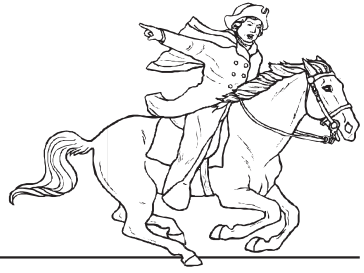


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A more complete listing can be found on the Baltimore County site, www.baltimorecountyonline.info

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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President's Message

As promised, a new Committee was formed at the May Board Meeting, one to handle University and rental Problems. Laura Sawicki will be the Committee Chairman and I am certain she will need help. We also would ask that you do not abuse this Committee. Before you call, make sure that what you are calling with is a legitimate problem, we do not want the Committee chasing after problems that do not concern them. With the formation of this Committee, I am hoping that we can get quicker results from the County and the University, as we may be bringing more than one complaint at a time. There is no guarantee that this will help, but we are going to try.

Remember that the Fourth of July outing will be held again at the old Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Blvd. so make plans to be there, as always we will have fun and food. The time will be from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., a good time for all. As for the fireworks, it is up in the air at this time, we were promised a large donation from a major bank, which has not come through at this time. Without that donation, we cannot have the fireworks this year. I can only hope for the best. There will be a Village wide zoning sweep the beginning of June.

As I sit here and write this message on Memorial Day weekend, I can only think about our men and women who are over seas fighting in a war. So if anybody has or knows of anyone in the Village who has a son, daughter, husband or wife serving in the military please let us know. I think that we should be there for them, to help them in any way we can. I believe that the Residents will stand up and help. May God Bless and Protect our Troops and God Bless America.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

Sincerely,
Francis Cullen
President



Over The Fence

On Friday, May 25th, Jean White (nee Baier) received her master's degree from Towson University in the field of Geography and Environmental Planning where she earned an 'A' in every course. Jean is a former Loch Raven Village resident and alumna of Loch Raven High School. Her mother, Pat Ruth, lives on Cottage Lane.



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Community News



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Saturday, August 25, 2007. Residents who pay their annual dues will receive a 15% discount on greens fees. Registration forms will be available in the next month's Crier.

Loch Raven Village Book Club

The selection for the June Book Club meeting is "**Benjamin Franklin: An American Life**" by **Walter Isaacson**.



While this is a somewhat longer book than we usually choose, it is enjoyable and very worthwhile. The Book Club will meet at 7:30 PM on June 21 at the LRV office at the old Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Blvd.

A book has not yet been chosen for the July meeting. Be sure to check the July CRIER or call Leslea at 410-823-0648 (or email her at lesleak@aol.com) for an update on plans for summer meetings.

Community Volunteer Appreciation for Spring Clean-Up Day

LRV and Knettishall Communities held neighborhood clean-up (Dumpster Day) on Saturday, May 12th. Baltimore County provided the area with 11 containers which were filled to the brim in 4 hours. Much gratitude goes out to those residents who donated their time and labor. The operation went efficiently since we had sufficient help. The volunteers were: Gary Herwig, Darrel Krushensky, Sue McNeill, Kathy Ourand, Laura and Joe Sawicki, Wayne Skinner, Brandon and Jennifer Stano, Christopher Zysk and Jerry Heilman. Your help was appreciated by all.

During the clean-up, LRV community conducted a volunteer collection to help defray the expense of the fireworks display on July 4th. The collection netted over \$300 and was greatly appreciated.

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Letters to the Editor



Letter to the Editor:

I have two sets of comments, the first of which is a response to some of the recent letters that have been printed in the Crier, and the second set is about an initiative I would like to lead in the community.

First off, my wife and I have lived in Loch Raven Village for almost 3 years now, and we could not be happier with the experience. While I understand that many who write to you do so out of fear that the neighborhood is collapsing or “on the brink”, I would like to add my thoughts that the neighborhood seems very strong overall. Certainly, there are some homes and yards that need a little more work, and we do have some issues with litter, and the occasional crime, but there is a sense of community, safety, and pride in ownership here that has not existed in other places I have lived in my life.

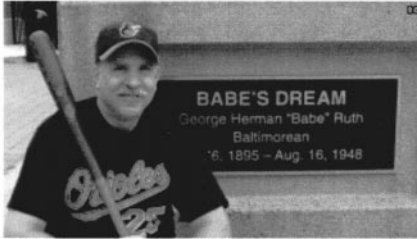
We should remind ourselves that our property values continue to rise and that would not be happening if this was not an attractive place to live. As we go out and clean up our yards and properties this Summer, we should also be reminded that our hard work makes money for ourselves and for our neighbors. Clean yards and well-kept residences add value to every one of our homes and, eventually, money to all of our pockets.

On another note, I am very interested in finding a way to make LRV a “greener” place, and I’m not just talking about better kept lawns. I have been doing some research on the installation of solar panels as a way to decrease my impact on the environment and, as a bonus, earn some money for myself by selling excess energy back to BGE. Most people see a lot of obstacles in the installation of solar panels, and there are some, but none that are so great that they can’t be overcome. I want to start an online group of community members where we can discuss this project. If you’re interested in helping me by offering your opinions, insights, experience, or to let me know that you’re a person who would be interested in also having a solar panel put on your roof, please email me at tockeyhockey@gmail.com. Best wishes, Andrew Rentschler- *Cottage Lane*

Letter from the Editor: Due to unforeseen circumstances, I will be unable to continue as the Editor for the Crier after the July issue. Please contact me or Francis Cullen if you are interested in becoming the new Editor for the Crier.- Laura Miriel

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School News

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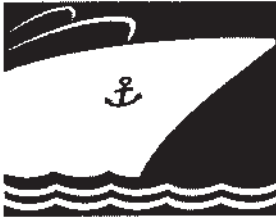
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Troop News



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Play Ball

On June 10, 2007 at 1:30 pm our troop will be attending a ball game at Camden Yards, I hope all who wish to attend has contacted Mr. Joe Theiss for tickets. See you at the Yard!

8th Annual Scout Family Cookout

On June 16, 2007 at Double Rock Park in Parkville, from 12 noon until 6 pm at the Rich Pavilion our Troop celebrates its 8th Annual Scout Family Cookout. Please contact Mr. Nick Shearman as to what we should each bring to this picnic to make it the success it has been in the past. Food, drink, desserts, softball equipment (no spikes please), squirt guns etc and keep rooting for 'good weather" (always a good thing to have).

Camping Trip!

At Luma Pond State Park on May 18-20, 2007 the Troop pulled off another successful camping trip. The weather was ideal for all the activities the troop had scheduled. Check with those who went and the group as a whole declared the trip was a fun one. Thanks go out to the adults who went along and special thanks from the adults that attended go out to the scouts for making it an enjoyable weekend.

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song.

For helping me to grow,

I owe a lot, I know

And every time I stray, you came along to say;

End this strife and get on with your life.

So to all the Dad(s) we've loved and adored,

We're glad they came along and gave us all their love,

So we can properly end this song ---by saying

I (or WE) love you -Dad!

(Kudos to Willie Nelson- music & lyrics)

All articles submitted by an eager staff of cracked or crack reporters headed by Web-Master Nick Shearman, Ralph the Roving Reporter, "Jenn the Jazz" and our newest cub reporter "Pete the Zip" who's real-life identity shall remain a secret until he's earned Full-Reporter status.

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