



WHAT'S NEXT FOR LOCH RAVEN ELEMENTARY?

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Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is upon us, meaning by the time you have read this, some of our proud traditions will have taken place, such as the Halloween Decoration Contest and Halloween Costume Parade, and even more are right around the corner --- Santa's Ride and the Holiday Decoration Contest. These annual events continue because our community recognizes the importance of maintaining the Village's traditions and emphasizes the importance of being more than just neighbors.

Our community was started back in 1947 and was specifically planned to be a cohesive neighborhood, with Loch Raven Elementary School as the community anchor, with homes starting on Aberdeen and the surrounding area, until branching out to include additional homes south, west, and northwest of the school.

We have agreed to live as one community. We have agreed to be bound by the same covenants, rules, and to act together in the interests of the community, even over individual wants. Since 1947, far more often than not, our community has acted together and without regard to physical barrier or artificial lines drawn. Those lines may differentiate parts of Loch Raven Village to others, but they should not divide us. We should support efforts that unite us in as many ways as possible.

Obviously, we will not agree on all issues at all times. However, we are 1,472 homes strong. If we dedicate ourselves to a goal, we are far more likely to get results. Together, we have the strength and we have the numbers to make a difference.

Now, we have several long-term issues for which this community needs your help and participation. We need to make sure that Pleasant Plains Elementary School is as strong of an asset as possible for our children and our community. We need more contributors for the Crier and other communication outlets. Just as important, we all want Loch Raven Elementary School building and site to remain of beneficial use to the Village for years to come. However, the building needs major renovations. We need a team of people to help with a long-term plan, fundraising and other efforts to

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• **FREE** •

• **Pancake Breakfast with Santa!** •

• Join us for crafts, caroling, •

• and small gifts for the children. •

• **Saturday, December 6th** •

• **9 – 11 a.m. at Babcock Church** •

• Sponsored by •

• Babcock Church and the •

• Associates of Loch Raven Village. •

• *For Santa's Ride Information* •

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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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ensure that LRES continues to serve our community for many years to come (See story on page 4).

These are matters that we, as a whole, can rally behind and accomplish. It is up to us to take this community to where we want it to be. I ask that you please get involved, as, together, we can achieve much more. Together, we are one community. Together, we are Loch Raven Village.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at lrvccommittee@gmail.com.
Respectfully yours,

Jason S. Garber

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

It's time once again for the annual Loch Raven Village Holiday Decorating contest sponsored by the Associates of Loch Raven Village. This year we are excited to announce that, with the support of the Knettishall Community Association, Knettishall residents are also invited to participate! Residents are invited and encouraged to decorate and light up the exterior of their homes and help transform our neighborhood into a Winter Wonderland! Judges will be making their way around the Village in late December to decide which homes are prize-worthy. Whether your style is homespun or electric sparkle, join in the fun and spirit of the holidays.

The judging date will be posted on the Loch Raven Village Facebook page at facebook.com/LochRavenVillage.

SANTA'S RIDE

Mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday, December 13th so you can catch a glimpse of Santa! The Providence Volunteer Fire Company will escort our jolly friend on a ride throughout the neighborhood, stopping along the way to greet neighbors, friends, children, and pets. Bring your cameras and smiles and watch for Santa at the following locations!

Stop One 5 p.m.
Drumwood & Dellsway

Stop Two 5:20 p.m.
Cottage Lane (1500 block)

Stop Three 5:40 p.m.
Pleasant Plains Elem. School

Stop Four 6 p.m.
Myamby Road

Stop Five 6:20 p.m.
Feldbrook & Kirkwall Ct.

Stop Six 6:40 p.m.
Loch Raven Elem. School



Stop Seven 7 p.m.
Kennoway near Edgewood Rd.

Stop Eight 7:20 p.m.
Glen Ridge & Loch Shiel

All times are approximate!

What Will the Future Hold for Loch Raven Elementary?

By Jason Garber

In 1947, Loch Raven Elementary School opened. For the next 35 years, it served as the anchor of our community. Because of the decreased enrollment throughout the county, the school was closed in 1983. Since that time, however, the school building and site have continued to serve our community in many ways. In 2008, the building and site were made historic landmarks in recognition of the architectural and historic significance to Baltimore County.

Prior to the Baltimore County Public School's plan to reactivate and renovate LRES, community efforts were underway to preserve and restore LRES. A 2002 report done for the Associates of Loch Raven Village estimated that the costs for renovation would be \$4.1 million. In 2007, the county commissioned a study and the costs estimate for 2009 renovations amounted to \$10 million. Since both studies were completed, the building and site were given historic landmark status, which may increase the costs for renovation.

If the LRES building is allowed to fall into further disrepair, at some point it will no longer be able to be occupied and will be demolished. In that event, our community will suffer not only a loss of the planned anchor of our community, but the site is likely to lose its historic landmark status, opening the door for the property to be sold off and redeveloped. We must act today to prevent this from happening.

The efforts that began before the BCPS project have been reignited, but now with greater urgency. We need your help to make sure that the LRES building and site

can be preserved and restored and saved from demolition and redevelopment.

Due to the substantial costs for renovation, we will need to investigate joint uses for the building in order to attract the major investment needed. We will need some capital project or other private-public partnership to make sure that the building survives and thrives. We will need to be creative and open-minded to the possibilities that may help us save the building and site. Some suggestions I have heard include an arts center, a Pre-K program, a specialized senior center, and a government complex to be joined with the library.

As part of this effort to preserve and restore LRES, I propose that we look into having a 70th year Anniversary to celebrate and honor the importance of the building and site to Loch Raven

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Village. At the same time, the proposed Anniversary will attract attention to the needs of the building, raise interest in preservation and restoration efforts, identify its availability for the right project, and relatedly, fundraising for such efforts.

To have this Anniversary and to advance and enhance the efforts to preserve and restore LRES, we need your help. The projects are too big for a handful of people to pull together. The efforts will not be as successful without more volunteers. It will take the community. It will take the Village.

Please contact me at lrvccommittee@gmail.com to express your interest or if you have any questions.

Learning at Babcock (LAB)

Elementary school age children are invited to participate in a weekly program of Christian education and academic support from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Sunday mornings.

Learning at Babcock (LAB) will begin Sunday, September 21, and run through Sunday, December 14, and is open to residents in the Loch Raven area. You need not be a member of Babcock Church to participate.

LAB is a free program that will offer:

- Breakfast and lunch
- Fellowship
- Games and activities
- Homework and quiet time

If you have questions or would like your child to attend this program, please email Jenn Pearson at jjjatpearson@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pleasant Plains Elementary

American Education Week

November 17 – 21

“Parents and Pastries” breakfast

November 18 8 a.m.

Math and Reading Curriculum Night

November 20 5 p.m.

Parent/Community Involvement

Committee meetings:

November 24 5 p.m.

December 22 3:30 p.m.

January 8 6:30 p.m.

Winter Choral and Band Concert

December 10 7:00 p.m.

Family “Movement” Night

December 17 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

STEM Fair Night for 4th & 5th graders

January 27

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Open House

November 13 9 a.m. – noon

“Minus Minors” Bingo

November 15 6 p.m.

Middle School Open House

November 20 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa

December 6 8 a.m. – noon

(Call for ticket information at 410-668-8466).

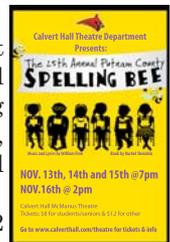
Loch Raven High School

The theater department presents “Madame’s Been Murdered, Tea Will Be Late.” November 21 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. \$5.00 for students and \$10 for adults.

Calvert Hall

The theater department presents “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.” November 13, 14, and 15 at 7 p.m. and November 16 at 2 p.m.

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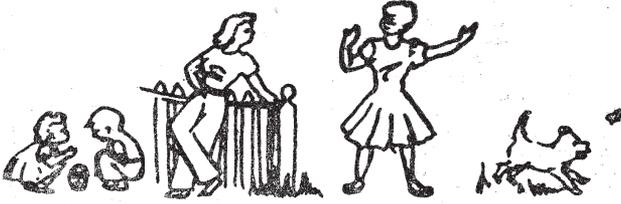


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OVER THE FENCE



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 lvrcriereditor@gmail.com.

Alycia & David Van Horn of Drumwood Rd. welcomed new daughter **Allison Janae** on July 8. Allison weighed in at 6lbs12oz. Big brother **Adam** thinks his new sister is pretty great.

Kyra O'Donnell of Feldbrook Rd. was accepted into the Baltimore Symphony Youth Orchestra. Way to go Kyra!

Also celebrating October birthdays were **Dara Hicks** of Kirkwall Ct. on October 18, Kara Mussman of Kirkwall Ct. on October 3, and **Flynn Walkinshaw** of Feldbrook Rd. on October 8th. Flynn's sister **Jane** celebrates a birthday on November 21. Also celebrating a birthday on November 26 is **Lori Cullinan** of Feldbrook Rd.

Happy 60th Birthday to **Gary Smith** on November 5th and **Christian Smith** turns 20 on Dec. 9th, both of Pleasant Plains Rd. And we remember our son and brother **James Smith** who would have turned 23 on Nov. 11th.

Congratulations to **Dan and Dara Hicks** of Kirkwall Ct. on the marriage of their daughter Rachel. The wedding of Rachel Hicks and Rob Savarese took place on October 17th at the Hunt Valley Golf Club.

Belated birthday wishes to Pleasant Plains Road residents **Zach Brown**, October 7, **Renee Brown**, October 11, and **Emma O'Connell** who turned a big 5 on October 24. Emma's brother **Kaiden O'Connell** turns 4 on Dec. 28.

Happy
Thanksgiving

Thoughts on Thanksgiving from humorist Garrison Keillor

"...And that's the challenge of Thanksgiving — to gather among our kin who know us a little too well and have an amiable occasion enjoyed equally by all, at which nobody is stabbed through the heart with a carving knife...It is the dinner of all dinners, generous and comforting and completely predictable, and a true test of civility, and we do it in gratitude for the simple goodness of life."

CITIZENS ON PATROL 'Tis The Season: Beware Of Purse Snatchers

The holidays are swiftly approaching. The stores are putting up decorations, and purse snatchers are practicing their skills. The Baltimore County Police Department wants everyone to be aware that thieves look forward to holidays as much as everyone else - maybe more so! The department asks women to beware of purse snatchers; women carrying pocketbooks are easy prey. The thieves know that during the holidays, shoppers are distracted and are not as careful as they should be when out.

Here are some things that can be done to thwart the would-be thief.

- Keep your purse close to your body.
- If the pocketbook has long straps, shorten them.
- If possible, avoid carrying a large purse when shopping. A fanny pack is compact and more difficult for a thief to grab and run.
- Carry only the credit cards you intend to use. Leave the others behind.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use checks or check cards.
- Use ATMs wisely. Have the card ready before approaching the machine, and use ATMs in high traffic areas.
- Be aware of the environment. Don't walk or park in poorly lit areas. Don't take shortcuts through wooded areas. Don't be distracted by a cell phone conversation.
- Have car keys ready before leaving the office, store or mall.
- If you believe someone is following you, cross the street, switch directions, walk into a store or restaurant. If you are really scared, yell. Don't be embarrassed. Your safety is more important.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Source: BCoPD

Star Spangled History Lesson

Grade 5 students from Pleasant Plains along with approximately 6,600 other students from across the state converged on Fort McHenry to create a Living Flag as part of the celebration of the bicentennial of the national anthem. Students wore red, white and blue rain ponchos to create the giant "living" flag.

Throughout the day, students got to participate in several other educational programs, including viewing the story of the Battle of Baltimore on the big screen and interacting with park rangers to learn more about the area's past.

This history-making event will be something the fifth graders will remember for years to come.

The Living Flag Event is one of many commemorating the 200th anniversary of the writing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key in Baltimore's harbor.



BLOCK CAPTAINS-- MEETING NOTICE!

The Block Captains, new and veteran, will meet on Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m. in the ALRV board room at the Loch Raven Elementary School. At that time we will apportion out holiday street decorations, and discuss guidelines on Block Captain responsibilities. Call or email Bruce Knauff for more information: 410-823-0648 or brknauff@gmail.com. See you there!

Loch Raven Village was the place to be on September 27th! Not only was this the day of the Loch Raven Community Council Multi-Community Yard Sale, but it was also the day of the Pleasant Plains Elementary PTA Flea Market and Kick, Punt, Pass event. The sun was shining, the breeze was cool, and bargains were abundant!



Shoppers at the Pleasant Plains Flea Market



First grade teacher Katie Nester gets in the spirit of the season.



Principal Maureen Partilla finds a great bargain.

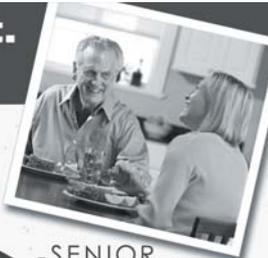
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EVENTS CALENDAR ~ November – December

The Events Calendar provides a snapshot of upcoming activities in and around our community. For a complete list of activities at Loch Raven Library, visit: bcplonline.org/events/datelines-loch-raven. For a complete list of fall and winter activities at Cromwell Valley Park, visit: cromwellvalleypark.org/2014Fall2015WinterProgram.pdf

ALRV Board Meetings

November 11

December 9

7 p.m., Loch Raven Center

Contact: Jason Garber at

lrvccommittee@gmail.com

Festival of the Arts

Free music and visual art enrichment celebration

November 15 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Baby Story Time

Registration required.

Fridays

9:30 a.m. Loch Raven Library

Preschool Story Time

Fridays 11:00 a.m. Loch Raven Library

Lego Fun

School age – 6-12 years old/children under 8 with adult

November 8

December 13

Loch Raven Library 2 p.m.

Icicle Ball

All ages – children under 8 with adult
Pam the Kindersinger celebrates winter through music, humor, fun, ventriloquism and audience participation.

December 2

Loch Raven Library 10:30 a.m.

Pajama Story Time

2 to 5 years old with adult

Put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs. Donate a toy to benefit needy children in your community.

December 4

Loch Raven Library 7:00 p.m.

Childrens' Holiday Craft Workshop

Stop by to create a simple holiday ornament to display at home!

December 7

Loch Raven Library 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Drawbots

6 to 12 years old – children under 8 with adult

Build a drawing robot out of cardboard. All supplies provided. Registration required.

December 29

Loch Raven Library 2:00 p.m.

Friends of Loch Raven Library Speaker Series

Nov 11, 2014 (Tuesday) 2-3 p.m.
The Woman Who Owned the Renoir Painting. Local author, Susan Helen Adler, talks about her book Saidie May, Pioneer of Early Twentieth Century Collecting.

Dec 2, 2014 (Tuesday) 2-3 p.m.
Baltimore's Historic Houses of Worship.

Authors Lois Zanow and Sally Johnston talk about the famous architects who designed Baltimore's amazing houses of worship dating from 1785 to 1891.

Campus Life

Tuesdays

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Babcock Church

Contact: Sara Straw at

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Dear neighbors,

After three years of working tirelessly on The Village Crier, Kristin Mears has decided to step down from her position as Editor. On behalf of the Board and our community, I'd like to thank Kristin for the dedication and expertise she brought to every edition. Kristin spent countless hours ensuring that every Crier publication was informative, fun and relevant to our Village community. If you've ever been challenged by the "Canine Mystery" feature or proudly shared your "over the fence" news in the Crier, Kristin is the one to thank! We appreciate the time and talent that Kristin has brought to The Village Crier and hope that she'll now have an opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy the Crier as she reads it for the first time on delivery day!

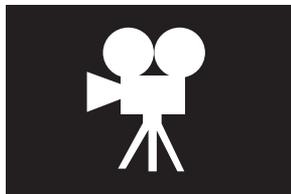
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Thanks for the Memories

This summer the Associates of Loch Raven Village and Babcock Church hosted a series of "movies on the lawn" on Friday evenings for the enjoyment of the entire community. Families spent quality time together watching such gems as "Enchanted" and "The LEGO movie" under the stars during some of our unusually lovely and cool summer evenings. We'd like to thank those who devoted their time to making these events happen. Pastor Harry Cahill, Win Boyer, Cathy Lawson, James Haynes, Josh Cooper, and the Pearson family from Babcock Church, and Antoinette O'Donnell from the ALRV – thank you for your time and efforts!



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Holiday Happenings at Cromwell Valley Park

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Saturday, December 6

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Open House – All ages. Find all of your holiday excitement on one farm. Come help decorate the Sherwood House for the holidays. Seasonal crafts, cookie decorating, hot cider, music, and visit with **SANTA!** Then stop by **TALMAR** for your tree & poinsettia! \$2 per person. Reservations suggested, but **NOT** required. **Sherwood House**

Saturday, December 13

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas – All ages 10+. Gifts, decorations, and

recipes that use less and mean more. **\$3m/\$5nm. Willow Grove Nature Education Center**

Saturday, December 13

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Owl Prowl – All ages 8+. We'll hike some trails to look and listen for these nighttime predators, following a brief introduction indoors. **\$2m/\$4nm. Willow Grove Nature Education Center**

Sunday, December 14

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Holiday Centerpieces – All ages 13+. It's time to deck the halls! The fresh greens in your arrangement will bring the scent and beauty of the outdoors into your home. Please bring thin garden gloves if your hands are sensitive to the sap and prickles of the pines. **\$3m/\$5nm. Willow Grove Nature Center**

Saturday, December 20

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas Animals – All ages 3+. Have you heard of the candy-cane corn snake? Can reindeer really fly? Mrs. Claus will be on hand to answer questions about these "Christmas Animals". Cookies and cocoa will be served. **\$2m/\$4nm. Willow Grove Nature Education Center**



Residents from Deveron Road enjoy a block party on October 3rd. A good time was had by all at this "Lochtobefest" celebraton.