



# The VILLAGE CRIER



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## SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!

*(See back cover for details!)*

### President's Letter

Dear Neighbors:

Baby, it's cold outside! That must mean that Santa is on his way. Santa is scheduled to visit Loch Raven Village on Saturday, December 21st starting approximately at 5:30pm. Thanks go in advance to the members of the Providence Volunteer Fire Company for providing Santa's ride again this year. Please check the Associates of Loch Raven Village web site for a list of stops Santa will make in the Village. (Please note that the fire company apparatus is actually in service and could get called out at any time. Fingers crossed.)

As we move into 2025, please consider taking advantage of the opportunity to pay your Associates of Loch Raven Village dues. Just \$40 per household (\$30 for seniors) helps the association provide activities and services throughout the year. Santa's Ride, the Easter Egg Hunt, decorating contests, movies on the lawn, Dumpster Days, and many other events are only made possible with your support. Our all volunteer Board works hard all year to help keep Loch Raven Village such a nice place to live. We have been operating on a bare bones budget and every additional dollar helps us provide more and better activities.

The village has a new neighbor. Chick Fil A has opened on the site of the old Bob Evans Restaurant on Joppa Road and LaSalle Road. The new franchise owner, Natalie Martz, worked closely with our Board, particularly Nick Linehan, to insure that the design was consistent with the appearance of our neighborhood, that it was attractively landscaped, lighting was controlled, and so that the traffic flow was carefully planned with new traffic patterns and signals on Joppa Road. They plan to be a good neighbor and listen to our concerns.

You may have noticed all the new trees planted in the Village this Fall. Baltimore

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*On December 5th, County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Councilman Mike Ertel, and other officials from Baltimore County came to the grounds of Babcock Presbyterian Church to celebrate the recent planting of trees in the neighborhood. See page 6 for more details.*

Spring Crier Submissions  
Deadline: February 15, 2025  
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## ALRV MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the  
second Wednesday of each month  
**7:00pm, Loch Raven Center**  
1801 Glen Keith Boulevard, Room 102  
*unless otherwise noted on Facebook;*  
*NO August meeting*

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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County, through its Street Tree Program, planted 396 trees throughout Loch Raven Village and Knettishall. These trees will replace some of the trees that we have lost through the years since the Village was built. They were carefully selected to insure that their root systems will not interfere with sidewalks and wastewater systems. Soon they will provide more cooling shade and help beautify our neighborhood.

Please take care of yourselves and others this Holiday season. Stay safe.

Thanks,  
Peter Moulder  
President, Associates of Loch Raven Village

## Letter from the Editor

Hello neighbors,

It has been my pleasure to be the editor of *The Village Crier* for the past ten years. I am now stepping down from this position and will be handing off the responsibilities to Dellsway resident Leslie Gosey. Leslie has lived in LRV for 35 years. She brings her many skills as well as her knowledge of our great community to the helm of the *Crier* in this volunteer capacity beginning with the spring issue.

Thank you in advance, Leslie, for volunteering your time and talents in this way! Best wishes for a Happy New Year to you all,  
Mary Noy



## Congrats to Fall Decorating Winners

The following homes impressed our judges enough to win our annual fall decorating contest. There were so many fun and fantastic displays that it was a tough decision. Nonetheless, these three topped the list: 8522 Pleasant Plains (back/side of home -- upscale graveyard theme), 8525 Drumwood (Beetle Juice theme), and 1572 Doxbury (kid friendly theme). Thanks to all who made the neighborhood so colorful and festive!

## Pleasant Plains Elementary

### PPES Students and Family Care Closet

Our care closet was established to assist families in accessing essential items. By providing these items, we aim to address socio-economic needs and alleviate the financial burden on individuals and families who may struggle to afford them. This is the first year of the care closet, and so far, we have helped over 50 students!

How You Can Help: We are accepting donations of the following:

- New or gently worn clothing and shoes (all sizes)
- Warm weather items (coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, etc.)
- Hygiene products (dental care items, soap, detergent, dishwashing liquid, etc.)
- Financial Donations (check made out to Pleasant Plains Elementary School; memo-family needs fund)

Please let us know if you know of a child or family that may be in need. We will work together to find the appropriate resources and assistance. We appreciate your support!

Contact Dr. Lisa Norton, Community School Facilitator or Mrs. Rosalind "Ro" Rodriguez-Paret, Family CARE Liaison at 443-809-8108.

## Donate to Local Pet Shelters

Loch Raven Village resident Diane Pigott is collecting items for local animal shelters in need of supplies. Materials needed include towels, soft blankets, baby blankets for kittens, any cat food, canned dog food, wash cloths, sheets, top flannel sheets, quilts, leashes -- almost anything pet related. Donations can be dropped off at 1711 Kennoway Rd. Thank you in advance!



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SCHOOL



Three LRV  
residents  
teach  
here!

**PreK3 - 8th grade**

**We offer 5-Day Preschool**

**Winter Open House**  
**January 26, 2025**  
**1 - 3 pm**

**[ihmschoolmd.org](http://ihmschoolmd.org)**  
**410-668-8466**



## Babcock Food Pantry

The Babcock Presbyterian Church pantry distributes food items to neighbors in need twice monthly. The food distributions are offered on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Come to the lower level of the Taylor Chapel on the church grounds. Each bag is packed with healthy non-perishable items like soups, peanut butter, jelly, and tuna. The church is located at 8240 Loch Raven Boulevard.



## **Christmas Eve Services at Babcock Presbyterian Church**

Join Babcock's congregation and celebrate Christmas Eve with beautiful music and scripture readings. All are welcome!  
Dec 24 at 4:30 pm

If you'd like to watch a live-stream via YouTube click on this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=au0AxFeUIvg>



## **Happy Hanukkah**

This year the festival of lights begins on the evening of December 25th and continues until the evening of January 2nd. Warmest wishes for a happy Hanukkah.



It's time once again for the annual Loch Raven Village Holiday Decorating contest. Many residents have decorated the exterior of their homes with lights and greenery transforming LRV into a Winter Wonderland.

Judges will make 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!

Winners will be announced in the upcoming edition of the Crier and on Facebook. Shine bright, LRV!

## Street Tree Program Adds Beauty to LRV

*The following is a portion of a press release from Baltimore County dated December 5 regarding the recent event celebrating the planting of numerous trees in our neighborhood. Many thanks to LRV resident and ALRV board member Nick Linehan for chairing the neighborhood's part in making this exciting program happen.*

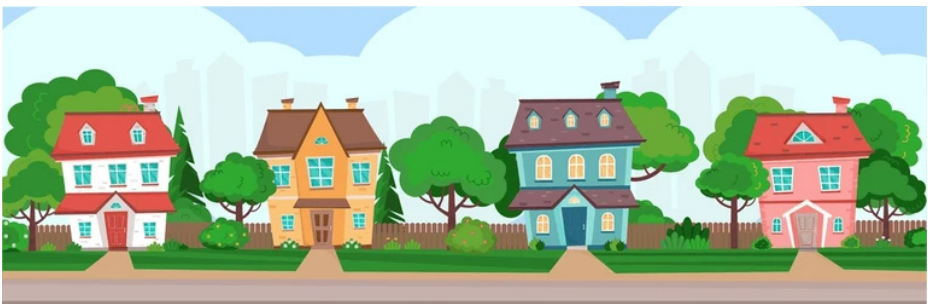
County Executive Johnny Olszewski today visited a street tree planting project in Loch Raven Village to share that the County has planted over 7,100 native trees in neighborhoods and commercial districts in the past three years. This unprecedented planting effort, which has included 46 communities to date, is the result of Olszewski's two signature urban reforestation initiatives – Operation ReTree Baltimore County and the Street Tree Replacement program.

“Increasing Baltimore County’s tree canopy improves air quality, beautifies communities, and delivers long-term benefits to our neighborhoods,” said Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski. “Operation ReTree and the Street Tree Replacement Program have facilitated the planting of more than 7,000 trees in the past three years alone, further supporting our commitment to making Baltimore County greener, healthier, and more sustainable.”

“We are excited to see the large amount of street trees that the County was able to plant in Loch Raven Village and Knettishall,” said 6th District Councilman Mike Ertel. “Over the years, many of the original street trees died and it is nice to have new trees replacing and adding to the tree canopy. Street trees correlate with higher property values, lower crime and cooler temperatures in the summer months.”

This new green infrastructure focus is intended to help address the dwindling tree canopies in many of the County’s established neighborhoods over past decades. Trees bring a host of health benefits to residents and beautify neighborhoods and commercial areas, while enhancing environmental sustainability and resiliency.

“The Loch Raven Village and Knettishall communities were built in the late 1940’s and 50’s and lost much of their urban tree canopy,” said Nick Linehan, Gardens Chair for the community group, Associates of Loch Raven Village. “We have been making headway over the last ten years with volunteer tree planting events, but this program planted 396 street trees, just this fall! Their shade will cool the sidewalks, making it more comfortable to walk in summer, provide us with oxygen and purify the air.”



# Events Calendar — Winter 2024-2025

## ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

December 11

January 8

February 12

Meetings are held at the Loch Raven Center at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Contact ALRVPresident@gmail.com for information.

## Holiday Train Gardens

The Shops at Kenilworth through Jan. 5th  
Mon.— Sat. 11 am – 7 pm

Sun. noon – 5 pm

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum through Jan. 5th  
Wed., Fri., Sat., and Sun. 11 am – 4 pm  
2323 Eastern Blvd.

## American Visionary Art Museum

MLK Dare to Dream Day -- Save the date!

Join in a free celebration honoring one of history's greatest visionaries, Martin Luther King Jr. AVAM is open and free from 10 am - 5 pm! Open Mic, art-making, music, dance and more!

Jan 20 10 am – 5 pm

## LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

### Be Playful

Infant/Toddler/Preschool Age

Every Wednesday, 10-10:30 am

### Family & Friends Story Time

Infant/Toddler/Preschool Age.

Every Friday, 10:30-11 am.

Please note this is a new day/time.

### Turtle Dance Music

Toddler through elementary age

A show that engages children with comedy, bubbles, music technology and children's stories that foster literacy, storytelling and a lifelong love of the local library

### Blizzard in a Bottle

9-13 years old

Celebrate the winter season by creating your very own snowy sensory bottle

December 27: 2 pm – 3 pm

## Noon Year's Eve

6-11 years old

Celebrate the beginning of a new year by counting down to noon and participating in fun New Year's Eve-themed activities and crafts.

December 31: 11 am – 12 pm

## CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

### Weed Warrior – Habitat Restoration

Join our Habitat Restoration Team for 2 hours from 2pm – 4pm. We will remove invasive plants from the park and in warmer weather, also plant natives and maintain restored habitat – great opportunities for high school students for community service and volunteers who like to work outdoors. See <https://cromwellvalleypark.org/volunteer/weedwarriors/> TO SIGN UP! – FREE.

### VISIT THESE SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION

Loch Raven Library – [www.bcplonline.org](http://www.bcplonline.org)

Cromwell Valley Park -- [https://cromwellvalleypark.org/event\\_calendar](https://cromwellvalleypark.org/event_calendar)

Hampton Mansion National Historic Site --

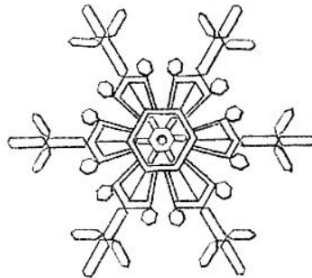
<https://www.nps.gov/hamp/index.htm>

Towson University -- <https://www.towson.edu/campus/programs/>

Goucher College -- <https://events.goucher.edu/>

Baltimore Ag Center -- <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/programs/agriculture-center/index.html>

American Visionary Art Museum -- <https://www.avam.org/exhibitions-and-events>



## COP News

Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a group of residents who volunteer a small bit of their time to patrol their neighborhood. Members set their own hours and receive training. While on patrol, COP members drive, bike, or walk their neighborhood and if they spot suspicious activity, they call 911. If you are interested in participating in this worthy program, please contact Richard Brown, COP coordinator for Loch Raven Village at brown7@com-cast.net.

For more information on the COP program visit [baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/COP](http://baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/COP).

The Weekly Baltimore County Crime Blotter for the Towson Precinct may be found at: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/precinct-news/Precinct6>.

The Baltimore County Police and Community Relations Council (PCRC) provide an open forum where citizens, community leaders and representatives of the local business community may bring attention to problems within their neighborhood.

The PCRC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (The November meeting is on the fifth Tuesday. No meetings in July, August, and December). All Loch Raven Village residents are welcome to attend.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Memorial Hall  
120 Allegheny Avenue  
Towson, Maryland 21204

Go to [www.baltimorecountypcrc.org](http://www.baltimorecountypcrc.org) to learn more about the PCRC

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**Average Sold Price in Loch Raven Village for all of 2023: \$301,174**

**Average Days on the market in Loch Raven Village for all of 2023: 13 days**

\*conditions apply. Seller & Tim must agree upon time of possession & price.



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## Santa's Ride

Santa is coming to town with the help of Providence Volunteer Fire Company and he is eager to talk to the little ones of LRV! The exciting event will happen on **Saturday, December 21st** starting around 5:30 p.m. Have your coats, hats, and cameras at the ready and listen for the sirens of the fire truck and the "Ho, Ho Ho!" of jolly St. Nick! You can also track the progress of Santa as he and his friends travel through the neighborhood by going to Providence's Facebook page (they usually have a Santa "tracker" up and running). Go to Facebook and search for Providence Volunteer Fire Company of Towson, Maryland.

Stop One - Drumwood & Dellsway

Stop Two - Cottage Lane (1500 block)

Stop Three - Pleasant Plains Elem. School

Stop Four - Myamby Road

Stop Five - Feldbrook & Kirkwall Ct.

Stop Six - Kennoway near Edgewood Rd.

Stop Seven - Glen Ridge & Loch Shiel

Stop Eight – Babcock Church

Special thanks to the Providence Volunteer Fire Company, the Baltimore County Police Towson Precinct, and Santa's special helper Mr. Charlie Cole.

**Your annual dues to the ALRV make this event possible.**

