



More Speed Humps in LRV! See “Power to the People” Article (page 5)

Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

We have confronted a number of proposed changes to our community and nearby areas over the last year, particularly with respect to the reactivation of Loch Raven Elementary School and the development of the Raytheon property. I have spoken with many residents to better understand how they think these changes will impact Loch Raven Village. I recognize that the issues presented can cause great concern and there can be reluctance to accept change. These issues have been and will continue to be addressed by your ALRV board members.

While there has been a lot of focus on these matters of concern, I also have seen a lot of positive developments over the last two months.

- The community, along with Councilman David Marks and our other elected representatives, helped preserve the historic Loch Raven Elementary School building.
- Resident Karen Williams and her neighbors successfully petitioned Baltimore County to install speed humps on Glen Keith Boulevard and Edgewood Road.

- Parents of Pleasant Plains Elementary School students banded together to publicize their positive experiences at PPES.
- Residents assisted the faculty and staff (and even the principal, Maureen Partilla) in beautifying the garden at PPES.
- Residents rallied to make sure that the 4th of July fireworks tradition continues.
- In May, Babcock Church hosted three well-attended outdoor movie nights.

These positive highlights only scratch the surface of the things we can achieve together. While we can unite to address proposed changes, we also can unite for positive experiences and continue to make this neighborhood a great and fun place to live for all.

Respectfully yours,

Jason S. Garber

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ALRV MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the
second Tuesday of each month,
7 p.m., **Loch Raven Center,**
1801 Glen Keith Boulevard, Room 102
unless otherwise noted
in events calendar;
no meeting in August

Residents are encouraged to attend
in order 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.”

Fourth of July Fireworks Tradition Continues!

Thank you, LRV residents and surrounding communities for your support!

Our fireworks tradition continued this year, thanks to the swift efforts of the ALRV board members and contributions, great and small, from Village and Knettishall residents, local businesses and residents from neighboring communities. It is obvious that our neighborhood tradition is important to many people both in and outside of our community.

In early April, board members learned that the Loch Raven Fireworks Foundation was falling short of its goal in fund raising efforts for this year's display. Rather than risk having a year without fireworks, board members quickly mobilized and began collecting money through a variety of creative ways. Online donations were made possible (and still are) through a "Go Fund Me" website (visit gofundme.com/8bhdlg). The Village Crier put out a call for donations, as did the LRV Facebook page and LRV Residents Facebook page. Raffle tickets were sold. Area businesses were solicited to make contributions. Small-scale email campaigns were initiated. And on July 4, 2014, the fireworks lit the sky!

If you made a donation, you helped make this happen. Thank you!



Thank You Fireworks Volunteers!

Raffle Ticket Sales: ALRV Board members (Jason Garber, Nick Linehan, Leslea Knauff, Antoinette O'Donnell, Wade Barnes, Gary Herwig, Bruce Knauff, Sue O'Neill, Gretchen Sarkin, Kate Walkinshaw), Jeanne Pinto, Mia Clare Cucuzzella, Sam Cucuzzella, Jeff O'Donnell, Carrie Thomas.

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Living Well in LRV

Are you looking for reliable health information? Local physician Dr. Scott Burger, of Doctor's Express Urgent Care, offers advice on a range of topics. If you have a health-related question that you would like answered, email lrvcriereditor@gmail.com.

Poison Ivy

Poison ivy is a plant that can be identified by its three shiny green leaves and a red stem. It typically grows in the form of a vine. Contact with the resin (plant oil) often causes an allergic reaction which results in:

- Extreme itching
- Red, streaky, patchy rash where the plant touched the skin
- Red bumps, which may form large, weeping blisters

Smoke from burning these plants can cause the same reaction. The reaction to poison ivy varies from mild to severe. The worst symptoms are seen four to seven days after contact. The rash may last from one to three weeks.

The rash does not spread through contact with the fluid from the blisters, so it is rarely spread from person to person. Once the resin is washed completely off the skin, the rash is usually not contagious. However, plant oils may remain on contaminated clothing, pets, tools, shoes, and other surfaces. These contaminated items can cause rashes in the future if they are not properly cleaned.

If you come into contact with poison ivy, follow these first aid tips.

- Wash the skin thoroughly with soap and warm water within 30 minutes of contact.
- Scrub under the fingernails with a brush to prevent the plant oil from spreading to other parts of the body.

- Wash clothing and shoes with soap and hot water. The plant oils can linger on them.
- Stay cool and apply cool compresses to your skin. Body heat and sweating can aggravate the itching.
- Apply Calamine lotion and hydrocortisone cream to reduce itching and blistering.
- Soothe itchy skin by bathing in lukewarm water with an oatmeal bath product. Aluminum acetate (Domeboro solution) soaks can help to dry the rash and reduce itching.
- Use antihistamines like Benadryl, Claritin, Allegra, or Zyrtec if creams, lotions, or bathing do not stop the itching.

Contact a medical professional to treat your poison ivy if you:

- have a severe allergic reaction, such as swelling or difficulty breathing, or have had a severe reaction in the past.
- are exposed to the smoke of a burning plant.
- cannot control the itching.
- have a rash on your face, lips, eyes, or genitals.
- show signs of infection, such as pus, yellow fluid leaking from blisters, odor, or increased tenderness.



Power to the People!

*Determination
and hard work
yield speed
humps for Glen
Keith Blvd and
Edgewood Road*



Thanks to the tireless efforts of Village resident Karen Williams, and her small army of neighborhood volunteers, more speed humps are coming to Loch Raven Village. The humps, which are used as traffic calming devices, will be placed along Glen Keith Blvd and Edgewood Road from Loch Raven Boulevard to just past the intersection with Clearwood Road.

Karen and company collected 120 signatures, which is more than 75% of the occupied residences along Glen Keith and Edgewood. Calling it a “blood, sweat and tears campaign,” Karen acknowledged that her son contributed the blood and the tears after tripping on a sidewalk. She is grateful to everyone who supported the project, signed the petition, and told their neighbors. She especially would like to thank Michael Smith, Rachel Rossbach, Elizabeth Hodgins and Andrea Naft for going door-to-door to collect signatures.

This resident-driven project is a great example of how we can take a hands-on approach to improving our community. Rather than waiting for “someone” to do “something” about a problem, we each have the power to go out and make change happen. Is there an improvement you would like to see in Loch Raven Village? What can you do to make that improvement happen?



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July 23
August 6 & 13

Appointments will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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Citizens On Patrol: If You See Something, Say Something!

Loch Raven Village Citizens On Patrol (COP) keeps a watchful eye on our community. COP is dependent upon participation by residents like you. Could you spare an hour a month, or even an hour every other month to volunteer? To sign up, or to receive weekly crime reports, contact LRVillageCOP@AOL.COM.

National Night Out

National Night Out is an event that is celebrated across the country on the first Tuesday of August. This year it takes place on August 5. The event raises awareness of the value of Citizens on Patrol, and no two communities mark the event the same way.

In Towson, we have a motorcade comprised of 30-40 automobiles, including a fire truck, emergency vehicles and police cars, escorted by the Baltimore County Police. Horns blow, sirens “Waaaaaa,” and people come out to greet the parade of public safety professionals!

All citizens are invited to drive in the motorcade. Plan to assemble at 5:45 p.m. on August 5, on the parking lot along the tree line opposite the Babies R Us store in the Towson Place shopping Center. Drivers should be gassed up and ready to travel through 24 neighborhoods in the Towson Area Citizens On Patrol (TACOP) area. Police officers stop all traffic at intersections for the motorcade so we can stick together. Look for an announcement in the news media as we get closer to the date.

The route through Loch Raven Village includes the 1600 block of Glen Keith from Loch Raven, right on Pleasant Plains, and right on Putty Hill Avenue. You will have more fun than you can imagine!

Crime Prevention While You’re Away

Are you heading out of town for vacation this summer? Protect your home and property by creating the illusion that someone is there.

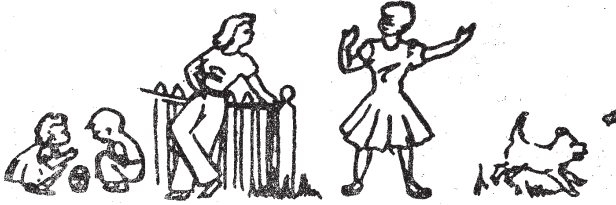
- Connect inside lights, a radio or TV to timers and stagger the times that these devices come on.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and newspaper.
- Ask a neighbor to park a car on your parking pad while you’re gone.
- Ask a neighbor to put a trash can outside your house on trash day.
- Arrange for your grass to be cut while you are away.
- Leave window blinds in their normal position.

If your neighbor is out of town and you notice that something seems “out of place” or is occurring at an unusual time or location, call 9-1-1. The police would rather investigate suspicious activity as it occurs than investigate a crime after the fact.



**Look for the next issue of
The Village Crier to land on doorsteps
Saturday, September 13.**

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. Email lrvcriereditor@gmail.com.

Longtime Village resident, **Ruth Orfield**, who will be 100 on December 13, was recognized at the annual Maryland Centenarian Recognition luncheon on May 8, at Martin's West.

Congratulations to **Lexie Hagen** for completing 8th grade at LRTA. Best of luck next year at Loch Raven High School!

Happy 10th Birthday to **Jenna Hagen** on July 19!

Happy belated birthday to **Ali Mears**, who turned ten on July 7.

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Events Calendar ~ July – September

Loch Raven Village Book Club

July 17

August 21

7:30 p.m., Panera Bread, Towson Place

Contact: Rita at 410-825-0002

ALRV Board Meetings

No meeting in August

September 9

7 p.m., Loch Raven Center

Contact: Jason Garber at

lrvcommittee@gmail.com

Campus Life

Returns September 9

6:30 – 7:45 p.m., Babcock Church

Contact: Sara Straw at

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Movies on the Lawn

September 12, 19 & 26

8 p.m., Babcock Church

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Pleasant Plains Selected for Spanish Pilot Program

On May 15, Pleasant Plains Elementary School principal Maureen Partilla learned that her school had been selected to pilot a Spanish language instruction program for Grade 4 students. Pleasant Plains is one of 10 Baltimore County elementary schools chosen for this program, which is to expand to Grade 4 students in all elementary schools by 2015 – 2016.

Thirty-one elementary schools expressed interest in the program. “The 10 selected schools are located throughout Baltimore County, and the review panel took great care to identify a cadre of schools that truly represent the racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of our school system,” said Brian Schiffer, BCPS director of social sciences, fine arts, and world languages.

The program uses a research-based, interactive, self-paced program called Middlebury Interactive, which was developed by Middlebury College and Middlebury Interactive Languages. The course entails listening, speaking and language instruction, including weekly conversational lessons taught by a BCPS elementary Spanish teacher.

Pleasant Plains Achieves Green School Designation

Pleasant Plains Elementary School became a designated Maryland Green School this spring. Awarded by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, a nonprofit educational association, this designation means that the school

offers “a holistic, integrated approach to authentic learning that incorporates local environmental issue investigation and professional development with environmental best management practices and community stewardship.”

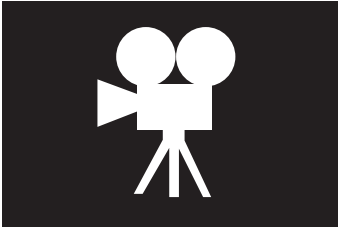
With a Green School designation comes Green School responsibilities. The school needs:

- Volunteers to help raise money to enhance the garden and fund future Green School activities. Projects such as birdhouses, garden stepping stones, recycling posters, tree/plant identification plates, campus signs, etc. are all on next year’s “to do” list.
- Additional supplies to accompany the raised garden beds in the school garden (cedar wood for the frame of the garden bed, top soil, hardware and vegetable plants).
- Volunteers to water, weed and maintain the garden this summer.
- Master gardeners or “effective gardeners” to teach a mini summer gardening workshop to interested students.

To volunteer, contact Mr. Jasper at sjasper@bcps.org, or enter <http://vols.pt/vnXP1Y> in your address bar and sign up for a time.

The Maryland Green School designation is the result of the hard work and dedication of the Pleasant Plains faculty and staff and volunteers within the surrounding communities. Special thanks to:

- Nicholas and Deborah Linehan and the Associates of Loch Raven Village, who helped raise over \$600 for the garden project;
- Home Depot of Towson;
- Target of Towson; and
- Target of Cockeysville



Movies on the Lawn to Return in September

Babcock Church will host movies on the lawn during the month of September. Residents are invited to bring a blanket and a chair and enjoy watching a movie outside with friends and family members. Co-sponsored by ALRV and Babcock, the dates are Friday, September 12, 19 and 26. Movies will begin at 8 p.m. Please check www.facebook.com/LochRavenVillage for updates and movie offerings!

Message from County Councilman David Marks

It has been an honor representing Loch Raven Village on the Baltimore County Council over the past three years. Redistricting will move about 80 percent of the village from the Fifth to the Sixth Districts at the end of 2014. The only area that will remain in the Fifth District is the section that votes at Pleasant Plains Elementary School.

Although we have known the new district lines since 2011, I have tried very hard to represent all of Loch Raven Village and other communities that will shift to the Sixth District.

Two items stand out. We persuaded the county to restore full-service status to the Loch Raven library, the first time

this branch has had regular hours in two decades. Second, our office brought together community leaders to revitalize the Loch Raven Community Council. My hope is that this umbrella organization will push for renovations to the library, which really impacts multiple neighborhoods.

Over the past nine months, we have worked closely with Loch Raven Village on the school system's redistricting plan. While I still disagree with the approach, I am pleased that Superintendent Dance has committed to not demolishing the historic Loch Raven Elementary School. The County Council must approve any transfer of land back to the school system, and I will be watching the design process very carefully.

We have also worked on a traffic calming plan for Glen Keith Boulevard, as well as redevelopment along Joppa Road. The derelict Raytheon site will be redeveloped into Loch Raven Commons, a mixed-use project designed to complement Loch Raven Village. I mandated 14 protections for the community, including limits on signage, lighting, uses, and a requirement to resurface Joppa Road and Mylander Lane. Additionally, \$26,000 will be allocated for improvements in Loch Raven Village.

It has been an honor representing all of Loch Raven Village.

Please always feel free to contact my office at Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov.

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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?

Email lrvucriereditor@gmail.com.



This issue of *The Crier* shines the spotlight on board member Kate Walkinshaw, who shared her professional talents with the Village by creating graphic standards for *The Village Crier* and bringing the Loch Raven Village website up to date to encourage more use. She is active on several committees, including the Holiday Decorating Contest, Fireworks Fundraising, the LRV website and the Loch Raven Elementary/BCPS issue.

How long have you lived in Loch Raven Village?

Since spring of 1994 :0

What do you do for a living?

I've been a graphic designer for over 25 years. Another :0

Is there anything about you for which you are known among friends and neighbors?
My friends tell me I have a wry/dry sense of humor, keen sense of observation (I'm "Cravitz") and that I am blunt (as in, I don't tend to soften things ... when maybe I should). I can be seen walking to local stores or with friends for "exercise." Many people think I don't have a job because I have a home office, but I'm not bitter about that...

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

Today I'd say Scotland, although I do very much like where my parents are from ... a small village/town near Cape Cod.

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ALRV Vice President Nick Linehan would like to thank everyone who helped with the May 3 Dumpster Day event. Several residents from LRV and Knettishall turned out to lend a hand and direct residents to the appropriate dumpster bins. Also on hand were ALRV board members, who collected donations for the fireworks. Staff from Pleasant Plains Elementary displayed the school's "Green" capabilities and garden design plans, all with a smile and offer of free lemonade!

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Our first Campus Life club meeting of the fall will be held Tuesday, September 9, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the church. Join us for an ice cream social! Although we don't hold regular meetings during the summer, we host several fun middle school-friendly events each month (kickball, movie nights, fishing trips, roller skating, etc), so be sure to check out our Facebook page to find out what is going on!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lochravencampuslife/>

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 for a chance to win a prize.

Last issue's featured beauty was Kido, a Samoyed owned by Village resident and ALRV vice president, Nick Linehan, of Cottage Lane. Congratulations to Jean Blair, whose name was randomly drawn from the seven correct guesses that were submitted. Jean won a \$10 Panera gift card.



Do you know the mystery beauty pictured here? Submit your guess by July 25 to lrvcrieditor@gmail.com to be eligible to win a random prize.