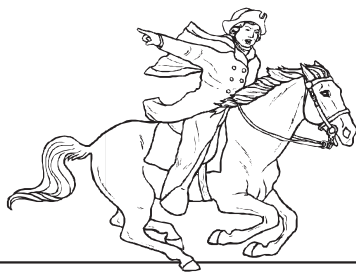


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Here are some helpful phone numbers for Baltimore County Services that you should keep handy.

These will help you resolve many issues mentioned as on-going concerns in most neighborhoods.

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Handicap Parking	410-768-7646

A more complete listing can be found on the Baltimore County site, www.baltimorecountyonline.info

For specific zoning complaints regarding the condition of a neighbor's property you can call 410-887-3391 or email them at pdmenforce@co.ba.md.us, or to use their online form you may email them at www.baltimorecountyonline.info/contact/codecomplaint.

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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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Message From The Board

The annual Loch Raven Village Community Association meeting was held on April 12th in the fellowship hall of the Babcock Presbyterian Church. We had a smaller than usual turnout but it was a lively and informative event.

Councilman Vince Gardina spoke about some important issues that will be affecting our community including: nearby areas that are to be designated “Renaissance Areas”, the East Joppa Road Corridor Study, and Rental Registration. A locale designated as a “Renaissance Area” is allowed to be redeveloped using a streamlined process. The rules are different than the normal zoning process so it is important to be aware of what is being planned in order to have input. The two areas close to Loch Raven Village that were mentioned by Councilman Gardina are (1) east of Loch Raven Boulevard at Hillsway and generally south of Hillsway to the city line—including two apartment complexes, and (2) Loch Raven Boulevard and Joppa Road in the vicinity of the old Fairlanes bowling center. The goal of the East Joppa Road Corridor Study is improve the appearance of the commercial areas along Joppa Road and get rid of vacant properties. The study area also includes the businesses on Loch Raven Boulevard just south of Joppa Road. The really hot topic brought up by Councilman Gardina was that of Rental Registration. In 2002 a bill was passed with five pilot areas. The project has been successful in addressing code violations and improving public health and safety issues while being self-supporting. Gardina asked for our support in helping get passed a new bill that will include Loch Raven Village, Knettishall, Rodgers Forge, Ridgeleigh, and Seven Courts. *(The County Council will have voted on this bill after press time for this issue.)*

Following Councilman Gardina, our **Maryland State Senator, James Brochin**, spoke to us about the results of the Maryland State Legislature session which just ended. It was interesting to hear how bills are passed—or not—and the

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working relationships that legislators need to have to get bills introduced. The hot topics this year included slot machines and stem cell research. Senator Brochin has been working on introducing legislation that will increase the length of probation for child molesters so that if probation is violated, the individual will be incarcerated for the balance of their sentence. Brochin's bill was stuck "in committee" this session, but he is planning on re-introducing it during next year's session.

After our speakers, there was a general vote for Board members. Kristi Birch, Cindy Mavrophilipos, and Leslea Knauff were each re-elected for another term; and Robert Goodell was elected for his first term. (Bob was the spearhead of our first kid's Halloween Party—a huge success— last year.) After the election of Board members, the Board meeting was convened and officers for the upcoming year were elected. It was actually a re-election, as all officers were elected again to their current positions. Please note that there are openings for several more Board members. If you are interested, please contact any board member or officer!

The board discussed the upcoming legal action for a roofing covenant violation, the second annual Fourth of July party, and fundraising for the July 4th fireworks in order to continue that tradition. Please read this month's CRIER for information about all of our events—including the June golf tournament—so you don't miss out on any of the fun! (And of course we always need volunteers for these events—and that is fun, too!) —Leslea Knauff, *Board Member*

This just in!

The principal of Loch Raven Academy will be attending our meeting on May 10th. He will be discussing the relationship between the Academy and Loch Raven Village. This is YOUR opportunity to express any concerns you have regarding the Academy. The meeting begins at 7PM and is located in the old Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Boulevard.

EDITOR WANTED!

The Village CRIER is still looking for a new editor. No experience necessary! This is a great way to be involved in the community, pick up a few new job skills, and help continue the tradition of the CRIER. There is a small compensation for this job as well! Contact Leslea Knauff at 410-769-9119 or 410-667-3733 for details!

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Upcoming Deadline & Delivery Dates

	<u>Deadline - 3:00 pm</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
▶▶▶ June	5-13-05	6-4-05
▶▶▶ July	6-14-05	7-9-05

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.

Community News



The 5th Annual Loch Raven Village Golf Tournament has arrived. It will take place on Saturday, June 4th at Pine Ridge Golf Course. We will be having multiple prizes and contests again this year. Discounts are available for those who pay their annual dues. There will only be 15 foursomes available to be filled, but players do not need to be part of a foursome. So don't wait to sign up, flyers are included in this Crier. *For any other questions, please call Evan Fishman at 410-882-7469.*

Portable Basketball Nets in the Street Are Against The Law. Legally you cannot place a portable basketball net in a public street. This is covered in the Balto. Co. Code Sec. 21-10 as follows: Any person placing any obstruction upon any of the public highways, roads, bridges, streets, avenues, lanes, or alleys of the county or interfering or obstructing the side ditches or drains thereof or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions or in any other manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed on hundred dollars. (\$100.00) for each offense.

The complaint we often hear is that the portable nets are drawing kids unknown to the area. This can lead to problems with noise and profanity.

For more information call Baltimore County Police Community Outreach at 410-887-5933.

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Baltimore Lutheran School, 1145 Concordia Drive, Towson, MD 21286-1796. Email: www.baltimorelutheran.org. Call for information at 410-825-2323.

Helpful Grass Hints

Mow to the proper height for the type of grass you have. For turf-type tall fescue and fine fescues, never mow below a height of 2.5 inches and mow up to 3.5 in summer. Other grasses require different heights. Mow at a frequency that allows you to cut off about one third of the pre-mowing height of the grass.

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Villagers, Neighbors, and Friends,

This is an alert and a very warm thank you. On or about Thursday night, March 17, 2005 - an envious and evil person or persons badly scratched and damaged my new automobile that was parked in front of my home. I almost never park on the front; I use my parking pad; but because of the recent snow and the prediction of more snow, I used the front for parking. Although we are not at this time certain of the person/s who did this to my car- to my knowledge, this crime is the second of its kind to take place in this block. In the first instance, the accused was prosecuted.

If anyone saw or heard anything pertaining to this incident, please let us know. A police report has been filed and advice has come from several sources. While my car might have been "the wrong car" as has been surmised, I am no less outraged by this kind of sick, malicious, depraved behavior toward anyone's car or property.

We most sincerely appreciate the concern of those who have commiserated with us. Please know that you are remembered in our prayers. I will also earnestly pray for the poor, misguided perpetrators and their cohorts. In the meanwhile, please be very aware, watchful, and protective of your autos and property.

Appreciatively,
Mrs. W. A. Boswell
Drumwood Road

VOLUNTEER for Your Neighborhood

Submitted by the Board Members of Loch Raven Village

We are seeking some additional helpers to keep us informed about the changes on YOUR street. Yes, we have dedicated Block Captains in place (and we can always use more) who are always willing to be a liaison for their neighbors, but we're hoping to broaden our participation! The more eyes and ears we have the better we can serve. You DO NOT have to be a Board member to be a volunteer!

Block Captains: Serve as a liaison to immediate neighbors and the Board. Answer questions & help to solve problems. Distribute flyers about special events, as needed (2-3 times per year). Store and then hang the wreaths and ribbons on the poles at the end of the streets for the holidays. Call Kristi at 410-821-7432.

Real Estate Committee Reps: Report any Houses for Sale on your street so that the Real Estate committee can make sure the sellers/agents are aware of our Covenants, and also so our Welcome Committee can make a visit once the property has been sold to new owners. Call Leslea at 410-823-0648.

Covenant Committee Reps: Report any covenant violations as they are happening. We have a process in place for neighbors to request permission through the Architectural Review Committee for new fences, new roofs, new windows, door surrounds (to name a few), and ANY other exterior changes to properties. Unfortunately, some owners are unaware of the process and begin making changes without approval from the Committee. We are trying to be proactive and prevent any misunderstanding about violations before the changes are completed. Call Darrell at 410-823-6330.

Welcome Committee Reps: We are seeking a few people who have lived in the Village for a few years to join us in welcoming new neighbors to our Association. This could be as few as one or two visits per person every month (depending on the sales activity). You will be provided with a Welcome packet to

Volunteering continued

present, and you would also submit a brief welcome note with the new resident's names to the Village Crier for publication. The more helpers we have, the fewer visits per person. What a great way to meet new friends and share your knowledge of the area and Village with newcomers! Call Beth at 410-663-0851.

Garden Committee: Join us to maintain the beautiful gardens in the Village. We may schedule clean-up days, planting days, or just get together to share gardening tips & ideas. Call Gretchen at 410-828-8952.

Community Events: We hold events throughout the year that we are always looking for help - This is the ideal situation for anyone who would like to help with a single event.

The next events are: Dumpster Day on May 21, June Golf Outing on June 4th, July 4th Party on July 4th, Fireworks on July 4th, Halloween Party (Date TBA), Santa's Ride (TBA), Christmas Party (Date TBA).

Call Fran at 410-337-2838 to volunteer.

Citizens on Patrol (COP): This is not currently an active Committee in Loch Raven Village, but we sure would like to see it become active again. Can you spend a 2-hour shift patrolling the Village with a buddy to look out for anything deemed suspicious? It has been very successful in other neighborhoods to cut down on crime. You can walk, drive, cycle, skip, hop or jump! If you have an interest in organizing or volunteering, call Fran at 410-337-2838, and we'll see if we can't schedule a meeting of interested residents to get this project rolling.

What can YOU do to join in the fun & meet some new neighbors? We would love to hear from you about any of the above positions. Please call anytime and we can help you decide, based on your interests and time availability, which might be a good fit for you.

Is there another Committee you'd like to propose and start? We'd LOVE your ideas.

Annual Spring Clean-Up Day

by: Jerry Heilman



Baltimore County Offers a program that will provide local communities with refuse dumpsters in connection with clean-up day, with very strict guidelines.

Loch Raven Village and Knettishall are planning to take advantage of this program on Saturday, May 21, 2005 from 8:00 AM through 12:00 PM (or until all dumpsters are filled). The community associations plan to provide dumpsters during these hours on the parking lot of Pleasant Plains Elementary School.

Acceptable Items:

General residential household items including appliances (refrigerators, dishwasher, dryers, washers, air conditioners, etc.), bound shrubs and bushes (garden waste), 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 (on or off rim), 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. Please 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

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reject loads of materials that in our sole opinion, appear to be commercial in nature or material unacceptable under the program.

We have scheduled a later date this spring to allow residents, a few warm days prior to Clean-Up Day to tidy up their gardens and grounds. The community will accept OVERSIZED garden waste that regular bi-weekly collection often leave behind.

This clean-up day is for the residents of Loch Raven Village and Knettishall only. We appreciate your cooperation and hope that the community will take advantage of this yearly clean-up day.

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.



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The Associates of Loch Raven Village (ARLV) are looking for ways to continue the fireworks and are asking for your help.

The fireworks have become a sort of tradition: many in our neighborhood invite their friends and families over for the 4th because the display is visible from our yards and porches.

If you would like to help us, please complete the enclosed donation form and mail back ASAP. If you have any additional questions please give us a call at 410-337-2838.

Thank you for helping the Loch Raven Village and surrounding areas keep this tradition alive!

Sincerely,
Fran Cullen, *President*
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Local School News & Events

Calvert Hall's School-wide Service Day was on April 13, 2005 with participation of the entire student body, faculty and staff. Freshmen stayed at Calvert Hall for a day of activities with Kindergarten through 2nd graders from Cardinal Shehan School, Pleasant Plains Elementary, St. Dominic School and St. Rita School. Calvert Hall's students worked on various activities, including playdough, watercolors, stencils, puppets; shared lunch and watch a movie with the children.

Sophomores organized recreational activities, tutored and talked to younger students, worked with handicapped students and participated in outdoor clean-up and grounds projects at several locations in the Loch Raven neighborhood, including Babcock Presbyterian Church, Cardinal Shehan, Cromwell Valley, Halstead Academy, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Oakleigh Elementary, Pleasant Plains and White Oak School.

Juniors worked in cooperation with Baltimore City Parks and Recreation to clean-up Cylburn Arboretum Projects include mulching trees, trash pick-up and gardening.

Seniors worked at the following locations: St. Ambrose Outreach Center (soup kitchen, preschool and playground clean-up), Gallagher Center (paired with developmentally disabled adults at a fair), Habitat for Humanity (renovating homes on Keswick Rd.), Community Built Playground Project (building playgrounds in Wavery), Oak Crest Village Retirement Community (paired with seniors for a trip to Baltimore Zoo).

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The Kiwanis Corner

By: Sandy Benson, Public Relations Chair

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Way to go, Ray!

Anyone wishing to contact the Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven may call and leave a message at 410-252-9311, or write to us at P0 Box 9838, Baltimore, MD 21284, or visit our website at www.lochravenkiwanis.org.

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To repeat the success of last year's event, we will once again need your support. Please volunteer for as little as a half hour or more to help run the fun stations; Moonbounce, popcorn, hotdogs, ice cream, and others. Please call to tell us which event and time is best for you.

In the June Crier we will provide a specific schedule of events for this fun afternoon.

We hope to see you on the 4th.

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