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Happy Mother's Day



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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 who attended the annual meeting. It was a good turn out. We have some things coming up: May 24th is Dumpster Day so take advantage of it. It is free so do some spring cleaning. Also as an added advantage, there will be a Company there to shred your personal documents for a small fee. Please read more about this and what you can put in the **dumpster in this month's Crier. It is** possible that some traffic calming devices will be placed on Pleasant Plains Rd. between Putty Hill Ave. and Taylor. To do this, 75% of the people must agree. Look for more information in this issue.

We are now working on the Fourth of July party and seeking donations for the fireworks, anything you can do will help. We are also working on a Bull and Oyster Roast in October. If you are interested, please contact Wade Barnes at 410-870-2956. We will need a minimum of 200 people.

Enjoy your Holiday and please THANK A VETERAN OR A SOLDIER. And a big WELCOME HOME to our Troops.

Sincerely,

Francis Cullen

Clean-up Day for LRV

LRV Association is sponsoring a Clean-Up Day for our community on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at the Pleasant Plains Elementary School parking lot. The collection time is 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., OR until dumpsters are full.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: General residential household items including appliances, (refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, **lawn mowers, hot water heaters, furniture, TV's. Metal items will be separated at the site.**

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Controlled hazardous waste and liquids of any type (caustics, pesticides, chemicals, explosive/flammable materials, propane tanks, medical waste, radioactive waste, septic or sewage waste, paint, asbestos, drums or tanks (unless empty and flattened or crushed, with top removal or holes on top), animal carcasses, vehicles/large parts or tires, pieces of concrete curb or **gutter, tree stumps greater than 12" in height and 36" across, wire and steel cable, campers, pick-up caps, etc.**

In order to eliminate any misunderstanding, community volunteers will be stationed at the site to monitor refuse being placed in containers to ensure compliance with the guidelines and regulations set by Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management. We reserve the right to reject loads of materials that in our sole opinion, appear to be commercial in nature or material unacceptable under the program.

This Clean-Up Day is supported by the LRV Association and limited to residents only. Legitimate ID must be presented and will be checked. We appreciate your cooperation and hope that the community will take advantage of this event.

In order for this program to be successful, we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jerry Heilman at 410-823-3427.

Dumpster Day May 24th

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As stated on page 5, Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, May 24th from 8:00AM to NOON at Pleasant Plains. Joining our LRV volunteers will be an additional service for our residents - Pro-Shred Security document shredding.

As part of Pro-**shred's local outreach programs, we conduct** Community Shreds, where we place our truck at a local community function and offer to confidentially shred documents from local residents.

We typically charge about \$5 per box and ALL proceeds, 100% - will go to assisting disadvantaged students at Pleasant Plains Elementary School. **Through arrangements with the school's principal and PTA President, we intend to** set up a fund for disadvantaged students at the school. This fund will provide for school supplies, field trip admission and other assistance for students that are homeless, their parents are jobless, or they possess special needs.

In addition to donating all proceeds, Pro-Shred will recycle all of the shredded paper.

Pro-Shred Security, takes pride in participating in local events and helping raise money for local causes.

For any questions please contact Martin Fisher
at 410-242-9224.

Pro-Shred Security provides secure on site document destruction to combat Identity Theft and to insure the proper disposal of sensitive documents.

Lowe's Update Meeting

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED LOWES STORE ON TAYLOR AVENUE

Baltimore County has scheduled a Community Input Meeting on May 14, 2008 to present the major features of the proposed development of the old Bendix property at 1400 Taylor Avenue. A representative of the Department of Permits and Development Management will conduct the meeting and prepare a list of questions and comments discussed in the meeting. No decision regarding the approval of this project will be made at the time of the meeting. However, this is the citizens' opportunity to make their concerns a part of the public record in advance of the preparation of the development plan. The decision on the final plan will be rendered by a Hearing Officer at a subsequent development plan meeting.

The CIM meeting will take place in the cafeteria at the old Loch Raven Elementary School at 1801 Glen Keith Boulevard. It will begin promptly at 7 PM, but the plan will be available for informal review one half hour before the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to last two hours.

The proposed development is a Planned Unit Development which allows the developer to override the underlying zoning on the property. The developer is also pursuing the rezoning of the property through the current rezoning process. The County Council hearing on the proposed rezoning will take place on June 2nd. For more information call Leslea Knauff at 410-667-3733.

PLEASANT PLAINS TRAFFIC CALMING

By Tom Hamer

After years of complaints about speeding traffic on Pleasant Plains Road by the residents and parents of children attending Pleasant Plains Elementary, a solution to the problem is within our grasp. The Bureau of Traffic Engineering in the County's Department of Public Works has developed a "traffic calming" plan intended to slow motorists to the posted residential speed limits.

The traffic-calming measures are part of a new Traffic Management Program intended to help neighborhoods deal with speeders and non-neighborhood "cut-through" traffic. After examining the situation along Pleasant Plains Road which includes a recreational complex and shopping center at one end and an elementary school in the middle, the Traffic Engineers agree that serious measures are warranted to discourage speeders.

The County's proposal is the installation of four speed humps on Pleasant Plains Road: two in front of the elementary school at the present crosswalk locations, and two between Glen Keith Boulevard and Taylor Avenue. The two south of Glen Keith would be located at approximately 8145 Pleasant Plains Road and 8101 Pleasant Plains Road.

The speed humps are 22 feet long but only 3 inches high. The result is that drivers should slow down to 20-25 mph when negotiating the humps. This will not seriously impede traffic, including school buses and emergency vehicles, but will result in drivers moderating their speed. It

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may even cause some traffic that is just "passing thru" to seek other routes. Because the humps are long and only 3 inches high, they will not affect any parking in front of any residences.

In order for the Department of Public Works to move forward with construction of the speed humps, it is necessary that the residents of Pleasant Plains Road sign a petition approving the installation with 75% of the households in favor. At those locations where the speed humps are to be installed, the individual property owner must also approve.

You can visit some nearby examples of the type of speed hump we are talking about in the Knollwood community on Knollwood Road between Hillen Road and Stevenson Lane. We are hopeful of holding a meeting of Pleasant Plains residents in the near future so they can ask questions of a County representative and hopefully sign a petition in favor of the speed humps.

Thank you.

April 22, 2008

Troop 740 Scout News



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Congrats to Patrick Zirpola on receiving the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony was April 26th 2008, and you can bet his family (and the troop, his extended family) are quite proud of him.

Future Camping Date for Troop 740

May 17th & 18th @ Wye Island State Park

9TH ANNUAL SCOUT FAMILY PICNIC (important info!)

Location for this year's Scout Family Picnic is the same, wonderful place that has hosted it over the years past: Double Rock State Park. Noon til 6pm. Everyone who wants to contribute something, besides their smiling faces, contact Nick Sherman and let him know what you can bring to the picnic.

A. S. A. P

Troop 740 personnel, please get your Summer Camp payments to Mr. Ed Gross A. S. A. P.

Helpful Phone Numbers



Commercial vehicles on street	410-887-1344
Commercial vehicles on property	410-887-3351
Garbage collection info/complaints	410-887-2000
Garbage collection disposal complaints	410-887-7136
Grass, bushes obstructing view at intersection.	410-887-3554
Grass, tall & weeds	410-887-3352
Noise, domestic	410-887-0872
Rodents .(Rats, Mice, etc.)	410-887-7136
Zoning complaints & code enforcements	410-887-3351

Loch Raven Academy Spring Showcase Night



On Wednesday, April 16, 2008, Loch Raven Academy welcomed students, perspective students, and their parents to spend an evening of discovery and exploration at the school, located at 8101 La-Salle Road in Towson. During the 2008 Spring Showcase Night, the school showcased its verse academic programs through presentations, demonstrations, displays and modeled student work. Students and their family members had the opportunity to play the Stock Market Game, explore chemistry, space and energy labs, listen to the "Readers Theater" Presentation, experience the joy of learning a new piece of music on piano in World Music class, discover edible art, take a journey through the Archetypal Masks Gallery Walk, and gather resources for college and career awareness.

Many prospective students and their parents enjoyed learning about the North Bay Adventure Week that was experienced by sixth graders during this school year.

The event was immediately followed by an ice cream social provided by the PTSA. Throughout the event, parents and students visited the BCPS Parentmobile, a rolling, retrofitted school bus that travels to schools, community events, local businesses, and neighborhoods to help parents and community members access information about education.

Firefighters' Remembrance Ceremony

May 18th

The Baltimore Co. Fire Service's annual Ceremony of Remembrance which honors those members who have lost their lives in the line of duty, is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th at 2PM at the Fire Service Memorial Shrine on Courthouse Square in Towson. During this ceremony, career and volunteer leaders of the local fire service community will honor the fallen by placing a wreath on the memorial shrine.



Loch Raven Book Club



The Loch Raven Book Club will mark its third anniversary this month. In May 2005 we met to discuss our first book, "Reading Lolita in Teheran," and except for a few weather cancellations we have been going strong since then! In April we had our annual poetry meeting -- postponed from January due to weather. This once a year event invites everyone to bring a poem to read and discuss and is one of our favorite get-togethers.

We'll be hitting the books again for the May and June meetings. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See is the May 15th selection and for the June 19th meeting, we'll be reading "Travels with Charley" by John Steinbeck. The Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the LRV office at the old Loch Raven Elementary School on Glen Keith Boulevard. Call Leslea at 410-667-3733 for more information. Anyone interested in any of the books we are reading is invited. (This is a "come when you can, come as you are" club!)

Loch Raven Elementary School

We have learned that the County Council will hold the hearing on the nomination of the old Loch Raven Elementary School for historic status on July 8, 2008. PLEASE mark your calendars with this important date and plan to attend.

The hearing will be held in the County Council Chambers in the evening. Everyone who wishes to address the council will need to arrive early (before 6 PM) to sign in as a speaker. This hearing has been scheduled for the Tuesday after the Fourth of July weekend when many people may be away, so every person who can attend the hearing in support of this important issue is crucial.

Watch for more information and ways to take action on this issue before the hearing in the June CRIER. The community website, www.lochravenvillage.com, will have updates as well. Call Leslea Knauff at 410-667-3733 to volunteer.

Loch Raven Academy Finance/Law Students Win BIG!!

The Loch Raven Academy (LRA) Department of Finance and Law has WON the State Championship of the "Stock Market Game". Students and teachers competed globally against Elementary, Middle, High - Public-Private and Independent competitors. Please note that this is the 5th consecutive year that LRA has won 1st or 2nd place in the "**Stock Market Game**". **These students are on fire and LRA placed either 1st or 2nd in each of the three different Stock Market Games listed below for the academic year 2007-2008.**

1. Long Term Investment Game -**Sept. '07**- April 25, 2008
2. Spring Stock Market Investment Game: Jan. 2008 - 4/25/08
3. International Spring Stock Market Game: Jan. -April 2008

1st Place International North American & European Spring Stock Market Game

LRA seventh grade team member, Omer S. grew his investment by 8% in four months. He competed against schools from Mexico, several Caribbean nations, Poland, Canada, Nicaragua, Israel, Jordan, Ryerson University, The Oriental School, and various others located throughout the world.

Maryland State Long Term Investor Game

- 1st Place - LRA 7th grader, Victoria A.
2nd Place - LRA 7th grader, **Dia'Monique M**

These students competed against 467 teams. The average team consisted of three participants, which means they competed against approximately 1500 other students from 26 other Maryland public and private school systems, and those within the District of Columbia.

Victoria's investment grew 65% in six months. Dia'Monique's investment grew 34% in six months.

1st Place Teacher Adult Regional Competition Spring Stock Market Game

Mr. Robert Peters is a Social Studies teacher at Loch Raven Academy. **Robert's investment grew 8% in four months. Congratulations!**

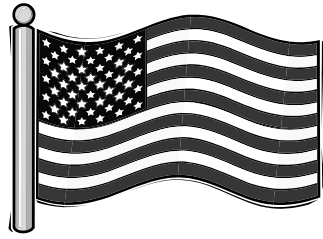


“Sons of Obscurity” Performs
at The Raven Inn

Do to an overwhelming turnout, LRV's local band, *Sons of Obscurity* has been invited back to play at the Raven Inn again on June 7th. Hundreds of friends and residents joined LRV residents Mike Korzi, Joe Tumminello, and Alex Antkowiak in their first public appearance. Mark your calendars again as they will be performing Saturday, June 7th, at The Raven Inn at 8:30pm. Bring your friends and come see this very talented local group perform for you!



A Little History....



The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Second Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. The resolution read:

"Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

The resolution gave no instruction as to how many points the stars should have, nor how the stars should be arranged on the blue union. Consequently, there were many variations. During the Revolutionary War, several patriots made flags for the new Nation. Betsy Ross is the best known of these persons, but there is no proof that she made the first Stars and Stripes.

It was not until April 4, 1818, when President Monroe accepted a bill that prescribed the basic design of the flag which would assure that the growth of the country would be properly symbolized. It required that the flag of the United States have a union of 20 stars, white on a blue field, and that upon admission of each new State one star be added to the union of the flag on the fourth of July following the date of admission. The 13 alternating red and white stripes would remain unchanged.



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 maximum.

Professional Services - \$20.00 per ad, 50 word maximum.

Please make Checks Payable to: Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc.

BABYSITTING IN THE VILLAGE: Red Cross certified babysitter available for evenings and weekends. Please call Kim @ 410-303-6177.

FOR SALE: Lawn Mower, Black & Decker Electric, Rear bagger. Used one season - \$85. 443-413-3107.

FOR SALE: Car cover fits 14'3" to 15', 100% waterproof/all weather protection-still have box \$50.00; Camping set / kit 4 sleeping bags and tent new / still in box \$145.00; iPod Shuffle 512 MB white new / still in box \$35.00; Computer monitors 15" \$40.00; 20 Gallon Fish Tank with cover / light. 12"W x 30"L x 13"H \$50.00; Contact 410-825-6599.

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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.