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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

On March 18th, we will have a meeting regarding our two neighborhood schools. Those who will be in attendance are Delegate Bill Frank, Central Area Assistant Superintendent Lyle Pazkowski and the two Principals, Mrs. Maureen Partilla (PPE) and Mrs. Linda Wilson (LRA). The meeting will be held at Pleasant Plains Elementary at 7:00 P.M.. This is your time to voice your opinion, good or bad, and ask questions. Our goal is for us to walk away from this meeting with some good ideas that we, as a Community can do to help the Schools in our neighborhood. I believe that as a Community, we should stand behind our Schools and not condemn them. A true partnership will best serve all parties involved. If you have any questions to ask and cannot make the meeting, just call or email me or a Board member and we will be glad to pass it on. Hope to see you there.

We have a few Committee openings. Look them over and see if you might be able to volunteer for one. Many require just a few hours of your time per month. Please consider volunteering.

Don't forget the Annual meeting in April. I am working on some guests for that meeting. Look in next month's Crier for more details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Baltimore Sunpaper published a notice that the Baltimore County Council passed legislation requiring all residents of homes and businesses with alley access to place numbers on the rear of their homes for easy identification by emergency personnel, (police, fire, county inspectors, etc.) This will take effect March 9. Warnings and fines of up to \$100.00 may be imposed for non-compliance. Reflective house numbers are preferred as they are more visible in the evening.

Thank You,
Francis Cullen



Community News

Loch Raven Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast Donations are \$6.00 per person and children under 3 are free. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please contact Laura Worzask at 410-825-0219.



Free parking, music and entertainment! All are welcome!

IHM Outreach Program Mr. Gary Brown, outreach minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be



preparing Easter Baskets of candy for kids and food for families soon. Any donations that you can make of candy, non-perishable food or money would be gratefully appreciated. Contact Mr. Gary at 410-663-4357. Please give him a call if you would like to help.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

Babcock Church is planning a trip to Lancaster, PA to see the show "Daniel & the Lions Den." on Saturday, April 5, 2008. There are seats available which we would like to open up to the Loch Raven Village Community. All prices include the show, lunch at Hershey Farm, bus transportation and all gratuities:

Adults: \$100.00 ~ Teens \$80.00 ~ Children \$50.00

Bus will leave Babcock Church promptly at 9:00 AM. Tickets are limited, deadline is March 1, 2008, all checks payable to Babcock Church. Call Vi Crook for further details at 410-668-4696 or Babcock Church at 410-825-3314.

School News

Pleasant Plains Elementary

100 Book Challenge Reading Coach Volunteers Needed!

Laura Mossa, a reading specialist at Pleasant Plains Elementary School announced at the January LRV board meeting that the school is looking for volunteers for their independent reading program, *100 Book Challenge*. Through this program, students strengthen their reading skills by choosing books that they can read independently both in school and at home.

Many parents work evenings and are unavailable to read with their children at home; therefore, reading coaches for students with no adult at home or support for reading are needed. Volunteers can work one-on-one with one or more students to listen to them read any time between 9:00 am- 2:30 p.m. You can volunteer when **you're available for as long as you'd like**. Even as little as 15 minutes once a week can have such a positive impact on a child, for independent reading is a critical skill all children need to learn and practice.

If you're interested in giving a little of your time to our children, please contact Laura Mossa at lmossa@bcps.org or call her at 410-887-3549. This is a perfect example of how a community and a school can work together for the good of everyone. Thank you for your assistance - Pleasant Plains Elementary School

LRV Book Club News



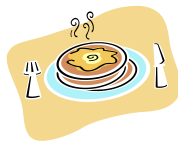
Unfortunately, the January meeting was canceled due to snow. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 15 at 7:30PM (at the LRV office at the old LR Elementary School. We'll be discussing "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. (If schools are closed or close early due to weather, the meeting will be canceled.) For information, call Leslea at 410-667-3733.



Loch Raven Kiwaniis

PRESENTS

Annual Pancake Breakfast



At

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

6622 Loch Raven Blvd.

Saturday, March 1, 2008

8:00 AM to NOON

Donation - \$6.00/person

Children under 3 - FREE

Free Parking

Music & Entertainment

Tickets available at the door

For more information, please call: 410-252-9311

Kiwaniis Club of Loch Raven is the sponsor of the Loch
Raven Community 4th of July Flag Distribution

Over the Fence



Condolences to the family of Mary A. S. Ketchum, a homemaker and longtime Red Cross volunteer, died Dec. 9 at Good Samaritan Hospital. The Loch Raven Village resident was 89. Mrs. Ketchum had lived in the same Glen Ridge Road home since 1948. She enjoyed reading and gardening. She also worked with the Red Cross in various capacities, including disaster relief and blood donations until 2002 due to health problems. She will be missed by many LRV friends.



Congratulations John and Peggy Watkins!

Married 55 years on Valentine's Day - 1953 and living in the same house on Edgewood Road - the house with all of the WW II American Flags.



Welcome Committee News

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 anyway. Any time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated.

Troop 740 Scout News



Troop 740 wishes to properly congratulate Steven R. Zirpolo for becoming Troop 740's 41st Eagle Scout. We all salute his family for raising this young boy to a fine young man.

THANK YOU to Patrick Zirpolo and Joey O'Brien for being Den Chiefs to upcoming cub scouts, so that hopefully these cub scouts will want to join an exciting troop like ours! Thanks again for wanting to bring the young ones through the ropes of Boy Scouting.

FUTURE CAMPING TRIP DATES

2/15 - 2/17/08: Camp Tuckahoe

3/28 - 3/30/08: Camp Kalor

TROOP POLICY ON SNOW DAYS

When schools close, there will be no Boy Scout meeting. When in doubt, give Mr. Pete Zirpolo a shout and he will straighten your questions out!

TROOP BASEBALL TICKET UPDATE

The date has been decided: 6-14-08! Those who want to attend this Troop Fundraising event, please call Mr. Joe Theiss ASAP.

LRES History Day News

On Saturday, January 12, we invited people to come in and see the photo albums that were saved from the trash by a former resident after Loch Raven Elementary School closed. We were hoping a few folks might stop by so we could get help identifying some of the people in the pictures. Instead, we had nearly thirty people come out, even bringing their own memorabilia to share. There was quite a lot of excitement as former students found photos of themselves, classmates, and favorite activities. Channel 2 and Channel 13 even stopped by for interviews so the school made it to the evening news!

Because many of the people had friends who could not attend, we are planning a second event on Saturday, February 16 from 10AM to 2PM. (In case of snow or ice, the event will be rescheduled for February 23.)

We are still collecting signatures on a petition to present to the County Council when they meet to discuss placing the school on the historic landmarks list. There is no word as to when this issue will be placed on the agenda, but **It's very important to attend the WORK SESSION** when this issue comes up. This is the ONLY time to voice our support on this issue and we will need as many supporters to attend as possible. If you cannot attend, please



History Day at Loch Raven Elementary - 1/12/08

call Leslea to sign the petition, which will be delivered at that time.

To sign the petition, check on

the date for the County Council work session, or for weather conditions for the next History Day, contact Leslea via email at lesleak@aol.com or leave a message at 410-667-3733.



History Day at Loch Raven Elementary School January 12, 2008
Emalyne Beardon (Kindergarten Teacher 1970-1983)
Looking at Final LRES Yearbook with Kristi Birch



History Day at Loch Raven Elementary School January 12, 2008
Lee & Charlie Coard, John Dugent (student 1953-1959), Trish Spicer
Leslea Knauff - LRES Preservation Committee Chair

To the Friends of Loch Raven Kiwanis:

By: Joe Maranto, Chairman
Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven

The Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven has been serving the Loch Raven Community for 58 years. During this time, it has stayed true to its purpose of providing services to many organizations, as well as the 1,500 families in the Loch Raven community.

This dedicated group will sponsor their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Loch Raven United Methodist Church, 6622 Loch Raven Blvd. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and children under 3 are free. Tickets will be available at the door.

Proceeds from this fundraising event will go toward providing all Loch Raven residents with flags on the morning of July 4th and for other community service projects.

Your participation and donation to our Pancake Breakfast will enable us to continue our responsibility for humanitarian and civic projects in the community.

Thank you for whatever support you can provide.

Joe Maranto

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 20th OF THE MONTH.

VILLAGE CO-OP FOR TOTS: The Village Co-op for Tots is a non-profit cooperative program for 3 & 4 year olds, where parents are active participants in their child's earliest education. Led by Mrs. Kate Fitzgerald for over 10 years, the Village Co-op provides a stimulating and nurturing environment for children. Contact Christine Burchette 410.823.3472.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES Federal & State Tax Returns, prepared at a reasonable price. I have over 35 years of experience including continuing education. For information or an appointment at your convenience, please call Les Fewster, Monday through Saturday, 10AM-9PM at 410-321-0009.

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

Upcoming Village Crier Deadline & Delivery Dates

	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
March	02/22/08	03/08/08
April	03/24/08	04/12/08

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

CHILD CARE IN THE VILLAGE : Licensed Child Care Provider has openings for toddlers ages 2 & up as well as before & after school children. Call Diane at 410-661-7371.



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..