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JOIN US AT THE ALRV ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS ON APRIL 9!

Letter from the President

If you are like me, you live in Loch Raven Village for many reasons.

- Its central location within Baltimore County
- Its proximity to schools, shopping, and recreation
- Its affordability and walkability

These are just a few reasons to like our community. At the heart of Loch Raven Village is you. The residents of Loch Raven Village make this a great place to live. It is you who decides to leave on a porch light as a safety measure. It is you who helps a neighbor in need. It is you who drives slowly in the alley because our children play there.

It all comes down to you, which is why I invite you to join me each month at the Associates of Loch Raven Village (ALRV) board meetings, and more importantly at the Annual Meeting of Members on April 9. You can find details about these meetings inside this issue.

Like me, you have competing demands on your time. And like me, I hope you'll find a little time for Loch Raven Village. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Gretchen Sarkin
President

March Board Meeting at Johnny Dee's Lounge

The March 12 Associates of Loch Raven Village board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Johnny Dee's Lounge. Located at 1705 Amuskai Avenue, near Joan Avenue and Loch Raven Boulevard, the Lounge is a nice change of pace from the usual meeting location at Loch Raven Center. Grab a bite to eat before, during, or after the meeting while getting involved in your community!

Dumpster Day is Coming!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until Noon at Pleasant Plains Elementary School. This event is for Loch Raven Village and Knettishall residents. Find more details inside this issue of the Crier!



Village Easter Egg Hunt Coming March 23!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23, at 10:30 a.m. and come to Pleasant Plains Elementary prepared to hunt for Easter eggs! This BYOB event – bring your own basket – is sponsored by ALRV, Loch Raven Optimist, Knettishall Community Association, Greater Loch Raven Recreation Council, and Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.

May/June Crier Submissions
Deadline: April 12, 2013

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ALRV MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the
second Tuesday of each month

7 p.m., Room 102

Loch Raven Center

1801 Glen Keith Boulevard.

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.”

To the Crier Editor:

I am sure most residents are aware of police activity in our neighborhood as it relates to crime. However, I recently benefited from police activity that helped my family, and I wanted to share it with your readers.

My grandson was hit by a car in January while crossing Joppa Road. He left my house with a schoolmate to attend swim team practice at Merritt Athletic Club. After one poor judgment call on his part, Officer Eric Wise was sent to my house twenty minutes later in order to get in touch with my daughter. My husband and I were walking our dog, so Officer Wise proceeded to go door to door in search of me or someone who knew where I might be. By the time we returned from our walk, Officer Wise was circling back to our house again.

I am grateful to Officer Wise for his diligence in tracking us down. While I am sure he was following protocol, he must have felt like he was looking for a needle in a haystack. I am thankful that he kept looking and found me, and more importantly, I am grateful for the police who protect and serve our community.

Sincerely,
Carol Snyder
Putty Hill Avenue

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the ALRV Annual Meeting of Members But Were Afraid to Ask

Why host an Annual Meeting of Members?

Our Annual Meeting enables dues paying residents of Loch Raven Village to elect “directors,” commonly referred to as “board members.” In addition, other business may be brought before the meeting.

How many Board Member (a.k.a. Board of Director) positions are filled at the Annual Meeting of Members?

The number of positions filled will depend on the number of positions available and the number of people willing to hold a position. There are several open positions this year.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting of Members?

Each dues-paying resident is entitled to one vote. Votes must be cast in person and are cast by ballot or show of hands. All elections and all questions are decided by a plurality vote, except as otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Incorporation.

How are Board Officer positions filled?

At the first Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting of Members, the Board of Directors elects Officers to the Board. The general membership does not vote on these positions. This year, the first Board Meeting is scheduled to take place immediately after the Annual Meeting.

What is the role of the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors manages the business and property of the Association.

Interdenominational Worship Group Forming

Are you interested in being a part of a team of people that leads an interdenominational time of worship, prayer, and fellowship in Loch Raven Village? While still a work in progress, plans are coming together to start such a group. To learn more, contact Sara Gorman at segorman@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lochravenchristianfellowship/>.



Hear ye! Hear ye!
 ALRV Annual Meeting of Members
 Tuesday, April 9, 7p.m.
 Babcock Presbyterian Church
 8240 Loch Raven Blvd.

Village Highlights for 2012

The ALRV supports our community in a variety of ways. Read on for highlights from 2012!

We love the holidays! This year, the Village hosted all of these amazing events:

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt
- The annual Fourth of July fireworks display
- A Halloween parade with gift cards and candy for prizes
- A Halloween decorating contest with gift cards awarded to seven Villagers
- A Christmas decorating contest with gift cards awarded to nine Villagers
- The annual Santa's ride through the neighborhood

We like to keep it clean with our Dumpster Day.

We like to keep it safe with our COP, which includes patrols and e-mail updates about crime trends.

We like to look good:

- The Putty Hill garden is sponsored by the ALRV and maintained by two dedicated residents
- Our neighborhood banners define our community
- Our block captains decorate our street signs for the holidays

We like to give back:

- We sponsor a GLRRC baseball team
- We support our local elementary and middle school when they have a financial need

We like to keep in touch:

- We publish the bi-monthly Village Crier, which has been in print for 66 years
- We have a website and a Facebook page
- We serve as a point of contact between police, county officials, and other entities when there are community concerns

What's in Store for 2013?

Current board members are hard at work on a number of new initiatives.

- Vice President Wade Barnes is working with a group of residents on the creation of a dog park.
- Board member Nick Linehan is working on a plan to help restore and enhance the Greater Loch Raven Recreation Center, the former Loch Raven Elementary School.
- Board Member Nick Linehan hopes to include a paper shredding truck with the next Dumpster Day.

We Want to Stay in Touch With You!

- Help keep our Village safe by signing up for the COP e-mail notices. E-mail John Kelly at: LRVillageCOP@aol.com
- Like us on Facebook! Village news will appear right on your news feed!
- Bookmark our website – lochravenvillage.com
- Read the Village Crier, which is delivered to every home in the Village. The Crier wants your contributions for each issue. Send in a photo of your dog for the Canine Mystery Beauty segment. Write an article about what is going on in your part of the Village. Submit a local restaurant review. Congratulate your family and friends on their accomplishments by sending a notice for the "Over the Fence" segment.
- And last but not least, attend a monthly ALRV meeting.

KIDS' CRIER

Attention Loch Raven Village youth! Kids' Crier is your page in the Village Crier. Kid's Crier editor Lexie Hagan took a brief sabbatical this month, but here's some news just for Loch Raven Village kids. If you have a great story idea or article you would like to share with the kids of Loch Raven Village, e-mail it to me at lrvcriereditor@gmail.com



Calling All Middle School Students! Loch Raven Campus Life is Here for You!

Do you want to explore and discuss issues from a Christian perspective? Do you like to play crazy games, participate in fun activities, have large and small group discussions, and eat lots of snacks? You'll get all of this and more at Campus Life! Some topics we discuss include friendships, peer pressure, decision-making, and family issues.

Campus Life is a community youth group for middle school students that meets every Tuesday evening during the school year from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Babcock Church. Our group is not affiliated with any denomination, and all middle school aged students are welcome!

For more information, please contact Sara Gorman at segorman@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lochravencampuslife/>.

Support a Life-Changing Experience for Loch Raven Academy Students

One hundred Loch Raven Academy sixth graders are gearing up for a weeklong, off-site learning experience at NorthBay Adventure Camp scheduled for May 13 – 17. Located in Cecil County on the Elk Neck Peninsula, NorthBay's mission is

to “challenge middle school students to realize that their attitudes and actions have a lasting impact on their future, the environment, and the people around them by using approved Maryland Department of Education curriculum and the outdoors as an integrating context.”

The curriculum includes hands-on science, math, social studies, and language arts lessons designed to enhance critical thinking and environmental stewardship skills. In addition, leadership, teambuilding, and character development activities will teach conflict resolution and decision-making strategies.

The school will host fund-raising events to help keep the trip affordable. In addition, the school is accepting monetary contributions in any amount. A \$50 donation, for example, will cover a portion of the lodging and transportation fees for one student. Donations may be made in the form of cash or money order, payable to Loch Raven Academy.

To learn more about this trip, upcoming fund-raisers, or to make a donation, please contact Dareise Jones, Assistant Principal, at 410-887-3518 or djones9@bcps.org. You can learn more about NorthBay by visiting www.northbayadventure.com.

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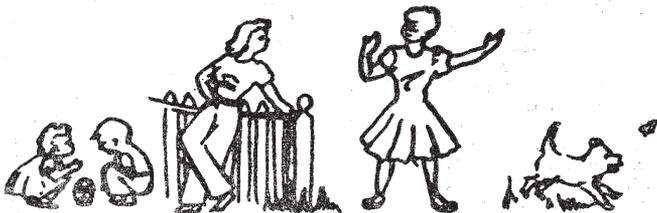


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OVER THE FENCE



Share your news with the Village Crier – welcome a new neighbor, wish someone a happy birthday, announce the birth of a child! Over the Fence is your opportunity to tell others what is going on in your part of the Village. E-mail lrvcriereditor@gmail.com

A belated Happy Birthday to Erin Cullinan of Feldbrook Road who turned 16 on January 13.

Joe Cordella of Doxbury Road is celebrating his **35th birthday** on March 6!

Joe and Sami Cordella of Doxbury Road are celebrating their **6th anniversary** on March 10!

Congratulations to **Mr. Lou Heidrick**, principal of Calvert Hall, who announced this spring that he will retire after nearly 50 years at Calvert Hall. Mr. Heidrick has been an influential and inspirational leader for one of Baltimore's finest private schools.

Maya Barr of Doxbury Road turns 6 on April 6th. Happy Birthday Maya!

Loch Raven Village Spring Flower Contest

The days are getting longer and the final frost of the year is right around the corner. As the warm spring sunshine emanates down upon our beautiful Village, it can only mean that flowers will soon be in bloom and vegetables will soon thereafter begin to sprout! The Village Crier is offering an exciting opportunity to show off your garden! Snap a digital photo of the flowers in the garden this spring and e-mail to lrvcriereditor@gmail.com. The owner of the Village's most beautiful flower garden will be rewarded with a Lowe's gift card and will have a photo of their garden posted on Facebook and in the Crier for everyone in the Village to see! Photo submissions will be accepted through June 14th. And keep an eye out later in the summer for another opportunity to show off your finest vegetables!

Dig in to Babcock's Community Garden

Loch Raven Village and Knettishall

residents are invited to use space in the community garden created by members of Babcock Presbyterian Church. In its third year, the garden is located on the church grounds bordering Loch Ness Road. This convenient resource has fertile ground and gets ample sunlight for growing fresh produce. Access to watering hoses is included!

New to this year's garden will be an opportunity for gardeners to give back to the greater community. A section of the garden will be utilized for growing produce that will be donated to area food pantries and/or soup kitchens. Everyone can share in this project by donating time, seeds, or plants.

Find out more about this year's garden by attending an organizational meeting on Monday, March 11, and/or Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Babcock's Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions or would like to reserve a plot early, please contact Chris Sartor at 410-823-8976.

EVENTS CALENDAR MARCH - MAY 2013

Calvert Hall Spring Musical The Wiz

March 9 and 15 through 17.
7 p.m., McManus Theatre
Contact: Jillian Bauersfeld
bauersfeldj@calverthall.com

Babcock Community Garden Information Meeting

March 11 & 25
7:30 p.m., Babcock Fellowship Hall
Contact: Chris Sartor at 410-823-8976

ALRV Board Meetings

March 12
7 p.m., Johnny Dee's Lounge
1705 Amuskai Avenue
Contact: Gretchen Sarkin
410-828-8952

Loch Raven Village Book Club

March 21 & April 18
7:30 p.m., Panera Bread
Contact: Rita at 410-825-0002

Village Easter Egg Hunt

March 23
(rain date is March 30)
10:30 a.m.
Pleasant Plains Elementary



Boy Scout Troop 792 New Member Open House

March 25
7:30 p.m., Loch Raven United
Methodist Church
Contact: Larry Bearden at 443-465-
9606 or csc4jobs@verizon.net

Family Reading and Math Night

March 26
6 -7:30 p.m., Pleasant Plains
Elementary School

5th Annual "Mulch Madness" Sale

Orders taken through April 5
\$5 per 3 cubic foot bag
Information/Orders: Larry Bearden at
443-465-9606 or csc4jobs@verizon.net

Friends of Loch Raven Library Speaker Series "A.A. Milne – Not Just for Children"

April 9
2 p.m., Loch Raven Library
Free

ALRV Annual Meeting of Members

April 9
7 p.m., Babcock Presbyterian Church
Contact: Gretchen Sarkin 410-828-8952

Village Co-Op for Tots Spring Flea Market

April 20 (rain date is April 27)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Loch Raven Recreation
Center
Contact: 410-215-0368

Introduction to Home Composting

April 23
6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Towson Library
University of Maryland Extension
Baltimore County Master Gardeners
Call 410-887-6166 to reserve your seat.
No cost.

Dumpster Day

April 27
8 a.m. until Noon (or when dumpsters
are filled)
Pleasant Plains Elementary
Contact: Nick Linhan: 443-895-1407

Pleasant Plains Elementary Kindergarten Registration

May 10
By appointment
Contact: Wendy Kelly at 410-887-3549

Dumpster Day Details!

The Loch Raven Village and Knettishall communities are sponsoring a spring dumpster day to provide an opportunity for their residents to dispose of unwanted household and yard items that may be too cumbersome to place in weekly trash or yard pickup. This community clean-up program is managed and paid for by the Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management to assist communities in keeping their neighborhoods clean.

Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until noon, or until dumpsters are filled at the parking lot of Pleasant Plains Elementary School.

Take advantage of this opportunity to de-clutter your home and yard and to dispose of unwanted bulk trash. Please review the acceptable and prohibited items listed. This is not a substitute for the weekly trash pick-up, and contractor demolition cannot be accepted.

Volunteers from both communities will be on hand to facilitate the event and direct traffic. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call Nick Linehan at 443-895-1407.

The following items are **acceptable for disposal**:

- Box springs/mattresses
- Furniture
- House furnishings
- Lawn furnishing/tools/grills
- Lawn mowers/edgers
- Brush/yard waste
- Plastics/metals/wood scraps
- Toys/bikes/tools
- Broken glass
- Cement/rocks/asphalt paving
- Propane tanks (empty and open)
- Heaters
- Windows/screens
- Gas ranges
- Hot water heaters

The following items are **not acceptable for disposal** at the Dumpster Day event, as specified by Baltimore County law:

- Explosive or flammable materials
- Chemicals/paints/oil /antifreeze
- Tires (on or off rims)
- Medical/animal wastes
- Batteries/PCB's/liquids or liquid wastes
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"Tim's team sold our home this June 2012, on Drumwood Rd. in just 22 days for 100% of our asking price 230,000." - *The Wagner Family*

"Tim & his team sold our home this July 2012 on Doxbury Rd. in 8 days for full asking price, \$230,000. He is amazing." - *The Lochte Family*

Getting to Know You

This feature shines the spotlight on Village residents who make a difference in our community. Do you know someone worthy of being featured? E-mail lvrcrriereditor@gmail.com.

This issue of the Crier features, John Fallen, who is active in the Greater Loch Raven Recreation Council.

How long have you lived in Loch Raven Village?

Fifteen years.

What do you do for a living?

I have been a Computer Programmer for the Social Security Administration for over 14 years.

Is there anything about you for which you are known among friends and neighbors?

First and foremost, they know I love my wife and two beautiful daughters ages 17 and 11. I am most likely recognized in LRV for coaching and volunteering as the Chairman of the girls Loch Raven-IHM Soccer and Loch Raven Lacrosse programs. Youth in our community can visit <http://www.glrrc.org/> for information about competing and training in our programs. In my off time, I enjoy hanging out with friends and neighbors. I like to watch and play sports in our many available fields in the village with friends and my daughters. It might also be said that I can be a goof ball. I have a lot of fun and am usually the last one to leave a party. Some people may have caught me singing "Mustang Sally" at Village alley parties. I am also a bit of a history buff -- currently I am reading a book about Richard the Lionheart.

If you didn't live in Loch Raven Village, where do you think you would live?

It is hard to imagine anywhere else I would rather live. I mean, it is a neighborhood that has such a close

community feel. It is great to live among such good neighbors and be close to everything. If I did not have to earn a living, I guess I would live at the beach where there are great waves.

Friends of Loch Raven Library Update

The Friends of Loch Raven Library is looking forward to a great 2013! The library has a full-time librarian, and Councilman Marks has asked the county to expand the branch's evening hours to match those of other branches within the Baltimore County Public Library system.

Our free monthly speaker series continues on April 9 at 2 p.m. when noted author and educator Ann Weller Dahl, will discuss the writings of A.A. Milner, who wrote the beloved Winnie the Pooh books. You'll learn why his work is "not just for children!" On May 14 at 2 p.m., Agnes Arnold of Eastern Financial Services will discuss Elder Fraud Awareness.

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- Avoid walking with a fixed up or down gaze. This implies preoccupation.
- Don't be distracted; it is one of the reasons why people are often victimized.

- Stand tall and walk confidently.
- Show you are alert by looking from side to side and scanning the area around you.
- Postpone your cell phone call or iPod use for a time when you are not walking in public. These valuable items are commonly stolen from people who are using them on the go.

Finally, if someone threatens you with a weapon, give up your purse, wallet, or vehicle without hesitation. Your personal safety is far more important than your possessions.

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**Loch Raven Fireworks
Foundation Needs
Your Help**



Village Residents, the new Fireworks Committee needs your support to light up the skies this July! We are accepting new members to assist with fundraising efforts, and we would also be grateful for your personal donations. Please help us keep the fireworks in the village!

Keep an eye on our official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LochRavenFireworksFoundationInc>.

You can also contact Leslie Vallade directly at:

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Canine Mystery Beauty

Loch Raven Village is full of four-legged friends, and you probably see many of them regularly. But do you know them? In this segment, we will feature a picture of a Village canine mystery beauty for you to identify. If you know the name of the featured pet, be sure to enter to win a prize!

Several guesses were submitted. The featured beauties in the last issue were brothers Caesar and Mohandas. These beautiful Samoyeds are owned by Kennoway Road residents Katie and Nathan Laufersweiler-Hanf. Congratulations to the Baldwin family – Joel, Colleen, and Ryan correctly identified them!

Do you know the mystery beauty pictured here? Submit your guess to lrvcriereditor@gmail.com by Friday, March 22. All correct guesses will be entered into a random drawing for a \$10 Panera gift card. The beauty and its owner(s) will be revealed in the next issue of the Crier.

