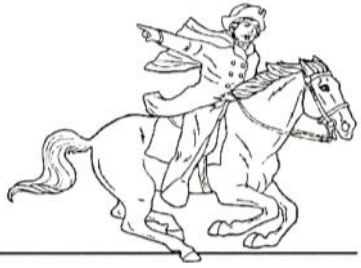


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The Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc. publish The VILLAGE CRIER monthly (except August). We also have a web site, block captains, and monthly meetings where you can find out what is happening in your community.

**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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**Village ladder 25'** . . . . . *Please Volunteer For this Job!*

## *President's Message*

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday and Santa brought the children everything they wanted. Delegate Frank attended our December meeting and there was a discussion about the Schools in our neighborhood, particularly Pleasant Plains and Loch Raven Academy. We are currently working on setting up a meeting with the Principals of the schools and a School Board member in the very near future so please look in upcoming Criers for more information. We are still working to put Loch Raven Elementary School on the historic registry and will keep you updated as we get more information. I would like to thank all those who wrote and called to get the School through the first step.

As we begin the new Year, I would like to thank all the people who worked so hard last year to keep our Village the best Neighborhood in the State of Maryland; people like Sue O'Neill who made the Fourth of July party work, Jerry Heilman who keeps our neighborhood clean with the Fall and Spring clean up days, Lori for heading C.O.P., and all the others Jack, Gretchen, Cindy, Kristi, Leslea, Darrell, Dimitiri, Leslie, Laura, Joseph, Gary, Jennifer, Brandon and the Crier editor Laura. These are the people who take time out of their busy schedule and volunteer to make things happen in the Village. Without them, things could not happen. But we cannot do it alone, we need your help. We need more people to volunteer so please if anyone can help, just give me a call. Remember that all the members of the Board are Volunteers and do this for the good of Loch Raven Village. You can help to keep it the best Neighborhood ever.

We are always looking for new things to do so we have been working on a Village wide Block party sometime in the spring. If anybody has a suggestion of something to do, please give us a call. Thank a Board member for their endless work.  
THANK YOU.

Francis Cullen

***WANTED ~ Recipes from LRV residents! Our Recipe collection page will now feature YOUR favorite recipes. Please email them to the editor ASAP! criereditor@lochravenvillage.com. Thank you!!***



## Community News



### 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.

### **ARE YOU CONCERNED WITH HOW THE LOCAL SCHOOLS AFFECT LRV?**

At the December LRV Board meeting, concerns about our two neighborhood schools were brought up. We would like to see improvements in both. William Frank, our representative in the Maryland House of Delegates, offered to set up a meeting with our area superintendent from the Board of Education. We would like to have community input AND attendance. Please watch the CRIER or go our website at [lochravenvillage.com](http://lochravenvillage.com) for updated information.

We would also like your comments and concerns **PRIOR** to the meeting - especially if you will be unable to attend. Please call or email any board member or you may email the CRIER editor who will pass them along to the Board. Prior to the meeting, we will forward the list of concerns to Delegate Frank or you may contact him directly at [William.Frank@house.state.md.us](mailto:William.Frank@house.state.md.us) or 410-841-3793.

# *Holiday Decorating Contest 2008*

There were many, many beautifully decorated LRV homes throughout the village this year making it very difficult for the judges to choose the best three. To the right are pictures of the winners of the 2008 contest. Many other homes were worthy of honorable mentions, however, there were just too many to mention. Thanks to all the residents who helped Light Up the Village!!



## **Grand Prize**

Mr. Warren Fewster  
Feldbrook Road



## **Second Place**

Mr. & Mrs. Miskimon  
Glen Keth Blvd.



## **Third Place**

Bob & Frances Gist  
Glen Keith Blvd.

# COP Update January 2008

This month marks the second anniversary of our Village's COP Program. I want to thank all of you that have given generously of your time in helping to keep our Village safe. I have received many words over the months from your fellow neighbors and you should all feel good about your efforts.

One consistent complaint that I have received over the 2 years is the speeding on Pleasant Plains. You may be interested to know that the Baltimore County has revised the "Traffic - Calming" requirements, making them more liberal. "Traffic-Calming" requirements refers to such things as speed bumps among other things. I don't know if our Village can benefit from these changes but I am looking for any interested party who would like to look into the possibility. I have a great article from the Baltimore Sun outlining the changes if anyone would like to read up on the details. Please contact me if you are interested in making this your "Pet Project" for 2008.

Finally, if your New Year's Resolution is to volunteer more...PLEASE consider giving some of your precious time to your neighborhood. COP is always looking for more help and we definitely have room for you! Being a COP participant doesn't have to be stressful. I have several patrollers that take that hour a week to catch up with a friend. They stop at Starbucks for a hot beverage and they drive and chat the hour away. If you can't formally patrol with all the bells and whistles, you can still help the Village by being a diligent and observant resident. Keep your eyes and ears open. Call 911 or 410-887-2222 (put it in your cell phone) if you observe ANY suspicious activity. Please keep your sheds and car doors locked. Please keep your front and back door porch lights on **all night** long. Criminals don't target well lit areas. Carry your cell phones with you. Take the "long" way home and check out what is happening. Lastly, COMMUNICATE with me [lcullinan68@yahoo.com](mailto:lcullinan68@yahoo.com) and with each other. Knowledge is power.

All the Best in 2008!

Lori Cullinan

COP CHairperson

## *Troop 740 Scout*

### **Troop 740's 41st Eagle**

On Dec. 8th 2007, Steven R. Zirpolo (the 740's 41st Eagle scoutmaster's son) became Troop Scout and we as a troop are extremely proud. We all salute his family for raising this young man to young adulthood.

### **Camping Trips-Troop 740**

1/25/08- 1/27/08:  
Camp Horseshoe (cabin camping)

2/15/08- 2/17/08:  
Camp Tuckahoe (cabin camping)



## **LRV Book Club News**

After a December hiatus, the Book Club will be starting the New Year with our second annual Poetry Evening.



There's no book to read, just bring a favorite poem to read and discuss. For this meeting, we will NOT be meeting at the LRV office at the Loch Raven Elementary School. One of our members has graciously invited the Book Club to meet at her home for this special event on Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 PM. Call Leslea Knauff for details at 410-667-3733 or email at [lesleak@aol.com](mailto:lesleak@aol.com).

In February, we will meet as usual at the LRV office at LRES at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday. The book selection is "A Thousand Splendid Suns"



## *Classified & Service Ads*

**Classified Ads** must be submitted in writing and mailed to *The Village Crier*. No ads will be taken by phone. Rates are \$5.00 per 25 words, 50 word maximum.

Anyone who wishes to advertise **Professional services** will be charged at the rate of **\$20.00 per month for a maximum 50 word ad**. All ads must be submitted in writing with payment to Crier Editor: 1565 Cottage Lane, Baltimore, MD 21286. **Deadline for February:** 1/22/08. **Next delivery date:** 2/09/08. **Make Checks Payable to The Associates of Loch Raven Village**

### CLASSIFIED

**In search of loving home for cat:** 6 year-old male, black, domestic cat; de-clawed, up-to-date on vaccinations, excellent health, affectionate. Call Molly 410-321-5985.

**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 410-661-7371.

### SERVICES

**GUTTERS:** cleaned and screened. **BRICK WORK** - concrete patching, pointing up or silconing. **BUSHES & HEDGES** - cut down, shaped, primed or dug out. **PAINTING** - interior-external-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

**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.

### **Upcoming Village Crier Deadline & Delivery Dates**

	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
<b>February</b>	<b>01/22/08</b>	<b>02/09/08</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>02/21/08</b>	<b>03/08/08</b>