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Zoning complaints & code enforcement .410-887-3351
Handicap Parking
Maryland Sex Offender www.dpscs.state.md.us

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.

#### Associates Of Loch Raven Village, Inc.

ASSOCIATES OF LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE, INC. P.O. Box 9721 • Baltimore, Maryland 21284-1221 www.lochravenvillage.com

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

For those of you who have called or complained about your trash and/or recycling not being picked up, I have been in contact with Baltimore County Waste Management and we will be working together to get this problem resolved.

A lot of you have asked what we can do to take care of those houses that have problems like overgrown weeds, grass, bushes, houses with excess trash in the yards and houses that are in disrepair, well your questions have been answered. We have been in touch with Baltimore County Code Enforcement to set up a zoning sweep for all of Loch Raven Village. This will be happening some time in June. You now have time to take care of anything you might think will be a problem.

The Board Members and I are working to keep our Neighborhood up to a good standard, but we still can not do it without you, so please help us. We need people to fill in empty Committee spots, Board Members and people to just help with things like the Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July party and fire works, Santa's ride and party. This is all done by the Board members WE CAN'T DO IT ALL. *Please help even if it is just for an hour or two.* 

The Providence Volunteer Fire Company came to our March meeting with a presentation for their capitol campaign which is raising money for a new Firehouse, the Board Voted to donate \$3,000.00 to the Campaign due to the fact that they help us out for all our events and they also respond to all emergency calls in the Village.

Remember the spring dumpster day in May, also we are thinking about doing a Village wide clean-up day, so please call me or one of the Board members and let us know what you think about helping to clean up our streets and alleys.

Sincerely, Francis Cullen *President* 

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If you are interested in any of the vacant block captain positions, please call Kristi Birch at 410-821-7432 or email her at kkbirch@comcast.net. Block captains are NOT responsible for collecting dues notices or for mediating neighbor disputes.

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Spring Clean-Up Day on May 12, 2007
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Loch Raven Village Association will hold a
neighborhood clean-up day on Saturday,
May 12, 2007 at the Pleasant Plains

Elementary School's parking lot. Dumpsters will be provided for residents of Loch Raven Village and Knettishall ONLY from 8-12 (or until dumpsters are full). Start setting aside your unwanted items now.

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** general residential household items incl. appliances: refrigerators, dishwashers, dryers, washers, air conditioners, bound shrubs and bushes, lawn mowers, hot water heaters, furniture (incl. boxspring & mattresses), TV's etc.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: controlled hazardous waste and liquids of any type (caustics, pesticides, chemicals, explosive materials, medical waste, propane tanks, paint, asbestos, drums or tanks, animal carcasses, vehicle tires, vehicles or large vehicle parts, pieces of concrete or gutter, tree stumps greater than 12" H X 36" W, wire or steel cable, campers, pick-up caps, etc. As always, we are seeking volunteers to assist in the operation. Call Jerry Heilman at 410-823-3427 for info or to volunteer.

**Loch Raven Village Book Club** 

The Loch Raven Village Book Club is back on track after bad weather in February. At the March meeting, we chose Jack London's "Call of the Wild." This is a shorter book than usual—and one that many will have read in high school—but one that we felt deserved to be read again. If any of our Loch Raven Village students have read this book, we would love to have you in our discussion group on April 19th. The Book Club is open to everyone.

Even if you come just once a year, please join us on the third Thursday of every month (except December and



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#### Troop News



#### A Salute to Safety & Respect

Cosmic bowling at Perry Hall Lanes:

On a night of bad weather, (March 16, 2007) 25 troop and family members enjoyed a few spirited games of ten-pin bowling at the Perry Hall Bowling Lanes. Rumor has it that everyone had a terrific time. A big Thank You to Mr. Matt Bocia for setting up this night -way to go Matt.

Practice at Rocky Gorge "4 Seasons" Golf Fairway
On March 10 after a spirited Crier delivery, we all headed out
for the afternoon. Thanks go out to Eric Bilz for lining this
up via internet connections. Those who went enjoyed some
games of mini-golf (harder than it looks-folks) and got into
the "swing of things" at the several batting cages. We further
enjoyed a real golf driving range (used by those willing to do
their best Tiger Woods imitations) and topped off the afternoon by making use of the Center's video games. All-in-all a
great day for everyone, thanks again Eric!

#### PLAY BALL

All of those interested in attending an Orioles game on Sunday, June 10, 2007 should contact Mr. Joe Theiss right away so he can get the proper number of tickets for those who want to go. Get Mr. Theiss's phone number from either Mr. Pete or Mr. Theiss at the Scout meeting.

#### **Scouting for Food**

Great thank you's go out to Mr. Gary Brown from I.H.M. for making the pantry available for the very large amount of food that Troop 740 cheerfully collected for the I.H.M. pantry.

#### **Scout Family Picnic**

On June 16, 2007 at Double Rock Park in Parkville, Troop 740 will be holding its annual Scout Family Picnic from 12 noon until 6pm at the Rich Pavilion. Mr. Nick Shearman and fami-

#### Scouts Continued:

ly will provide more information on how everyone that wants to contribute can help to make this a very successful event. Bring your softball equipment, squirt guns, Frisbees and horseshoes!

All articles submitted by an eager staff of crack or cracked reporters headed by Ralph the Roving Reporter, "Jenn the Jazz" and our newest cub reporter "Pete the Zip". Contact Mr. Solinsky at 410-494-1613 if your son is interested in joining the Cub Pack 740 for boys aged 5-10 yrs. Come experience the excitement of Cub scouting.

#### Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

After reading the Letters to the Editor in this month's Crier, I too felt compelled to go to my computer and reply. I have been a resident of LRV since 2000 and have always valued the beauty and friendliness of this neighborhood. I too have concerns about residents: renters or owners, who do not care for their property or are disrespectful of neighbors. However, I must take issue with the characterization of people who are problematic to our neighborhood. The respondent listed "Section 8, and kids who go to school at Loch Raven Academy who are not county residents" in the list of factors that will "ruin our beautiful homes." What does income level or county of residence have to do with whether someone is a good neighbor or not? Characterizations such as these are grounded in stereotypes and do not contribute positively to conversation, but rather distract from it. I have found LRV to be an open and welcoming community. I hope all future conversations will center on specific issues and not generalizations so that we can work together to continue to create a community that is welcoming to everyone.

Sincerely, K.Oglesbee 1558 Cottage Lane

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June — 05/25/07 — 06/09/07

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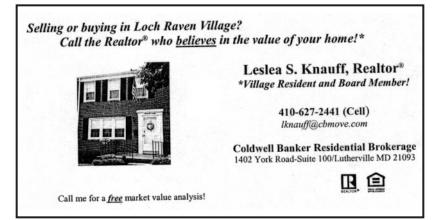
August) at 7:30PM. We meet at the old Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Boulevard.—Leslea Knauff

#### March for the Animals on Sunday April 22nd

Please join the March for the Animals on Sunday April 22 nd at Druid Hill Park. It's a 1.5 mile Walk-A-Thon. 11am-2pm. (Even if it's raining cats and dogs.) There will be music and micro chipping, not to mention lots of fun! All of the money raised will go directly to the animals. If you can't make it, think of us in the future as we can always use donations!

#### **Village Co-op for Tots**

The Village Co-op for Tots is a non-profit cooperative program in which parents are active participants in their child's earliest education. By having a parent volunteer in the classroom everyday we are able to keep our tuition down while maintaining a higher ratio of adults to children. Tuition for the three's program is \$460.00 for the year and for the four's program is \$550.00 for the year. Children may be admitted to the program if they are 3 or 4 years old by December 31st of the year they begin the program. 3's meet T/R and 4's meet M/W/F, 9:00-11:30. We are now accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. You may contact Tracy Skeels, Board President. 410-825-2605.



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#### Over The Fence

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loving mother of Mary Elizabeth Manz; dear sister of the late Helen Hatter; Paul and John Nagengast. Also survived by nieces and nephews and many close friends.

Memory tributes may be sent to the family at www.evansfuneralchapel.com.

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