What's also incredible is that no one had to wait in line more than ten minutes to have their un-wanted equipment unloaded.

Residents traveled from all over Baltimore County to drop off *512 personal computers (11,285 lbs.)*, *789 monitors (22,487 lbs.)*, *398 televisions (19,106 lbs.)*, *198 printers and fax machines (2,476 lbs.)*, *74 copiers, VCR's, and stereos (6,500 lbs.)*, and *12,251 lbs. of miscellaneous electronics (cell phones, keyboards, cables, etc.)*. Also collected were *277 mercury thermometers*. While supplies lasted, residents were given a new digital thermometer in exchange for their mercury thermometer.



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Record Break continued

There are two purposes to these recycling collection events. First, to make the best use of these materials by reusing or recycling them and second to keep the toxic substances, such as lead, mercury, and cadmium, out of the county's disposal facilities and the environment.

The County's next recycling collection event is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at the Carver Center in Towson. Mark your 2004 calendar now because **RECORDS ARE MEANT TO BE BROKEN!**

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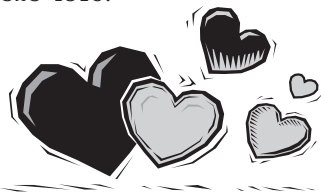
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