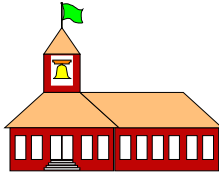




Attend the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 8

School Update

The Ad Hoc school committee has been diligently working on behalf of Loch Raven Village and Knettishall regarding the reactivation of Loch Raven Center, formerly Loch Raven Elementary School (LRE). Many residents attended one or both of our school update meetings held in December and January. Some highlights are below.



An appeal was filed with the Board of Education (BOE) on December 5 and was denied. The committee wrote letters to state agencies including the Interagency Committee (IAC) and Board of Public Works (BPW) questioning the appropriateness of the use of capital funds for the Loch Raven school project. Several committee members also met with Superintendent Dance to voice our objections and concerns, including the loss of community center space, the change in school boundaries for parts of our community, and the topographical concerns regarding the proposal.

Committee members continue to meet with and speak to state and local officials regarding next steps. Additional letters were sent to local news media organizations to help continue to highlight this issue and as a rebuttal to Dr. Dance's January 2014 interview in the Towson Times.

In January, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) updated its proposal to address the central area overcrowding issue. Under this proposal the following would happen.

- Loch Raven Elementary would re-open to accommodate Halstead Elementary students plus an additional 100 students. Those students would come from a change in school boundaries for Pleasant Plains and Oakleigh elementary schools.
- Cromwell Valley E.S. would no longer be a county-wide magnet. It would be a neighborhood magnet school with an additional 189 seats.

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May 3 is Dumpster Day

Gather your bulk trash items and plan to take them to the dumpsters at Pleasant Plains Elementary from 8 a.m. until noon (or until the dumpsters are full) on Saturday, May 3. Some items may be unacceptable for disposal at this event. Details can be found inside this issue of The Village Crier.

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Deadline: April 16, 2014

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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.”

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The future use of the current location of Halstead elementary school is not determined. The committee sent written responses to this new proposal to the IAC and others and outlined further objections to this new strategy. We also met with local officials to discuss other options.

Lastly, the committee supported Senator Brochin, Delegates Lafferty, Frank & Aumann and others who spearheaded efforts to bring a hybrid school board to Baltimore County. We collected letters of support and sent representatives to Annapolis to speak to the importance

of holding officials accountable to the citizens of Baltimore through a hybrid rather than a fully appointed board.

Many committee members and residents attended the February 4 Baltimore County Planning Board work session. Although there was no opportunity to speak, our presence showed our communities' continuing objection to the LRE reactivation proposal.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed on Facebook (Loch Raven Village Residents page) and via our email list. Visit lochravenvillage.com to sign up for email updates.



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DATES

Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 8

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 8, and plan to attend the ALRV Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. at Babcock Church in Fellowship Hall.

Next Crier, May 10

The May/June issue of The Village Crier is scheduled to land on doorsteps on Saturday, May 10. If you would like to submit something for inclusion, email lrvcriereditor@gmail.com by April 16.

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Mulch Madness

Boy Scout Troop 792 Alumni will hold its 6th annual Mulch “Madness” Sale on Saturday, April 12. The mulch is a tan bark mix, which is a unique blend of oak barks, chocolate brown in color, double shredded and aged to produce a high quality ground cover. It is packaged in 3 cubic ft. bags at a cost of \$5 per bag. Free delivery is provided for all orders of 10 or more bags. The deadline for all orders is April 5. For questions, additional information or to place an order please contact Larry Bearden at 443-465-9606 or csc4jobs@verizon.net.

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 you would like answered, email lrvcrieditor@gmail.com.

Allergies – Nothing to Sneeze About!

Spring is just around the corner, which means allergy season won’t be far behind. Allergy symptoms vary, but can consist of sneezing, itchy eyes, chronic coughs, sore throats and sinus headaches, to name a few. Pollen from plants and trees – that yellow/green sheen that covers our cars – is to blame for our suffering.

It can be difficult to tell the difference between allergy symptoms and cold symptoms. If you are basing your diagnosis on the color of your mucous discharge, keep in mind that green or yellow mucous is not indicative of an infection.

There are ways to minimize the discomfort caused by allergy symptoms.

1. Pay attention to pollen. Once plants start blooming, the pollen count

starts to climb. Check your local newspaper or a weather-related website for information about pollen counts.

2. Avoid outdoor activities during the middle of the day when pollen counts tend to be highest.
3. Shower at night. Pollen adheres to clothing, skin, hair, etc. and can easily be washed away by taking a shower before heading to bed.
4. Take an antihistamine. Unless your physician has told you that you cannot, a mild antihistamine such as Claritin, Zyrtec or Allegra may help. Remember, Sudafed is not an antihistamine.
5. Be careful with Benadryl, which can make you very tired and should primarily be used before bed.

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2013 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners Announced!

Thank you to all the LRV neighbors who showed their holiday spirit by decorating their homes and yards for this festive season – you really make the Village a beautiful place to live. Board members toured the neighborhood the weekend of December 21 and selected eight winners. In addition to the winners, the judges noted that there were “many more beautiful and creative yards in LRV!” Congratulations to residents living at:

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8132 Clydebank -
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1910 Glen Keith -
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8435 Greenway -
Wonderful Winter Landscape

8522 Pleasant Plains -
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1531 Doxbury -
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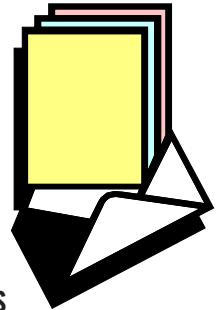
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Annual ALRV Dues notices were mailed in late February. If you already submitted your 2014 payment, thank you! If you haven't, please plan to do so. The cost per household is \$40 (\$30 for seniors). These funds support all of the activities that keep the Village a wonderful place to call home. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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? Contact LRVillageCOP@aol.com to sign up, or to receive weekly crime reports.

A February 21 article in the *Towson Times* highlighted an increase in daytime burglaries in Towson.

In Loch Raven Village alone, Baltimore County Police reported six such burglaries between January 23 and February 20. Area police are asking residents to be vigilant in their communities and for those who are home during the day, to watch their neighbor's homes. It is suspected that burglars are monitoring which residents leave their houses empty for work during the day, then smashing rear windows or doors and burglarizing those homes. As of mid-February, most of these home crimes occurred between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Stolen items included jewelry, a sound system, watches and liquor, among other things.

The Community Outreach section of the Towson precinct offers free residential security surveys. An officer will come to a home, complete an inspection and advise residents where they are vulnerable to burglaries. A recommendation report will detail what can be done to increase home security.

If you are going out of town, the Community Outreach division of the precinct offers a service that brings officers on the midnight shift to your home to check on security. For more information, or to fill out a form, contact the division at 410-887-5933.

Keep Your Bikes Safe this Spring

The days are getting longer and spring-like weather is just around the corner. That means more time to play outside! If you or your family members own and ride bikes in the Village, keep these tips in mind.

- Record the make, model and serial number of any bikes that you own. The serial number is found on the underside of the pedal crank shaft. When stolen bikes are recovered by the police, they are logged by serial number.
- Invest in a good bike lock so you can secure your bike to a sturdy structure when you arrive to your cycling destination.
- Purchase a portable, "Children at Play" sign for use in your alley while your bikers are riding or playing.
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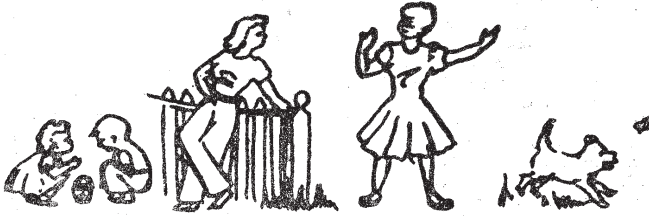


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OVER THE FENCE



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. Email lrvucriereditor@gmail.com.

Happy birthday to Conor O'Donnell who turned 20 years old on March 9, and **Kyra O'Donnell** who will celebrate her 15th birthday on April 1. **Congratulations to Ailish O'Donnell** on her acceptance to Towson University - Go Tigers!

Happy Birthday to Preston Atkinson, who turned 6 on March 7.

Thanks to the many people who helped their neighbors after the mid-February snowstorm. A neighbor from Glen Gary

asks that **Paul Esposito**, of Clyde Bank Road, be recognized for his **many hours of work** --and gallons of gas used for his snow blower-- to clear walks in that area of the Village.

Thanks to Ben Palmer, of Joppa Road, who worked tirelessly with his snow blower to clear the alley behind E. Joppa and Doxbury in February. He also cleared the walks of some of the older residents' homes. Such kindness and willingness to help is what makes Loch Raven Village a great community.

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Events Calendar ~ March – June

ALRV Board Meetings

March 11

May 13

7 p.m., Loch Raven Center

Contact: Gary Herwig at

garysherwig@hotmail.com

ALRV Annual Meeting

April 8

7 p.m., Babcock Church, Fellowship Hall

Contact: Gary Herwig at

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Loch Raven Library Speakers Series

March 11 – nutritional supplements

April 8 – bring a poem to share and discuss

2 – 3 p.m., Lower level meeting room

Loch Raven Village Book Club

March 20

April 17

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

Contact: Rita at 410-825-0002

Loch Raven Technical Academy Flea Market

April 5 (rain date April 26)

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact: lraptsa@gmail.com or 410-665-2205

Dumpster Day

May 3

7:30 a.m. – noon,

Pleasant Plains Elementary

Contact: Nick Linehan at kiscap@aol.com

Campus Life

Tuesdays

6:30 – 7:45 p.m., Babcock Church

Contact: Sara Straw at

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Dumpster Day

The Loch Raven Village and Knettishall communities are sponsoring a spring Dumpster Day on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. until noon, or until the dumpsters are filled, at Pleasant Plains Elementary. Take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of unwanted household and yard items that comply with the list of “acceptable items” featured in this article.

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.

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

Please note that the county now charges communities if prohibited materials are found in the dumpsters that are brought to the landfill. Acceptable and unacceptable items for disposal are listed below.

Acceptable Items:

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

Prohibited items:

- Explosive or flammable material
- Chemicals/paints/oils/antifreeze
- Tires, on or off rims
- Medical/animal waste
- Batteries/PCBs/liquids or liquid wastes
- Freon
- Computers (CPUs, monitors, keyboards, printers, scanners, cables)
- Televisions, VCRs, DVD players, video displays
- Asphalt, black top
- Large stumps
- Wood logs greater than eight-inch diameter and six feet in length



Loch Raven Library Speakers Series

The Friends of Loch Raven Library present the following programs:

Tuesday, March 11 from 2-3 p.m.
Mark Rifkin, MS, RD, LDU, discusses nutritional supplements – separating the good, the bad, the ugly – and how good food can be the best medicine.

Tuesday, April 8 from 2-3 pm
Celebrate National Poetry Month with Karen Atlas, local poet and founder of "Poetry Out Loud" in York, PA. Bring your favorite poem – or one you have written – to share with discussions led by Karen.

Tree Canopy in Loch Raven Village

Greening the Village to create a thriving and sustainable neighborhood

Loch Raven Village is a unique place to live. We have a network of sidewalks that provide easy walking to shopping and open space. Front porches, tree lined streets and alleys are amenities that add to the neighborhood character and are essential ingredients for a sustainable community.

Our mature tree canopy shades homes, yards and sidewalks and provides what realtors call “curb appeal.” But this amenity is being diminished by county and state programs that would benefit from some changes. The Baltimore County Department of Public Works and the Bureau of Highways each have programs that help residents repair sidewalks at the expense of removing healthy, mature trees.

Tree Bill (resolution #72-13) is an initiative to increase the tree canopy countywide and address some of the issues with existing programs. The resolution called for the Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality to review county standards for preserving and planting trees and prepare recommendations for increasing urban street trees.

In the coming months the Associates of Loch Raven Village (ALRV) will be working with the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability to develop a comprehensive tree planting program which would include funding to assist in the planting of trees in our neighborhood.

If you would like more information, or wish to participate in restoring our neighborhood tree canopy, I can be

reached at nlinehandesign@verizon.net or 443-895-1407.

Nick Linehan
Village Resident and Registered
Landscape Architect

Pleasant Plains Elementary School News

On January 29, the Pleasant Plains Black Saga Team attended a competition at Golden Ring Middle School and finished in second place out of 12 teams.

The Black Saga competition is a “fun-filled forum for students to learn about the experience of African Americans in the United States. Students are responsible for knowing the answers to more than 800 questions about the African American experience.”

This is the first time in the history of Pleasant Plains that a team has placed in this competition. The excitement mounted when the students were faced with a three-way tie breaker question and competitors from Pleasant Plains gave the only correct answer!

The faculty, staff and student body at Pleasant Plains are very proud of the team members and their dedication to the team’s success.

On February 11, Pleasant Plains hosted a Family Fun Night focusing on the Common Core State Standards. Parents and their children engaged in fun, interactive, educational games, which illustrated the higher level thinking skills being taught in each grade level. This workshop is part of an on-going effort to help parents learn more about the Common Core State Standards and how they are being implemented in our classrooms. A second workshop is planned for April.



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 lrvcriereditor@gmail.com.

This issue of *The Crier* shines the spotlight on Thea Mussman, a Kirkwall Court resident. Thea has been active in the Loch Raven Elementary School issue.

How long have you lived in Loch Raven Village?
We moved to LRV in August 1999.

What do you do for a living?
I teach preschool at Grace United Methodist Preschool.

Is there anything about you for which you are known among friends and neighbors?
I am known for having a weird memory for dates and numbers and my friends will even ask me when things happened with their own families. Can't do math though!

If you didn't live in Loch Raven Village, where do you think you would live?
The only places I can think of living other than LRV are Milwaukee (where I am from) or some cool European city- maybe Helsinki or Stockholm.

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Loch Raven Technical Academy Flea Market

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Spaces are \$15 each, and participants must provide their own tables and chairs. Payment may be made by cash or check, made payable to LRA PTSA Inc. Payment can be sent to the school, to the attention of the PTSA. Please include your name and contact information with payment. Proceeds benefit the programs supported by the LRA PTSA and the Yearbook Committee.

For more information, email lrptsa@gmail.com or call (410) 665-2205.

Campus Life at Babcock

Campus Life is a place for middle school-aged students in the community to have fun, interact with positive role models, and talk about issues relevant to their lives. It is a ministry of Metro Maryland Youth for Christ and aims to provide young people with a balanced approach to life by meeting students where they are mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

Loch Raven Campus Life meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Loch Raven Loft, located in the third floor youth space at Babcock Church. Expect to play crazy games, eat snacks, meet other students your age, and explore faith and life issues in a safe environment.

For more information, contact Sara Straw at sara.e.straw@gmail.com or visit www.mmyfc.org.

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 Lilly, a golden doodle owned by Carol and Bill Snyder of Putty Hill Avenue. Congratulations to Jeanette Beck, whose name was randomly drawn from among all the correct guesses. She won a \$10 Panera gift card.



Do you know the mystery beauty pictured here? Submit your guess by March 21 to lrvcriereditor@gmail.com to be eligible to win a random prize.