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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

Dear Residents,

I would like to thank all those who attended the school meeting on March 18th, I believe it went very well. We must work together with both schools and not stop with the meeting. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the school, a board member or one of the school liaison. Also I would like to thank Cheesy Pizza for donating pizza to the meeting.

Spring is here and so is our dumpster day. It will be held on May 24th at Pleasant Plains Elementary School. Also in April, Baltimore County will be performing street sweeping in the Village. The date will be Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15th and 16th on the 21286 side of the Village and on Thursday and Friday, April 17th and 18th on the 21234 side of the Village. In order to sweep from curb to curb, it will be necessary to have all vehicles off the streets on the days indicated. If there are cars parked on the streets, the sweeper will go around them and will not **return. So please, let's have all cars moved and have all** our streets cleaned.

We have a resident from Pleasant Plains Road talking with Baltimore County DPW's Bureau of Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning. They are working on placing traffic calming devices on Pleasant Plains Road. For this to happen, 75% of all residents must sign a petition of approval. Additionally, sign-offs for homeowners who will have a device installed in front of their property is also required. So lets hope this will come true. Please look for more information in upcoming Criers and also fliers.

Francis Cullen



Community News



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Babcock Church would like to extend an invitation to the community to enjoy Family Movie Night, starting @ 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall on Saturday April 12th, April 19th and April 26th. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call the office for details on movies at 410-825-3314. Bring the family, relax and enjoy an evening with our church family. Mark your calendars now so you won't forget!

FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL



Babcock Church plans to begin our worship service by remembering those who are serving our country. Drop-off or mail us a photo with their name on the back. We will project them on our worship screen so that our church family can pray each week for their safe return home. Babcock Church - 8240 Loch Raven Blvd. - Towson, MD 21286 (410-825-3314)

It's not too late to join AEROBICS !!

Classes are designed for beginners, men and women. All are welcome. Classes are twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7 pm - 8 pm at LOCH RAVEN REC CENTER beginning April 1st. Registration is \$45.00 for 11 weeks (2 one-hour classes per week) (Seniors 55+ \$41.00) For more info: call GAIL 410-661-4539 or SUE 410-825-8831 or visit our website at www.glrrc.org



Pleasant Plains ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COOKBOOK



FAVORITE RECIPES FROM OUR SCHOOL'S PARENTS, STAFF & FRIENDS
SPONSORED BY THE P.T.A.
2007 - 2008

Cookbook order form

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Quantity: _____ x \$16 = \$ _____
(tax included)

Make checks payable to "PPES PTA" - For more information, please call Judy LaFlame at 410-828-7060
Payment must accompany order

Community News

Coming Soon...the Annual Spring Dumpster Day!!!

As you begin your spring cleaning, be sure to gather any items that you need to dispose of as the next Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, May 24th from 8:00AM to NOON at Pleasant Plains. If you can volunteer that morning, please contact Jerry Heilman at 410-823-3427.

In addition to the LRV dumpsters, Pro-Shred Security will be on site to provide secure document destruction to combat identity theft and ensure proper disposal of sensitive documents. Their fee is \$5 per box of which 100% is donated to a local charity. For questions or more information, please call Martin Fisher at 410-242-9224.



Join us Sunday, April 27th, 2008
from 10AM - 5PM

For

Annual Artisans in the Barn

at

Cromwell Valley Park, Willow Grove Farm
Cromwell Valley Road



There will be pottery, weaving, stained glass, mosaic, woodwork, hand made jewelry and mixed media.

Charcoal Deli will be doing the food and we will have live music.

Call 410.668.0898 for information or visit the Park

website: www.bcpl.net/~cvpark

Letter to the Editor

Dear Residents of Loch Raven Village,

My name is Judy Jefferson-LaFlame; I am a parent and PTA President of Pleasant Plains Elementary. On Tuesday, March 18th, I attended a meeting at Pleasant Plains that was called due to concerns regarding our neighborhood schools. I had decided that I would not speak but take notes at the meeting. I wanted to write a letter to the whole community about how I feel, such as what I am doing now. As Don Webb, my fellow Kiwanis member stated, the schools always had competition against IHM. Being a Catholic, I understand the choice of sending your child to a Catholic school. What I do not understand is why you would not send your child to the neighborhood school. When we moved to Loch Raven Village, we never thought about another school, we were sending our daughter to the neighborhood school. At the meeting, I heard the concerns the neighborhood had, but what I did not hear was why parents choose not to send their child to Pleasant Plains. I would like to ask those parents, have you ever personally been to Pleasant Plains for a tour or talked to any of the teachers, students, or parents? Or are you just going on the words of others??? I am very passionate about Pleasant Plains. I love the faculty, staff, students, and parents at Pleasant Plains, and they all support the PTA. **How many elementary school PTA's have Bull & Oyster Roasts? None that I can think of.** Our events are not just for our Pleasant Plains family but also for the whole neighborhood. All are welcome to join us on April 26 - please see page 17 in this Crier. We have a big sign stating when we have PTA meetings; I invite anyone to come to our meetings at anytime.

I wish to touch on Loch Raven Academy; I also was very concerned about our middle school. I too was going on the words of others instead of investigating the school myself. Listening to Linda Wilson that night, she answered many of my questions I had about the school. Another great thing about Mrs. Wilson is you could really feel the passion she has about Loch Raven Academy. In fact, she talked about it with such compassion that at one point, I thought she was going to cry. Please visit Loch Raven Academy for yourself before you pass judgment.

In conclusion, I ask of those families just moving in or who has a child starting school for the first time, please visit the schools and make your own judgment about our schools.

Thanks

Judy

COP Update - April 2008

It's that time of year again....Spring!! Each April brings warmer weather, longer days, green growth and Loch Raven Association dues notices. You might think that your dues contributions don't mean much, but as your COP chairperson, I am here to tell you that they do INDEED! Last year, the Association added a COP line item to the dues notice and I am proud to say that many of you chose to support COP generously. Approximately \$2,200.00 was raised by that line item. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! That money is being used to purchase community COP signs. I am currently awaiting the opportunity to approve the mock up and then (hopefully by Crier press time) an order will be placed. Around 24 signs will be purchased to identify the Village as a COP patrolled neighborhood. So thank you all for support.

I would also like to thank Mr. Tom Hamer of Pleasant Plains. He has taken on the speeding problem on Pleasant Plains. In view of changes in the "Traffic Calming " regulations, Mr. Hamer made some inquiries to Baltimore Public Works and things are looking rather promising. You will be hearing soon about his progress and what kind of support he will be needing from residents. This is great example of what one resident with a vested interest can do thereby making a better community for all of us!

Mark you calendar! This year the COP Rally Against Crime Rally will be held on Friday, June 20th at 6:00pm. It is a Police and TACOP Neighborhood Partnership event and the goal is both to promote community awareness and to provide a neighborhood celebration. It is in conjunction with the "Feet on the Street" Friday night Towson street festival (on Allegheny Avenue). Our Sponsors are Bradford Bank,

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A Letter from the Principal

Dear Mr. Cullen and Loch Raven Community Friends,

Many thanks to those of you who attended the meeting held at our school. Your thoughts are important to me and I will work to build good communication with all of you through the monthly Loch Raven Crier. We do want to partner with you and appreciate the willingness that many of you expressed in coming in to tour the school. Please call me after school at 410-887-3549 and I will schedule you for a tour of our classrooms when students are busy learning. I am very proud of our instructional staff and hope that you can come in and witness for yourself the fine work that is being done at our school. Perhaps you may want to come in and volunteer to read with some of our students for one day each month. Laura Mossa and Amy Kunkel, Reading Specialists, have a program and some of our best volunteers come from this community. We invite you to join us by calling them at our school.

I wanted to tell you about an award that our school earned this past week from the Maryland State Board of Education. This is what it says: "The Maryland State Board of Education proudly recognizes Pleasant Plains Elementary for outstanding performance on the 2007 Maryland School Assessment. We commend you for your dedication to student achievement and for inspiring students to attain higher levels of performance. Your accomplishment serves as a model for others as we work together to ensure success for all of Maryland's students."

We also received \$5,700 from the Title I Office because we received this award. Our school is moving forward and we appreciate your support. As I said at the meeting, 81% of our present fourth grade students, who have been with us since Kindergarten, are proficient or advanced on MSA. 90% of our present fifth grade students, who have been with us since Kindergarten, are proficient or advanced on MSA. We have the fine instruction and when our students remain with us, it definitely shows on the testing. Please encourage new families to call me for information about our school. Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

Maureen Partilla

Principal, Pleasant Plains Elementary





The Pleasant Plains' Bull & Oyster Roast

Saturday, April 26th, 2008
 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
 Adults Only Event

The Ramada Inn
 8712 Loch Raven Boulevard
 (1 block north of Joppa Road)

TICKETS:
 \$35 until April 1st
 \$40 after April 1st
 Proceeds to Benefit
 Pleasant Plains PTA



The Pleasant Plains' Bull & Oyster Roast

Name: _____

Number of Tickets Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT JUDY LAFLAME ppespto@gmail.com

Over the Fence



Condolences to the family of Albert Moran who passed away recently. He was a long time resident of the 1700 block of Edgewood Road and is survived by his wife, Bettie, and many family and friends.



We would also like to express our condolences to the family of William Nelson, husband of Janet. Mr. Nelson was also a long time resident of the 1700 block of Edgewood Road in the Village.

Upcoming Village Crier Dates

	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
May 2008	04/24/08	05/10/08
June 2008	05/28/08	06/14/08
July 2008	06/25/08	07/12/08

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Midstate Federal Savings and Loan Association, and the Towson Chamber of Commerce. Besides providing light fare and entertainment, our Rally will provide important information and fun kid friendly opportunities like "Meet the Talking Fire Hydrant", "Get Inside a Police Car", Climb on a Fire Truck" and "Meet the Police Canine Unit". Lastly, we will hold an award ceremony to honor local police and COP volunteers.

Lastly, I am looking to expand our COP email network! Please contact me (lcullinan68@yahoo.com) if you would like to be included. It includes a weekly Precinct 6 crime report outlining any significant crime events in the Towson Area. It is also a great way for the village to communicate concerns and crime info throughout our community.

As always..IF YOU SEE SOMETHING.. SAY SOMETHING!!

Lori Cullinan,
COP Chairperson

RECYCLING REMINDER

All residents need to adhere to the trash and recycling collection guidelines published by the Baltimore County Department of Public Works. For information, please refer to the following Web address with any questions:

[http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/
publicworks/solid_waste/trash.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/solid_waste/trash.html)

Get Involved in YOUR Community

Block Captains & Committee Chairperson Needed

In Loch Raven Village, every street has a block captain, a person (or two) who serves as a liaison between the community and the LRV Board of Directors and helps organize neighborhood events. Block captains hand out fliers, hang the holiday wreaths on the street signs in December, and pass along concerns of their neighbors to the Board. Please note block captains do NOT collect dues or mediate neighborhood disputes.

We are in need of a chairperson for the block captains. The chairperson is a member of the board who notifies the block captains when something needs to be done, and helps find a new block captain when there is a vacancy. We also need block captains for the following streets: Aberdeen, Clyde Bank, Deveron, Loch Raven and **Pleasant Plains. If you're interested in any of these positions, or just would like to find out more, please contact Kristi Birch at kkbirch@comcast.net or call her at 410-821-7432.**

Welcome Committee Needs Helpers

Volunteers Needed - The LRV Welcoming Committee is looking for volunteers. We are ready to put our welcome baskets together and start delivering! Specific tasks include calling local vendors for special deals and coupons, assembling baskets, and delivering baskets. Please contact armlags@hotmail.com if you can help out in any way. Any time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated.

Classified & Service Ads

All ads must be submitted in writing with payment and mailed to *The Village Crier*, 1565 Cottage Lane, Towson, Md. 21286. No ads will be taken by phone. Rates are as follows: **Classified Ads - \$5.00 per 25 words, 50 word max **Professional Services** - \$20.00 per ad, 50 word max. **Please make Checks Payable to: The Associates of Loch Raven Village.****

Deadline is the 24th of each month.

GUTTERS: cleaned and screened. **BRICK WORK** - concrete patching, pointing up or silconing. **BUSHES & HEDGES** - cut down, shaped, primed or dug out. **PAINTING** - interior-exterior-window glazing and plastering. **ROOF REPAIRS**—slate and asphalt, metal chimney caps, concrete chimney caps. Light hauling. Fast dependable service. Call John, 410-661-6221. Lic. #19605

ED'S LAWN CARE SERVICES: Never cut your lawn again! You will have the best looking lawn in the neighborhood. Satisfaction Guaranteed! Grass Cut - Trimmed - Clean up. Semi-detached \$30-\$50. End of Group \$25-\$40. Inside Group \$15-\$25. Loch Raven Village resident for 26+ years. FREE ESTIMATES. Call Ed- 410-371-5317.

SPANISH INSTRUCTION/TUTORING: by experienced teacher, native speaker. Adolescents and adults. All levels. Please call: 410-668-3190.

PLUMBER: Your neighborhood plumber for all plumbing services, 25 years experience, Loch Raven Village homeowner, reasonable rates, dependable service. Call Bill at 410-821-0615.

A-AAA TREE SERVICE: Tree removal, trimming and thinning. Shrubbery removal and hedge work. 25 years of experience and fully insured. Loch Raven resident, no job too small. John 410-321-0921.

CULLEN ROOFING & SIDING CO. : New roofs & repairs, aluminum gutters & spouts, gutter guards & cleaning, trim work & siding. Longtime Loch Raven Village resident. Call for a free estimate. 410-337-6777 or 410-665-1414. Family owned and operated. M.H.I.C. #6460



Pet Locator

Please report any lost or found pets to Darrell Krushensky at 410-823-6330.

He will help you to find your pet or find the owner of a lost pet.