

# The *VILLAGE* CRIER



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# Happy Easter

A stylized green lily flower with yellow stamens and a green stem with leaves. The flower is positioned to the right of the 'Happy Easter' text.

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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***

The meeting regarding our two neighborhood schools is still on for March 18th at Pleasant Plains Elementary School, starting at 7:00 P.M. in the gym. Those who will attend are Delegate Bill Frank, the two Principals, Mrs. Maureen Partilla, Mrs. Linda Wilson and the Central Area Assistant Superintendent, Lyle Pazkowski. This is the time that you can ask questions or voice your opinion. This is our Neighborhood and our Schools. We need to come out of this meeting with a partnership between the Village and the Schools. Together, we can make this work.

**Don't forget that the Baltimore County Council passed legislation** requiring ALL homeowners with rear alley access to place numbers on the rear of their homes effective March 9th. Please remember to get your numbers up as they will be imposing warnings and/or fines for non-compliance.

The manager at Loch Raven Village Apartments called me to again ask that our residents not use their dumpsters. I let her know that **it's unlikely that LRV residents are using them because we hold at least two "Dumpster Days" a year specifically for our residents to** discard unwanted items. I also mentioned that we are still receiving complaints from our residents that their tenants are continually parking on the residential streets of the Village. While they are public streets, many residents are upset that there is no available parking near their homes when they return from work.

The Annual meeting will be on April the 8th at 7:00 P.M. at Babcock Church. I tried to get County Executive Jim Smith and County school Superintendent Dr. Joe Hairston, but both are unable to attend. At this time, Delegates William Frank and Susan Aumann will attend. Please plan to come to the meeting. Please volunteer to help your Village.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter to everyone.



## 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)



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### *LRV Book Club News*

The March selection for the Book Club is "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert. Because of the Easter holiday, we will meet on March 27th which is the fourth Thursday of the month. The meeting will be at the usual time, 7:30 PM, in the LRV office of the old Loch Raven Elementary School. The January poetry meeting which was canceled due to weather has been rescheduled for April 17th. More details will be in the April *CRIER*. Call Leslea at 410-667-3733 for more information.

## School News



### Pleasant Plains Elementary

Pleasant Plains will be hosting the Community and School Meeting on March 18th at 7:00pm in the gym. The purpose of this meeting is for Loch Raven Village and Knet-tishall to meet with the principals from Pleasant Plains Elementary and Loch Raven Academy and learn how we can work together and keep an open line of communication to join efforts to better serve everyone. Please join us for an informative evening.

### Loch Raven Academy



Congratulations to the impressive group of students from Loch Raven Academy for earning **straight A's** in every class on their report cards for the second quarter! There were boys and girls from 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade included. To reward the children for their commendable accomplishments, the Principal at LRA, Mrs. Linda Wilson, had all of them as her guests for lunch at **Qdoba Mexican Grill. Way to go kids!!**

### Loch Raven High School

The LRHS Booster Club is sponsoring the 2008 Spring Arts & Craft Show at Loch Raven High School on Saturday 3/15/08 from 10am to 3pm. Quality original art from over 50 artists will include handmade Windsor chairs, watercolor and acrylic prints, bags & purses, stained glass, quilts, embroidery, iron work, silk scarves, and more! Admission: Adults: \$2.00, Students & Seniors: \$1.00, Under 12: Free. Refreshments and Pit Beef will be offered. Free Parking.

## Local Band From Loch Raven Village



You may have heard of them before, but have you seen them perform? Now you can! The band, *Sons of Obscurity*, includes residents Mike Korzi, Joe Tumminello, and Alex Antkowiak. They will be performing Saturday, April 5th at



The Raven Inn at 8:30pm. Bring your friends to see this very talented local group perform for you!



*Loch Raven Elementary School*

Loch Raven Elementary School Update:

We are still waiting to hear from Councilman Gardina's office as to when the Council will be considering placing the school on the list of historic properties. We have been told that the application was still being reviewed by the Department of Recreation. The only time we can speak to the County Council on behalf of the school is during the Council's work session when the issue has been placed on the agenda. If we hear that a work session has been scheduled prior to the publication of the next CRI ER, a notice will be placed on [www.lochravenvillage.com](http://www.lochravenvillage.com) and we will try to get the word out to as many residents as possible. We need to have a good turnout at the work session to show support for keeping and maintaining Loch Raven Elementary School.

Contact Leslea Knauff at 410-667-3733 or [lesleak@aol.com](mailto:lesleak@aol.com) for updates.

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](http://www.bcpl.net/~cvpark)

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## *Local Zoning Hearing Scheduled*

On Tuesday, March 18 at 7 PM, the Planning Board Hearing for requested changes in the zoning map for the 5th Council District will be held at Perry Hall Senior High School. If you wish to speak about any of the requested zoning issues, you must sign in prior to the beginning of the hearing. SIGN IN BEGINS AT 6PM.

There are two issues that affect Loch Raven Village. The first is the request for rezoning of the old Bendix property on Taylor Avenue. Preakness Homes, now doing business there as Stevenson Taylor Investments, LLC., has requested rezoning from ML to BM which is not a desirable outcome for property so close to our residential community. The county council has already passed approval of a PUD development plan on the property on behalf of the developer, so theoretically rezoning should now be unnecessary. However, it is still on the Baltimore County 2008 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process Log of Issues so we need to make an appearance to voice our opposition to the underlying rezoning.

The second issue involves rezoning at the southwest corner of East Joppa Road and LaSalle Road. It is understood that St. John Properties wishes to rezone some of the commercial office space for retail purposes. This will affect traffic on Joppa Road as there will need to be access into that property from Joppa Road just before the traffic light at Joppa and LaSalle.

For more information or to comment on either of the above issues, call Leslea Knauff at 410-667-3733.

## *A Letter From an Old Friend...*

Hello to my friends in the Village!

Well folks, this month marks twenty years since my retirement from the familiar Vegetable truck that you saw on every street in Loch Raven Village for many years. I contacted your editor, Laura Worzask, for some space to give you a brief review of my retirement years.

First, I would like to say that God has given my wife and me good health to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Marie and I have been married for 58 years and now live in Perry Hall. We stayed close to home about 1.5 miles from the farms where we were both **born. It's not the sleepy farm town it used to be, but that's progress** and we love it.

Our daughter, Wanda, and her husband Jim live on the farm near us and have two children, Scott and Kelly, ages 22 and 19. Scott, a Calvert Hall graduate, is in his senior year at Villa Julie College, and Kelly, a Mercy High School graduate, is a student at Towson University. We are fortunate to see them both often.

Much of my time is spent on my fruit basket business, Pride of Germantown. I am still active in community affairs, such as a member of the Northeast Historical Society, a winner of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award with 54 years of perfect attendance. Now I am a member of the Fallston Lions Club Leader Dogs for the Blind, collecting eyeglasses for the blind throughout the world. I am also a member of the German Society of Maryland, Past President of the Perry Hall Improvement Association, a member of the Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association, founding father of the Perry Hall Town Fair where I was honored for 50 years of Volunteer service receiving citations from the Governor of our state, Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith, Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, Senator Klausmeier, **and Councilman Vince Gardina, naming July 12, 2003 as "Buddy Butt Day" in the state of Maryland. I find it hard to believe that a poor farm boy in 1930 would have a day named after him in 2003.** We have spent some time in Florida during the past few

winters and have taken many bus trips over the years. I still drive and maintain our home, yard, and garden work on our one-acre ranch in Perry Hall.

I often think back to April 12, 1949 when I first started a vegetable route in the Village. There were only about six streets of homes completed, but as the Village grew over the years to west of the Boulevard, it took me three days to cover my route. I have fond memories of supplying the lemons for the lemon stick stand at the Loch Raven Elementary School Carnival and furnishing fresh strawberries for the Strawberry Festival at Babcock Presbyterian Church. It was during that time that if I had \$500 for a down payment, I could have purchased a brand new end of **group sample home on Edgewood Road for \$10,500. I didn't** though because I was selling tomatoes for 65 cents a half bushel. Potatoes were 5 pounds for 25 cents and sweet sugar corn was 15 cents a dozen.

Recently, I visited some former customers Ernie Davis and Doris Reese and they explained to me what a wonderful neighborhood the Village is today. I was glad to hear the Village *Crier* was still being printed. I remember putting an ad in the *Crier* for over 35 years. (Good Job, Laura)

I still play my accordion and am a member of the Maryland Accordion Club, a membership of over fifty accordion players meeting monthly in Catonsville. Lastly, I devote many hours to my church, which has always been close to my heart.

I want to thank your Editor for being so nice in printing some memories that are still with me. I hope these few paragraphs **have briefed you on what Your 'ole Buddy, now 87 years old, has** been doing these last twenty years. I still have lunch with several men from the Village once a month.

I hope this message finds you all in good **health. 'Till we meet again, God bless you** all.

Your Buddy,  
William J. Butt



## An Easter Holiday Puzzle

Hi Kids! Can you help me find all of my Easter words below? They can be spelled up, down, forwards, backwards, and even diagonally! Good Luck!



Thank you!



The Easter Bunny

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L R T U I L L E A K H R  
F H E D O Y O I K E U A  
A E R R U B E C A T P B  
Q U S I A E D F O E G B  
E A R S T A T N U H A I  
X Y G B U N N Y I S C T

BASKET

COLORS

FLOWERS

MARCH

BUNNY

EARS

HUNT

PETER RABBIT

CANDY

EASTER

JELLY BEAN

CHOCOLATE

EGGS

LILY



# Troop 740 Scout News



## Terrific News for Troop 740!

Those who went cabin camping in Camp Tuckahoe said they all thoroughly enjoyed the productive trip to Gettysburg. Planning agendas for future camping trips and meetings were discussed and, of course, having fun!

## 9th Annual Scout Family Picnic

On June 7th 2008, the Scout Family Picnic will once again be held at the always enjoyable Double Rock Park, located at the end of Texas Ave, off Harford Rd. Our website coordinator, Nick Sherman, & his family are handling all details so please contact him for further info.

## Troop Policy for Snow Days

Hopefully there will be no more snow this year, but just a friendly reminder: when schools close, there will be no Troop meetings.

## Troop Baseball Ticket Update

All of those who want to go to a baseball game on Saturday, 6-14-08, please contact Mr. Joe Theiss. This is NOT a Boy Scout sponsored event, however, this is a Troop Fundraising event. Those who went last year had a blast, so don't miss out on the fun!

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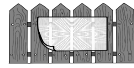


## Block Captain List as of 3/1/08

<u>Street</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Aberdeen	Please volunteer for this job	---
Barksdale	Jerry Heilman	410-823-3427
Clyde Bank	Please volunteer for this job	---
Cottage Lane	Darrell Krushensky	410-823-6330
Dellsway	Rita Palmere	410-825-0002
Deveron	Please volunteer for this job	---
Doxbury	Paula Frazier	410-823-1105
Drumwood	<b>Sue O'Neill</b>	410-823-8765
Edgewood (even)	Stacy Tempert	410-665-4045
Edgewood (odd)	Doug Brady	410-665-6488
Feldbrook	Kristen Campbell	410-825-7296
Glen Gary	Chuck Zeller	410-823-0749
Glen Keith, E.	Jacki Smith	410-661-4466
Glen Keith, W.	Avery Harden	410-821-0770
Glen Ridge	Kim Gado	410-663-8358
Greenway	Gary Herwig	410-665-1771
Joppa	Corinne Ratliff	410-938-8678
Kennoway	Pat Keller	410-882-4437
Kirkwall	Janet Brown	410-825-9298
LaSalle	Jerry Heilman	410-823-3427
Loch Ness	Christopher Zysk	410-828-1939
Loch Raven	Peter Moulder	410-494-1552
Loch Shiel	Mark Franker	410-665-1318
Mussula	Julie Ayers	410-825-6637
Myamby	Kathy Fagan	410-847-9234
Pleasant Plains	Gloria Reed	410-825-5653
Pleasant Plains	Please volunteer for this job	---
Putty Hill	Pat Oxnard	410-337-8534
Putty Hill	Rob Metcalf	443-791-7486

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

## Over the Fence



Thomas Nielsen, 12-years-old, of Pleasant Plains Road, won the 2007-2008 Junior Concerto Competition at the Peabody Preparatory of the Johns Hopkins University. Thomas performed the Haydn Piano Concerto in D Major. He will be the featured performer with the Preparatory Young Artists Orchestra on Saturday, May 10 at Peabody's Griswold Hall.

Thomas is a piano student of Min-Chi Wu-Phillips. He also studies composing with Judah Adashi. Thomas recently wrote a Christmas carol, Burn the Tree Down. Last year, he wrote a three-movement string trio that was performed by students of the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Thomas is home schooled.

### The Easter Bunny's Word Search Answers

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L	R	T	U	I	L	L	E	A	K	H	R
F	H	E	D	O	Y	O	I	K	E	U	A
A	E	R	R	U	B	E	C	A	T	P	B
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X	Y	G	B	U	N	N	Y	I	S	C	T

## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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 21st of each 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.

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## 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..

