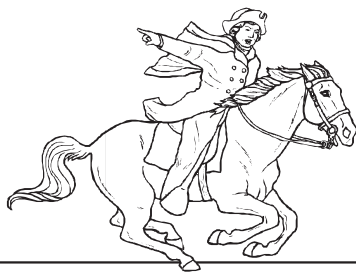


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The Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc. publish The VILLAGE CRIER monthly (except August). We also have a web site, block captains, and monthly meetings where you can find out what is happening in your community.

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

From: Francis Cullen

I would like to thank the Village Residents who came to the October board meeting voicing their concerns about the Bendix property on Taylor Ave. As of that meeting the word is that **Councilman Vince Gardina** does not want to change the zoning on that property to residential. We only hope that it will stay this way and we will be keeping abreast of this.

We need help. The Board has dwindled down to nine members.

We need your help!

If we lose any more members the Board will cease to be. Without the Board you will have no voice. No voice. This means no representation. Without representation we will not have an association. Do you want this to happen? I know I don't. Please stand up and be heard. Volunteer and make a difference. All who are on the Board now are volunteers. We do it because we like where we live and want to keep it this way. With the help of the residents of Loch Raven Village we can still maintain the Village as a place to call home. If anyone is interested in helping in any way please call me. All are welcome.

Do to the lack of help the Halloween party had to be canceled. In order for this not to happen to our **Santa's ride** and **Christmas party** we need help to get the ball rolling. Anyone who can give us a hand in any way would be appreciated. Please call, we are working on it now.

We have appointed a liaison to Loch Raven Academy and Pleasant Plains Elementary School. She will keep us informed as to what is going on in the schools as well as letting the schools know about problems we may have in the neighborhood.

***Again this is you neighborhood, your home, our Village.
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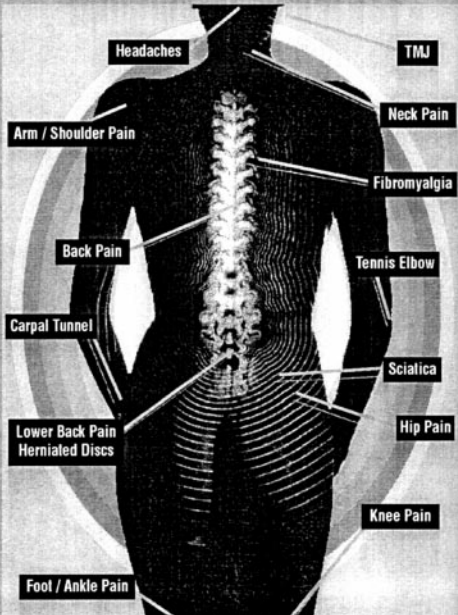
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Local School News & Events

New Loch Raven Village Liaison to Pleasant Plains Elementary And Loch Raven Technical Academy

Let me introduce myself. My name is **Mary Anne Carroll** and I am a Village resident. I am proud to live in this community. I feel a real sense of neighborhood spirit. I know that many people are concerned about our neighborhood schools, especially Loch Raven Middle School.

I believe that communication between the Village resident's and our schools' is essential. I will be reporting monthly in *The Crier* about the upcoming events at the schools. I will be in direct communication with both schools' PTA and principals. I will also be attending the Village Board Meetings to report and news or concerns effecting the schools.

Pleasant Plains Elementary- 410-887-3549

The school recently hosted a **Yard Sale and Car Wash** to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The students' made "**pinwheels for peace**" in honor of International Peace Day. The children created over 500 pinwheels to show their hope for peace in the world, the state, the community, and most importantly, in themselves.

The school has many exciting events planned for American Education week in November. Look at the School Sign for more information. The school is always in need of volunteers. It doesn't matter if you have a child in the school or not. If you have some time the school would love to hear from you.

Loch Raven Academy (middle school)-410-887-3549

The school and Loch Raven Village both welcome **Mrs.**

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Wilson as the new principal. Mrs. Wilson has come to both September and October Village meetings. She will try to attend and if she cannot, then she will send a representative from the school.

Mr. Gizara is the PTA President. He is working to improve the school and to promote a better relationship with the community.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding either school, please feel free to contact me. I hope to hear from you. Call me at 410-825-5305 or send me an email me at:maryanneO327@aol.com.

Calvert Hall teacher deployed to New Orleans with the Maryland Army National Guard

Following are excerpts from an email sent back to the school by Randy Short, a social studies teacher at Calvert Hall who is currently on active duty with the National Guard:

I'm a Captain in the 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) of the Maryland Army National Guard, one of about 200 Marylanders on duty in LA in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. My unit has 12 of its 20 members living in a Air National Guard hangar at Naval Air Station Belle Chasse, about 10 miles south of the actual city of New Orleans. The base is missing a lot of windows and some large trees were destroyed, but the airfield is fully operational and we see 3-4 C-130 transport planes and dozens of Black Hawk helicopters flying in and out of here day and night. All services have people on the base living in tents and other hangars.

Our job is to visit the National Guard units and tell their story. Our enlisted soldiers are either print or video journalists and produce a story each day. These stories are sent to the units' home state public affairs office to be distributed to local papers and TV stations. They are also sent to the National Guard Bureau in DC for national distribution.

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I am working on a few video stories as I have time, but my real job is as the detachment's Executive Officer. Along with the highest ranking Non Commissioned Officer (NCO), I run the day to day operations activities to support these soldiers. We arrange food, lodging, ground and air transportation, equipment, and other materials that the soldiers may need. I am also responsible for daily briefings regarding safety issues or new developments in the area. When I'm not doing that, I ride with the soldiers as they do their stories and 'meet and greet' other Officers, civilian authorities, and especially news media. Today I was interviewed by NBC (National feed) about the destruction in the city and the Guards response.

Our work day starts at 7:00 in the morning. I'm up by about 5:00 am and complete a 'Risk Assessment' for the days mission, inspect the vehicle, brief the teams, and then send them on their way or ride with them. We eat at FEMA sites in the city, or bring an MRE and then head back to our base around 4PM after tracking information for our stories.

When we get back, we clean up from the day (LOTS of hand sanitizer!), and start editing and preparing for the next day. I usually meet with the Major to exchange information and updates and we try to get to sleep by 10:30 PM.

The work is interesting, and always uplifting. Recently I spoke with a couple of 18-19 year old soldiers from Los Angeles who volunteered to come down here for a month to help out other Americans. It is very cool to see how people are working together after this terrible disaster.

The destruction of parts of the city is complete. There are entire areas 5 times the size of our (Calvert Hall) campus where no buildings will be able to be salvaged. MANY areas are like that. Most seem to have been the homes of

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Calvert Hall Continued

the working poor.

Unfortunately, most officials believe that some of these areas will never be habitable again due to the chemical and petroleum spills.

We are so busy but I will send more news later.

Randy



Troop 740 News

A.S.M., Walt C. Schmidt



Scout Religious Medals

On September, 25, 2005, during a mass at I.H.M., several scouts from Troop 740 received their hard-earned religious scout medals.

I also heard that one of our scouts earned a 2nd boy scout religious medal.

On behalf of the troop, we congratulate all of you for practicing the 12th point of the Scout Law:

Be Reverent.

Well done, guys.

Asst. ScoutMaster
Walter C. Schmidt

PS. Caroling is coming up on December 16th. More info on this later.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Neighbors,

I was lucky enough to buy a home in the Village a little of a year ago and I love it here! A big thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and helpful.

I often take my 11lb dog out on his leash to enjoy the neighborhood in the mornings and evenings. Last night around 7:45 pm we were jogging down Pleasant Plains when we were literally attacked by a large orange tabby cat. Both my dog and I have the scratches to prove it. Perhaps this cat was a visitor from outside the Village, but it didn't appear to be a stray — its fur was brushed and it was well-fed.

Pets sometimes sneak away— my dog has certainly slipped out of the backyard on occasion. I urge all of us, though, to be mindful of the safety of both our pets and our neighbors. When animals are not with their owners and become protective of territory there's no telling who will get hurt.

Ashley Varner
Myamby Rd

Crier Editor,

It is great to see that children in the neighborhood are out playing and getting exercise instead of sitting in front of a TV or computer screen, but—there is a need, especially in my area for children to understand that front yards are not community property. Parents need to educate their children regarding responsible behavior in their community and that they:

- should not be trespassing on private property
- should follow a property owner's instructions or requests to stay off their property.

Further, when children are playing in their front yard, the sidewalk or in the streets, please please please please

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teach them to be careful when playing ball - they can scratch the finish on any cars that they hit.

I am turning to the Crier with the request to address these problems generically. I've tried talking to the children in my neighborhood directly and it hasn't worked. Either they don't understand what I'm asking or just do not care. Trying to talk to the parents hasn't worked any better. I have actually had a parent tell me that I expect too much in requesting that children stay off my front yard.

"When I was a kid" (I know we've all heard that line), growing up in Loch Raven Village, it was understood that we did not go on anyone's property without permission. I can't say that it was necessarily a direct instruction from a parent - it was just understood. Civic responsibility, respect for neighbors and other people's property and respect for adults in general-we were all expected to follow these concepts as we were growing up. Unfortunately much of those beliefs seem to have been lost or at least appears to be based on the behavior demonstrated by some of the children in my neighborhood. Or maybe they are taught to apply these notions on a selective basis.

OK, I am getting down off of my soapbox - the air is getting thin. Thanks neighbors for letting me bend your ear.

Name Withheld

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Community News



Loch Raven Village Book Club News

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The November book will be an autobiography, "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Wall.

The book club meets at the old Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Boulevard at 7:30 on the third Thursday of the month. If you would like a book club reminder email or want to check book selections email Leslea Knauff at lesleak@aol.com.

Do your kids love to read? Do they need help with their reading? Do they do well in school? Would you like them to do better?



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January	12-21-05	12-31-05

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